

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WARTON

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Activities

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

Activities: Parochial Church Council activities

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Lancashire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£116,144	£124,976	-	-
2024-12-31	£127,292	£110,162	-	-
2023-12-31	£92,197	£99,319	-	-
2022-12-31	£96,660	£92,299	-	-
2021-12-31	£80,016	£80,617	-	-
2020-12-31	£91,289	£106,295	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ANNETTE MACKENZIE		2014-03-24
Alan Bird		2024-07-02
Christine Anne Wellock		2023-06-21
Emma Victoria Brantley-Tziros		2025-01-14
Joyce Tombs		2025-08-03
Pamela Margaret Defeu		2023-05-12
Sandra Margaret Parker		2023-05-12
Susan Elizabeth Brown		2025-11-04
TRACEY LAWOTHER		2016-07-04
Trevor Blease		2023-07-01

Accounts

The Parish of St Oswald, Warton and St Mary, Borwick



**Annual Report and
Financial Statements
of the
Parochial Church Council
of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Warton
for the year ended
31 December 2025
Charity No. 1146393**

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The Parochial Church Council of St Oswald, Warton and St Mary, Borwick Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2025

Aim and Purposes

Warton Parochial Church Council ("the PCC") has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting across the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our churches and to become part of our parish community. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the different groups that live within it. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

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

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

We seek to develop our life together as we affirm individual strengths; value diversity; nurture growth, vocations and leadership; work towards accessibility, and respect and sustain our environment.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of St Oswald's Church, Warton, the Church Hall at Warton, and St Mary's Church, Borwick.

Achievements and Performance

The PCC is keen to offer a range of services during the week, and over the course of the year, that our community finds both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. Our worship is principally centred on the Eucharist; our usual pattern of services includes Sunday and midweek Eucharists across the wider Benefice. We offer a range of environments from more formal, traditional and choral services to smaller and more intimate opportunities for prayer, worship and reflection. This included, for most of 2025, the informal, monthly, Sunday evening 'Lighthouse' service held at St Mary's in Borwick.

In November 2025 the Diocese announced that our incumbent, the Reverend Alice Ormondroyd, was to resign as a Parish priest, following her final service in the Benefice on 28 December 2025. Sadly, this means that we ended the year in Vacancy and are once again enormously grateful to our Licensed Lay Minister, Annette MacKenzie, who continues to work tirelessly to ensure that a full pattern of worship can, and will, continue in the weeks and months ahead. We wish Revd Alice and her family well in her future calling, as we begin our search for a new incumbent in 2026.

In March 2025 Revd Alice had accepted an invitation from The Bishop of Burnley to join the Diocesan Renewal Programme (Rural stream), an initiative funded by the national Church, and specifically designed to support and grow churches in rural Benefices. Whilst she and a member of each church had attended the initial sessions of the programme, the Benefice's participation ended on her departure.

The Benefice is seeking to re-engage with the objectives of the programme in 2026 via the Rural Renewal Officer, who has kindly agreed to act as our Vision Partner as we embark on the recruitment process.

Notwithstanding the challenges faced in 2025, enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers from both churches worked hard throughout the year to provide activities to serve and enrich the lives of our communities. These ranged from leading exciting and innovative worship and activities for children and young people, through to delivering opportunities for fellowship and companionship for the older generation, both within and beyond our regular congregations.

Further details of activities, events and groups follow in the individual reports.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Parish of Warton forms part of the United Benefice of Warton St Oswald and Borwick St Mary with Yealand Conyers St John, within the deanery of Tunstall and the Diocese of Blackburn.

The Parish Church of St Oswald's, and the Ecclesiastical Parish of Warton as a whole, are governed by the Parochial Church Council. As a District Church forming part of the Parish of Warton, St Mary's has its own District Church Council ("the DCC"), with powers delegated from the PCC.

The method of appointment of PCC and DCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules and the Rule 18 Scheme, under which St Mary's was established as a District Church.

The Warton PCC should ideally comprise the incumbent (the Vicar), two Parochial Churchwardens, two Deputy Churchwardens at St Mary's, the Deanery Synod representatives, the Licensed Lay Minister(s), 10 members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the St Oswald's part of the parish electoral roll and 2 members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the St Mary's part of the parish electoral roll. All those who attend our services are encouraged to register on the electoral roll and to stand for election to the PCC and DCC as appropriate.

Unfortunately, to-date no-one has come forward to act as Churchwarden for St Oswald's Church since the untimely and sad death of Alison Semple in early 2024. In 2024 the vicar appointed two deputy wardens at St Oswald's; one with a special interest in the fabric and heritage of the St Oswald's church building and its environs, and the other with a mission to improve and promote its Eco-friendly credentials. The search continues for full Churchwardens, the appointment of which is so important to the ability of the Parish to attract a new incumbent. Meanwhile all duties relating to the conduct of worship, administration and finance, fabric, and other practical matters, were diligently and conscientiously undertaken and fulfilled by members of the PCC and DCC, supported by colleagues from our sister church, St John's, Yealand, and by other volunteers from our local communities. The PCC was grateful to all involved, not least to the Deputy Churchwardens, and to Antonia Allum who served as an Administrative Assistant to the incumbent, and subsequently to the wider Benefice.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

The full PCC met five times during the year. It was chaired by various members of the PCC. The Looking Forward in Faith group (formerly the St Oswald's Mission and Ministry committee) and the St Oswald's Fabric and Finance committee had both been disbanded by the incumbent and did not meet in the year. Both have subsequently been reactivated. These committees are responsible to the PCC and report back to it, with minutes of their decisions being received by the full PCC for relevant consideration and action.

The St Mary's DCC, which also reports to the PCC, met 3 times during the year and was chaired by either the incumbent or Joyce Tombs. The Annual District Church Meeting was held on 11 May 2025, ahead of the Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting, which were held on 18 May 2025.

At the Annual Meetings there were a total of 115 names on the electoral roll, including 12 who were on the Borwick part of the roll and 17 who were resident outside the Parish.

The Benefice Advisory Group (BAG), an informal team which used to comprise the former Vicar and two members of each church, had been disbanded during the previous Vacancy. In early 2025 a new Benefice Coordination Team (BCT) was formed following a meeting with the Archdeacon in January 2025. This comprises around 10 members from the three churches in the Benefice. The team met informally on a number of occasions during the year and was chaired by various attendees. The Parish of Warton has been very grateful for assistance and support received from Linda Gardner, PCC Secretary at St John's, Yealand and other colleagues at St John's. Initiatives and ideas discussed by the BCT are reported back to the relevant PCC or DCC for formal consideration and action as required.

Administrative information

St Oswald's Church (the Parish Church) is situated in Main Street, Warton, with St Mary's Church, Borwick (a District Church/Chapel of Ease) situated on Borwick Lane between the villages of Borwick and Priest Hutton. The churches are part of the United Benefice of Warton and Borwick with Yealand, in the Deanery of Tunstall, in the Diocese of Blackburn, within the Church of England.

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2020) and is registered with the Charity Commission under charity number 1146393.

PCC members are either ex-officio, elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (the APCM) holding office for three years, or co-opted by the PCC. Members of the Deanery Synod are ex-officio members of the PCC, holding office for three years; they are also elected by the APCM. All appointments and elections are done in accordance with the Church Representation Rules 2020.

PCC members (and Trustees) who served at any time from 1 January 2025 until the date of approval of this report are noted below. Members served throughout the period unless otherwise stated.

<i>Incumbent:</i>	Revd Alice Ormondroyd (appointed 21 January 2024, resigned 28 December 2025)	In Vacancy from 28 December 2025
<i>Churchwardens:</i>	Vacancy (x 2)	
<i>Deputy Churchwarden - St Mary's</i>	Mrs Joyce Tombs (reappointed as Deputy Churchwarden and <i>ex officio</i> to PCC on 3 August 2025)	Treasurer (and <i>de facto</i> Secretary) of St Mary's DCC
<i>Licensed Lay Ministers</i>	Mrs Annette MacKenzie	
<i>Deanery Synod Representative:</i>	Mrs Pamela M Defeu	
<i>Elected Members:</i>	Mrs Marjorie Ashton (retired 18 May 2025) Dr Trevor Blease Mrs Emma V Brantley-Tziros (appointed 14 January 2025) Miss Tracey Lawther Mr Nicholas C Vereker Mrs Sandra M Parker Mrs Christine A Wellock Mrs Jodie A Kilty Mr Alan Bird	Electoral Roll officer PCC Treasurer Choir leader Safeguarding officer Hospitality PCC Secretary from 2026 Deputy churchwarden – Eco Deputy churchwarden –

Heritage

Mrs Dorothy Pearce (resigned 4 November 2025)
Mrs Susan E Brown (co-opted 4 November 2025)

Approved by the PCC on 5 May 2026 and signed on its behalf by

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Reports from Church Officers, Committees and Organisations

Bible Study Group

Annette MacKenzie LLM

A Bible Study Group which is open to anyone has continued over the year. Firstly, it has been at the home of Noeline Clarke, but is now hosted at the home of Annette MacKenzie. The group meets once a month. Much discussion takes place in all our studies as we learn much from each other. This year we have continued to look at the work of the Holy Spirit.

Breaking Bread

Annette MacKenzie LLM

Breaking Bread has continued to offer a meal after the mid-week Eucharist at St Oswald's, although attendance at this is not a requirement. It has seen a slight increase in numbers attending. Many thanks go to the three teams of three who give up their time, not only serving the meal and clearing up after, but also for the wonderful soups donated, the fresh home baking and preparation of sandwiches. We welcome children from Archbishop Hutton's School who come to help, serve, and bring us extra joy!

St Oswald's Church, Warden's Report

Jodie Kilty, Deputy Churchwarden – Eco Church

As St Oswald's Church was without a Churchwarden throughout 2025, the churchwarden role was covered by several members. What follows therefore is an overview from one contributor to the churchwarden role through the lens of Eco Church activities across our various church ministries.

As the Eco church remit is broad in scope, the activities are many and various and overlap other areas.

In-nature praise, prayer and teaching occurred across the year beginning with a walk up Warton Crag in Holy Week. Subsequent outdoor services were held at the Crag beacon at Pentecost, and at Senset Well in August. A lesson on Creation was heard by church participants at Hyning Quiet Day. Several church members also attended a creation-themed Lighthouse Service at St Mary's, led by Rev Alice in September. Planet-safe detergents were promoted at a Church Cleaning Day and at Church fundraisers.

Our florists, Jean and Marjorie, hosted a Spring demonstration by Warton sustainable flowers expert, Becky. This demonstration showcased alternatives to using florist foam and promoted the use of in-season blooms and greens. We were delighted that florists from our sister church, St John's, Yealand, were able to join us for this event.

Informal car sharing has increased throughout the year. This was a boon to those struggling for transport and brought additional benefits such as reducing the number of vehicles at church and encouraging a 'bring a friend to church' culture.

Through Lent, Junior Church worked with the charity Egg Cup, which matches food destined to be thrown away to households in need. Thank you to our Junior Church children and team for their engagement with food redistribution and for their superb presentations and displays.

Pollinator-friendly plants were planted in pots behind our church hall Gym. Peat free compost was used. Thank you to the hall team for tending pots through dry spells.

A Spring 'Cherish the Churchyard' fundraising event was held with participation from local youth group, Warton Eco Gang. Plant sales, baked goods and tea towels were available for donations. Outside events included a treasure hunt (Vanessa) and Grave tours (Alan & Tracey). This event was a success in no small part because of the dedicated mow team who keep the churchyard safe, orderly and clear of litter, and through the generosity of stall holders, donors and the hospitality team.

Efforts to reduce paper and printing continued and a shift from a large commercial printer to a smaller one was made in the autumn - a gift from St John's Church.

All who print are encouraged to monitor their usage in a notebook kept nearby. Church members have been encouraged to receive the Parish News magazine and Weekly Sheet electronically, if able - though paper copies continue to be made available. Thanks to Tom for assistance with our Weekly Sheet and for serving as minute-taker in the absence of a PCC secretary.

Our digital capacity improved with the installation of fast internet to our church hall. This makes us more attractive to hall renters and gives us digital ministry options, if wanted.

As mentioned later in the Finance Report, solar panels were installed on the Warton church hall roof. Thank you to Trevor and team.

A lecture entitled 'Net Zero Your Castle' was attended at Muncaster Castle, Cumbria, and key ideas shared with the PCC. An Energy and Decarbonisation audit of our main church building also took place and its findings join those in other significant reports to form the basis for a plan of works.

Rev Alice donated our Eco Bronze plaque which, after volunteers repainted that area, was hung in our porch. Thank you Rev. Alice and decorators.

Our church assisted St John's Eco Officer (Paul) with his church's Eco Church award application. We congratulate St John's on achieving their A Rochas UK 'Silver Award.'

Outside, churchyard tree care included ivy management to protect drystone walls and yew tree topping. Beech hedges also received attention. The importance of safe and pleasant access to this space cannot be overstated so we thank our churchyard team for their dedication.

Our main church electrics received urgent attention in the autumn as kitchen circuits and path lights had failed. Damp in the west section of church had corroded all infrastructure so a new, wall mounted rig was installed.

Several church members attended Warton Eco Gang's 'Big Lunch' in early Autumn. Community sustainability conversations began in late autumn at meetings held by Sustainable Warton and Yealand group (SWAY). St Oswald's will be represented at the Warton Repair Cafe and Warton Pollinator Trail - both due to launch in 2026.

Our Junior Church and Young Generations took part in a litter pick with Warton Eco Gang. Young Generations composed a Creation Prayer.

In conclusion, volunteers balanced the access to and protection of our church throughout 2025. Indeed there were many individuals who dealt with cash, purchasing, linen care, verging, cleaning and many other activities for the benefit of us and the Warton community. Our church greatly appreciates all who faithfully serve in these silent, invisible ministries.

St Mary's Church, Borwick

Joyce Tombs and Sally Fletcher, Deputy Churchwardens

Mission and Ministry

Throughout 2025 we maintained our regular pattern of worship, comprising a twice-monthly Sunday morning service of the Eucharist and, when possible, a monthly, music-based, Sunday evening service, known as the "Lighthouse" (after the 1970's gospel song of that name). Our typical Eucharist congregation ranged from 6 to 13 people, averaging 8. However, the congregation was significantly boosted by locals and by friends from across the Benefice and beyond, as we celebrated all the major Christian Festivals, and also Remembrance Day and three baptisms. The St Mary's patronal festival in September was attended by 46 people, who enjoyed an uplifting service of the Eucharist followed by convivial fellowship and refreshments in church. Our Carol Service was enjoyed by around 40 people, with 22 worshipping on Christmas morning. Both services were delightful. Special thanks go to the St Oswald's choir who joined us for the Carol Service, and to several of their members who greatly enhanced the singing by joining us at a number of Sunday services. We combined our Harvest Festival with the early evening Lighthouse service in September, attracting some 21 people to this lively celebration of God's Creation. In May, the church was filled with over 120 people for the funeral of Sheila Barnes, a former St Mary's churchwarden, who served the church and the local community for many, many years, and who sadly died on Easter Sunday.

Our thanks go to Revd Alice, and to all the retired and visiting clergy who made it possible to maintain this schedule of worship and thanksgiving throughout the year, not least to Revd Peter Mann, with whom it is always a delight and a privilege to worship. Above all, our very grateful thanks go to Annette MacKenzie, our Licensed Lay Minister, without whom simply none of this would have happened.

Members of the DCC, aided and assisted by a growing number of other residents of Borwick and Priest Hutton, were pleased to continue to provide Winter Warmer Lunches, concluding the 2024/25 season at the end of February 2025 and commencing the 2025/26 season in early November. We reached out to the local community producing and serving delicious home-made soup, sandwiches and cakes from the comfort of the Borwick and Priest Hutton War Memorial Hall. Our thanks go to all involved and not least to the 25 to 40 people who regularly attended. Special thanks go to the Borwick Pools Land Charity, to the village hall committee and to all who cooked, baked, shopped, served, operated the raffle, and socialised in order to make these inspiring events possible over the dark winter months. Our Lent Lunch in April was also very well supported and we were delighted to raise funds for Mosamaria.

Fabric

Revd Alice, with her assistant Antonia, applied for and obtained a Parish Vision Grant from the Diocese of Blackburn to update and improve audio visual equipment in both churches. As a result, the DCC was able to acquire a new sound system, a new wearable microphone, and a projection screen for use in the Lighthouse services. There remain some ongoing fabric issues due to difficulties in bringing appropriately skilled individuals to site on a timely basis to repair lead flashing, etc., but generally the building is in good condition and is well maintained.

Finally, in addition to everyone already mentioned, our thanks go to all those who helped to deliver and enrich what we do at St Mary's: from those who clean, provide refreshments, open and close the building on a daily basis, and maintain the churchyard, through to Trevor Blease who gives up his chance to sing in St Oswald's choir in order to play the organ so brilliantly at our services. We also thank Noeline Clarke, not only for her many years of steadfast and devoted service to St Mary's, but in particular in 2025, for representing us on the Diocesan Renewal Programme.

Safeguarding

Tracey Lawther

The Benefice has due regard for the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Practice Guidance.

All PCC members, as well as all children's and youth volunteers, are supported in applying for DBS clearance and in completing the required online safeguarding training. The Diocese has developed a very helpful online safeguarding hub and dashboard, which assists us in identifying those in key roles within our Benefice and enables us to effectively monitor DBS checks, training compliance, and risk assessments.

Safeguarding must remain the golden thread that runs through everything we do, not only within the church but also within the wider community, ensuring that we support and care for one another.

I am pleased to report that we have continued to see a significant improvement in compliance levels. Ongoing steps are being taken to ensure that we remain fully compliant in all areas, with the continued support and guidance of the Diocese.

Over the past year there have been a small number of low-level safeguarding concerns which have been appropriately addressed and managed. None of these concerns have reached the threshold requiring referral to external agencies.

If you require any clarification about safeguarding or would like to know more about how we work to keep our church communities as safe as possible for children and vulnerable adults, please speak to Tracey, our local Safeguarding Lead at St Oswald's, or contact the Diocese directly.

There are also a number of helpful safeguarding resources available on the diocesan website, including guidance and signposting to additional support services.

Junior Church

Vanessa Alpin et al

At present there are 11 children on the Junior Church register ranging in age from 2 to 13 and there are a few occasional visitors. There are four leaders with three covering each session. Children under 3 are accompanied by a parent.

Junior Church runs on Sundays in term time during the main service at St Oswald's. Most Sundays it takes place in the Church Hall, and we join the congregation for Communion but on the second Sunday each month we are in church for the "All Together" service contributing through the welcome, readings, intercessions, offertory and collection; and sometimes the reflection.

Topics covered this year have included Jesus' early life, the events of Easter and what happened after Easter. We thought about some of the different ways that God is amazing culminating with our annual visit to Hyning Monastery where we reflected with Sister Audrey on how God turns the world upside down.

During Lent we challenged families across the Benefice to donate at least one item a week to Eggcup – a local charity that aims to reduce food waste by distributing surplus food to those who need it most. We learnt about food waste, food insecurity and visited Eggcup's warehouse where we helped sort food and learnt more about their work.

During the Season of Creation, we thought about God's gift of water and specifically about the damage done by plastics in our oceans and what we can do about it. We had a bake sale to raise money for a global charity that removes plastics from the sea. Diane Sammon came to talk to the children about how plastics get into the sea and led a litter pick for us on the banks of the Keer. The children produced a leaflet encouraging people to reduce their use of plastics which were distributed at the Autumn Fair.

In Advent and after Christmas we focused on how God's promises were fulfilled when Jesus was born and learnt about the flight to Egypt as an introduction to this year's Lent Challenge which is for Global Link, a charity in Lancaster which supports refugees and asylum seekers. Someone from the charity came to talk to us and we have visited the charity to learn more about their work.

We continue to focus on opportunities for the older children to find roles within the church. We now have two children on the reading rota, and three who are valued members of the Bubble Church team. Some of the children have helped running stalls at the Friends of Irvine Coffee Morning in the Summer, and the Autumn Fair.

We continue to work with the team providing Messy Church at the Methodist Church in the village and provided a Children's Easter Workshop on Good Friday as one of our free children's holiday activities.

Children's Holiday Activities

Vanessa Alpin

The St Oswald's Church community run free children's activities every half term and holiday throughout the year. They are a way of helping local families with the challenge of finding fun, stimulating and affordable things for their young people to do. They provide a way of serving our community and welcoming them into our church buildings.

We run one themed, 2-hour family café in the church hall each half term with more in the holidays. Free refreshments are provided and there is lots for the families to do together. They cafés run this year have included Lego and Duplo, family games, and card making and crafting. The activities are laid out on tables for the older children and on a carpet for the toddlers and families are free to move around and choose what they want to do. They are very relaxed and friendly.

They are well attended (there can be over 40 people at one activity) and are greatly appreciated by children, parents and grandparents.

They are staffed by a team of 3 or 4 volunteers who provide and serve the refreshments and help the children as and when needed.

On Good Friday we also ran a Children's Easter Workshop in which the children were taken through the events of Easter in an interactive way. This included activities, crafting, puppets, making an Easter Garden and transforming a cross. It was provided by a team of volunteers drawn from the Junior Church and Bubble Church teams. It was very well attended and received and will be repeated in 2026.

At the beginning of September, together with the Messy Church team, we provided recycled craft activities for children at the village Big Green Lunch organised by the Eco Gang.

In February this year we organised a coffee morning to showcase our children's activities and raise money for them in St Oswald's Church. There were taster activities of all 8 of our children's activities (the three different cafes, Messy Church, Junior Church, Bubble Church, Young Generations and the children's book

swap). The children were given passports, getting a sticker for each activity they did and a prize for doing them all. The coffee morning was well attended and it was lovely seeing all generations enjoying an event together.

Many thanks go to all the volunteers who help run these events.

Bubble Church

Vanessa Alpin

Bubble Church, which has been running for a little over 2 years, has bedded in and is flourishing. It is a half hour, monthly service specifically for young families with puppets, songs, prayers, a story and activity. All of the service is accessible for young children so the whole family can worship together. The services are welcoming, fun and filled with joy!

They take place on the second Sunday of the month at 11.30am in the Warton church hall and are followed by a free light lunch. It is the only service of its kind in the diocese and is part of a national pilot study to see how the concept works in different communities and parts of the country.

Since we started, 29 families have attended, 39 adults and 48 children. 6 families now attend regularly, of whom 4 did not go to St Oswald's prior to Bubble Church, and another three families come quite often. We also have visiting families on a regular basis. Our highest attendance was for the Dress-up Nativity in December when there were 24 attendees.

The services are delivered by the Bubble Church Team which has 18 members ranging in age from 9 to 70+. 9 of those are adults and 9 are children. Each service takes a minimum of 8 team members and roles range from leading, providing the audio-visuals, puppeteering, welcoming and providing refreshments. Each team member is able to carry out at least two of the roles. They are all extremely committed and enthusiastic.

Over the last year a real sense of ownership of, and commitment to, Bubble Church has grown in our core families. One family has joined Junior Church and one is thinking about it. Most of them attend Messy Church regularly, our family activity cafés in the school holidays and they are starting to come to the monthly charity coffee mornings now that they are becoming a little more child friendly. It is a real joy to worship with these families and to get to know them. It has been a particular joy to welcome our newest attendee who was just 2 weeks old on his first visit! Recently one of the children brought cakes to share to celebrate his birthday.

The team continue to be extremely committed, enthusiastic and versatile, really working together to make our Bubble Church services the best they can be. They provided puppets for the Children's Easter Workshop and will be doing so again in 2026. They also provided the story and songs for one of the Messy Churches.

Two of the team attend 6-monthly Bubble Church Northern Network meetings and there are online seminars provided by the national team every month for any who are interested.

Young Generations

Faye Vereker

Over the last 12 months, there have been a few changes at Young Generations, not least Emma stepping down since its conception. Thankfully, Cain Ormondroyd and I worked alongside Emma for a while to get some tips from the master!

Over the summer of 2025, Cain and I attended the Youth Leaders Conference at St John's in Blackpool. The event was very informative and led to some networking with other groups in the Lancaster area, which has both given us some support and opportunities for some of the Young Generations' members to partake in other activities happening in the area. In October, a couple of the Young Generations spent the evening at St Thomas' in Lancaster at Abide with other Youth Groups.

In November, Cain and I officially took the reins, hosting a session on All Souls and Remembrance, then in December we explored the meaning of Christmas and the significance of the birth of Jesus. In the new year we have started looking at the Northern Saints and how Christianity developed in the North. From this we are planning a pilgrimage at the end of May to St Patrick's Chapel in Heysham.

We open each session with a prayer that the children write; they all enjoy taking turns to be the one to read it. We have also started having a period of short Bible study, which the children love reading as a group.

We currently have a committed group of 6 children that join us every month. Some months we have more turning up. One evening we had so many extra children we ran out of food!

Monthly Charity Coffee Mornings

Vanessa Alpin

On the first Saturday of every month, St Oswald's hosts a coffee morning raising money for charity. Three of these raise money for the church itself. The other nine are available for local charities to book. The church provides the refreshments and a team to serve the refreshments, for which the charity donates £20, and all the remaining money raised goes to the charity in question.

These coffee mornings are provided as a way of supporting our local community, providing a regular event where people can meet friends and socialise, supporting local charities as fundraising becomes increasingly difficult and of making the church more accessible to all.

The charities hosted this year have included Cancer Care, North West Cancer Research, The Children's Society, Lancaster Hospital Baby Unit, Eggcup and British-Ukrainian Aid. Some coffee mornings are organised by community groups such as the WI and The Inner Wheel, others by individuals or the charities themselves.

Roughly £3,100 have been raised for charity and £2,800 for our church over the last year. The coffee mornings are attended by a core group of regulars and then a wide range of people who come to support the charity in question.

They are run by a minimum team of four volunteers and extra help is provided when charities need it. Many thanks go to these volunteers for their enthusiasm and hard work.

St Oswald's Church Hall - Warton Community Wellbeing Centre

Tracey Lawther

Situated at the centre of Warton Village, the Hall operates as a not-for-profit, community-focused enterprise, supported by two contractors and a voluntary committee. The hall, fitness, and treatment rooms offer a venue at a reasonable cost for individuals and organisations, with community wellbeing at the heart of everything we do.

The main hall is an airy, well-lit, warm, and spacious room. It provides an excellent venue for its current users, regularly hosting yoga, dance, Pilates, LDS Dance School, and St Oswald's Junior and Bubble Church. The space is also used for private bookings such as parties, charity events, group meetings, and occasionally local and general elections.

Most of these activities take place during evenings and weekends, which means there is still some midweek daytime availability for potential hirers.

Both areas of the centre have continued to grow and thrive, and we would like to recognise and thank our valued contractors, Carol and Antonia, for their dedication, commitment, and hard work.

One important matter the committee would like to highlight is the condition of the hall floor. Over several years, signs of damp ingress through the concrete floor slab have begun to affect parts of the wooden flooring, causing some areas to deteriorate. While temporary repairs have been made, we are mindful that the floor will eventually need replacing within the next 10–15 years. The committee has started to take small steps to build up funds towards this, and in the future, we will also need to explore grant opportunities and fundraising initiatives.

As a committee, we are committed to ensuring the long-term sustainability of the centre. Many of you may have noticed the recent installation of solar panels. We would like to extend a huge thank you to Trevor Blease for securing the grants that made this possible and for managing the project with the support of the team. We would also like to thank our neighbours for allowing access through their garden while the work was completed.

We would continue to appreciate your support by spreading the word to friends and neighbours about what the centre has to offer.

Finally, thank you to all our users, supporters, volunteers, and the wider community for helping to keep this valuable village enterprise thriving.

St Oswald's Church Choir

Emma Brantley-Tziros

Organist Keith Worsman

The Choir has continued to go from strength to strength throughout the year. To date, we have 19 members on roll. We are led by Emma Brantley-Tziros, supported by the dedication and commitment of so many valued members of the Choir.

We continue to feel the loss of our dear Alison Semple and ensure she remains very much in our thoughts, with regular references made in her memory. We look forward to having a memorial in her honour in the near future.

Palm Sunday once again saw us begin the service in the Rectory Ruins, where the Choir led the procession across the street, singing loudly for all to hear and attracting many positive comments from the local community. Mothering Sunday was another joyful occasion, giving the Choir an opportunity to shine once again.

Our Hymns and Pimm's evening in May 2025 was musically successful, although poorly attended, and we have therefore decided to give this event a rest for the time being.

Emma has continued to attend regular RSCM Choir Director courses, and we remain committed to using the Sunday-by-Sunday RSCM resource. This supports our shared music planning across the Benefice and remains a work in progress. Emma is very grateful to Annette for her ongoing help and guidance, and more recently to Anne Pilkington too. Where possible, we continue to include more family-themed music in "Altogether" services and as the final hymn at services attended by children of Junior Church.

We continue to enjoy our regular two rehearsals each week on Mondays and Thursdays at 6.30pm, allowing us to prepare for upcoming Sundays as well as future anthems and events. Unfortunately, some Choir members have commitments with other choirs and can only attend one rehearsal a week. Despite this, the sound produced on Sundays—whether by five singers or nineteen—is always delightful.

Natalie has recently chosen to devote more time to singing at the Priory. This is a wonderful opportunity for her, and we wish her every success and enjoyment. We also express our thanks and good wishes to other members who are taking a break or stepping back from Choir life.

Our new members—Jonathan, Glenn and Susan Morris—have been an absolute joy and a true gift to the Choir. Their dedication is evident in the way they regularly take music home to practise, supported by recordings of Keith playing their parts on the organ. More recently, Michelle and her daughter Elsie have joined us to see if Choir life suits them, and we are all thrilled to welcome them.

Our Facebook presence continues to be very active, and we remain convinced that this has encouraged more villagers to attend our musical events. While Junior Choir remains paused, we have had success by personally inviting individuals to join us.

The Choir was at full strength for the Christmas Carol Service in December and sounded wonderful, receiving rave reviews from a congregation of over 100. Some Choir members also sang at the Community Carols, where we performed an impromptu rendition of *Up! Good Christen Folk* alongside traditional carols and with the local folk band, The Red Cats. There were also wonderful showcases by Tom, Katherine and Jonathan. With over 150 people attending, the evening received glowing feedback. The first service lasted one hour and five minutes, and the second thirty minutes.

Some Choir members have also attended Marilyn Prescott's occasional Sunday evening services at Morecambe Parish Church, helping to strengthen links between choirs and directors.

Once again, we would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to our incredible organist, Keith Worsman, whose expertise, flexibility and support are invaluable. Huge thanks also go to Michaela Lawrence and the Morris family for their continued support and the vital roles they play within the Choir—we simply could not manage without you.

We continue to move forward together, and the future looks bright. Thank you all for your continued support.

St Oswald's Church Heritage Team

Sue Brown (with Malcolm Brown and Alan Bird)

In October we organised a Warton community heritage event. We invited the local school and villagers to join in and share stories. We were very grateful to the headteacher, Mr Pugh, and the school. The church and the school co-hosted the event and five households gave tours of their homes as did the Old School Brewery. The Mourholme Local History Society manned the display in school and provided speakers. There was a display in church and a church team provided refreshments. Alan gave two tours of the churchyard. This was a fun and popular event.

Alan and Sue continue to research 'Telling Stories' from the church memorials and research Parish records from the online archive. Alan has completed the stories of the dedications for the stained glass windows. Sue continues to research and write the 'Do you know?' for the Church and Warton village Facebook pages.

Requests to locate graves continue to come in from people researching their family history.

Packing up the old vicarage led to the discovery of handwritten copies of John Lucas's History of Warton, the full version. This was copied in the early twentieth century and instigated by the vicar, the Rev J K Floyer; this is treasure! Eighteenth and nineteenth century copies of the parish magazine were also found and are a very useful source for research.

We continue to print Church and organ guides for visitors.

Finance Report and Accounts of the PCC of Warton for the year ended 31 December 2025

Trevor Blease (PCC Treasurer)

Joyce Tombs (St Mary's Treasurer)

Overall financial position

2025 was a year in which significant property-related expenditure was incurred benefitting both of the churches and the church hall. This totalled over £26,000 which, *inter alia*, delivered improvements to the sound system at St Mary's, enabled the installation of solar panels on the Church Hall, and funded professional investigations into the cause of damp in the oldest parts of St Oswald's parish church. The vast majority of this expenditure was funded by grants, for which the PCC is very grateful. The PCC is also very appreciative of, and grateful for, the painstaking work done by those preparing and submitting the grant applications on its behalf. Some grants had been received in advance during the previous financial year and, as a result, within Restricted Funds in the year ended 31 December 2025, expenditure exceeded income by £10,292.

The activities of the church hall and gym contributed significantly to the cash flow of the Parish, with its income exceeding expenditure by almost £8,000. When combined with the receipts and payments of the two churches, the overall effect on Unrestricted Funds was a cash surplus of £1,460.

Taking Restricted and Unrestricted Funds together, the net effect on cash held by the Parish was a reduction of £8,832. Combined with a fall in the market value of investments (held via the Diocese in the CBF Church of England Investment Fund) of just under £1,000, this led to a reduction in overall reserves of £9,830 (2024: Increase £17,850). At 31 December 2025 total reserves were £113,110 (2024: £122,940) of which Unrestricted Funds were £64,568 (2024: £64,106) and Restricted Funds were £48,542 (2024: £58,834).

There are significant financial challenges for the future. Clearly the ongoing rise in the cost of utilities and other running costs will need to be met by an increase in voluntary receipts and/or specific fund-raising activities, including the activities of the church hall. Efforts to reduce running costs have borne fruit but arguably more needs to be done to engage our communities in "Joyful, Generous, Giving". With ageing congregations, and households feeling the effects of the seemingly ever-rising cost of living, this is not an easy task. The Parish will continue to seek and apply for relevant grants to fund necessary works, not least those envisaged to maintain the fabric of its buildings and to make the St Oswald's heating arrangements fit for purpose. Meanwhile the PCC remains very grateful to those who contribute financially to Parish funds.

The Diocesan Parish Share, payable by the Parish to the Diocese of Blackburn to fund ministry stipend costs and the broader mission of the Diocese, increased by 6% to £42,400 (2024: £40,000) as per our negotiated agreement with the DBF, and was paid in full. Of this sum, £4,800 (2024: £4,800) was contributed by St Mary's. The total paid was significantly less than the full requested value of the Parish Share before agreement with the Diocese and, in common with many other parishes, remains a concern for the future.

St Oswald's Church and Church Hall

The dominant factor changing the 2024 surplus of £21,368 into a deficit of £9,833 in 2025 was the phasing of major capital expenditure. Unspent grants from 2024 of £11,690 together with grants obtained in 2025

were used to fund capital projects and associated professional fees costing £25,239 (2024: £5,268). Additionally, expenditure on church maintenance more than doubled to £5,834 (2024: £2,140).

The benefits of the ongoing expenditure review are shown by savings on electricity and gas, printing and website costs, reducing expenditure by £4,354 compared to 2024.

On the income side, planned giving and collections at services (excluding gift aid income from the previous year's donations) declined by 11% to £29,766 (2024: £33,572). Donations via the card reader amounted to just over £1,503 (2024: £1,609). These figures in part reflect falling congregation numbers during the year. Whilst still vital they now, even with Gift Aid, represent only about a third of total income.

PCC fee income from weddings and funerals declined by a third to £3,324 (2024: £4,922). Conversely, income from events, raffles and the new 50:50 lottery draw (introduced from the beginning of 2025) increased by over 20% to £4,097 (2024: £3,390).

Grant income was £17,002 (2024: £14,932) and the church gratefully received one generous legacy.

The activities of the Church Hall again made a very significant positive contribution to the state of the Warton, St Oswald finances.

We are hoping to undertake works on the fabric of St Oswald's, its heating system and the churchyard, but as mentioned above, grant funding will be sought before committing to such expenditure.

Our sincere thanks go to Jean Robinson and Janet Mann for handling cash receipts and banking, and to Malcolm Brown as our Gift Aid Secretary for submitting the Parish's Gift Aid claims to HMRC.

St Mary's Church, Borwick

In 2025 total receipts were £11,557 compared with £13,508 in 2024. The reduction was principally due to having benefitted in 2024 from £2,824 raised by a specific campaign for new LED lighting. Voluntary receipts were £9,229 (2024: £7,683) with a 10% growth in planned giving and collections at services. Grants totalling £2,113 (2024: £500) were applied for and received (as detailed at Note 11). The Winter Warmer lunches, as well as being highly valued outreach to the local community, generated much appreciated additional funds from donations and raffle ticket sales.

Expenditure from Unrestricted Funds, excluding the purchase of new equipment of £1,242, was very similar to that in the prior year at £9,315. We are grateful to our colleagues at St Oswald's for not increasing our share of the Parish insurance cost or the Diocesan Parish share contribution. We are also grateful to our colleagues in the Parish of Yealand, within our United Benefice, who have supported us financially with acts of kindness and generosity such as supplying candles, etc., free of charge.

St Mary's achieved an operating surplus of income over expenditure amounting to £31 for the year ended 31 December 2025. Added to this were dividends and interest receipts of £969 from the St Mary's investments and bank accounts, bringing the overall surplus to £1,000 (2024: deficit £4,237). However, a reduction in the market value of the investments held by St Mary's of some £997 meant that St. Mary's ended the year with total reserves of £37,386, just £3 more than at the beginning of the year.

There is expenditure required in 2026 for maintenance of the building and, of course, the ongoing running costs. The number of regular donors has fallen slightly, and we shall join with the whole Parish in finding ways to encourage Joyful Generous Giving.

Meanwhile our thanks go to all those who give of their time, talents and money to enable us to survive financially and to grow spiritually. Thank you.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees/Members of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Warton

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above for the year ended 31 December 2025.

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.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Parochial Church Council as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts did not accord with the accounting records.

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

Mr Trevor Williams

Address: 3 Kershaw Drive, Lancaster LA1 3FY

Date: 4 May 2026

Major church and hall repairs and improvements	-	25,239	25,239	12,587
Mission giving and donations	129	-	129	975
	95,455	26,758	122,213	109,048
Cost of generating funds	2,560	-	2,560	949
Governance costs	203	-	203	165
Total Payments	98,218	26,758	124,976	110,162
Excess/ (Deficit) of Receipts over Payments	1,460	(10,292)	(8,832)	17,131
Redemption of Investment Account			-	6,581
	1,460	(10,292)	(8,832)	23,712
Cash at bank and in hand on 1 January	42,582	55,415	97,997	74,285
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 December	44,042	45,123	89,165	97,997

Sub total St Mary's		9,336	4,105	13,441	12,441
Total cash at bank and in hand		44,042	45,123	89,165	97,997
Total Cash and Investments	Note 19	64,568	48,542	113,110	122,940
Creditors					
Utilities - gas	St Oswald's	-	-	-	1,348

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

Church running expenses	8	24,382	1,519	25,901	25,577
Hall running costs		15,814	-	15,814	17,159
Major repairs, maintenance and improvements to church and hall	9		25,239	25,239	5,268
Mission giving and donations		129		129	975
		90,217	26,758	116,975	96,924
Cost of generating funds	10	2,216		2,216	496
Governance costs		28		28	-
Total Payments		92,461	26,758	119,219	97,420
Excess/ (Deficit) of Receipts over Payments		459	(10,292)	(9,833)	21,368
Cash at bank and in hand on 1 January		34,246	51,310	85,556	64,188
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 December		34,706	41,018	75,724	85,556

Church running expenses	16	3,996	-	3,996	12,125
Equipment (for services)		1,242		1,242	
		10,213	-	10,213	17,293
Cost of Generating Funds	17	344	-	344	452
Total Payments		10,557	-	10,557	17,745
Surplus / (Deficit)		1,000	-	1,000	(4,237)
Redemption of Investment					6,581
Cash at bank on 1 January		8,335	4,106	12,441	10,097
Cash at bank on 31 December		9,335	4,106	13,441	12,441
Cash is represented by					
Current account		6,443	-	6,443	6,412
Diocesan Deposit account		1,495	2,086	3,581	2,759
Diocesan Sharp Legacy account		1,398	2,019	3,417	3,269
		9,336	4,105	13,441	12,441

As the PCC is not registered for VAT, all figures are shown gross, that is inclusive of VAT, where applicable. Under the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme as operated by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, eligible VAT may be recovered by way of a grant. This scheme, however, ends at the end of March 2026.

1.3 Grants

Grants awarded, including the above LPOW grant, are treated as income when drawn down and received. Amounts claimed but not received at the year end are included as debtors in the statement of assets and liabilities.

1.4 Funds

Unrestricted Funds

These represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC.

Restricted Funds

These are funds which are required to be used solely in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or funders, or have been raised by the PCC for particular purposes.

Designated Funds (and Prior Year Adjustment)

These are funds which, although not legally restricted, are allocated for a particular purpose by the PCC. There is a PCC of Warton Choir Fund which operates its own bank account and which historically had not been consolidated into the Annual Financial Statements. From 1 January 2024 the designated Choir fund and its associated bank account were brought into the Financial Statements and a prior year adjustment was made to reflect the opening position as at 1 January 2024.

Parish News advertising	980	980	1,058
Book stall	85	85	199
Church Hall income	23,657	23,657	22,950
	<u>28,819</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,597</u>
4 Investment Income			
CCLA Deposit Fund interest	<u>3,012</u>	<u>3,012</u>	<u>2,144</u>
5 Income from Church Activities			
PCC fees (Weddings, funerals etc.)	3,324	3,324	4,922
Fees for events	260	260	442
	<u>3,584</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,364</u>
6 Other Receipts			
Borwick, St. Mary's contribution to Parish Share	4,800	4,800	4,800
Borwick, St. Mary's contribution to Parish expenses			203
Yealand, St John's contribution to Benefice expenses	827	827	1,380
Sundry	-	-	223
	<u>5,627</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,606</u>

	24,382	1,519	25,901	25,577
9 Major repairs, maintenance and improvements				
Damp survey and related electrical repair		10,473	10,473	
Roof releading		696	696	
Church flagpole		-	-	2,220
Louvres		-	-	2,040
Professional fees		945	945	1,008
Broadband and Wifi installation - St Oswald's		2,573	2,573	
Faculty application - Handrails		480	480	
Church Hall - Solar panel supply and installation		10,072	10,072	
	-	25,239	25,239	5,268

The majority of this capital expenditure was funded by the grants received in 2024 and 2025.

10 Cost of Generating Funds

Contributing third party payment to secure LEF grant	1,127		1,127	-
50:50 Lottery prizes	432		432	-
Other costs	657		657	496
	2,216	-	2,216	496

The third party contribution was kindly made by the Vera Wolstencroft Children and Animal Trust.

This was paid in 2025 from the monies received in 2024.

15 Other receipts

Contribution from Diocese for clergy fees in Vacancy	-	-	234
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16 Church running expenses

Church Insurance	840	840	840
Church utilities	2,154	2,154	2,232
Electricity			
Water	81	81	85
Church maintenance	131	131	444
General			
QIR repairs to fabric	-	-	4,560
Replacement LED lighting system	-	-	2,759
Organ Maintenance	-	-	319
Upkeep of Services	122	122	322
Upkeep of Churchyard	510	510	435
Sundry expenses	159	159	128
	3,996	-	3,996
			12,125

17 Costs of generating funds

Winter Warmer food costs	344	344	318
Afternoon tea - Hall hire and food costs	-	-	134
	344	-	344
			452

18 Investment account

	At original cost	Market Value at 1 Jan 25	(Decrease) in market value in 2025	Market Value as at 31 Dec 25
Diocesan Shares - Building Fund	£ 12,126	£ 24,943	£(997)	£23,946

Fund Balances at 1 January 2025	29,677	182	29,859	7,524	37,383
Movement in year: Receipts	10,957	600	11,557	-	11,557
Payments	10,213	344	10,557	-	10,557
Excess/(Deficit) of Receipts over payments	744	256	1,000	-	1,000
(Decrease) in market value of investments	17 (997)	-	(997)	-	(997)
Fund Balances at 31 Dec 2025	29,424	438	29,862	7,524	37,386
Combined Funds					
Fund balances at 1 January 2025	55,614	8,492	64,106	58,834	122,940
Net movement in year	2,695	(1,236)	1,459	(10,292)	(8,832)
Increase/ Decrease) in market value of investments	(997)	-	(997)	-	(997)
Fund Balances at 31 Dec 2025	57,312	7,256	64,568	48,542	113,110

The movement on the above designated and restricted funds is shown in Note 20.

Young People Fund	1,213	1,297	1,641	-	869
Choir Fund	3,821	75	1,075	-	2,821
	8,310	1,862	3,354	-	6,818
St Mary's					
Warm spaces	182	600	344	-	438
Combined designated	8,492	2,462	3,698	-	7,256

Restricted Funds**St Oswald's**

R & F Wilson Churchyard Trust	135	1,902	1,519	-	518
Restoration and Fabric Fund	51,175	14,564	25,239	-	40,500
	51,310	16,466	26,758	-	41,018

St Mary's

Live streaming	433			(433)	-
LED Lighting	65			(65)	-
Building Fund	7,026			498	7,524
	7,524	-	-	-	7,524

Combined restricted	58,834	16,466		-	48,542
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Accounts

The Parish of St Oswald, Warton and St Mary, Borwick



Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Warton for the year ended

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The Parochial Church Council of St Oswald, Warton and St Mary, Borwick Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2024

Aim and Purposes

Warton Parochial Church Council ("the PCC") has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting across the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our churches and to become part of our parish community. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the different groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

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

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

We seek to develop our life together as we affirm individual strengths; value diversity; nurture growth, vocations and leadership; work towards accessibility and respect and sustain our environment.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of St Oswald's Church, Warton, the Church Hall at Warton, and St Mary's Church, Borwick. St Mary's has its own District Church Council ("the DCC") with powers delegated from the PCC.

Achievements and Performance

The PCC is keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community finds both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. Our worship is centred on the Eucharist; our usual pattern of services includes Sunday and midweek Eucharists across the Benefice. We offer a range of environments from more formal, traditional and choral services to smaller and more intimate opportunities for prayer and worship.

On 21 January 2024, the Reverend Alice Ormondroyd was installed as minister of the Benefice by Bishop Philip North of the Diocese of Blackburn. The invaluable contributions of our Licensed Lay minister, Annette Mackensie, and visiting retired ministers during the interregnum were recognised. A reorganisation of the

Sunday service schedule occurred mid-year with Warton and Borwick (1st and 3rd weeks of month) Eucharists at 9.30am and the Yealand service moving to 11am. A monthly 'Lighthouse' service was introduced to Borwick on Sunday afternoons.

Details of activities and events follow in the individual reports.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules and the legal Scheme which established St Mary's as a District Church with a DCC.

The Warton PCC consists of the incumbent (the Vicar), the Parochial Churchwardens, the Deputy Churchwardens for St Mary's, the Deanery Synod representatives, the Licensed Lay Ministers, 10 members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the St Oswald's part of the electoral roll and 2 members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the St Mary's part of the electoral roll. All those who attend our services are encouraged to register on the electoral roll and stand for election to the PCC and DCC as appropriate.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

The full PCC met 5 times during the year with a chair chosen from the members. There were no separate Fabric and Finance committee meetings having been effectively subsumed into the full PCC. The committees are responsible to the PCC and report back to it, with minutes of their decisions being received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary. St Mary's DCC met three times in addition to the Annual District Church Meeting and was chaired by either the incumbent or Joyce Tombs.

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2024, held in May, there were 121 names on the church electoral roll: 108 in the St Oswald's part and 13 names in the St Mary's part.

Administrative information

St Oswald's Church (the Parish Church) is situated in Main Street, Warton and St Mary's Church, Borwick (a District Church/Chapel of Ease) is situated between the villages of Borwick and Priest Hutton. The churches are part of the United Benefice of Warton and Borwick with Yealand, in the Deanery of Tunstall, in the Diocese of Blackburn, within the Church of England.

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2020) and is registered with the Charity Commission (R.1146393).

PCC members are either ex-officio, elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (the APCM) holding office for three years, or co-opted by the PCC. Members of the Deanery Synod are ex-officio members of the PCC, holding office for three years; they are also elected by the APCM. All appointments and elections are done in accordance with the Church Representation Rules 2020.

PCC members who have served at any time from 1 January 2024 until the date this report was approved are:

Incumbent: Rev Alice Ormondroyd (appointed 21 January 2024)

Churchwarden: Dr Alison Semple (deceased 10 February 2024)

Deputy Churchwardens Mrs Jodie Kilty – Churchyard and Eco Church
for St Oswald's: (appointed 26 May 2024)

Mr Alan Bird – Church Fabric and Heritage Officer
(appointed 15 June 2024)

Licensed Lay Minister: Mrs Annette MacKenzie

*Deanery Synod
Representatives:* Mrs Pamela De Feu (appointed during the vacancy in
2023)

<i>Elected Members:</i>	Dr Trevor Blease	PCC Treasurer
	Miss Tracey Lawther	Safeguarding Officer, Church Hall
	Mrs Marjorie Ashton	
	Mr Nicholas C Vereker	
	Mrs Sandra Parker	Hospitality
	Mrs Pamela De Feu	Children and Youth
	Mrs Christine Wellock	
	Mrs Dorothy Pearce (Elected 11 th November 2024)	

Approved by the PCC on 6 May 2025 and signed on its behalf by

Reports from Church Officers, Committees and Organisations

Vicar's Report

Mother Alice Ormondroyd

The first year in post as Vicar of the United Benefice has been busy and fruitful, but not without significant challenge. There are so many wonderful opportunities for mission in our communities, and the process of discerning what God is doing and joining in with the work of the Spirit has been a significant focus. Both St Oswald's and St Mary's are open every day and provide welcome and hospitality to both locals and those passing through. We continue to pray that our open buildings and the many opportunities for worship and other community meetings and events may become the gateway to faith in Jesus Christ. Central to the ministry and mission of our Church is the building of relationships with those within our congregations and in the wider community, a task that takes time. I am very grateful to those in the community who are working alongside me to develop a pattern of ministry that meets the needs of the community whilst being sustainable and life giving for our ministers and volunteers.

As an immediate focus the missional priorities 'Joyful, Sustainable, and Safe' were presented to St Oswald's PCC and St Mary's DCC in the Spring of 2024. A great deal of work has been done to look at all aspects of our worshipping life together to ensure that worship is joyful, accessible and inclusive, so that many people are given the opportunity to play their part in leading through reading, leading intercessions, offering music in worship, and most recently, serving as deacons at the Eucharist at St Oswald's. At St Mary's a new worshipping community has been established, 'The Lighthouse', with the aim of providing contemporary, relaxed worship and facilitating deeper engagement with the Scriptures and offering creative prayer for our world.

Sustainability of resource (financial, ministers, volunteers, and stewardship of our wider environment) has been another focus, and we continue to ask the questions: what is possible with the resource that we have? Where do we need to ask God to grow our resource? In addition to regular giving, we have undertaken fundraising activities and have already seen the fruits of such generosity with the new LED lighting installed at St Mary's and a lighting scheme being developed at St Oswald's especially to create brighter side aisles for those attending Eucharist's in the Lady Chapel on Thursdays and Sundays. It has also been a great encouragement to our Parish that we were awarded a Diocesan Vision Fund Grant to enable some new technologies to be implemented in our churches to further widen access to worship (new audiovisual equipment at St Mary's and the installation of wireless Broadband at St Oswald's).

The volunteer team at both churches demonstrates great resilience, tenacity, wisdom and skill, but work continues to discern how we work as the Body of Christ together, each playing our respective roles in a way which feels positive, and manageable. It has been a particular encouragement this year to see Jodie Kilty and Alan Bird stepping into deputy churchwarden roles at St Oswald's, bringing enormous enthusiasm and vision, and complementing the existing work of others on the PCC.

Jodie Kilty has led our Eco Church initiative at St Oswald's, and brings challenge and sound theology to the urgent task of Christian discipleship as stewards of God's creation. It has been wonderful to see her building relationships with so many in the wider community who are also passionate about sustainability and growing an Eco Group. Alan Bird is bringing together a passion for Heritage with practical wisdom about communicating our history, making signage in both the church and the churchyard at St Oswald's to draw people into the story of our church and its place in the community, working closely with Sue Brown to do this. We look forward to planned community events specifically designed to celebrate our history and communicate our Eco Church vision in the coming months.

In the PCC at St Oswald's, we are beginning to develop 'link officer' roles, giving individuals a particular area of church life to support and advocate for at the PCC. This, coupled with a more streamlined design for meetings with reports distributed in advance, is leading to more efficient and productive meetings. Antonia Allum has been instrumental in helping to shape this in her work serving the PCC.

At St Mary's the members of the DCC work tirelessly to maintain the building and offer beautiful hospitality. Last year two couples were married at St Mary's, and we have another couple booked for 2026, and we welcomed over 150 people with Bishop Philip to celebrate the end of their young people's holiday week at Borwick Hall, many of whom commented on the warmth and generosity of members of St Mary's DCC who assisted in the smooth running of these occasions.

Finally, an increased focus on the absolute priority of being a safe church has resulted in some excellent engagement with safeguarding training and an increase in reporting concerns, all of which have been dealt with incredible sensitivity, care and wisdom by our outstanding Safeguarding Officer, Tracey Lawther.

Some highlights of the last year at St Oswald's and St Mary's:

- Seeing the growth on the PCC, with new members elected including two deputy churchwardens
- The formation of the Eco Group, and the achievement of the A Rocha Bronze Award at St Oswald's
- The LED lighting project being completed at St Mary's
- Joyful occasional offices at both St Oswald's and St Mary's, welcoming many visitors at these occasions
- The strength of our musical tradition in the Parish with the St Oswald's Choir growing to include younger singers
- Building a strong relationship with Archbishop Hutton's School, where I now lead worship every week.
- Seeing the flourishing of outreach to families in our communities through Junior Church, Bubble Church, Young Generations and the collaboration with Warton Methodists to run Messy Church.
- An increased sense of cooperation and mutual support across the Benefice, with Trevor Blease and Joyce Tombs working closely on Treasurer accounts, and many members of St Oswald's joining worship at St Mary's for The Lighthouse and the Good Friday meditations.
- Another year of Winter Warmer lunches incredibly well received in Borwick and Priest Hutton
- The success of the monthly coffee mornings at St Oswald's to raise funds for local charities and church projects.

In March 2025 the United Benefice was selected as one of only 6 Benefices in Blackburn Diocese to join the first Rural Cohort of the Diocesan Renewal Programme. This year long programme will see opportunities for us to reflect on the life and mission of our churches, discern a strategy for growth and renewal, and provide significant input from experienced practitioners who will journey with us as we seek to grow deeper in faith and wider in love and service to our communities.

My enormous thanks go to Annette MacKenzie, LLM, to The Revd Peter Mann, The Revd Paul Warren, to Joyce Tombs, Noeline and Harry Clarke, Sally Fletcher at St Mary's, and Tracey Lawther, Trevor Blease, Jodie Kilty, Alan Bird, Emma Brantley-Tziros, Vanessa and Kevin Alpin, Chris and Sue Hopwood, Michaela Lawrence, and the members of the PCC at St Oswald's, along with all others called faithfully to serve our church and wider community in the name of Christ. It has been a joy to partner in the Gospel with you this year.

Mother Alice
March 2025

St Oswald's Deputy Churchwarden Report

Jodie Kilty – Deputy Churchwarden (Eco Church) for St Oswald's

Jodie Kilty was elected to the role of Deputy Churchwarden 'Eco Church' at the annual church meeting on 26th May 2024 with the sole remit of working towards Net Zero and other sustainability goals.

As no traditional Churchwarden came forward through 2024 (though Alan Bird joined that summer as Deputy Churchwarden 'Heritage'), many Churchwarden functions such as day-to-day oversight and care of St Oswald's church and churchyard has kindly been carried out by a number of volunteers who give of their time generously.

Chris Hopwood and Trevor Blease continued to help ensure the church is opened daily for visitors and have dealt with fabric matters as they have arisen. Chris Hopwood has also continued to coordinate the team of volunteers who ensure the churchyard is kept in an excellent condition.

On Sundays Marjorie Ashton has kindly coordinated the welcomers at the morning Eucharist.

To everyone who has helped in any way with our Sunday and midweek services, with the church cleaning, with general maintenance and other essential tasks around the church and churchyard, a big thank you.

Bible Study Group

Annette MacKenzie LLM

A Bible Study group has continued through the year at Borwick at the home of Noeline Clarke, and even at her new home now. Meeting on the second Monday of the month in the morning, the group has completed working through the Gospel of Mark and is now studying passages related to the Holy Spirit and His/Her work in our lives.

Breaking Bread

Annette MacKenzie LLM

Breaking Bread has continued to offer a meal after the mid-week Eucharist, although attendance at this is not a requirement. It continues to thrive mainly because it is appreciated by all who attend as well as the dedication of the members of the teams involved, who appreciate the importance of the social interaction that occurs. As well as regulars, we also welcome chance visitors, and young children in the holidays with their parents or grandparents.

St Oswald's Church Hall - Warton Community Wellbeing Centre

Tracey Lawther

Situated at the centre of Warton Village, the Hall operates as a not-for-profit community focussed enterprise, looked after by two contractors and a voluntary committee. The hall, fitness and treatment rooms offer a venue at a reasonable cost, to individuals and organisations, with a theme of community wellbeing at the heart of our work.

The main hall is an airy well lit, warm, spacious room and is an excellent venue for its current users, regularly hosting Yoga, Dance, Pilates, LDS Dance School, and St Oswald's Junior and Bubble Church, as well as private bookings for parties, charity events, group meetings, and the occasional Local and General elections. Most of these activities are evenings and weekends, leaving some midweek, daytime capacity for potential hirers.

Both areas have continued to grow and thrive, and we appreciate and acknowledge the efforts of our valued contractors Carol and Antonia for their commitment and their hard work.

Our main area of concern that you need to be aware of is the hall floor, which is showing signs of damp ingress through the concrete floor slab which has started to rot some of the wooden flooring, this has been occurring over a number of years. We have made some temporary repairs, but we all need to be mindful that the floor will eventually need replacing in the next 10 to 15 years. As a committee, we have started to make some small steps in building up funds and we will need to look at grants and fundraisers in the future. As a committee we are keen to ensure our sustainability for the future so please keep a look out for developments in the months ahead.

We would continue to appreciate your help by telling friends and neighbours at any opportunity, about what the centre has to offer.

Thank you as always to all our users, supporters, volunteers and the community, for keeping this valuable enterprise afloat.

Safeguarding

Tracey Lawther

Our commitment to ensure a safe environment for all, particularly children and vulnerable adults, and those at risk, remains our top priority. The benefice has due regard of the House of Bishop's Safeguarding practice guidance. The safeguarding policy is displayed alongside relevant contact details and a more comprehensive folder is available at the back of church.

All PCC members, and all children and youth volunteers are supported to apply for their DBS clearance and to undertake online and Face to Face training to ensure our compliance. The diocese has created a very useful online safeguarding hub and dashboard to help us in our work and to clarify those in key roles in our benefice, as well as to help us to keep track of DBS checks, training compliance and risk assessments. I am pleased to report we have continued to see a significant rise in compliance and steps are being taken to ensure we are 100% compliant in all areas.

We have seen an increase in children's activities that we offer the community and an increase in volunteers to support their success who are committed to complying with the requirements of the role.

I want to highlight the comprehensive resources which are available via the diocesan website and the signposting which is available at:

<https://www.blackburn.anglican.org/safeguarding>

Over the past year there has been some low-level safeguarding concerns/ issues that have been addressed in accordance with our safeguarding policy, but no reports have reached the threshold, and we have not been required to make any referrals to external agencies.

Safeguarding is the responsibility of everyone so please speak to a member of the safeguarding team if you need any clarification on how we make our church communities safe as possible for children and vulnerable adults.

St Oswald's Choir

Emma Brantley-Tziros

Organist Keith Worsman

The Choir have continued from strength to strength throughout the year. We have been led by Emma Brantley-Tziros, with the support of so many valuable members of the Choir.

The Choir managed to be in full attendance for the Christmas Carol Service in December and sounded wonderful with rave reviews and lovely comments with over 150 in attendance. Many of the Choir were able to come to the Community Carols too where we were able to perform an impromptu "Carol of the bells" as an extra addition to the traditional Carols along with the local folk band The Red Cats. Again, we

had over 150 visitors in the congregation that night, with glowing reviews. The first service was an hour and 5 mins long, the second 30 mins.

The Choir have still been affected by the loss of our dear Alison Semple and ensure we still make references to her. On her death anniversary we sang her favourite hymn and had quiet time. She is still very much missed. We look forward to her commemorative plaque being installed among us.

We organised a Pre-Christmas Jacob's Join early December which was a great success and really brought the Choir together - being able to socialise as well as air some views at the same time. A very positive experience and some have asked for a repeat event, though some don't want it too regularly! Some of us met again at the end of January. To date no others are scheduled.

The Hymns and Pimms evening in May 2024 was a great success and we've been asked to host another in May 2025.

Emma has also still been attending regular RSCM Choir Director courses. We are still using the Sunday-by-Sunday RSCM resource which aids in our now shared music planning across the Benefice. This is an ongoing work-in-progress with thanks to others who contribute as and when need in the planning. Emma is very grateful to Annette for her help and guidance.

Rev Alice has asked for the final hymns at the 9.30am to be more child friendly and so we have been accommodating where and when we can whilst having more family themed music at the Altogether services.

We are still enjoying, and most are happy with, our regular two practices a week Monday and Thursday 6.30pm where we can practice for the upcoming Sunday and future anthems and events. Unfortunately, a lot of our Choir members have obligations elsewhere with other choirs and can only attend one rehearsal a week, but it always produces a delightful sound by the Sunday with 5 or 12 singing!

Palm Sunday saw us starting our service in the Rectory Ruins again where the Choir led the procession across the street singing loud for all to hear, gaining comments from the community. Mothering Sunday was another delight where the Choir were able to shine once again.

Our Facebook presence has continued to be prolific, and we are still convinced that more villagers are attending our musical events now due to our regular Facebook presence.

Junior Choir had a short revival with Madeleine Freeman as leader. It has recently been paused again due to attendance levels and outside commitments. We are hoping that with Alice's involvement with the schools she may be able to advertise Junior Choir for it to be able to restart.

Having lost Angela Sewell when she moved, we now have one new member Catherine Prince who is a fabulous alto and joins us when she can, as she attends church in Over Kellet. Our tenor Tom Watton goes from strength to strength, often on his own but he is dedicated and frequently takes music home to google and learn, armed with recordings of Keith playing his part on the organ.

Some Choir members have been attending Marilyn Prescott's occasional Sunday evening services at Morecambe Parish Church, great to have a link choir and director.

Again, we would like to express our continued gratitude to our incredible Keith Worsman, our organist, whose expertise, flexibility and support is invaluable. Huge thanks to Michaela Lawrence, Julia Smith, Natalie Miller, Madeleine Freeman and Gill Helliwell for their continued support in their incredible roles within the Choir.

We have a very important season approaching - Ash Weds and Lent then Easter so rehearsals are very important. We are struggling with attendance sadly, particularly very recently.

We are also still struggling for members especially men, despite our recent advert campaigns.

Alison used to say that the Choir was the family she'd chosen and so most of us feel the same; we endeavour to keep on - the future looks bright, thank you for all your support.

Young Generations

Emma Brantley-Tziros

The Young Generations meet the first Sunday of the month 6-8pm in St Oswald's. We eat together, share news, discuss important topics, consider some bible stories and play games and crafts where we witness where appropriate.

We continued meeting until July then broke for Summer and started back in September with 6 members and are now up to approximately 12. We started the new school year off with discussing The Beatitudes then moving on to the 10 Commandments: discussing and crafting. One month we had an extraordinary meeting to make paper flowers.

We are very fortunate to be still using and enjoying our countertop professional oven bought last year. We have booked a Monthly Coffee Morning slot in Feb 2026 with the Junior Church to help boost our monetary funds too. Our Lent challenge is helping the EggCup charity. We have enjoyed adopting a windowsill in Church where we can showcase our work each month with photos, crafts etc.

The group are delightful and have appreciated the common routine particularly at the end of the session where they help to tidy up and Hoover so they can then play their favourite Gladiators! We are hoping to encourage the group to continue to think about the wider world and for us to support our witnessing to them, with music too.

We are looking to widen the supporting adult roles with the group as soon as possible. The group is predominantly run by Emma Brantley-Tziros with massive thanks to Pam de Feu and more recently Faye Vereker.

A delightful group of young people.

St Mary's Church, Borwick

Sally Fletcher – Deputy Churchwarden for the St Mary's District Church Council (DCC)

On 21 January 2024 we welcomed our new vicar, the Revd Alice Ormondroyd, after a period of Vacancy since March 2023. Throughout that period St Mary's had been incredibly well supported by several retired clergy and, not least, by our Licensed Lay Minister, Annette MacKenzie, to whom we remain extremely grateful.

Together they have continued to support us, and Alice, throughout 2024, as a result of which we have settled into a pattern of worship comprising a twice monthly Sunday morning Eucharist, and a monthly, informal, Sunday evening act of worship. The latter is known as "The Lighthouse" (after the 1970's gospel song of the same name) and was an initiative set up by Revd Alice to attract more families into church. Recently a worship band, engaged with help from Bishop Gill, has further enhanced the quality and uplifting effect of the music. We are hoping to utilise grant funding to purchase better audio-visual equipment in 2025 to further modernise the presentation of this service. Meanwhile it is wonderful to see the special ambience of St Mary's church, and the reordered facilities that were created immediately prior to the pandemic, being enjoyed in this way.

Our typical congregation size, which had grown to around 12 in 2023, now remains fairly low, (in the region of 6 to 10). The change of Benefice service pattern during the year, which means that the Sunday morning services at our Parish church, St Oswald's, now clash with our Sunday morning Eucharists at St Mary's, has sadly reduced our numbers. We remain hopeful that this can be improved in the year ahead. At our Patronal Festival in September, we attracted over 45 people to share the Eucharist in our beautiful church. A highlight of the year was a visit from Bishop Philip in May 2024 who hosted a Eucharist service at St Mary's to conclude a "Young People's Holiday" at Borwick Hall in the May half term. In the Bishop's own

words “It was so generous of you to allow us so completely to take over your beautiful church building for the day. We filled it with flowers, band and banners and packed it with 90 teenagers and their families, and all I heard from you was encouragement and support. That is such a beautiful sign of your support your Parish has for ministry to young people in our region.”

During the year we celebrated all the major Christian festivals, together with Remembrance Day, two delightful weddings, and a baptism. In Holy Week we enjoyed our customary and very beautiful “Hour at the Cross” on Good Friday. Unfortunately, however, our Easter Sunday Eucharist service could not be held due to its clashing with a cycling race centred at the hall across the road and rendering access to St Mary’s both difficult and unacceptably hazardous.

As described in the Finance Report later, we were delighted to replace the high energy, high maintenance, lighting in the church with low energy, highly efficacious LED lamps, and also to have all necessary repairs and maintenance undertaken to help maintain the integrity of the building for many years to come. The District Church Council met three times during the year (in February, August and October) and the Annual District Church Meeting was held on 23 April 2024.

We were pleased to provide Winter Warmer Lunches, concluding the 2023/24 “season” in March 2024 and recommencing in November for winter 2024/25. Typically, between 20 and 30 people attended the fortnightly ‘get togethers’ in the Village Hall to enjoy a variety of delicious home-made soups with sandwiches, tea and cakes. Our thanks go to the Borwick Poores Land charity, the village hall committee, and all those church volunteers who shopped, cooked, prepared and served food, and who, together, made this possible and financially viable. Thanks also to all those who attended and helped to create a very convivial atmosphere and donated generously to support the broader activities of the church. A very delicious and well attended “Afternoon Tea”, which was also catered for entirely by church volunteers, was held on 17 August, to boost church funds.

Other fund-raising activity is described in the Finance Report. Once again thanks go to everyone involved in projects and activities which were specifically to raise money for the new lighting and repairs, and to all those who kindly donated.

Finally, we would like to give our sincere thanks to all those who support St Mary’s in any way; to Alice, our vicar, to Annette, our amazing LLM, to those who give financial support, to those who clean, decorate, maintain, lock and unlock the church, to welcomers and readers at services, to the providers of refreshments, and everyone else who gives of their time and talents, be it in admin, organisation or finance. A special thank you also goes to our friends and colleagues on the PCC of Yealand Conyers who have been particularly helpful and supportive of us at St Mary’s in recent months. Many thanks to you all.

Finance Report and Accounts of the PCC of Warton for the year ended 31 December 2024

Trevor Blease (PCC Treasurer)

Joyce Tombs (St Mary's Treasurer)

Overall financial position

Overall, the Parish achieved an increase in income from £92,197 in 2023, to £127,292 for the year ended 31 December 2024. This was to some extent the result of determined and focused fund raising across both churches in order to finance necessary property repairs, maintenance and improvements. Voluntary income, which included £16,059 received from successful grant applications, increased from £51,626 to £80,966, whilst income from activities for generating funds rose from £26,879 to £34,774. This was boosted by the results of some great efforts at St Mary's to raise money for a new low energy lighting system, and the continuing growth and success of the operation of the Warton church hall and gym facilities.

By the end of 2024 a number of projects for which funds had been raised had not yet been undertaken, and so the increase in expenditure was lower than the increase in income. Total payments were £110,162, compared with £99,319 for 2023. This included £40,000 paid to the Diocese of Blackburn, being the full amount of the renegotiated Parish Share, as agreed in advance with the Board of Finance.

The net result was an overall surplus of income over expenditure of £17,131 for the year (2023: deficit £6,689). Cash balances increased by a further £6,581 due to the redemption of an investment account held by St Mary's to fund building repairs.

As a result, the value of investments held by the Parish was reduced by a net amount of £5,862 to £24,943, whilst cash balances increased by £23,712 to £97,997. The net effect on Parish Reserves was an increase of £17,850, of which almost £15,000 was represented by grants received but not used by the year end. Of total reserves of £122,940 at 31 December 2024, £58,834 was restricted for use in connection with the buildings and churchyard. Of the £64,106 of unrestricted funds, £8,492 was designated by the PCC for specific purposes including £1,213 in the newly defined Young People Fund. See Note 19 to the attached Accounts.

St Oswald's Church and Church Hall

Warton, St. Oswald's gross income was £118,788 (2023: £89,870). The largest contributor to the increase was in investment income and grants which totalled £18,203 (2023: £3,147). Of this sum, £14,817 of grants was unspent in 2024, hence flattering the end-year position. The importance of grant application activity, for which we have a very high success rate, should be noted.

Voluntary receipts, excluding grants, were £57,725 (2023: £46,573) for which thanks are due to all donors. A more proactive attitude to fund raising now exists which has made a significant cumulative effect. Note 2 shows a large increase in the non-regular giving due to a large anonymous donation and also a legacy donation; a major source of income for many churches and one which the Trustees are keen to encourage in our Parish.

The Church Hall continues to be a key asset. Income increased by 18% and costs decreased by 8%, due to lower maintenance costs, resulting in a surplus of £5,791 (2023: £828). The contractors, Antonia and Carol for the gym and hall respectively, are a critical part of this ongoing success story and our thanks go to them and other members of the Hall committee.

Total expenditure was £97,420 (2023: £93,581) almost all of the increase ascribed to the increased payment of our Parish Share contribution to £40,000 (2023: £33,000). It is important to note that the 2023 figure had been significantly reduced from the amount formally requested by the Diocese due to the Parish's inability to pay. In turn the 2024 contribution was similarly reduced by negotiation with the Diocese, from an original sum close to £60,000. As noted in the 2023 financial statements, now that we have paid the negotiated 2024 amount, the 2023 shortfall, plus that from earlier years (believed to be about £24,000) has effectively been written off by the Diocese. From this position, a 6% p.a. increase in the Parish Share contributions for 2025 (to £42,400) and 2026 (to £45,000) has also been agreed providing some welcomed certainty for the coming period.

The Restoration and Fabric fund increased from around £32,000 to just over £51,000 primarily due to a £10,317 grant received from a trust administered by the Diocese for prospective work on the south aisle and tower, and also due to the redesignation of £14,000 from the church hall account. The latter will be needed for the replacement of the hall floor in the medium term. This work was costed at £30,000 a few years ago. The biggest uncertainty in our financial position is the cost of fixing the major damp problem in the south and west of the church building. The quinquennial inspection report will hopefully start to provide some clarity and appropriate sources of finance will be investigated.

Meanwhile unrestricted funds rose from £28,754 as reported at 31 December 2023, to £34,246 at 31 December 2024. However, the latter includes £3,821 held in the PCC of Warton Choir Fund. This is a designated fund which historically had not been consolidated into the Warton, St Oswald balance sheet or indeed Parish reserves.

Sincere thanks go to Jean Robinson and Janet Mann for counting and banking all the St Oswald's cheque and cash receipts and to Malcolm Brown for processing and submitting the Parish's Gift Aid claims. This is invaluable work and much appreciated. Thanks also go to the various individuals who provided their time, talents and initiative in successfully applying for grants.

St Mary's Church, Borwick

In 2024 the DCC challenged themselves with the task of replacing the high-level lighting in church with new LED lamps which are long lasting, highly efficient and relatively cheap to run. The works were costed at around £2,750 and a fund-raising campaign was launched in the Spring to raise this sum. Online and in person donations were received from across the Benefice and indeed beyond. DCC members rose to the challenge by undertaking sponsored individual tasks including running a marathon, swimming a mile, and walking across Morecambe Bay. The response was overwhelming, not least to Sally Fletcher's swim, which raised over £1,000, as did Revd Alice's epic marathon run. The target was exceeded and the works undertaken, transforming the lighting within the church. Thanks go to all sponsors and donors who made this possible.

The DCC also decided to undertake the bulk of the repairs highlighted in the latest Quinquennial Inspection Report at a cost of £4,560. This was financed by releasing restricted funds held in an investment account to avoid diminishing unrestricted cash funds necessary for day-to-day operations.

The DCC are therefore very pleased that whilst over £7,300 of building and fabric related works were completed during the year, the overall reserves (i.e. combined cash and investment balances) have only reduced by just over £3,500. This was achieved in part by an increase in voluntary receipts of over £2,000 to £7,183 (2023: £5,053), given by both new and longstanding regular donors, to whom the DCC is very grateful. Total receipts were £13,508 (2023: £7,217) boosted, in addition to the above, by a better return on investments and deposits, by fees from the two weddings held in the year, and by a £500 grant from the

Borwick Poores Land charity to our Warm Spaces fund. The latter enabled our popular Winter Warmer lunches to be held for a third successive winter.

Despite an anticipated increase in electricity costs from £1,816 to £2,232, church running expenses were kept below 2023 levels at £4,805 (2023: £5,156). The St Mary's contribution to total Parish share was kindly held by St Oswald's at £4,800. So total unrestricted expenditure was £10,426 in line with the prior year (2023: £10,196).

There was a £258 surplus (2023: deficit £2,979) on unrestricted (or general) income and expenditure, and £4,495 net expenditure (2023: Nil) on restricted funds. At 31 December 2024 cash balances stood at £12,440 (2023: £10,096) and investments at £24,943 (2023: £30,805), representing reserves of £37,383 (2023: £40,901).

The challenge for St Mary's remains the need to rebuild attendances and to attract more people to help with delivering the mission and administration, whilst maintaining a sound financial footing.

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees/Members of the Parochial Church
Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Warton**

TO BE ADDED

Mr Trevor Williams

Address: 3 Kershaw Drive, Lancaster LA1 3FY

Date:

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Warton							
Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024							
Receipts and Payments Accounts					COMBINED		
					Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
				Notes	£	£	2024
							2023
							£
RECEIPTS							
Voluntary Receipts							
	Planned giving			1	34,943	-	34,943
	Collections at services				4,036	-	4,036
	All other giving/voluntary receipts				13,074	17,600	30,674
	Gift Aid recovered				11,313	-	11,313
					63,366	17,600	80,966
Activities for Generating Funds					31,950	2,824	34,774
Investment Income					3,271	-	3,271
Church Activities					5,944	-	5,944
Other Receipts					2,337	-	2,337
Total Receipts					106,868	20,424	127,292
PAYMENTS							
Church Activities							
	Diocesan Parish Share contribution				40,000	-	40,000
	Clergy and staffing costs				7,823	-	7,823
	Church running expenses				25,420	5,085	30,505
	Hall running costs				15,571	1,588	17,159
	Major Repairs and Maintenance				-	12,587	12,587
	Mission giving and donations				975	-	975
					89,789	19,259	109,048
Cost of generating funds					949	-	949
Governance costs					165	-	165
Total Payments					90,902	19,259	110,162
Excess/ (Deficit) of Receipts over Payments					15,966	1,165	17,131
Redemption of Investment Account					-	6,581	6,581
Transfer between funds					(14,000)	14,000	-
					1,966	21,746	23,712
Cash at bank and in hand on 1 January					40,616	33,669	74,285
Prior year adjustment - Choir account							3,785
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 December					42,582	55,415	97,997

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Warton							
Combined Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2024							
					Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
					Funds	Funds	Total
					£	£	2024
							2023
							£
Investments							
St Mary's - Investment accounts							
	Sharp Legacy Share Account	at valuation			-	-	-
	Building Fund Share Account	at valuation			21,524	3,419	24,943
		Note 18			21,524	3,419	24,943
Cash at Bank and in Hand							
St Oswald's							
	Main current account				11,549	-	11,549
	CBF Church of England Deposit Fund				13,021	51,296	64,317
	E & R Wilson Churchyard Trust account					14	14
	Church Hall account				5,855	-	5,855
	Choir account (PYA)				3,821	-	3,821
	Sub total St Oswald's				34,246	51,310	85,556
St Mary's							
	Main current account				6,412	-	6,412
	Diocesan held Deposit account				673	2,086	2,759
	Diocesan held Sharp account				1,250	2,019	3,269
	Sub total St Mary's				8,335	4,105	12,441
Total cash at bank and in hand					42,581	55,415	97,997
Total Cash and Investments				Note 18	64,106	58,834	122,940
Creditors							
	Utilities - gas	St Oswald's					-
							1,348
Approved by the Parochial Church Council on							
and signed on its behalf by:							

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Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024					
Receipts and Payments Accounts		Warton, St Oswald			
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	Notes	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS					
Voluntary Receipts					
Planned giving		30,418		30,418	26,798
Collections at services		3,154		3,154	2,257
All other giving/voluntary receipts	2	12,641	17,600	30,241	11,094
Gift Aid recovered		9,971		9,971	8,424
		56,184	17,600	73,784	48,573
Activities for Generating Funds					
	3	30,891	-	30,891	26,879
Investment Income	4	2,144	-	2,144	1,147
Church Activities	5	5,364	-	5,364	3,656
Other Receipts	6	6,606	-	6,606	9,614
Total Receipts		101,188	17,600	118,788	89,870
PAYMENTS					
Church Activities					
Diocesan Parish Share contribution		40,000		40,000	33,000
Clergy and staffing costs	7	7,946	-	7,946	6,843
Church running expenses	8	20,492	5,085	25,577	28,382
Hall running costs		15,571	1,588	17,159	18,590
Major repairs and maintenance	9	-	5,268	5,268	3,565
Mission giving and donations		975		975	2,923
		84,984	11,940	96,924	93,302
Cost of generating funds		496		496	230
Governance costs		-		-	48
Total Payments		85,480	11,940	97,420	93,581
Excess/ (Deficit) of Receipts over Payments		15,708	5,660	21,368	(3,711)
Transfer between funds		(14,000)	14,000	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand on 1 January		32,538	31,650	64,188	64,114
Prior year adjustment for Choir Account	1.4		-		3,785
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 December		34,246	51,310	85,556	64,188

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Receipts and Payments Accounts			Borwick, St Mary			
			Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
RECEIPTS		Notes				
Voluntary Receipts						
Planned giving			4,525	-	4,525	2,580
Collections at service s			882	-	882	533
All other giving / voluntary receipts	10		433	-	433	859
Gift Aid recovered			1,342	-	1,342	1,081
			7,183		7,183	5,053
Activities for Generating Funds						
Fund raising	11		1,059	2,824	3,883	-
Investment Income	12		1,128	-	1,128	1,041
Church Activities	13		580	-	580	460
Other Receipts	14		734	-	734	663
Total Receipts			10,683	2,824	13,508	7,217
PAYMENTS						
Church Activities						
Parish Share contribution			4,800		4,800	4,890
Contribution to Benefice costs			368		368	150
Church running expenses	15		4,805	7,319	12,125	5,156
			9,973	7,319	17,293	10,196
Cost of Generating Funds	16		452	-	452	-
Total Payments			10,426	7,319	17,745	10,196
Surplus / (Deficit)			258	(4,495)	(4,238)	(2,979)
Redemption of Investment	17		-	6,581	6,581	-
Cash at bank on 1 January			8,077	2,019	10,096	13,075
Cash at bank on 31 December			8,335	4,105	12,440	10,096
Cash is represented by						
Current account			6,412	-	6,412	3,151
Diocesan Deposit account			673	2,086	2,759	3,927
Diocesan Sharp Legacy account			1,250	2,019	3,269	3,018
			8,335	4,105	12,440	10,096

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Notes to the Accounts

1 Accounting Policies and Explanatory Information

1.1 Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, using the receipts and payments basis.

The PCC has legal ownership of all assets, and responsibility for all liabilities, within the Ecclesiastical Parish, which comprise those of the Parish Church of St Oswald's, Warton, the District Church of St Mary's, Borwick, and the Church Hall at Warton. Each entity manages, operates and accounts for its finances separately under the oversight of the PCC.

However, for the purposes of these Financial Statements the receipts and payments arising from the Church Hall are included within the receipts and payments account of St Oswald's Church.

A separate receipts and payments account is presented for St Oswald's and St Mary's, together with explanatory notes on each. A combined receipts and payments account is presented to show the overall receipts and payments for the Parish as a whole.

Transactions whereby St Oswald's receive monies which are subsequently paid over to St Mary's or vice versa are eliminated on consolidation to prevent double counting.

A combined statement of assets and liabilities is presented together with a note showing the movement on all the underlying funds.

1.2 VAT

As the PCC is not registered for VAT, all figures are shown gross, that is inclusive of VAT, where applicable. Under the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme as operated by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, eligible VAT may be recovered by way of a grant.

1.3 Grants

Grants awarded, including the above LPOW grant, are treated as income when drawn down and received. Amounts claimed but not received at the year end are included as debtors in the statement of assets and liabilities.

1.4 Funds

Unrestricted Funds

These represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC.

Restricted Funds

These are funds which are required to be used solely in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or funders, or have been raised by the PCC for particular purposes.

Designated Funds (and Prior Year Adjustment)

These are funds which, although not legally restricted, are allocated for a particular purpose by the PCC. There is a PCC of Warton Choir Fund which operates its own bank account and which historically had not been consolidated into the Annual Financial Statements.

From 1 January 2024 the designated Choir fund and its associated bank account have been brought into the Financial Statements and a prior year adjustment has been made to reflect the opening position as at 1 January 2024.

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Notes to the Accounts (continued)		Warton, St Oswald			
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		Funds	Funds	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£
2 All other giving/ voluntary receipts					
General and other donations		10,641	2,541	13,182	9,094
Legacies		1,000	-	1,000	-
Grants:					
R&F Wilson Trust - churchyard fund		-	1,242	1,242	
Blackburn DBF - Bubble Church theatre		-	-	-	2,000
Vera Wolstenholme - solar panels for Church Hall		-	2,500	2,500	-
LCC - Warm Spaces		1,000	-	1,000	-
Julia Lofthouse - Tower and South Aisle repairs		-	10,317	10,317	-
Warton Parish Council - flagpole		-	1,000	1,000	-
		12,641	17,600	30,241	11,094
3 Activities for generating funds					
Coffee stop		1,674		1,674	1,632
Events/Raffles/Lottery		3,390		3,390	2,965
Breaking Bread		1,620		1,620	1,412
Parish News advertising		1,058		1,058	1,337
Book stall		199		199	115
Church Hall income		22,950		22,950	19,418
		30,891	-	30,891	26,879
4 Investment Income					
CBF Share dividends		-	-	-	-
CBF Deposit Fund interest		2,144		2,144	1,147
		2,144	-	2,144	1,147
5 Income from Church Activities					
PCC fees for weddings, funerals etc.		4,922		4,922	3,281
Fees for events		442		442	375
		5,364	-	5,364	3,656
6 Other Receipts					
Borwick, St Mary contribution to Parish Share		4,800		4,800	4,890
Borwick, St Mary contribution to Benefice expenses		203		203	-
Yealand, St John contribution to Benefice expenses		1,380		1,380	1,380
Clergy vacancy claims				-	2,964
Sundry		223		223	380
		6,606	-	6,606	9,614

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Notes to the Accounts (continued)					Warton, St Oswald			
					Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
					Funds	Funds	2024	2023
					£	£	£	£
7 Clergy and Staffing								
Incumbent's expenses					-		-	561
Organist fees					3,840		3,840	3,840
Admin assistant's fees					1,671		1,671	-
Vicarage council tax					2,169		2,169	826
Former vicarage utilities					143		143	708
Clergy telephone					-		-	43
Fees paid to retired clergy					123		123	864
					7,946	-	7,946	6,843
8 Church running expenses								
							-	
Church insurance						3,826	3,826	3,314
Organ tuning					-		-	540
Church maintenance and cleaning					2,140		2,140	2,898
Upkeep of services					3,870		3,870	2,078
Junior church/ Young generation/Bubble church					534		534	2,565
Printing and copier costs					2,471		2,471	2,047
Upkeep of churchyard					1,746	1,259	3,005	1,162
Printing, postage and stationery					170		170	796
Church electricity and gas					7,446		7,446	9,626
Church water					229		229	188
Website and sundry expenses					1,886		1,886	2,787
Card reader and donations device					-		-	380
					20,492	5,085	25,577	28,382
9 Major repairs and maintenance								
Church Hall					-	-	-	3,565
Church - Flagpole					-	2,220	2,220	-
Louvres					-	2,040	2,040	-
Professional fees					-	1,008	1,008	-
					-	5,268	5,268	3,565

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Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024							
Notes to the Accounts (continued)				Borwick, St Mary			
				Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
				Funds	Funds	2024	2023
				£	£	£	£
10 All other giving/ voluntary receipts							
General and other donations				433		433	759
Legacies				-		-	100
				433	-	433	859
11 Receipts from Activities for Generating Funds							
Winter Warmer lunches - raffles and donations				745	-	745	
Afternoon tea - donations				314	-	314	
Campaign, sponsorship and donations for LED lighting project					2,824	2,824	
				1,059	2,824	3,883	-
12 Investment Income							
Dividends received on Investments				810		810	842
Interest received on Diocesan held deposit accounts				318		318	199
				1,128	-	1,128	1,041
13 Income from Church Activities							
Funeral fees				-		-	99
Wedding fees				580		580	361
				580	-	580	460
14 Other Receipts							
Poors Land Charity Warm spaces grant				500	-	500	-
Clergy vacancy claims from Diocese				234	-	234	663
				734	-	734	663
15 Church running expenses							
Church Insurance				840		840	840
Church utilities - electricity				2,232		2,232	1,816
- water				85		85	119
Church maintenance - General				444		444	946
- QIR repairs to fabric				-	4,560	4,560	-
- Replacement LED lighting				-	2,759	2,759	-
Church cleaning				-		-	22
Organ maintenance				319		319	30
Upkeep of services				322		322	533
Upkeep of churchyard				435		435	450
Postage, stationery and sundries				128		128	111
Food, etc. for Winter Warmer lunches				-		-	289
				4,805	7,319	12,125	5,156
16 Cost of generating funds							
Winter Warmer food costs				318		318	
Afternoon tea - Hall hire and food costs				134		134	-
				452	-	452	-
17 Investment accounts				Market		Movement	Market
				Value at	Redeemed in	in market	Value at
				01-Jan-24	in 2024	value in 2024	31-Dec-24
				£		£	£
Diocesan Shares - Building Fund	12,126		24,385			558	24,943
Diocesan Shares - Sharp Legacy	2,501		6,420	(6,581)		161	-
	14,626		30,805	(6,581)		719	24,943

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18 Movement on Funds/Reserves

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Total Unrestricted	Restricted Funds	Total 2024
St Oswald's, Warton	£	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 1 January 2024	24,512	4,242	28,754	31,650	60,404
Prior year adjustment -Choir fund		3,785	3,785	-	3,785
Restatement of opening designated	(474)	474	-	-	-
As restated at 1 January 2024	24,038	8,501	32,539	31,650	64,189
Movement in year: Receipts	99,384	1,804	101,188	17,600	118,788
Payments	83,485	1,995	85,480	11,940	97,420
Transfers	(14,000)	-	(14,000)	14,000	-
Excess/(Deficit) of Receipts over payments	1,899	- 192	1,708	19,660	21,368
Fund Balances at 31st Dec 2024	25,936	8,310	34,246	51,310	85,556
St Mary's, Borwick					
Fund Balances at 1 January 2024	28,882	-	28,882	12,019	40,901
Movement in year: Receipts	10,183	500	10,683	2,824	13,508
Payments	10,108	318	10,426	7,319	17,745
Excess/(Deficit) of Receipts over payments	76	182	258	(4,495)	(4,238)
Increase in market value of investments	719	-	719	-	719
Fund Balances at 31st Dec 2024	29,677	182	29,859	7,524	37,383
Combined Funds					
Fund balances at 1 January 2024	53,394	4,242	57,636	43,669	101,305
Prior year adjustment -Choir fund	-	3,785	3,785	-	3,785
Restatement of opening designated	(474)	474	-	-	-
As restated at 1 January 2024	52,920	8,501	61,421	43,669	105,090
Net movement in year	1,975	(9)	1,966	15,165	17,130
Increase in market value of investments	719	-	719	-	719
Fund Balances at 31st Dec 2024	55,614	8,492	64,106	58,834	122,940
The movement on the above designated and restricted funds is shown in Note 19.					

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19 Designated and Restricted Funds

	Balance at 01-Jan-24	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance at 31-Dec-24
	£	£	£	£	£
Designated Funds					
St Oswald's					
Flower Fund	368	77	166		278
Verger Fund	2,990	560	552		2,997
Junior church	696	-	6	(690)	-
Bubble Church	188	0	332	143	-
Young Generations	391	492	197	(686)	-
Young People Fund	0	0	0	1,213	1,213
School Bibles	83	175	279	20	-
Choir Fund	3,785	500	464	0	3,821
	8,501	1,804	1,995	-	8,310
St Mary's					
Warm spaces	0	500	318		182
Combined designated	8,501	2,304	2,313	-	8,492

The opening balance of designated funds includes the Choir fund which was not consolidated in the prior year's accounts and which has been accounted for as a prior year adjustment.

It also includes other funds which existed but were reported within general funds at the prior year end.

	Balance at 01-Jan-24	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance at 31-Dec-24
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds					
St Oswald's					
R & F Wilson Churchyard Trust	-	1,394	1,259	-	135
Restoration and Fabric Fund	31,650	16,206	10,681	14,000	51,175
	31,650	17,600	11,940	14,000	51,310
St Mary's					
Live streaming	433				433
Project 123	1,586			(1,586)	-
LED Lighting		2,824	2,759		65
Building Fund	10,000		4,560	1,586	7,026
	12,019	2,824	7,319	-	7,524
Combined restricted	43,669	20,424	19,259	14,000	58,834

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The Parish of St Oswald, Warton and St Mary, Borwick



Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Warton for the year ended 31 December 2023

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The Parochial Church Council of St Oswald, Warton and St Mary, Borwick Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2023

Aim and Purposes

Warton Parochial Church Council ("the PCC") has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting across the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our churches and to become part of our parish community. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the different groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

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

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

We seek to develop our life together as we affirm individual strengths; value diversity; nurture growth, vocations and leadership; work towards accessibility and respect and sustain our environment.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of St Oswald's Church, Warton, the Church Hall at Warton, and St Mary's Church, Borwick. St Mary's has its own District Church Council ("the DCC") with powers delegated from the PCC.

Achievements and Performance

The PCC is keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community finds both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. Our worship is centred on the Eucharist; our usual pattern of services includes Sunday and midweek Eucharists across the Benefice. We offer a range of environments from more formal, traditional and choral services to smaller and more intimate opportunities for prayer and worship.

In early 2023, just as our services and other activities had returned to pre-pandemic patterns, our Vicar, the Reverend Robin Figg, announced that he was to retire with effect from March 2023. Sadly, this meant that there was a Vacancy for the remainder of 2023. However, our Licensed Lay Minister, Annette MacKenzie worked tirelessly, liaising with retired clergy and others, including the Bishop of Blackburn and the Archdeacon of Lancaster, to ensure that the full pattern of worship could and did continue.

Details of activities and events follow in the individual reports.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules and the legal Scheme which established St Mary's as a District Church with a DCC.

The Warton PCC consists of the incumbent (the Vicar), the Parochial Churchwardens, the Deputy Churchwardens for St Mary's, the Deanery Synod representatives, the Licensed Lay Ministers, 10 members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the St Oswald's part of the electoral roll and 2 members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the St Mary's part of the electoral roll. All those who attend our services are encouraged to register on the electoral roll and stand for election to the PCC and DCC as appropriate.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

The full PCC met twice during the year and was chaired by Alison Semple in March and November. The St Oswald's Mission and Ministry Committee had been effectively subsumed into the Looking Forward Group whose activities are described below. The St Oswald's Fabric and Finance Committee met three times. The committees are responsible to the PCC and report back to it, with minutes of their decisions being received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary.

The St Mary's DCC met twice during the year and was chaired by Joyce Tombs.

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2023, held in May, there were xxx names on the church electoral roll; xxx names in the St Oswald's part and 13 names in the St Mary's part.

The Benefice Advisory Group (BAG) which comprised the Vicar and two members of each church was disbanded during the Vacancy.

St Oswald's Churchwarden – Mrs Alison Semple

There had been no churchwardens in post at St Oswald's for some considerable time. In early 2023 Alison Semple, a long-standing, hugely talented, deeply spiritual and much valued member of the PCC, kindly volunteered to take on the role as sole Churchwarden in the absence of both a Vicar and a PCC Secretary. She was supported by the PCC, the DCC and other active members of the church community across the Benefice. She convened and chaired the PCC meetings and the Fabric and Finance Meetings held during the year. She conceived, created and led the remarkable Looking Forward Group, and so much more. Very sadly, Alison passed away in February 2024 after carrying out all her duties throughout 2023. One of her last, but certainly not least, contributions was the part she played in the recruitment of our new Vicar. It is impossible to express how greatly she will be missed.

Administrative information

St Oswald's Church (the Parish Church) is situated in Main Street, Warton and St Mary's Church, Borwick (a District Church/Chapel of Ease) is situated between the villages of Borwick and Priest Hutton. The churches are part of the United Benefice of Warton and Borwick with Yealand, in the Deanery of Tunstall, in the Diocese of Blackburn, within the Church of England.

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2020) and is registered with the Charity Commission (R.1146393).

PCC members are either ex-officio, elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (the APCM) holding office for three years, or co-opted by the PCC. Members of the Deanery Synod are ex-officio members of the PCC, holding office for three years; they are also elected by the APCM. All appointments and elections are done in accordance with the Church Representation Rules 2020.

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

<i>Incumbent:</i>	Rev Robin Figg (retired 31 March 2023)	Chair
	Rev Alice Ormondroyd (appointed 21 January 2024)	
<i>Churchwarden:</i>	Dr Alison Semple (deceased 10 February 2024)	
<i>Deputy Churchwarden for St Mary's</i>	Joyce Tombs (resigned 25 April 2023)	St Mary's Treasurer
<i>Licensed Lay Ministers</i>	Mrs Annette MacKenzie	
	Mrs Janet Thompson (retired 31 December 2022)	
<i>Deanery Synod Representatives:</i>	Vacancy	
<i>Elected Members:</i>	Mrs Marjorie Ashton	

Mr Keith Gaydon (resigned July 2023)
Dr Trevor Blease (appointed 1 July 2023)
Miss Tracey Lawther
Mr Nicholas C Vereker
Mrs Sandra Parker (appointed 14 March 2023)
Mrs Pamela Defeu (appointed 12 May 2023)

PCC Treasurer
Safeguarding officer

Approved by the PCC on 19 May 2024 and signed on its behalf by

Rev Alice Ormondroyd (Chair)

Reports from Church Officers, Committees and Organisations

Vicar's Introduction*Rev Alice Ormondroyd*

It is wonderful to be able to introduce this year's report from St Oswald's and St Mary's. I have been in post since January 2024, and am enjoying getting to know the communities across the United Benefice. There is much to give thanks for, and much to discern together as we seek to make Jesus known in our communities, grow our worshipping congregations, and safeguard our historic buildings, churchyards and finances. I wish to give enormous thanks to the faithful people of Warton, Borwick and Priest Hutton for their tireless service during the Vacancy, for their warm welcome, and incredible encouragement and support of my ministry here. Next year may see some changes to our service pattern, to enable me to lead worship each Sunday at each church in the Benefice, and I am looking forward to working with the wardens and PCC to strengthen links with the community, especially through engagement with the EcoChurch programme.

Bible Study Group*Annette MacKenzie LLM*

A Bible Study group has continued through the year at Borwick at the home of Noeline Clarke. Meeting on the second Monday of the month in the morning, the group has continued working through the Gospel of Mark.

Breaking Bread*Annette MacKenzie LLM*

Numbers have slowly started to increase this year. This lunch has been much appreciated by all who attend. It involves three teams of three people to produce this as well as soup makers and a driver, and all must be congratulated on their dedication. Periodically 'special' meals are prepared. During this last year, as well as Christmas, we celebrated the coronation of King Charles with suitable decorations and fare. It has been good to welcome back children from Archbishop Hutton Primary School, who have been helping with serving and washing up.

Looking Forward Group*Vanessa Alpin*

Post lockdown the church community had dwindled, there was little going on and few volunteers.

Alison Semple suggested bringing together all those who were working in different areas across the Benefice but in isolation from one another, to develop a collective vision of what the church in the Benefice should be and to work out how to set about achieving that vision. Thus, the Looking Forward Group was born in July 2022. Over time members from St John's decided they would prefer to work on this on their own and those from St Oswald's and St Mary's have continued to work together.

The Looking Forward Group based its vision on the Diocesan Vision 2026 statement – to make disciples, be witnesses, to grow leaders and inspire children and young people. Within this framework a host of new initiatives have been started, from very small things – such as a dog water bowl outside St Oswald's to improve the welcome offered to visitors – through to much larger initiatives including;

Winter warmer lunches at Borwick and Priest Hutton

Monthly charity coffee mornings on the first Saturday of the month 10am-12pm in St Oswald's, (9 a year available for local charities to book and 3 to raise funds for church) So far we have raised £7271 for other charities including NW Cancer Research, Breath for Life, Jeel Al Jamal children's home in Bethany, Mosamaria, The Roods playground fund and recently the Daniel Baird Stab Pack Foundation. A WhatsApp group has been created for all our monthly helpers who enjoy the contact and community spirit.

Setting up of community book swaps for both adults and children

Free children's holiday activities including Lego, card making and family games events

Community events such as the Christmas Tree Festival, concerts, services and talks

Improved publicity and community engagement through social media and the website

Building links with both local schools, the Scouts and with the Methodist church in Warton

The setting up of a monthly group for children aged 9+ called Young Generations

Starting monthly Bubble Church services for young children and their families

Promoting activities at Coffee Stop and Breaking Bread with posters and events leaflets.

A lot of time and thought has gone into improving the welcome and experience for visitors, improving accessibility and building connections with the local community.

These initiatives are beginning to bear fruit, with more people volunteering, many more people coming into the churches and a sense of excitement about what will come next.

The Looking Forward Group has increased in size and breadth and is committed to continue improving and innovating to achieve their vision. The particular focus for the coming year will be to set up an Eco Group to co-ordinate initiatives to reduce our impact on God's creation and protect and improve our graveyard.

The group owes a huge debt of gratitude to our dear late Alison Semple. Without her vision, enthusiasm and sheer hard work, many of these initiatives would never have happened. They seek to honour her memory and her vision through continuing her work and building on the legacy she handed to them.

St Oswald's Church Hall - Warton Community Wellbeing Centre

Tracey Lawther

Situated at the centre of Warton Village, the Hall operates as a not-for-profit community-focused enterprise, looked after by two contractors and a voluntary committee. The hall, fitness and treatment rooms offer a venue at a reasonable cost, to individuals and organisations, with a theme of community wellbeing at the heart of our work.

The main hall is an airy, well lit, warm, spacious room and is an excellent venue for its current users, regularly hosting Yoga, Pilates, LDS Dance School, and St Oswald's Junior Church, as well as private bookings for parties, charity events, group meetings, and the occasional Local and General elections.

Most of the above activities are evenings and weekends, leaving some midweek, daytime capacity for potential hirers.

This year Antonia settled in as our new gym coordinator, to work alongside Carol, who manages the main body of the Hall. Both areas have continued to grow and thrive and we appreciate all their efforts.

We said goodbye this year and a huge thank you to Keith Gaydon, who had been our treasurer for several years, along with our committee chair Andreas.

But thankfully we welcomed Trevor, our new treasurer, and Emma, a new committee member and a frequent user of our gym.

Our main area of concern is the hall floor, which is showing signs of damp ingress through the concrete floor slab which has started to rot some of the wooden flooring; this has been occurring over a number of years. We have made some temporary repairs but are mindful that the floor will eventually need replacing in the next 10 to 15 years. As a committee, we have started to make some small steps in building up funds and we will need to look at grants and fundraisers in the future.

We would continue to appreciate your help by telling friends and neighbours at any opportunity, about what the centre has to offer.

Thank you as always to all our users and supporters, Mark for his invaluable inductions, and the community, for keeping the enterprise afloat.

Safeguarding

Tracey Lawther

The Benefice has due regard of the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance.

All PCC members, and all children and youth volunteers are encouraged and supported to apply for their DBS clearance and to undertake online training. The Diocese has created a very useful online safeguarding hub and dashboard to help us in our work and to clarify those in key roles in our Benefice, as well as to help us to keep track of DBS checks, training compliance and risk assessments.

I am pleased to report we have seen a significant rise in compliance and steps are being taken to ensure the PCC is 100% compliant in all areas.

As part of this report, I want to acknowledge Alison Semple and her huge contribution through her tireless working in the Benefice to improve and enhance safeguarding practices across the Benefice.

Due to Alison's sad passing I have recently taken the lead role for safeguarding, working alongside Reverend Alice Ormondroyd.

Over the past year there has been some low-level safeguarding issues that have and continue to be addressed but no reports have reached the threshold and we have not been required to make any referrals to external agencies.

Please speak to a member of the safeguarding team if you need any clarification on how we make our church communities as safe as possible for children and vulnerable adults.

St Oswald's Choir

Emma Brantley-Tziros

Organist Keith Worsman

The Choir continued from strength to strength throughout the year. We have been led by Emma Brantley-Tziros who, thanks to Alison Semple guided and gave strength to Emma in her formative months in the role, leading to Emma taking on the prominent lead.

The Choir have been devastated by the loss of Alison Semple and really struggled during her illness and untimely death. We shall miss her and her beautiful voice every day. She was an inspiration to everyone who met her.

We are still using the Sunday-by-Sunday RSCM resource which aids in our now shared music planning across the Benefice. This is a work-in-progress, and we are hoping it will continue with our success. We have asked the village for their favourite hymns on Facebook and are hoping to integrate them into our services where applicable, particularly in our upcoming Hymns and Pimms evening in May 2024. Emma has also been attending regular RSCM Choir Director courses.

We are still enjoying our regular two practices a week Monday and Thursday 6.30pm where we can practise for the upcoming Sunday and future anthems and events. Unfortunately, a lot of our choir members have obligations elsewhere and can only attend one rehearsal a week, but it all produces a delightful sound by the Sunday!

We were delighted to continue our St Oswald Choir sound throughout the seasons especially at Christmas where we hosted our Carols in the Rectory Ruins (actually in church due to bad weather). It was magical and was very well attended by many non-usual church goers just like last year. It was our biggest congregation of the year.

Palm Sunday saw us starting our service in the Rectory Ruins again where the choir led the procession across the street singing loud for all to hear again. Mothering Sunday was another delight where the choir was able to shine once again.

Our Facebook presence has continued to be prolific, and we are still convinced that more villagers are attending our musical events now due to our regular Facebook presence.

We are hoping our Junior Choir will have a revival soon with Madeleine Freeman as leader. At the time of writing Junior Church has been paused to ensure all involved are up to speed with all the legal Safeguarding requirements.

Alice's Installation and Alison's funeral saw us welcome ex and new choristers, which has been a joy musically, to swell the ranks. In particular we are welcoming Angela Sewell back more regularly now.

Again, we would like to express our continued gratitude to Keith Worsman, our organist, whose expertise, flexibility and support is invaluable. Huge thanks to Michaela Lawrence, Julia Smith and Gill Helliwell for their continued support in their incredible roles within the choir.

The future looks bright especially as we have a musical vicar who enjoys our work and is keen to support us. Thank you.

Young Generations

Emma Brantley-Tziros

The Young Generations were formed through the Looking Forward group where we noticed there was a lack of social events for our youth in the Benefice.

We started in September 2022 with 4 members and are now up to approx. 12 in 19 months. We meet the first Sunday of every month from 6-8pm where we catch up with each other's news, share a meal, play games, have craft activities, encourage discussions and witness our faith to the group where appropriate.

We were very fortunate to have the residual Tweens and Teens money donated which then bought the Church a new professional countertop oven which has had great success. We have booked a Monthly Coffee Morning slot in July 2024 to help boost our monetary funds too.

At the Christmas Tree Festival the group opted to decorate a tree and raise money for the RSPB. We completed a beach comb with the fantastic Diane Sammons and team on a very blustery wet stock cars racing day! Recent themes have included love and prayer.

The group are delightful and have enjoyed having the different adults' hosting. They appreciate the common routine, particularly at the end of the session where they help to tidy up and Hoover so they can then play their favourite Gladiators!

We are hoping to encourage the group to continue to think about the wider world and for us to support our witnessing to them, with music too.

We are looking to widen the supporting adult roles with the group as soon as possible.

A delightful group of young people.

St Mary's Church, Borwick

DCC and Sally Fletcher, Deputy Churchwarden

The St Mary's District Church Council (DCC) met twice in 2023 and in addition held its Annual Meeting (the ADCM) on 25 April 2023. Following the retirement of Revd Robin Figg in March 2023, the DCC was reduced to just four members and so much of their work was done on an informal basis throughout the year.

The DCC are grateful to Robin, who kept us united in worship across the Benefice throughout the pandemic, and who worked hard to improve the profile of St Mary's within the Benefice by, *inter alia*, supporting the Reordering and Construction Project, and by setting up the Scheme to elevate the status of St Mary's to that of a District Church. We wish him well in his retirement.

Thanks to the tireless efforts of our wonderful Licensed Lay Minister and DCC member, Annette MacKenzie, a full pattern of worship continued throughout the Vacancy. Indeed, our worship was enriched by the diversity and generosity of spirit of those clergy, retired and otherwise, who so kindly stepped in to lead our services. Special thanks go to Rev Peter Mann, Rev Paul Warren and Rev Brenda Harding, who brought much joy and fellowship to St Mary's. In fact, the number of regular attendees increased over the year and, with the appointment of Alice as Vicar, in January 2024 we very much hope and pray that this trend will continue.

Winter Warmer Lunches – The fortnightly free lunches held in the Borwick and Priest Hutton Village Hall which began in 2022 were continued throughout January and February 2023 and then from November 2023 through the 2023/24 winter. These proved to be very popular and were typically attended by between 20 and 30 people. From November onwards donations were welcomed and a raffle held to cover food costs and to raise funds for St Mary's. Our thanks go to all those who helped, be it by

cooking, shopping, preparing or serving the meals, or indeed by providing convivial company for our guests.

The Quinquennial Inspection of the church building held in late 2022 found the building to be in generally good repair but with inevitably some items requiring attention. Some emergency repairs were undertaken in 2023 but the majority are to be tackled in 2024.

The DCC's sincere thanks go to all those who helped at St Mary's during the year be it by contributing their time, money or talents, whether as readers and welcomers, as cleaners and gardeners, as decorators and maintenance people, or accountants and administrators.

Finance Report and Accounts of the PCC of Warton
for the year ended 31 December 2023
Trevor Blease (PCC Treasurer)

Joyce Tombs (St Mary's Treasurer)

Overall financial position

The Parish as a whole, comprising St Oswald's Church, Warton, St Mary's Church, Borwick and the Warton Church Hall, generated a cash deficit of £6,689 (2022: £3,520 *surplus*). Taken together with a small rise in the market value of investments held by St Mary's, the overall reduction in Parish reserves was £4,041. This left total reserves of £101,304 as at 31 December 2023 (2022: £105,345). However, of this sum, £43,669 is "Restricted", being principally for use in maintaining the fabric of the two church buildings, £28,882 relates to the St Mary's general reserves, and £14,064 is held by the Church Hall. A further £4,242 is held in 'designated' funds by St Oswald's, being monies set aside for specific purposes by the PCC. This means that just £10,448 of the cash and investments held at the year-end were available for the general use of St Oswald's Church as the year 2024 began.

In fact, the situation could have been very much worse, and expenditure had to be extremely tightly controlled during the year to avoid overspending from unrestricted funds. The 2023 annual Request from the Diocese of Blackburn for the Warton Parish Share exceeded £62,000. This is a sum calculated by a complex formula to determine Warton's contribution towards clergy stipends and other Diocesan costs. This Request was clearly unaffordable based on historic levels of income received by the Parish over many years. Even the lower monthly amount of £3,500, which the PCC was paying each month to the DBF (Diocesan Board of Finance) was placing significant strain on the finances and cash flow, not least due to the pressure of other costs such as heating. Following a temporary reduction in the monthly payment, the Treasurers and Churchwarden met with the DBF, who agreed to a reduction to £33,000 for 2023 and £40,000 for 2024. The 'full' Request for 2024 is £59,753 and only if the PCC can make these agreed reduced payments will all accumulated 'arrears' be written off by the Diocese. The 2023 figure was achieved.

As ever, all efforts will be made in 2024 to boost the Parish's income whilst constraining its expenditure in order to afford the (reduced) 2024 Parish Share and of course to achieve its Mission. The PCC hope that, given the renewed vitality brought by Alice, our new vicar, the strong support provided by Annette, the wonderful work being undertaken by the Looking Forward Group, and the will of everyone else who contributes so much to the life of the church, God's generosity may be repaid by our communities and our finances restored. Meanwhile further discussions are to take place with the DBF later in 2024.

St Oswald's Church

Warton St Oswald's total income was £89,870 (2022: £93,497). This is distorted by the timing of annual Gift Aid claims received from HMRC, there being one in 2023, two in 2022 (and none in 2021). So excluding Gift Aid, 2023 voluntary income was £38,149 (2022: £43,073), continuing a worrying downward trend in absolute terms, before the negative effects of inflation.

The total income also includes income from the Church Hall which was £19,418 (2022: £16,568). Ignoring Hall income and Gift Aid, total receipts were broadly similar at £62,028 (2022: £61,954). A one-off Church of England grant in 2022 towards heating costs was replaced by compensation received from the Diocese towards fees payable for retired clergy during the Vacancy. A one-off grant of £2,000 received to set up the Bubble Church also boosted the church's 'Other Income' in 2023.

Total expenditure was £93,302 (2022: £90,553). Ignoring Church Hall running costs of £18,590 (2022: £13,643), Church Hall maintenance costs of £3,965 (2022: £0) and the Parish Share (as discussed above) expenditure in the year ended 31 December 2023 was £38,426 (2022: £37,310). There were net cost savings arising from the Vacancy of £1,661 which were dwarfed by the additional heating costs of nearly £3,500 (excluding a year end creditor for gas of some £1,348).

So the year ahead remains very difficult financially. A congregational appeal was made in October 2023 with only limited success. Novel donation schemes involving the wider Warton community are being discussed for implementation in 2024. However, 2023 was a year in Vacancy, whereas we go into 2024 with renewed hope as Reverend Alice challenges us all to recognise and repay God's generosity.

St Oswald's Church Hall

The church hall continues its steady development with income increases of 12% for the Hall and 24% for the gym and meeting room. However, running costs increased by 36% largely ascribed to increased utility bills and fabric maintenance. Excluding the latter, a surplus of £828 was generated.

Finally, thanks to Keith Gaydon for his work as Treasurer in the first half of the year and for his guidance, to Jean Robinson and Janet Mann for counting and banking all the St Oswald's cheques and cash and to Malcolm Brown for processing and submitting the Gift aid claims.

St Mary's Church

Income

In 2023 total receipts fell by £3,356 to £7,217 (2022: £10,573).

Within these figures, voluntary income fell from £6,864 to £5,053, a reduction of £1,811. £830 of this was due to there being two years of Gift Aid received in 2022, and only one year in 2023. Whilst collections at services rose by over 20%, a worrying trend in the reduction of planned giving accounted for £1,155 of the decrease. This was due in part to some regular donors sadly having died during the past 18 months, and to others reducing their giving during the Vacancy. This is an ongoing challenge for the DCC who remain extremely grateful to all regular, occasional, and indeed former, donors. We shall work with our new vicar on a renewed Stewardship campaign.

In 2022 other income was boosted by one-off receipts of a £1,625 Energy Grant from the Church of England and a £600 grant from the Borwick Pools Land Charity. However, in 2023 St Mary's received £663 from the Diocese in respect of fees for the retired clergy who generously gave of their time and ministry during the Vacancy. The net effect was a reduction in other income of £1,562, which contributed to the overall reduction in income of £3,356.

Expenditure

Expenditure in 2023 totalled £10,196 (2022: £9,996), an increase of just £200. The St Mary's contribution towards the payment of the total Parish Share was reduced from £5,400 to £4,890. St Oswald's also kindly accepted a reduction in the St Mary's contribution to shared Benefice expenses, mainly because of the effect of the Vacancy on the Parish's net clergy-related outgoings.

However, the St Mary's church running expenses increased from £3,896 to £5,156. The reduction in premium from the new combined, Parish-wide insurance contract, negotiated with a new insurer from 1 July 2022, returned a further £346 saving on top of the £476 saving already achieved in 2022. But almost all other expenditure increased. Most notably the amount paid for electricity rose from £1,365 to £1,816. But this was due mainly to the payment of an additional £550 in early 2023 when the energy supplier corrected the underestimated bills it issued in late 2022. St Mary's remained shielded from the worst of the global increase in energy costs until mid November 2023 when its fixed price 3 year contract expired. Since then the price paid per unit has increased substantially and shall be reflected in the 2024 results.

The statutory Quinquennial Inspection of the church building took place in late 2022; the professional fees for this were paid in 2023. The cost of churchyard maintenance also increased and, taken together, led to an increase in property- related expenditure of over £1,000. The most urgent repairs were

undertaken by a parishioner at his own expense during 2023. Quotes have been requested for further works identified in the QIR and are likely to be costs in 2024.

Net expenditure

Overall, for the year ended 31 December, payments exceeded receipts by £2,979 resulting in a corresponding decrease in cash at bank from £13,075 to £10,096.

In 2023, the St Mary's investments, held in share accounts with CCLA via the Diocese, increased in value by £2,649 to £30,805. They also generated income of £842 (2022: £838). The combined effect of the reduction in cash and the increase in value of investments was that the St Mary's reserves fell by just £330, from £41,231 at the beginning of the year, to £40,901 at 31 December 2023. Of this £12,019 is held in restricted funds.

Whilst this is a workable level of reserves, the greater existential threat to the District Church is the lack of adequate local support in worship, its wider mission, and its day-to-day operation; most of which falls on a very small group of people. The new Vicar's plans to engage with the community, and a recent upturn in attendance are very encouraging.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees/Members of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Warton

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above for the year ended 31 December 2023.

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.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Parochial Church Council as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts did not accord with the accounting records.

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

Mr Trevor Williams

Address: 3 Kershaw Drive, Lancaster LA1 3FY

Date: 18 April 2024

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Warton								
Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023								
Receipts and Payments Accounts					COMBINED			
					Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	
					Funds	Funds	2023	Total
				Notes	£	£	£	2022
RECEIPTS				1				
Voluntary Receipts								
	Planned giving				29,378	-	29,378	31,081
	Collections at services				2,790	-	2,790	5,159
	All other giving/voluntary receipts				9,345	608	9,953	11,786
	Gift Aid recovered				9,505	-	9,505	16,886
					51,018	608	51,626	64,912
Activities for Generating Funds					25,418	1,461	26,879	21,290
Investment Income					2,189	-	2,189	1,128
Church Activities					4,116	-	4,116	5,358
Other Receipts					7,387	-	7,387	5,281
Total Receipts					90,128	2,069	92,197	97,969
PAYMENTS								
Church Activities								
	Diocesan Parish Share contribution				33,000	-	33,000	39,600
	Clergy and staffing costs				6,843	-	6,843	8,504
	Church running expenses				29,573	3,965	33,538	27,895
	Hall running costs				18,590	-	18,590	15,445
	Hall Repairs and Maintenance				-	3,565	3,997	-
	Mission giving and donations				2,923	-	2,923	1,279
	Other expenditure							1,250
					90,929	7,529	98,890	93,973
Cost of generating funds					230	-	230	446
Governance costs					198	-	198	30
Total Payments					91,357	7,529	99,319	94,449
Excess/ (Deficit) of Receipts over Payments					(1,229)	(5,460)	(6,689)	3,520
Transfer between funds					(5)	5	-	-
					(1,234)	(5,455)	(6,689)	3,520
Cash at bank and in hand on 1 January					38,065	39,124	77,189	73,669
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 December					36,831	33,669	70,500	77,189

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Receipts and Payments Accounts		Warton, St Oswald			
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		Funds	Funds	2023	2022
	Notes	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS					
Voluntary Receipts					
Planned giving		26,798		26,798	27,346
Collections at services		2,257		2,257	4,754
All other giving/voluntary receipts	2	8,486	608	9,094	10,973
Gift Aid recovered		8,424		8,424	14,975
		45,965	608	46,573	58,048
Activities for Generating Funds	3	25,418	1,461	26,879	21,290
Investment Income	4	1,147	-	1,147	200
Church Activities	5	3,656		3,656	4,802
Other Receipts	6	11,614	-	11,614	9,157
Total Receipts		87,801	2,069	89,870	93,497
PAYMENTS					
Church Activities					
Diocesan Parish Share contribution		33,000		33,000	39,600
Clergy and staffing costs	7	6,843	-	6,843	8,504
Church running expenses	8	24,418	3,965	28,382	23,999
Hall running costs		18,590		18,590	13,643
Hall repairs and maintenance		-	3,565	3,565	1,802
Mission giving and donations		2,923		2,923	1,279
Other expenditure		-	-	-	1,250
		85,773	7,529	93,302	90,077
Cost of generating funds		230		230	446
Governance costs		48		48	30
Total Payments		86,052	7,529	93,581	90,553
Excess/ (Deficit) of Receipts over Payments		1,749	(5,460)	(3,711)	2,944
Transfer between funds		(5)	5	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand on 1 January		27,009	37,105	64,114	61,170
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 December		28,753	31,650	60,403	64,114

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Receipts and Payments Accounts		Borwick, St Mary			
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	Notes	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS					
Voluntary Receipts					
Planned giving		2,580		2,580	3,735
Collections at services		533		533	406
All other giving / voluntary receipts	9	859		859	813
Gift Aid recovered		1,081		1,081	1,911
		5,053	-	5,053	6,864
Activities for Generating Funds					
Fund raising					-
Investment Income	10	1,041		1,041	928
Church Activities	11	460		460	556
Other Receipts	12	663		663	2,225
Total Receipts		7,217	-	7,217	10,573
PAYMENTS					
Church Activities					
Diocesan Parish Share Contribution		4,890		4,890	5,400
Contribution to Benefice costs		150		150	700
Church running expenses	13	5,156		5,156	3,896
		10,196	-	10,196	9,996
Cost of Generating Funds					
		-		-	-
Total Payments		10,196		10,196	9,996
Excess/ (Deficit) of Receipts over Payments		(2,979)	-	(2,979)	577
Cash at bank and in hand on 1 January		11,056	2,019	13,075	12,498
Cash at bank and in hand at period end		8,077	2,019	10,096	13,075
Cash is represented by					
Current account				3,151	7,171
Diocesan Deposit account				3,927	3,152
Diocesan Sharp Legacy account				3,018	2,752
				10,096	13,075

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Warton
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Notes to the Accounts

1 Accounting Policies and Explanatory Information

1.1 Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, using the receipts and payments basis.

The PCC has legal ownership of all assets, and responsibility for all liabilities, within the Ecclesiastical Parish, which comprise those of the Parish Church of St Oswald's, Warton, the District Church of St Mary's, Borwick, and the Church Hall at Warton. Each entity manages, operates and accounts for its finances separately under the oversight of the PCC.

However, for the purposes of these Financial Statements the receipts and payments arising from the Church Hall are included within the receipts and payments account of St Oswald's Church.

A separate receipts and payments account is presented for St Oswald's and St Mary's, together with explanatory notes on each. A combined receipts and payments account is presented to show the overall receipts and payments for the Parish as a whole.

Transactions whereby St Oswald's receive monies which are subsequently paid over to St Mary's or vice versa are eliminated on consolidation to prevent double counting.

A combined statement of assets and liabilities is presented together with a note showing the movement on all the underlying funds.

1.2 VAT

As the PCC is not registered for VAT, all figures are shown gross, that is inclusive of VAT, where applicable. Under the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme as operated by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, eligible VAT may be recovered by way of a grant.

1.3 Grants

Grants awarded, including the above LPOW grant, are treated as income when drawn down and received. Amounts claimed but not received at the year end are included as debtors in the statement of assets and liabilities.

1.4 Funds

Unrestricted Funds

These represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC.

Restricted Funds

These are funds which are required to be used solely in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or funders, or have been raised by the PCC for particular purposes.

Designated Funds

These are funds which, although not legally restricted, are allocated for a particular purpose by the PCC.

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Notes to the Accounts (continued)					Warton, St Oswald			
					Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
					Funds	Funds	2023	2022
					£	£	£	£
2 All other giving/ voluntary receipts								
General and other donations					3,198		3,198	3,837
Donations towards Parish News					130		130	85
Coffee stop					1,632		1,632	1,310
Breaking bread					1,412		1,412	903
Specific donations/ collections					1,900		1,900	3,295
Votive stand					214		214	234
Churchyard fund donations					-	214	214	1,215
Restoration fund donations					-	394	394	94
					8,486	608	9,094	10,973
3 Receipts from activities for generating funds								
Coffee mornings/evenings/concerts					2,184	273	2,457	1,223
Parish News advertising					1,337		1,337	1,559
Autumn and Christmas fairs /festivals					2,364	1,188	3,552	1,842
Church hall income					19,418		19,418	16,568
Book stall, crafty ladies					115		115	99
					25,418	1,461	26,879	21,290
4 Investment Income								
CBF Deposit Fund interest					1,147		1,147	200
					1,147	-	1,147	200
5 Income from Church Activities								
PCC fees (Weddings, funerals, etc.)					3,281		3,281	4,653
Fees for courses					375		375	149
					3,656	-	3,656	4,802
6 Other Receipts								
Borwick, St Mary contribution to Parish Share					4,890		4,890	5,400
Borwick, St Mary contribution to benefice exp							-	700
Yealand, St John contribution to benefice exp					1,380		1,380	1,432
Clergy vacancy claims					2,964		2,964	-
Church of England heating grant					-		-	1,625
Bubble Church grant					2,000		2,000	-
Card reader and donations device					380		380	-
					11,614	-	11,614	9,157

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Warton							
Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022							
Notes to the Accounts (continued)				Warton, St Oswald			
				Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
				Funds	Funds	2023	2022
				£	£	£	£
7 Clergy and Staffing							
Incumbent's expenses				561		561	818
Organist fees				3,840		3,840	3,565
Vicarage council tax and maintenance when e				826		826	3,476
Vicarage water and utilities when empty				708		708	396
Clergy telephone				43		43	249
Fees paid to retired clergy				864		864	-
				6,843	-	6,843	8,504
8 Church running expenses							
							-
Church insurance				-	3,314	3,314	4,335
Organ tuning				540		540	-
Church maintenance and cleaning				2,466	432	2,898	4,402
Upkeep of services				2,078		2,078	2,119
Junior church/ Young generation/Bubble chur				2,565		2,565	232
Printing and copier costs				2,047		2,047	1,983
Upkeep of churchyard				943	219	1,162	2,150
Printing, postage and stationery				796		796	1,437
Church electricity and gas				9,626		9,626	6,157
Church water				188		188	208
Website				1,618		1,618	-
Card reader and donations device				380		380	-
Sundry expenses				1,170		1,170	1,407
				24,418	3,965	28,382	24,431

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The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Warton				Notes to the Accounts (continued)		
Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023						
14	Movement on Funds/Reserves	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Total Unrestricted	Restricted Funds	Total 2023
	St Oswald's	£	£	£	£	£
	Fund Balances at 1 January 2023	22,939	4,070	27,009	37,105	64,114
	Movement in year: Receipts	84,568	3,233	87,801	2,069	89,870
	Payments	82,990	3,062	86,052	7,529	93,581
	Transfers	(5)	0	(5)	5	0
	Excess/ (Deficit) of Receipts over Payments	1,573	172	1,744	(5,455)	(3,711)
	Fund Balances at 31 December 2023	24,512	4,242	28,753	31,650	60,403
	St Mary's					
	Fund Balances at 1 January 2023	28,762	450	29,212	12,019	41,231
	Movement in year: Receipts	7,217	0	7,217	-	7,217
	Payments	9,907	289	10,196	-	10,196
	Transfers	161	(161)	-	-	-
	Excess/ (Deficit) of Receipts over Payments	(2,529)	(450)	(2,979)	-	(2,979)
	Increase in market value of investments	2,649	-	2,649	-	2,649
	Fund Balances at 31 December 2023	28,882	-	28,882	12,019	40,901
	Combined Funds					
	Fund Balances at 1 January 2023	51,701	4,520	56,221	49,124	105,345
	Movement in year:	(956)	(278)	(1,234)	(5,455)	(6,690)
	Increase/(decrease) in market value of investments	2,649	-	2,649	-	2,649
	Fund Balances at 31 December 2023	53,394	4,242	57,636	43,669	101,304
	The movement on the above designated and restricted funds during the year was:					
		Balance at 01-Jan-23	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance at 31-Dec-23
	Designated Funds					
	Flower Fund St Oswald's	421	161	214	-	368
	Verger Fund St Oswald's	3,149	404	563	-	2,990
	Junior Church St Oswald's	500	668	472	-	696
	Bubble Church St Oswald's	-	2,000	1,812	-	188
	Warm spaces St Mary's	450		289	(161)	-
		4,520	3,233	3,350	- 161	4,242
	Restricted Funds					
	<i>St Oswald's -</i>					
	R & F Wilson Churchyard Fund	-	214	219	5	-
	Restoration and Fabric Fund	37,105	1,855	7,310	-	31,650
	<i>sub total St Oswald's</i>	37,105	2,069	7,529	5	31,650
	<i>St Mary's -</i>					
	Livestreaming	433				433
	Project 123	11,586				11,586
	<i>sub total St Mary's</i>	12,019	-	-	-	12,019
	Combined Restricted Funds	49,124	2,069	7,529	5	43,669

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Finance Report and Accounts for the Parish of Warton for the year ended 31 December 2022

Keith Gaydon (St Oswald's Treasurer)

Joyce Tombs (St Mary's Treasurer)

Overall parish financial position

To fully appreciate the parish's financial position it is necessary to understand the Parish Share and although this is mentioned in every annual financial report and is frequently discussed at PCC meetings I am unsure how much the average person in the pews knows and therefore – with apologies to those who do know – I would like to start this report with a brief explanation.

The Parish Share is the amount of money that each parish is asked to contribute to the Diocese to pay for mission and ministry, specifically the selection, training, employment, housing and ongoing support of clergy in parishes and non-parish-based clergy working across the wider Diocese. It also includes the common costs of supporting staff for parishes – from legal services to human resources advice and from safeguarding to property management. It also supports church schools; mission; discipleship; social outreach projects and much more.

It is calculated by allocating a cost of ministry based on stipend, NI and pension and a share of other costs based on the average number of regular weekly attendees in the parish in the previous three years. The share is then adjusted so that the most deprived parishes have some support from those who have more resources.

What that means for this parish is that in 2022 we (St Oswald's and St Mary's) were asked to contribute £61,680 (£5,140 per month) as our Share. As you will see from the accounts, we actually paid £39,600 this year, leaving us £22,080 in debt to the diocese. This is becoming a common theme as in 2021 we failed to pay £23,984. So, in bald terms, the parish fails to pay its way by some considerable amount, and it is only because the diocese chooses to carry our debt that we are not bankrupt. By not paying our Share we are preventing the diocese from undertaking some of its work and we need to see it in those terms.

A more detailed analysis of the finances for each of the churches and the church hall is given below.

Warton, St Oswald

Receipts

Income for 2022 was £93,496 which appears to represent an increase of 25% on 2021. It would be nice if this was the case but unfortunately it isn't. The number is distorted as we received two Gift Aid payments in 2022 and none in 2021 so £7,940 should have appeared in the 2021 accounts. When this is taken into account the increase is a much more modest 4%.

The largest changes in receipts were the drop in donations, which was primarily because in 2021 we had a one-off donation of £6,576, but also because there was a drop in online donations as we moved out of Covid restrictions. However, as a result of the lifting of restrictions we were able to increase our income from fundraising, particularly Coffee Stop, Breaking Bread, coffee mornings and evenings and the Autumn Fair.

Whilst a small increase in interest rates allowed us to get a little more from our investments, the rate was still low enough that the E R Wilson Trust was not able to give any grant for the Churchyard Fund this year.

I would also like to register once again my thanks to Jean Robinson and Janet Mann for counting and banking all the cash and cheques we received and Malcolm Brown for processing and submitting our Gift Aid claim. My job would be that much more difficult without their help.

Payments

The biggest increases in payments were for the Parish Share (covered in the section on overall parish finances above), the church running expenses and the hall running costs, (covered in the section below). The biggest share of the increase in church running expenses was a result of the increase in energy costs although this was not as big as it could have been as it mainly applied to the summer months. This was much more noticeable at the end of the year with monthly gas bills reaching £1,000.

Overall

The accounts show an excess of receipts over payments for 2021 of £2,943. However, this must be seen in the context of our debt to the diocese of £22,080 as a result of failing to pay the full Parish Share.

Church Hall accounts

The main changes in the Church Hall accounts this year were due to the end of the Covid restrictions. In 2021 we received a one-off payment totalling £4,185. In 2022 receipts from rentals and gym membership increased with greater usage of the facilities and our income to increase by 11%. However, payments increased substantially, more than doubling, as we once again paid the gym and hall co-ordinators and increased utility costs. There was also an increase in payments for decoration and fabric repair costs and gym equipment and maintenance.

Overall, the hall made a £1,122 profit, which we consider to be satisfactory.

Funds

Of the various funds we have for different purposes the Churchyard fund is the one which is not sufficient for the purpose. We continue to need to use general funds to cover the costs of maintaining the churchyard. This year to the tune of £935.

The Restoration/Fabric Fund stands at just over £37,100 as there have been no major works undertaken this year. The Flower Fund remains just about the same at £420. The Verger Fund, which is simply a way to acknowledge the money paid in fees for occasional services (weddings, funerals etc) which would normally be paid to the verger, has increased to nearly £3,500 and can be used as the PCC sees fit.

The Junior Church and Young Generation funds stand at £500 and £592 and available to be used by the respective groups.

Borwick, St Mary Unrestricted funds

In 2022 total receipts amounted to £10,573, compared with £10,606 in 2021. However, the makeup and significance of these figures differed considerably. Voluntary income rose from £4,411 to £6,864 but this was in part due to there being two years of Gift Aid reported in 2022 and none in 2021. In 2022 Gift Aid totalling £1,911 was recovered on qualifying donations received in 2020 and 2021, as the receipt of the former had been delayed and so nothing was included in the 2021 accounts.

The "Giving In Grace" stewardship campaign in 2021 boosted one-off donations in that year whereas the benefit of increased regular monthly giving impacted more on 2022. Sadly a number of regular donors passed away during 2022 and others have subsequently reduced their regular giving, so projected regular giving for 2023 is lower than that received in 2021. This is an ongoing challenge for the DCC who remain extremely grateful to all regular, occasional, and indeed former, donors.

Other income was £3,709 (2021: £6,295). The reduction was mainly because in 2021 a one-off payment of £4,000 had been received as a Bank Switching Incentive and a further £1,000 as a Grant for purchasing livestreaming equipment. Two grants were received in 2022 which were both related to the cost of living crisis caused by inflationary pressures and rising energy costs. The grants received comprised a £600 grant from the (Borwick) Pools Land Charity to provide a Warm Space and food, and an Energy Costs Grant. In late 2022 the Church of England made the Energy Costs Grant of £15 million available to Dioceses to distribute to their parish churches. Within the Diocese of Blackburn, the Grant was shared equally across all churches who offer a Sunday service. Hence St Mary's and St Oswald's churches both received £1,642.58. This is included within Other Receipts.

Expenditure in 2022 totalled £9,996 (2021: £11,210). St Mary's increased its contribution to St Oswald's towards the payment of the Parish Share from £4,300 to £5,400. This was to assist with an increase in the total Parish Share demanded by the Diocese from the Parish of Warton. Churchrunning expenses fell to £3,896 from £4,695. A new combined, Parish-wide Insurance contract was negotiated with a new insurer from 1 July 2022 which resulted in a £476 (28%) saving to St Mary's in 2022 and what should be a 49% saving for the full year to June 2023. Payments for electricity fell from £2,307 to £1,365, but this was mainly due to the receipt of (under) estimated bills in the latter months of the year. An additional £550 was paid in early 2023 when the Smart Meter reading was properly reflected by the energy company. However, St Mary's was shielded from the worst of the increase in energy costs as it has a 3 year fixed price contract with its electricity supplier which runs until November 2023. Payments for the upkeep of the churchyard and of services increased as levels of activity recovered post Covid-19. No payments were made for building costs in 2022.

Overall, for the year ended 31 December, receipts exceeded payments by £577 resulting in a corresponding increase in cash at bank from £12,498 to £13,075. This includes Grant income in excess of £2,000 which will be paid out in 2023 or beyond (being the Energy Costs Grant of £1,624 and £450 remaining from the Warm Spaces grant).

The St Mary's assets held as investments via the Diocese fell in value by £3,714 which, when taken in conjunction with the rise in cash held, meant that the St Mary's reserves fell from £44,368 at the beginning of the year to £41,231 at 31 December 2022.

Whilst this is a workable level of reserves, the greater existential threat to the District Church is the lack of adequate local support in worship, its wider mission and its day-to-day operation; most of which falls on a very small group of people.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees/Members of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Warton

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above for the year ended 31 December 2022.

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.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Parochial Church Council as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts did not accord with the accounting records;

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

Mr Trevor Williams

Address: 3 Kershaw Drive, Lancaster LA1 3FY

Date: 30 April 2023

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Warton
Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022

Receipts and Payments Accounts	Notes 1	COMBINED		Total 2021 £
		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	
RECEIPTS				
Voluntary Receipts				
Planned giving		31,081	31,081	28,952
Collections at services		5,159	5,159	3,648
All other giving/voluntary receipts		8,264	1,309	17,160
Gift Aid recovered		16,886	16,886	
		61,390	1,309	49,759
Activities for Generating Funds		23,502	23,502	17,256
Investment Income		1,128	1,128	843
Church Activities		5,358	5,358	5,406
Other Receipts		5,281	5,281	6,752
Total Receipts		96,660	1,309	80,016
PAYMENTS				
Church Activities				
Diocesan Parish Share contribution		39,600	39,600	36,000
Clergy and staffing costs		8,504	8,504	9,565
Church running expenses		25,745	2,150	23,766
Hall running costs		15,445	15,445	7,477
Major church repairs and maintenance				
Mission giving and donations		1,279	1,279	0.00
Other expenditure		1,250	1,250	1,229
		91,823	2,150	78,847
Cost of generating funds		446	446	120
Governance costs		30	30	6
Other Payments				
Church building and reordering project				1,077
Livestreaming Equipment				567
Total Payments		92,299	2,150	80,617
Excess/ (Deficit) of Receipts over Payments		4,361	(841)	(602)
Transfer between funds		(935)	935	
		3,426	94	(602)
Cash at bank and in hand on 1 January				73,669
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 December				77,189

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The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Warton
Combined Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Total	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Investments						
St Mary's - Investment accounts						
Sharp Legacy Share Account at valuation	5,858			5,858		6,642
Building Fund Share Account at valuation	12,288		10,000	22,288		25,228
	18,156		10,000	28,156		31,870
Cash at Bank and In Hand						
St Oswald's						
Main current account	13,774	5,300		19,074		17,015
CBF Church of England Deposit Fund		30,000		30,000		30,000
E & R Wilson Churchyard Trust account		1,805		1,805		2,043
Church Hall account	13,235			13,235		12,113
Sub total St Oswald's	27,009	37,105		64,114		61,171
St Mary's						
Main current account	5,152	2,019		7,171		5,522
Diocesan held Deposit account	3,152			3,152		4,433
Diocesan held Sharp account	2,752			2,752		2,543
Sub total St Mary's	11,056	2,019		13,075		12,498
Total cash at bank and in hand	38,065	39,124		77,189		73,669
Total Cash and Investments	56,221	49,124		105,345		105,539
Debtors						
Debtors at 31 December were:						
Gift Aid reclaim - St Oswald's			2,022		2,022	2021
Gift Aid reclaim - St Mary's						7,940
						877
						8,817

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

Mr Keith Gaydon

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The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Warton
Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022

Receipts and Payments Accounts

		Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
		£	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS		Notes				
Voluntary Receipts						
Planned giving			27,346		27,346	26,077
Collections at services			4,754		4,754	3,323
All other giving/voluntary receipts	2		7,451	1,309	8,760	15,949
Gift Aid recovered			14,975		14,975	
			54,526	1,309	55,835	45,348
Activities for Generating Funds						
Investment Income		3	23,502		23,502	16,934
Church Activities		4	200		200	30
Other Receipts		5	4,802		4,802	5,346
		6	9,157		9,157	6,623
Transfers or receipts from other funds						
Total Receipts			97,187	1,309	98,496	74,281
PAYMENTS						
Church Activities						
Diocesan Parish Share contribution			39,600		39,600	36,000
Clergy and staffing costs		7	8,504		8,504	9,565
Church running expenses		8	21,849	2,150	23,999	19,072
Hall running costs			15,445		15,445	7,477
Mission giving and donations			1,279		1,279	810
Other expenditure			1,250		1,250	1,229
			87,927	2,150	90,077	74,152
Cost of generating funds						
Governance costs			446		446	120
Transfers to other funds/branches			30		30	5
Total Payments			88,403	2,150	90,553	74,279
Excess/ (Deficit) of Receipts over Payments			3,784	(841)	2,943	2
Transfer between funds						
Cash at bank and in hand on 1 January			(935)	935	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 December					61,170	61,169
					64,114	61,171

Warton, St Oswald

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Receipts and Payments Accounts

Borwick, St Mary

		Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
		£	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS		Notes				
Voluntary Receipts						
Planned giving			3,735		3,735	2,875
Collections at services			406		406	325
All other giving / voluntary receipts	9		813		813	1,211
Gift Aid recovered			1,911		1,911	
			6,864		6,864	4,411
Activities for Generating Funds						
Fund raising						322
Investment Income		10	928		928	813
Church Activities		11	556		556	60
Other Receipts		12	2,225		2,225	5,000
Total Receipts			10,573		10,573	10,606
PAYMENTS						
Church Activities						
Diocesan Parish Share Contribution			5,400		5,400	4,300
Contribution to Benefice costs			700		700	571
Church running expenses		13	3,896		3,896	4,695
			9,996		9,996	9,566
Cost of Generating Funds						
Other Payments						
Church Building and Reordering Project	14					1,077
Livestreaming equipment						567
Total Payments			9,996		9,996	11,210
Excess/ (Deficit) of Receipts over Payments			577		577	604
Cash at bank and in hand on 1 January			10,479	2,019	12,498	13,102
Cash at bank and in hand at period end					11,056	12,498
Cash is represented by						
Current account					7,171	5,522
Diocesan Deposit account					3,152	4,433
Diocesan Sharp Legacy account					2,752	2,543
					13,075	12,498

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Warton
Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022

Notes to the Accounts

1 Accounting Policies and Explanatory Information

1.1 Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, using the receipts and payments basis.

The PCC has legal ownership of all assets, and responsibility for all liabilities, within the Ecclesiastical Parish, which comprise those of the Parish Church of St Oswald's, Warton, the District Church of St Mary's, Borwick, and the Church Hall at Warton. Each entity manages, operates and accounts for its finances separately under the oversight of the PCC.

However, for the purposes of these Financial Statements the receipts and payments arising from the Church Hall are included within the receipts and payments account of St Oswald's Church. A separate receipts and payments account is presented for St Oswald's and St Mary's, together with explanatory notes on each. A combined receipts and payments account is presented to show the overall receipts and payments for the Parish as a whole.

Transactions whereby St Oswald's receive monies which are subsequently paid over to St Mary's or vice versa are eliminated on consolidation to prevent double counting.

A combined statement of assets and liabilities is presented together with a note showing the movement on all the underlying funds.

1.2 VAT

As the PCC is not registered for VAT, all figures are shown gross, that is inclusive of VAT, where applicable. Under the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme as operated by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, eligible VAT is recovered by way of a grant.

1.3 Grants

Grants awarded, including the above LPWW grant, are treated as income when drawn down and received. Amounts claimed but not received at the year end are included as debtors in the statement of assets and liabilities.

1.4 Funds

Unrestricted Funds

These represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC.

Restricted Funds

These are funds which are required to be used solely in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or funders, or have been raised by the PCC for particular purposes.

Designated Funds

These are funds which, although not legally restricted, are allocated for a particular purpose by the PCC.

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Warton
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Notes to the Accounts (continued)

	Unrestricted Restricted		Warton, St Oswald	
	Funds	Funds	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
2 All other giving/ voluntary receipts				
General and other donations (Gift Aid)	3,837	3,837		12,156
Donations towards Parish News	85	85		140
Specific donations/ collections	3,295	3,295		1,770
Votive stand	234	234		18
Grant to E&R Wilson Churchyard fund				499
Churchyard fund donations		1,215	1,215	339
Restoration fund donations		94	94	1,026
	7,451	1,309	8,760	15,949
3 Receipts from activities for generating funds				
Coffee stop	1,310	1,310		187
Proceeds from Breaking Bread	903	903		173
Coffee mornings/evenings	1,223	1,223		-
Parish News advertising	1,559	1,559		1,682
Christmas fair, raffle and tree festival	1,842	1,842		-
Church hall income	16,568	16,568		14,892
Book stall, crafty ladies	99	99		-
	23,502	23,502		16,934
4 Investment Income				
CBF Deposit Fund interest	200	200		30
	200	200		30
5 Income from Church Activities				
PCC fees (Weddings, funerals, etc.)	4,653	4,653		5,296
Fees for courses	149	149		50
Remembrance book entries				-
	4,802	4,802		5,346
6 Other Receipts				
Borwick, St Mary contribution to Parish Share	5,400	5,400		4,300
Borwick, St Mary towards benefice expenses	700	700		571
Yealand, St John towards benefice expenses	1,432	1,432		1,752
Energy grant - Church of England	1,625	1,625		-
	9,157	9,157		6,623

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Notes to the Accounts (continued)

Warton, St Oswald

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£
7 Clergy and Staffing				
Incumbent's expenses	818		818	990
Organist's and musical director's fees	3,565		3,565	4,620
Council tax - vicarage	3,476		3,476	3,344
Water rates - vicarage	396		396	392
Clergy telephone	249		249	218
	8,504		8,504	9,565
8 Church running expenses				
Parish training and mission				
Church insurance	4,335		4,335	4,205
Organ tuning				1,080
Church maintenance and cleaning	3,970		3,970	1,558
Upkeep of services	2,119		2,119	1,022
Junior church expenses	232		232	341
Printing and copier costs	1,983		1,983	2,027
Upkeep of churchyard		2,150	2,150	1,778
Printing, postage and stationery	1,437		1,437	1,756
Computer consumables and repairs				
Church electricity and gas	6,157		6,157	4,937
Church water	208		208	108
Sundry expenses	1,407		1,407	261
Books and cards				
	21,849	2,150	23,999	19,072

Vicarage del by us?!

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Warton
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Notes to the Accounts (continued)

Borwick, St Mary

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£
9 All other giving/ voluntary receipts				
General and other donations	813		813	710
Giving in Grace campaign				350
Other online giving				151
	813		813	1,211
10 Investment Income				
Dividends received on Investments	837		837	810
Interest received on Diocesan held deposit account	91		91	3
	928		928	813
11 Income from Church Activities				
Hire/ use of church building				60
Occasional fees	556		556	
	556		556	60
12 Other Receipts				
Grant for livestreaming				1,000
Energy Grant - Church of England	1,625		1,625	
Grant for Warm Spaces (Winter warmer lunches)	600		600	
Other - bank switching incentive				4,000
	2,225		2,225	5,000
13 Church running expenses				
Church insurance	1,186		1,186	1,662
Church utilities - electricity	1,365		1,365	2,307
Church utilities - water	21		21	59
Church maintenance and cleaning	10		10	60
Organ maintenance	158		158	95
Upkeep of services	528		528	186
Upkeep of churchyard	412		412	290
Postage, stationery and sundries	67		67	37
Food, etc. for Winter warmer lunches	150		150	
	3,896		3,896	4,695
14 Church construction and reordering				
Heating contract				758
Furniture and Equipment				319
				1,077

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Warton
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Notes to the Accounts (continued)

15 Movement on Funds/Reserves

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Total Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
St Oswald's					
Fund Balances at 1 January 2022	20,811	3,349	24,160	37,011	61,171
Movement in year: Receipts	91,130	1,057	92,187	1,409	93,496
Payments	88,066	336	88,403	2,150	90,553
Transfers	(935)		(935)	935	
Excess/ (Deficit) of Receipts over Payments	2,128	721	2,849	94	2,943
Fund Balances at 31 December 2022	22,939	4,070	27,009	37,105	64,114
St Mary's					
Fund Balances at 1 January 2022	32,349		32,349	12,019	44,368
Movement in year: Receipts	9,573	600	10,173		10,573
Payments	9,646	150	9,796		9,996
Excess/ (Deficit) of Receipts over Payments	127	450	577		577
Increase/(decrease) in market value of Investments	(3,714)		(3,714)		(3,714)
Fund Balances at 31 December 2022	28,762	450	29,212	12,019	41,231
Combined Funds					
Fund Balances at 1 January 2022	53,160	3,349	56,509	49,030	105,539
Movement in year: Receipts	2,255	1,171	3,426	94	3,520
Increase/(decrease) in market value of Investments	(3,714)		(3,714)		(3,714)
Fund Balances at 31 December 2022	51,701	4,520	56,221	49,124	105,345

The movements on the above designated and restricted funds during the year were:

	Balance at 1-Jan-22 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Balance at 31-Dec-22 £
Designated Funds					
Power Fund	420	337	336		421
Verger Fund	2,429	720			3,149
Jurior Church	500				500
Warm spaces		600	350		450
	3,349	1,657	686		4,320
Restricted Funds					
St Oswald's					
R & F Wilson Churchyard Trust		1,215	2,150	935	
Churchyard Fund (closed 2020)					
Restoration and Fabric Fund	37,011	94			37,105
sub total St Oswald's	37,011	1,309	2,150	935	37,105
St Mary's					
Livestock	433				433
Project 123	11,586				11,586
sub total St Mary's	12,019				12,019
Combined Restricted Funds	49,030	1,309	2,150	935	49,124

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The Parish of St Oswald, Warton and St Mary, Borwick



Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Warton for the year ended 31st December 2021

The Parochial Church Council of St Oswald, Warton and St Mary, Borwick Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2021

Aim and Purposes

Warton Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Robin Figg, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our churches and to become part of our parish community. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the different groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

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

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

We seek to develop our life together as we affirm individual strengths; value diversity; nurture growth, vocations and leadership; work towards accessibility and respect and sustain our environment.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of St Oswald's Church, the Church Hall and St Mary's Church. Borwick, which has its own District Church Council (DCC) with delegated powers from the PCC.

Achievements and Performance

The PCC is keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. Our worship is centred on the Eucharist; our usual pattern of services includes Sunday and midweek Eucharists across the Benefice. We offer a range of environments from more formal, traditional and choral services to smaller and more intimate opportunities for prayer and worship.

In 2021 the Covid-19 pandemic continued to mean a reduced pattern of public worship for the first half of the year; when public worship was permitted we continued to livestream a service without a congregation each Sunday from either St John's or St Mary's and hold a public service at St Oswald's.

In September we resumed a fuller pattern of services. This included livestreaming a public Eucharist from St John's every Sunday at 9.15am, with the public Eucharist at St Oswald's every Sunday at 11.00am and a public Eucharist at St Mary's twice a month at 9.15am.

As in 2020, the Benefice Advisory Group continued to take the lead in reviewing the guidance from the government and the Church of England and proposing to the two PCCs in the Benefice what the next phase of the worship 'unlock' plan should look like.

In September we welcomed the Venerable David Picken, Archdeacon of Lancaster, to the St Mary's Patronal Festival Eucharist. During the service Archdeacon David dedicated the new facilities at St Mary's.

The number of people attending the services has remained significantly below the pre-Covid-19 attendance levels.

Midweek activities, such as Coffee Stop and Breaking Bread, only resumed in the autumn. Numbers attending these activities have got back to the pre-pandemic levels which is very good.

One concert by the Eversley Choir was held at St Oswald's in autumn. For a second year the Festival of Christmas Trees did not take place.

A third national lockdown called at shortly before Christmas due to the omicron variant of the coronavirus meant that the Christmas Carol Service at St Oswald's and the Crib Service at St John's were cancelled. A Carol Singing event at the Old Rectory in Warton was arranged at short notice which was extremely successful.

The number of life events services of baptisms and weddings was again down on pre-pandemic levels. Only two baptisms took place during the autumn, one at St Mary's and one at St Oswald's; four weddings took place between July and November. Seven funerals took place and three burials of cremated remains.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules and the legal Scheme which established St Mary's as a District Church with a DCC.

The Warton PCC consists of the incumbent (the Vicar), the Parochial Churchwardens, the Deputy Churchwardens for St Mary's, the Deanery Synod representatives, the Licensed Lay Ministers, 10 members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the St Oswald's part of the electoral roll and 2 members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the St Mary's part of the electoral roll. All those who attend our services are encouraged to register on the electoral roll and stand for election to the PCC and DCC as appropriate.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

The full PCC met four times during the year. The first two meetings in February and June were conducted using the Zoom online platform; the latter two meetings in September and December were held in person. One extraordinary meeting was conducted by email correspondence as permitted by the recently revised Church Representation Rules.

Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has two committees which deal with aspects of parish life specific to St Oswald's. These are the St Oswald's Mission and Ministry Committee and the St Oswald's Fabric and Finance Committee. The committees are responsible to the PCC and report back to it, with minutes of their decisions being received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary. The Fabric and Finance Committee met in July and October. The Mission and Ministry Committee met in November; at this meeting it was agreed to explore a new approach to exploring mission at St Oswald's and beyond with a new 'Looking Forward Group' to meet in 2022.

The St Mary's DCC met five times during the year. The first three meetings were conducted using the Zoom online platform; the last two meeting were held in person.

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2021, held in May, there were 131 names on the church electoral roll; 118 names in the St Oswald's part and 13 names in the St Mary's part.

There is a Benefice Advisory Group (BAG) which consists of the Vicar and two members of each church. The BAG meets to consider diary planning and other matters that affect the whole benefice. The BAG reports back to the two PCCs in the Benefice with minutes of its meetings for consideration and final decision making by the PCCs. During 2021 the BAG met approximately monthly to consider the Covid-19 guidance provided by the government and the Church of England.

Administrative information

St Oswald's Church (the Parish Church) is situated in Main Street, Warton and St Mary's Church, Borwick (a District Church/Chapel of Ease) is situated between the villages of Borwick and Priest Hutton. The churches are part of the United Benefice of Warton and Borwick with Yealand, in the Deanery of Tunstall, in the Diocese of Blackburn, within the Church of England.

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2020) and is registered with the Charity Commission (R.1146393).

PCC members are either ex-officio, elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (the APCM) holding office for three years, or co-opted by the PCC. Members of the Deanery Synod are ex-officio members of the PCC, holding office for three years; they are also elected by the APCM. All appointments and elections are done in accordance with the Church Representation Rules 2020.

PCC members who have served at any time from 1st January 2021 until the date this report was approved are:

<i>Incumbent:</i>	The Revd Robin Figg	Chairperson
<i>Churchwarden:</i>	2 x vacancies	
<i>Deputy Churchwarden for St Mary's</i>	Mrs Joyce Tombs	St Mary's Treasurer
<i>Licensed Lay Ministers</i>	Mrs Annette MacKenzie Mrs Janet Thompson	Secretary
<i>Deanery Synod Representatives:</i>	Mr Alan Thompson	
<i>Elected Members:</i>	Mrs Marjorie Ashton Mr Harry Clarke Mr Keith Gaydon Miss Tracey Lawther Mrs Alison Semple Mrs Sandra Senior Mr Charlie Vereker Mrs Carolyn Wolstenholme	St Mary's representative (until ADCM 2021) St Oswald's Treasurer (until APCM 2021)

**Approved by the PCC on 12th May 2022
and signed on its behalf by the Reverend Robin Figg (Chairperson)**

Finance Report and Accounts for the Parish of Warton for the year ended 31 December 2021

Keith Gaydon (St Oswald's Treasurer)

Joyce Tombs (St Mary's Treasurer)

Overall parish financial position

2021 was another atypical year due in part to the impact of the pandemic on the activities of the churches but also several other factors which combined to produce some odd and misleading results. The main headline that it appears can be taken away from this year's statement is that overall the parish had a deficit of £602 for the year. Given that the deficits for 2020 and 2019 were £15,006 and £27,779 respectively this could be seen as something of a success. However, if we examine the figures more closely, we can see that it is not as straightforward as it seems.

The Parish Share requested by the Diocese for 2021 was £59,984. The PCC decided that it would not be possible to pay this amount without reducing our reserves to an unacceptable level, possibly wiping them out entirely, and the amount paid was £36,000, the same as in 2020, meaning we ended the year owing the Diocese £23,984.

The Gift Aid income for 2021 is nil (in 2020 it was £10,686). Although Gift Aid claims for a total of £8,818 were submitted to HMRC during the year no money was received in time to be included in the accounts. We have now received this money and it will be included in the 2022 accounts.

St Oswald's received a donation of £6,576 from an anonymous donor in the USA.

As detailed in St Mary's statement (below) they received a one-off payment of £4,000 when they transferred their bank account from NatWest to the Co-op bank.

The Church Hall accounts showed a surplus of £7 415 but this included Covid grants of £2,435 and a one-off payment of £1,250 for transferring the Hall bank account from NatWest to the Co-op Bank.

So, if we had paid the Parish Share in full, received the Gift Aid but none of the one-off receipts we would have had a deficit of just over £30,000, which is a sobering thought.

Warton, St Oswald

St Oswald's receipts

St Oswald's receipts for 2021 was £74,281, an increase of £9,677 from the previous year. This figure includes the donation of £6,576 and the one-off payments and grants to the Church Hall account mentioned above but not the 2021 Gift Aid claim.

Planned giving rose slightly as did collections at services. By the end of the year we had not seen the final outcome of the stewardship campaign on regular monthly giving as some of the standing orders had not started but one-off donations totalled £945. Regretfully, we did lose several regular givers during the year some sadly died but others moved on to pastures new.

The only activities which generated finds during the year were the Parish News advertising (£1,682) and Coffee Stop and Breaking Bread (£360).

The continuing very low interest rates means not only that the income from our investments totalled just £30 from a fund of £30,000, but also that the churchyard grant from the E and R Wilson Charitable Fund was less than half the previous year at £499.

At this point I would like to register my thanks to Janet Mann and Jean Robinson, who are responsible for counting and banking all the cash and cheques that come in, and Malcolm Brown who processes and submits or Gift Aid claim each year. These are invaluable services, and it would be much, much more difficult for me to do this job without their help.

St Oswald's expenditure

The overall financial position was helped by a reduction in expenditure of £4,038, although almost all this reduction was the result of no major work or repairs being necessary in 2021. All the other areas remained broadly the same as the previous year.

Funds

The Flower fund (a designated fund) stood at £420, an increase of £141 over the year. The Verger fund (a designated fund) stood at £2,429. As we do not currently have a verger, the verger's fees from weddings and funerals are paid into this fund and the PCC can use the money for specific purposes. The Junior Church fund (a new designated fund) stood at £500 as the result of a donation.

The Churchyard fund (a restricted fund) was empty at the end of the year. It will continue to receive money each year from the E and R Wilson Charitable Fund, but this is unlikely to be enough to cover all the costs and therefore in future the additional costs will be met from general funds.

The Restoration fund (a restricted fund) stood at £37,012 an increase of £1,026. There were no major works or repairs in 2021 and therefore nothing was spent from this fund.

The end of the year the general account contained £20,811.

Borwick, St Mary**Unrestricted funds**

During 2021 the number of services, activities and fundraising events held at St Mary's were, for the second year running, adversely affected by the Covid-19 restrictions. However, voluntary income received in 2021 totalled £4,411 which, excluding Gift Aid, was almost exactly the same as in 2020. This was in part due to the Giving in Grace stewardship campaign held in Autumn 2021 which led to receipts from one-off donations plus new and increased donations from regular givers totalling £520 in 2021. This is pledged to rise to an additional £1,400 per annum from 2022. This extra giving offset a reduction from collections at services and the loss of planned giving from a number of long-standing donors who sadly have died. Our grateful thanks go to all, whether longstanding or new, who give generously to support our mission.

The 2020 Gift Aid reclaim from HMRC was not received until January 2022 and so is not included in the 2021 receipts and payments account. This amounted to £877 and will be reported in 2022.

Except for £322 raised at the Open Garden event in August no other fundraising events were undertaken due to the uncertainties of the Covid-19 pandemic. However, St Mary's benefitted from an exceptional one-off receipt of £4,000, by taking advantage of a government-backed incentive to switch its bank account away from NatWest Bank. As a result, total unrestricted receipts rose from £6,445 in 2020 to £9,606 in 2021.

Against this, general expenditure rose by £911, due mainly to an increase in utility costs of £897 and in other costs associated with the gradual resumption of services following closures and restrictions in 2020 and early 2021. St Mary's paid £4,300 to St Oswald's as its contribution towards the overall Parish Share. It is planned to increase this in 2022.

Overall receipts on the unrestricted (or general) fund exceeded payments by £40 (2020 £2,210 deficit).

Restricted Funds

A new restricted fund was created with the receipt of a grant of £1,000 from the Elizabeth and Richard Wilson Charitable Fund for the provision of equipment needed to enable the live streaming of communal services of worship. Of this £567 was spent on equipment in 2021 with the balance carried forward. The existing restricted fund for the construction and reordering project reduced by £1,077

with the payment of the retention on the heating contract and the purchase of additional equipment. The retention of £2,100 plus VAT on the main contract has not been released.

Overall, payments on the restricted funds exceeded receipts by £644.

Financial Position

The resultant cash balances at 31 December 2021 were £12,498 (2020: £13,102). The market value of the investments held on behalf of St Mary's via the Diocese was £31,870, an increase of £4,007 over the year. Taken together with the net cash reduction of £604 this resulted in an increase in reserves of £3,603 from £40,965 to £44,368. Of this £32,349 is unrestricted and £12,019 restricted.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees/Members of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Warton

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above for the year ended 31 December 2021.

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.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Parochial Church Council as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts did not accord with the accounting records;

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

Mr Trevor Williams

Address: 3 Kershaw Drive, Lancaster LA1 3FY

Date: 26th April 2022

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Warton
Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2021

Receipts and Payments Accounts

		COMBINED			
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		Funds	Funds	2021	2020
	Notes	£	£	£	£
	1				
RECEIPTS					
Voluntary Receipts					
Planned giving		28,952	-	28,952	26,990
Collections at services		3,648	-	3,648	2,762
All other giving/voluntary receipts		15,295	1,864	17,160	10,187
Gift Aid recovered		-	-	-	10,686
		<u>47,895</u>	<u>1,864</u>	<u>49,759</u>	<u>50,625</u>
Activities for Generating Funds		17,256	-	17,256	9,257
Investment Income		843	-	843	973
Church Activities		5,406	-	5,406	2,917
Other Receipts		5,752	1,000	6,752	27,517
Total Receipts		<u>77,152</u>	<u>2,864</u>	<u>80,016</u>	<u>91,289</u>
PAYMENTS					
Church Activities					
Diocesan Parish Share contribution		36,000	-	36,000	36,000
Clergy and staffing costs		9,565	-	9,565	9,652
Church running expenses		17,293	1,778	19,071	22,948
Hall running costs		7,477	-	7,477	5,892
Major church repairs and maintenance		4,695	-	4,695	4,016
Mission giving and donations		810	-	810	1,323
Other expenditure		1,229	-	1,229	269
		<u>77,069</u>	<u>1,778</u>	<u>78,847</u>	<u>80,100</u>
Cost of generating funds		120	-	120	125
Governance costs		6	-	6	604
Other Payments					
Church building and reordering project		-	1,077	1,077	25,466
Livestreaming Equipment		-	567	567	-
Total Payments		<u>77,196</u>	<u>3,422</u>	<u>80,617</u>	<u>106,295</u>
Excess/ (Deficit) of Receipts over Payments		(44)	(558)	(602)	(15,006)
Transfer between funds		(47)	47	-	-
		(91)	(511)	(602)	(15,006)
Cash at bank and in hand on 1 January				74,271	89,277
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 December				<u>73,669</u>	<u>74,271</u>

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Warton
Combined Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2021

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Investments				
St Mary's - Investment accounts				
Sharp Legacy Share Account at valuation	6,642	-	6,642	5,807
Building Fund Share Account at valuation	15,228	10,000	25,228	22,056
	<u>21,870</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>31,870</u>	<u>27,863</u>
Cash at Bank and in Hand				
St Oswald's				
Main current account	10,004	7,011	17,015	23,542
CBF Church of England Deposit Fund	-	30,000	30,000	30,000
E & R Wilson Churchyard Trust account	2,043	-	2,043	2,929
Church Hall account	12,113	-	12,113	4,698
Sub total St Oswald's	<u>24,160</u>	<u>37,011</u>	<u>61,171</u>	<u>61,169</u>
St Mary's				
Main current account	3,503	2,019	5,522	6,939
Diocesan held Deposit account	4,433	-	4,433	3,790
Diocesan held Sharp account	2,543	-	2,543	2,373
Sub total St Mary's	<u>10,479</u>	<u>2,019</u>	<u>12,498</u>	<u>13,102</u>
Total cash at bank and in hand	<u>34,639</u>	<u>39,030</u>	<u>73,669</u>	<u>74,271</u>
Total Cash and Investments Note 17	<u>56,509</u>	<u>49,030</u>	<u>105,539</u>	<u>102,134</u>

Debtors

Gift Aid claims in respect of the year 2020 were made in April 2021 and September 2021 for St Oswald's and St Mary's respectively.

As at December 2021 neither church had received payment.

Debtors at 31 December 2021 were:

	2021	2020
Gift Aid reclaim - St Oswald's	7,940	-
Gift Aid reclaim - St Mary's	877	-
	<u>8,817</u>	<u>-</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 12th May 2022
and signed on its behalf by:

The Reverend Robin A R Figg

Mr Keith Gaydon

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Warton
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Receipts and Payments Accounts

Warton, St Oswald

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
RECEIPTS					
Voluntary Receipts					
Planned giving		26,077		26,077	24,185
Collections at services		3,323		3,323	2,331
All other giving/voluntary receipts	2	14,084	1,864	15,949	9,018
Gift Aid recovered		-		-	9,543
		<u>43,484</u>	<u>1,864</u>	<u>45,348</u>	<u>45,077</u>
Activities for Generating Funds	3	16,934		16,934	9,257
Investment Income	4	30		30	167
Church Activities	5	5,346		5,346	2,826
Other Receipts	6	6,623		6,623	7,277
Transfers or receipts from other funds		-	-	-	-
Total Receipts		<u>72,417</u>	<u>1,864</u>	<u>74,281</u>	<u>64,604</u>
PAYMENTS					
Church Activities					
Diocesan Parish Share contribution		36,000	-	36,000	36,000
Clergy and staffing costs	7	9,565	-	9,565	9,652
Church Running Expenses	8	17,293	1,778	19,072	19,292
Hall running costs		7,477	-	7,477	5,893
Major church repairs and maintenance	9	-	-	-	4,016
Mission giving and donations		810	-	810	1,323
Other expenditure		1,229	-	1,229	269
		<u>72,374</u>	<u>1,778</u>	<u>74,152</u>	<u>76,445</u>
Cost of generating funds		120	-	120	125
Governance costs		6	-	6	604
Transfers to other funds/branches		-	-	-	1,143
Total Payments		<u>72,501</u>	<u>1,778</u>	<u>74,279</u>	<u>78,317</u>
Excess/ (Deficit) of Receipts over Payments		(84)	86	2	(13,713)
Transfer between funds		47	(47)	0	
Cash at bank and in hand on 1 January				61,169	74,882
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 December				<u>61,171</u>	<u>61,169</u>

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Receipts and Payments Accounts

Borwick, St Mary

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
RECEIPTS	Notes				
Voluntary Receipts					
Planned giving		2,875	-	2,875	2,805
Collections at services		325	-	325	431
All other giving / voluntary receipts	10	1,211	-	1,211	1,169
Gift Aid recovered		-	-	-	1,143
		<u>4,411</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,411</u>	<u>5,548</u>
Activities for Generating Funds					
Fund raising		322	-	322	-
Investment Income	11	813	-	813	806
Church Activities	12	60	-	60	91
Other Receipts	13	4,000	1,000	5,000	26,383
Total Receipts		<u>9,606</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>10,606</u>	<u>32,828</u>
PAYMENTS					
Church Activities					
Diocesan Parish Share Contribution		4,300	-	4,300	4,500
Clergy and Staffing					
Contribution to Benefice Costs		571	-	571	500
Church Running Expenses	14	4,695	-	4,695	3,655
		<u>9,566</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,566</u>	<u>8,655</u>
Cost of Generating Funds		-	-	-	-
Other Payments					
Church Building and Reordering Project	15	-	1,077	1,077	25,466
Livestreaming equipment		-	567	567	-
Total Payments		<u>9,566</u>	<u>1,644</u>	<u>11,210</u>	<u>34,121</u>
Excess/ (Deficit) of Receipts over Payments		<u>40</u>	<u>(644)</u>	<u>(604)</u>	<u>(1,293)</u>
Cash at bank and in hand on 1 January		10,439	2,663	13,102	14,395
Cash at bank and in hand at period end		<u>10,479</u>	<u>2,019</u>	<u>12,498</u>	<u>13,102</u>
Cash is represented by					
Current account				5,522	6,939
Diocesan Deposit account				4,433	3,790
Diocesan Sharp Legacy account				2,543	2,373
				<u>12,498</u>	<u>13,102</u>

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Warton
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Notes to the Accounts

1 Accounting Policies and Explanatory Information

1.1 Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, using the receipts and payments basis.

The PCC has legal ownership of all assets, and responsibility for all liabilities, within the Ecclesiastical Parish, which comprise those of the Parish Church of St Oswald's, Warton, the District Church of St Mary's, Borwick, and the Church Hall at Warton. Each entity manages, operates and accounts for its finances separately under the oversight of the PCC. However, for the purposes of these Financial Statements the receipts and payments arising from the Church Hall are included within the receipts and payments account of St Oswald's Church. A separate receipts and payments account is presented for St Oswald's and St Mary's, together with explanatory notes on each. A combined receipts and payments account is presented to show the overall receipts and payments for the Parish as a whole. Transactions whereby St Oswald's receive monies which are subsequently paid over to St Mary's are eliminated on consolidation to prevent double counting. A combined statement of assets and liabilities is presented together with a note showing the movement on all the underlying funds.

1.2 VAT

As the PCC is not registered for VAT, all figures are shown gross, that is inclusive of VAT, where applicable. Under the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme as operated by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, eligible VAT is recovered by way of a grant.

1.3 Grants

Grants awarded, including the above LPOW grant, are treated as income when drawn down and received. Amounts claimed but not received at the year end are included as debtors in the statement of assets and liabilities.

1.4 Funds

Unrestricted Funds

These represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC.

Restricted Funds

These are funds which are required to be used solely in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or funders, or have been raised by the PCC for particular purposes.

Designated Funds

These are funds which, although not legally restricted, are allocated for a particular purpose by the PCC.

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	Warton, St Oswald			
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
2 All other giving/ voluntary receipts				
General and other donations	12,156		12,156	3,135
Call to Pray and Give Appeal	-		-	3,067
Donations towards Parish News	140		140	80
Specific donations/ collections	1,770		1,770	1,209
Votive stand	18		18	128
Grant to E&R Wilson Churchyard fund		499	499	1,260
Churchyard fund donations		339	339	30
Restoration fund donations		1,026	1,026	109
	14,084	1,864	15,949	9,018
3 Receipts from activities for generating funds				
Coffee stop	187		187	362
Proceeds from Breaking Bread	173		173	348
Parish News advertising	1,682		1,682	1,562
Church hall income	14,892		14,892	6,961
Book stall, crafty ladies	-		-	24
	16,934	-	16,934	9,257
4 Investment Income (Unrestricted)				
CBF Deposit Fund interest			30	167
			30	167
5 Income from Church Activities (Unrestricted)				
PCC fees (Weddings, funerals, etc.)			5,296	2,811
Fees for courses			50	-
Remembrance book entries			-	15
			5,346	2,826
6 Other Receipts (Unrestricted)				
Borwick, St Mary contribution to Parish Share			4,300	4,500
Borwick, St Mary contribution to benefice expenses			571	500
Yealand, St John contribution to benefice expenses			1,752	1,080
General and other				54
HMRC Gift Aid - St Mary's claim				1,143
			6,623	7,277

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Warton, St Oswald

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
7 Clergy and Staffing				
Incumbent's expenses	990	-	990	1,406
Organist' and musical director's fees	4,620	-	4,620	4,620
Council tax - vicarage	3,344	-	3,344	3,216
Water rates - vicarage	392	-	392	395
Clergy telephone	218	-	218	15
	9,565	-	9,565	9,652
8 Church running expenses				
Parish training and mission	-	-	-	213
Church insurance	4,205	-	4,205	4,198
Organ tuning	1,080	-	1,080	-
Church maintenance and cleaning	1,558	-	1,558	2,980
Upkeep of services	1,022	-	1,022	1,538
Junior church expenses	341	-	341	518
Printing and copier costs	2,027	-	2,027	2,518
Upkeep of churchyard	-	1,778	1,778	887
Printing, postage and stationery	1,756	-	1,756	1,038
Computer consumables and repairs	-	-	-	-
Church electricity and gas	4,937	-	4,937	5,174
Church water	108	-	108	216
Sundry expenses	261	-	261	-
Books and cards	-	-	-	11
	17,293	1,778	19,072	19,292
9 Church repairs and maintenance				
Renewals	-	-	-	-
Major repairs	-	-	-	4,016
	-	-	-	4,016

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	Borwick, St Mary			
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
10 All other giving/ voluntary receipts				
General and other donations	710	-	710	400
Giving in Grace Campaign	350	-	350	-
Call to Pray and Give Appeal	-	-	-	538
Other online giving	151	-	151	231
	1,211	-	1,211	1,169
11 Investment Income				
Dividends received on Parish Investments	810	-	810	782
Interest received on Diocesan held deposit accounts	3	-	3	24
	813	-	813	806
12 Income from Church Activities				
Hire/ use of church building	60	-	60	-
Occasional fees	-	-	-	91
	60	-	60	91
13 Other Receipts				
<i>Grants received - Construction and Reordering</i>				
Lancashire Environmental Fund	-	-	-	15,000
Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport: Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme (VAT)	-	-	-	9,383
Elizabeth and Richard Wilson Charitable Fund	-	-	-	2,000
<i>Grants received - livestreaming</i>				
Elizabeth and Richard Wilson Charitable Fund	-	1,000	1,000	-
Other - bank switching incentive	4,000	-	4,000	-
	4,000	1,000	5,000	26,383
14 Church running expenses (Unrestricted)				
Church Insurance	1,662	-	1,662	1,643
Church utilities - electricity	2,307	-	2,307	1,402
- water	59	-	59	67
Church maintenance and cleaning	60	-	60	152
Organ maintenance	95	-	95	-
Upkeep of services	186	-	186	27
Upkeep of churchyard	290	-	290	225
Sundry expenditure	37	-	37	139
	4,695	-	4,695	3,655
15 Church construction and reordering (Restricted)				
Main construction contract	-	-	-	17,396
Heating contract	-	758	758	1,245
Architects' fees for church reordering	-	-	-	2,400
Heating Consultant's Fees	-	-	-	875
LCC conditional discharge fee	-	-	-	-
Tree consultancy	-	-	-	-
Furniture and Equipment	-	319	319	3,550
	-	1,077	1,077	25,466

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17 Movement on Funds

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Total Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021
		£	£	£	£	£
St Oswald's						
Fund Balances at 1 January 2021		21,833	2,458	24,291	36,878	61,169
Movement in year: Receipts		71,129	1,288	72,417	1,864	74,281
Payments		(72,104)	(397)	(72,501)	(1,778)	(74,279)
Transfers		(47)	-	(47)	47	-
Excess/ (Deficit) of Receipts over Payments		(1,022)	891	(131)	133	2
Fund Balances at 31 December 2021		20,811	3,349	24,160	37,011	61,171
St Mary's						
Fund Balances at 1 January 2021		28,302	-	28,302	12,663	40,965
Movement in year: Receipts		9,606	-	9,606	1,000	10,606
Payments		9,566	-	9,566	1,644	11,210
Excess/ (Deficit) of Receipts over Payments		40	-	40	(644)	(604)
Increase/(decrease) in market value of investments		4,007	-	4,007	-	4,007
Fund Balances at 31 December 2021		32,349	-	32,349	12,019	44,368
Combined Funds						
Fund Balances at 1 January 2021		50,135	2,458	52,593	49,541	102,134
Movement in year: Receipts		(982)	891	(91)	(511)	(602)
Increase/(decrease) in market value of investments		4,007	-	4,007	-	4,007
Fund Balances at 31 December 2021		53,160	3,349	56,509	49,030	105,539

The movements on the above designated and restricted funds during the year were:

		Balance at 01-Jan-21	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance at 31-Dec-21
		£	£	£	£	£
Designated Funds						
Flower Fund	St Oswald's	279	538	397	-	420
Verger Fund	St Oswald's	2,179	250	-	-	2,429
Junior Church	St Oswald's	-	500	-	-	500
		2,458	1,288	397	-	3,349
Restricted Funds						
<i>St Oswald's -</i>						
R & F Wilson Churchyard Trust		893	838	1,778	47	-
Churchyard Fund (closed 2020)		-	-	-	-	-
Restoration and Fabric Fund		35,986	1,026	-	-	37,012
<i>sub total St Oswald's</i>		36,879	1,864	1,778	47	37,012
<i>St Mary's -</i>						
Livestreaming		-	1,000	567	-	433
Project 123		12,663	-	1,077	-	11,586
<i>sub total St Mary's</i>		12,663	1,000	1,644	-	12,019
<i>Combined Restricted Funds</i>		49,542	2,864	3,422	47	49,031

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The Parish of St Oswald, Warton and St Mary, Borwick



Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Warton for the year ended 31st December 2020

The Parochial Church Council of St Oswald, Warton and St Mary, Borwick Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2020

Aim and Purposes

Warton Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Robin Figg, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our churches and to become part of our parish community. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the different groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

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

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

We seek to develop our life together as we affirm individual strengths; value diversity; nurture growth, vocations and leadership; work towards accessibility and respect and sustain our environment.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of St Oswald's Church, the Church Hall and St Mary's Church, Borwick, which has its own District Church Council (DCC) with delegated powers from the PCC.

Achievements and Performance

The PCC is keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. Our worship is centred on the Eucharist; our usual pattern of services includes a celebration each day of the week, except Friday and Saturday. We offer a range of environments from more formal, traditional and choral services to smaller and more intimate opportunities for prayer and worship.

In 2020 the Covid-19 pandemic caused the suspension of all public worship in mid-March and the closure of all church buildings with the first national lockdown. The Benefice Advisory Group took the lead in reviewing the guidance from the government and the Church of England.

Initially the celebration of the Eucharist was provided by way of a livestreamed service each Sunday at 10.30am, with those sharing at home invited to share in spiritual communion. In May church buildings were allowed to open for individual prayer. Public services resumed in July with a Eucharist at St Oswald's, Warton on Saturdays at 11.00am. This included the celebration of the St Oswald's Patronal Festival when the preacher was the Venerable David Picken, Archdeacon of Lancaster.

In September the public Eucharist at St Oswald's was moved to Sundays at 11.00am, with the livestream service at 9.30am. A midweek Eucharist resumed on Wednesdays at St John's, Yealand.

A second lockdown lasting a month occurred from early November. When public services resumed in early December a second midweek Eucharist resumed on Thursdays at St Mary's, Borwick.

The number of people attending the public services was significantly down due to the Covid-19 restrictions that were in place, including social distancing, wearing of face coverings and no congregational singing. The risk assessment for St Oswald's had determined a maximum of 50 people able to attend; the risk assessment for St Mary's determined a maximum of 24 people able to attend.

Since the beginning of the first lockdown all midweek activities were suspended across the parish. This suspension also meant that no concerts could be held and the Festival of Christmas Trees was cancelled.

The pandemic also impacted greatly on the life events services of baptisms, weddings and funerals. Only one baptism took place during the year in February. One wedding took place in December with only 15 people able to be present. Six funerals took place and three burials of cremated remains.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules and the legal Scheme which established St Mary's as a District Church with a DCC.

The Warton PCC consists of the incumbent (the Vicar), the Parochial Churchwardens, the Deputy Churchwardens for St Mary's, the Deanery Synod representatives, the Licensed Lay Ministers, 10 members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the St Oswald's part of the electoral roll and 2 members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the St Mary's part of the electoral roll. All those who attend our services are encouraged to register on the electoral roll and stand for election to the PCC and DCC as appropriate.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

The full PCC met six times during the year. The first meeting in February was in person; all other meetings were conducted using the Zoom online platform.

Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has two committees which deal with aspects of parish life specific to St Oswald's. These are the St Oswald's Mission and Ministry Committee and the St Oswald's Fabric and Finance Committee. The committees are responsible to the PCC and report back to it, with minutes of their decisions being received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary. The committees met in January, but did not meet during the pandemic.

The St Mary's DCC met three times during the year. The first two meetings were in person; the third meeting was conducted using the Zoom online platform.

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2020, held in October, there are 132 names on the church electoral roll; 119 names in the St Oswald's part and 13 names in the St Mary's part.

There is a Benefice Advisory Group (BAG) which consists of the Vicar and two members of each church. The BAG meets to consider diary planning and other matters that affect the whole benefice. The BAG reports back to the PCC with minutes of its meetings for consideration and final decision making by the PCC. During 2020 from April the BAG met fortnightly to consider the Covid-19 guidance provided by the government and the Church of England.

Administrative information

St Oswald's Church (the Parish Church) is situated in Main Street, Warton and St Mary's Church, Borwick (a District Church/Chapel of Ease) is situated between the villages of Borwick and Priest Hutton. The churches are part of the United Benefice of Warton and Borwick with Yealand, in the Deanery of Tunstall, in the Diocese of Blackburn, within the Church of England.

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2020) and is registered with the Charity Commission (R.1146393).

PCC members are either ex-officio, elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (the APCM) holding office for three years, or co-opted by the PCC. Members of the Deanery Synod are ex-officio members of the PCC, holding office for three years; they are also elected by the APCM. All appointments and elections are done in accordance with the Church Representation Rules 2020.

PCC members who have served at any time from 1st January 2020 until the date this report was approved are:

<i>Incumbent:</i>	The Revd Robin Figg	Chairperson
<i>Churchwarden:</i>	Mrs Sue Hopwood	(until Annual Meeting 2020)
<i>Deputy Churchwarden for St Mary's</i>	Mrs Sheila Barnes Mrs Joyce Tombs	(until ADCM 2020) (from ADCM 2020)
<i>Licensed Lay Ministers</i>	Mrs Annette MacKenzie Mrs Janet Thompson	Secretary
<i>Deanery Synod Representatives:</i>	Mrs Barbara Rucastle Mr Alan Thompson	(until APCM 2020)
<i>Elected Members:</i>	Mrs Marjorie Ashton Mr Harry Clarke Mrs Pat Dartnell Mr Keith Gaydon Miss Tracey Lawther Mrs Alison Semple Mrs Sandra Senior Mrs Joyce Tombs Mr Charlie Vereker Mrs Carolyn Wolstenholme	St Mary's representative (from ADCM 2020) (until APCM 2020) (from APCM 2020) St Oswald's Treasurer St Mary's representative (until ADCM 2020)

**Approved by the PCC on 12th May 2021
and signed on its behalf by the Reverend Robin Figg (Chairperson)**

Finance Report and Accounts for the Parish of Warton for the year ended 31 December 2020

Joyce Tombs (St Mary's Treasurer)

Overall financial position

As described earlier in the Annual Report, the activities of the churches of St Oswald's, Warton and St Mary's, Borwick, and indeed those of the church hall in Warton, were all adversely affected by restrictions necessitated due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Prolonged periods of closure, limits on numbers allowed to attend public worship and funerals even when permitted, the postponing of weddings and baptisms, the inability to gather for social or fund-raising events, etc., all had a financial, as well as a spiritual and emotional, impact.

The result was an overall reduction in Unrestricted income of £20,290 (from £83,797 in 2019 to £63,507 in 2020). There was a saving in expenditure which, excluding the Parish Share payment to the Diocese, amounted to £10,068 (from £49,994 in 2019 to £39,926 in 2020). For each of the 3 years ended 31 December 2019, the Parish Share Request had been paid in full to the Diocese of Blackburn. However, this had taken a significant toll on the Parish reserves and, with an increased deficit inevitable, the Diocese agreed to reduce the 2020 Share payable to £36,000, being £18,263 less than that paid in 2019.

So, the net effect for the year was an overall deficit of £12,419 on Unrestricted Funds, with a corresponding reduction in bank balances, taking Unrestricted cash held down to just £34,730 at 31 December 2020. This represents almost exactly one third (or 4 months) of a more typical year's annual Unrestricted expenditure.

Movements on Restricted Funds principally represented income and expenditure relating to the reordering project at St Mary's and, to a lesser extent, the St Oswald's churchyard fund. Otherwise, due to uncertainties over income and practical constraints on the construction industry, there was little spent on repairs or planned maintenance, including works recommended in the latest Quinquennial Inspection Reports (QIRs). Overall, Restricted Funds, which include investments of £10,000, fell by £2,587 to £49,541. However, significant expenditure will be required in the short to medium term as and when QIR works are undertaken at both churches and hence there is currently no scope to derestrict any of these monies.

Parish Income

Faced with reduced opportunities to donate via collections at services or by planned giving envelopes, a number of donors from both churches kindly switched to giving by standing order. In addition, most people who historically had given by standing order continued to do so throughout 2020 and beyond. This was, and continues to be, greatly appreciated by the vicar and the PCC.

In addition, a Benefice-wide online donations facility was set up to which giving was encouraged via the services streamed on YouTube and via the Benefice website and Facebook page. In total some £4,303 was received via online giving across the Benefice plus an uplift from Gift Aid of £770 (which will be claimed in 2021). Of this sum £2,766 including Gift Aid was received online in response to the "Call to Pray and Give" appeal as launched by the Bishop of Blackburn in November 2020. This sum was boosted by a further £1,390 by individuals responding to the appeal by cheque or bank transfer together with Gift Aid of a further £250 (for 2021). Of the online sums collected £461 was allocated and paid to St John's, Yealand with the remainder remaining in the Parish of Warton. The PCC is grateful to the St John's PCC for assisting Warton Parish in this way.

The net result was that, remarkably, across the Parish, unrestricted voluntary income fell by just £3,645 below its 2019 level, with that of St Mary's actually increasing by £1,286. The PCC and DCC are extremely grateful to all those who kindly supported the Parish financially in this unusually difficult year.

However, there remains a significant shortfall in income below the expenditure needed to support the mission and ministry of the Parish and to maintain and operate its buildings. Hence a Stewardship Campaign, originally anticipated for 2020 prior to the pandemic, is being planned for later in 2021.

Receipts from events and other activities for generating funds, such as “Coffee Stops”, concerts, hall activities, etc., were severely curtailed due to legal restrictions on gatherings. Such income fell by £11,508 (55%) although this was partially offset by a saving of £7,443 in hall running costs, mainly due to the partial waiving of fees by the contract managers.

Fees received for occasional offices were also reduced by some 60% to just £2,917 due to the restrictions imposed on the holding of such services.

Warton, St Oswald

With the exception of income and expenditure referred to above, receipts and payments were broadly in line with previous years. As in earlier years, the PCC is grateful for a grant of £1,260 received from the Elizabeth and Richard Wilson Charitable Fund towards the cost of maintaining its churchyard.

The PCC welcomed Keith Gaydon as the new St Oswald’s treasurer during the year and is very grateful for his input and experience.

Borwick, St Mary

Invoices and grant claims relating to the latter stages of Project 123 were handled in the early part of the year. During 2020 grants totalling £26,383 were drawn down, including £2,000 from the Elizabeth and Richard Wilson Charitable Fund towards the cost of new tables and chairs for the reordered space. The PCC is very grateful to all the organisations and individuals who contributed to the reordering project, without which it would not have been possible. Project invoices totalling £25,466 were paid in 2020. Unfortunately, there are ongoing problems with the new lobby roof which are currently being dealt with by the architect and main contractor. As a result, the final retention of £2,150 plus VAT in respect of the main contract has yet to be released and paid. Taking into account retentions paid and payable in 2021, the project has remained within budget. The net effect on St Mary’s reserves over the lifetime of the project will be a reduction of just under £4,500 compared with an initially allocated net cost to St Mary’s of £10,000.

Reserves

2021 will be a challenging year financially as utility costs, not least for electricity, have risen and building repairs and maintenance are necessary at both churches; yet activities and the related income are still depressed due to ongoing coronavirus restrictions. Both St Mary’s and St Oswald’s will need to contribute significantly more to the Warton Parish share if the Parish is to be closer to meeting the Diocese of Blackburn’s 2021 Request of almost £60,000. Hence the Stewardship campaign referred to above will focus on both St Mary’s and St Oswald’s.

In this context, the current level of reserves is considered appropriate.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees/Members of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Warton

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above for the year ended 31 December 2020.

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.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Parochial Church Council as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts did not accord with the accounting records;

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

Mr Trevor Williams

Address: 3 Kershaw Drive, Lancaster LA1 3FY

Date: 14th May 2021

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Warton
Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2020

Receipts and Payments Accounts

	Note	COMBINED			Total 2019 £
		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	
RECEIPTS	1				
Voluntary Receipts					
Planned giving		26,990	-	26,990	30,242
Collections at services		2,762	-	2,762	7,761
All other giving/voluntary receipts		8,788	1,399	10,187	10,403
Gift Aid recovered		10,686	-	10,686	10,578
		<u>49,226</u>	<u>1,399</u>	<u>50,625</u>	<u>58,984</u>
Activities for Generating Funds		9,257	-	9,257	20,765
Investment Income		973	-	973	1,061
Church Activities		2,917	-	2,917	7,286
Other Receipts		1,134	26,383	27,517	115,897
Total Receipts		<u>63,507</u>	<u>27,782</u>	<u>91,289</u>	<u>203,993</u>
PAYMENTS					
Church Activities					
Diocesan Parish Share contribution		36,000	-	36,000	54,263
Clergy and staffing costs		9,652	-	9,652	10,179
Church running expenses		22,061	887	22,948	26,246
Hall running costs		5,892	-	5,892	13,335
Major church repairs and maintenance		-	4,016	4,016	2,220
Mission giving and donations		1,323	-	1,323	2,029
Other expenditure		269	-	269	870
		<u>75,197</u>	<u>4,903</u>	<u>80,100</u>	<u>109,142</u>
Cost of generating funds		125	-	125	3,935
Governance costs		604	-	604	228
Other Payments					
Church building and reordering project		-	25,466	25,466	118,467
Total Payments		<u>75,926</u>	<u>30,369</u>	<u>106,295</u>	<u>231,772</u>
Excess/ (Deficit) of Receipts over Payments		<u>(12,419)</u>	<u>(2,587)</u>	<u>(15,006)</u>	<u>(27,779)</u>
Cash at bank and in hand on 1 January				89,277	117,056
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 December				<u>74,271</u>	<u>89,277</u>

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Warton
Combined Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2020

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Investments					
St Mary's - Investment accounts					
Sharp Legacy Share Account	at valuation	5,807	-	5,807	5,432
Building Fund Share Account	at valuation	12,056	10,000	22,056	20,632
		<u>17,863</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>27,863</u>	<u>26,064</u>
Cash at Bank and in Hand					
St Oswald's					
Main current account		19,593	3,949	23,542	39,028
CBF Church of England Deposit Fund		-	30,000	30,000	30,000
E & R Wilson Churchyard Trust account		-	2,929	2,929	2,225
Church Hall account		4,698	-	4,698	3,629
Sub total St Oswald's		<u>24,291</u>	<u>36,878</u>	<u>61,169</u>	<u>74,882</u>
St Mary's					
Main current account		4,276	2,663	6,939	9,038
Diocesan held Deposit account		3,790		3,790	3,156
Diocesan held Sharp account		2,373		2,373	2,201
Sub total St Mary's		<u>10,439</u>	<u>2,663</u>	<u>13,102</u>	<u>14,395</u>
Total cash at bank and in hand		<u>34,730</u>	<u>39,541</u>	<u>74,271</u>	<u>89,277</u>
Total Cash and Investments	Note 17	<u>52,593</u>	<u>49,541</u>	<u>102,134</u>	<u>115,341</u>
Debtors					
St Mary's	DCMS Listed Places of Worship grant	-	-	-	5,936
Liabilities					
St Oswald's	Gas and electricity	-	-	-	1,155

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 12th May 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

The Reverend Robin A R Figg
Vicar and PCC Chairperson

Mrs Joyce Tombs
St Mary's Treasurer

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Receipts and Payments Accounts

Warton, St Oswald

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
RECEIPTS					
Voluntary Receipts					
Planned giving		24,185		24,185	27,987
Collections at services		2,331		2,331	6,804
All other giving/voluntary receipts	2	7,619	1,399	9,018	6,349
Gift Aid recovered		9,543		9,543	9,643
		<u>43,678</u>	<u>1,399</u>	<u>45,077</u>	<u>50,784</u>
Activities for Generating Funds	3	9,257		9,257	19,594
Investment Income	4	167		167	219
Church Activities	5	2,826		2,826	7,135
Other Receipts	6	7,277		7,277	7,582
Transfers or receipts from other funds					
Total Receipts		<u>63,205</u>	<u>1,399</u>	<u>64,604</u>	<u>85,314</u>
PAYMENTS					
Church Activities					
Diocesan Parish Share contribution		36,000		36,000	54,263
Clergy and staffing costs	7	9,652		9,652	9,679
Church Running Expenses	8	18,405	887	19,292	22,226
Hall running costs		5,892		5,892	13,335
Major church repairs and maintenance	9		4,016	4,016	2,220
Mission giving and donations		1,323		1,323	2,029
Other expenditure		269		269	870
		<u>71,542</u>	<u>4,903</u>	<u>76,445</u>	<u>104,622</u>
Cost of generating funds		125		125	135
Governance costs		604		604	228
Transfers to other funds/branches		1,143		1,143	1,059
Total Payments		<u>73,414</u>	<u>4,903</u>	<u>78,317</u>	<u>106,044</u>
Excess/ (Deficit) of Receipts over Payments		<u>(10,208)</u>	<u>(3,504)</u>	<u>(13,712)</u>	<u>(20,731)</u>
Cash at bank and in hand on 1 January				74,882	95,613
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 December				<u>61,170</u>	<u>74,882</u>

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Receipts and Payments Accounts

Borwick, St Mary

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
	Notes	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS					
Voluntary Receipts					
Planned giving		2,805	-	2,805	2,255
Collections at services		431	-	431	957
All other giving/online receipts	10	1,169	-	1,169	4,054
Gift Aid recovered		1,143	-	1,143	935
	1	5,548	-	5,548	8,201
Activities for Generating Funds					
Fund raising		-	-	-	1,171
Investment Income	11	806	-	806	842
Church Activities	12	91	-	91	274
Other Receipts	13	-	26,383	26,383	113,750
Total Receipts		6,445	26,383	32,828	124,238
PAYMENTS					
Church Activities					
Diocesan Parish Share Contribution		4,500	-	4,500	4,500
Clergy and Staffing					
Contribution to Benefice Costs		500	-	500	500
Church Running Expenses	14	3,655	-	3,655	4,020
		8,655	-	8,655	9,020
Cost of Generating Funds					
		-	-	-	3,800
Other Payments					
Church Building and Reordering Project	16	-	25,466	25,466	118,467
Total Payments		8,655	25,466	34,121	131,287
Excess/ (Deficit) of Receipts over Payments		(2,210)	917	(1,293)	(7,048)
Cash at bank and in hand on 1 January		12,650	1,745	14,395	21,443
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 December		10,439	2,663	13,102	14,395
<u>Cash is represented by</u>					
NatWest Current account				6,939	9,038
Diocesan Deposit account				3,790	3,156
Diocesan Sharp Legacy account				2,373	2,201
	8			13,102	14,395

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Notes to the Accounts

1 Accounting Policies and Explanatory Information

1.1 Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, using the receipts and payments basis.

The PCC has legal ownership of all assets, and responsibility for all liabilities, within the Ecclesiastical Parish, which comprise those of the Parish Church of St Oswald's, Warton, the District Church of St Mary's, Borwick, and the Church Hall at Warton. Each entity manages, operates and accounts for its finances separately under the oversight of the PCC. However, for the purposes of these Financial Statements the receipts and payments arising from the Church Hall are included within the receipts and payments account of St Oswald's Church. A separate receipts and payments account is presented for St Oswald's and St Mary's, together with explanatory notes on each. A combined receipts and payments account is presented to show the overall receipts and payments for the Parish as a whole. Transactions whereby St Oswald's receive monies which are subsequently paid over to St Mary's are eliminated on consolidation to prevent double counting. A combined statement of assets and liabilities is presented together with a note showing the movement on all the underlying funds.

1.2 VAT

As the PCC is not registered for VAT, all figures are shown gross, that is inclusive of VAT, where applicable. Under the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme as operated by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, eligible VAT is being recovered by way of a grant.

1.3 Grants

Grants awarded, including the above LPOW grant, are treated as income when drawn down and received. Amounts claimed but not received at the year end are included as debtors in the statement of assets and liabilities.

1.4 Funds

Unrestricted Funds

These represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC.

Restricted Funds

These are funds which are required to be used solely in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or funders, or have been raised by the PCC for particular purposes.

Designated Funds

These are funds which, although not legally restricted, are allocated for a particular purpose by the PCC.

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Notes to the Accounts (continued)

	Warton, St Oswald			
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£
2 All other giving/ voluntary receipts				
General and other donations	3,135	-	3,135	1,686
Call to Pray and Give Appeal	3,067	-	3,067	-
Donations towards Parish News	80	-	80	105
Specific donations/ collections	1,209	-	1,209	1,855
Votive stand	128	-	128	529
Grant to E&R Wilson Churchyard fund	-	1,260	1,260	1,561
Churchyard fund donations	-	30	30	105
Restoration fund donations	-	109	109	508
	7,619	1,399	9,018	6,349
3 Receipts from activities for generating funds				
Coffee stop	362	-	362	1,650
Coffee evenings	-	-	-	1,535
Proceeds from Breaking Bread	348	-	348	587
Parish News advertising	1,562	-	1,562	1,156
Choirs and concerts	-	-	-	893
Christmas fair, raffle and tree festival	-	-	-	3,381
Bingo evening	-	-	-	332
Church hall income	6,961	-	6,961	9,936
Book stall, crafty ladies	24	-	24	124
	9,257	-	9,257	19,594
4 Investment Income (Unrestricted)				
CBF Deposit Fund interest			167	219
			167	219
5 Income from Church Activities (Unrestricted)				
PCC fees (Weddings, funerals, etc.)			2,811	6,885
Fees for courses			-	190
Remembrance book entries			15	60
			2,826	7,135
6 Other Receipts (Unrestricted)				
Borwick, St Mary contribution to Parish Share			4,500	4,500
Borwick, St Mary contribution to benefice expenses			500	500
Yealand, St John contribution to benefice expenses			1,080	1,063
General and other			54	84
HMRC Gift Aid - St Mary's claim			1,143	936
3.5% War stock redemption			-	500
			7,277	7,582

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Warton, St Oswald

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
7 Clergy and Staffing				
Incumbent's expenses	1,406	-	1,406	1,261
Organist' and musical director's fees	4,620	-	4,620	4,750
Council tax - vicarage	3,216	-	3,216	3,097
Water rates - vicarage	395	-	395	403
Clergy telephone	15	-	15	168
	9,652	-	9,652	9,679
8 Church running expenses				
Parish training and mission	213	-	213	39
Church insurance - general allocation	4,198	-	4,198	3,379
Church insurance - churchyard fund allocation	-	-	-	928
Organ tuning	-	-	-	540
Church maintenance and cleaning	2,980	-	2,980	2,935
Upkeep of services	1,538	-	1,538	2,314
Junior church expenses	518	-	518	87
Printing and copier costs	2,518	-	2,518	3,235
Upkeep of churchyard	-	887	887	2,599
Printing, postage and stationery	1,038	-	1,038	1,387
Computer consumables and repairs	-	-	-	-
Church electricity and gas	5,174	-	5,174	4,221
Church water	216	-	216	138
Sundry expenses	-	-	-	175
Books and cards	11	-	11	248
	18,405	887	19,292	22,226
9 Church repairs and maintenance				
Renewals	-	-	-	-
Major repairs	-	4,016	4,016	2,220
	-	4,016	4,016	2,220

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		Borwick, St Mary	
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
	£	£	2020
			2019
			£
10 All other giving/ voluntary receipts			
General and other donations	400	-	400
Call to Pray and Give Appeal	538	-	538
Other online giving	231	-	231
Specific donations	-	-	-
Project 123 Donations	-	-	-
	1,169	-	1,169
			4,054
11 Investment Income (Unrestricted)			
Dividends received on Parish Investments			782
Interest received on Diocesan held deposit accounts			24
			806
			842
12 Income from Church Activities (Unrestricted)			
Occasional fees			91
			91
			274
13 Other Receipts (Restricted)			
<i>Grants received for Project 123 - Construction and Reordering</i>			
Vera Wolstencroft Children and Animal Charitable Trust			-
Diocese of Blackburn - Parish Vision Grant			-
Lancashire Environmental Fund			15,000
Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport: Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme (VAT)			9,383
Elizabeth and Richard Wilson Charitable Fund			2,000
			26,383
			113,750
14 Church running expenses (Unrestricted)			
Church Insurance			1,643
Church utilities - electricity			1,402
- water			67
Church maintenance and cleaning			152
Organ maintenance			-
Upkeep of services			27
Upkeep of churchyard			225
Sundry expenditure			139
			3,655
			4,020
15 Cost of Generating Funds			
A condition of being awarded a grant of £30,000 by the Lancashire Environmental Fund was the payment of a "Contributing Third Party" payment of £3,300 to the Landfill Operator in 2019. This payment was made by an individual on behalf of a number of individual donors but for clarity and completeness is shown in these accounts as a receipt and corresponding payment.			
16 Church construction and reordering (Restricted)			
Main construction contract			17,396
Heating contract			1,245
Architects' fees for church reordering			2,400
Heating Consultant's Fees			875
LCC conditional discharge fee			-
Tree consultancy			-
Furniture and Equipment			3,550
			25,466
			118,467

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17 Movement on Funds

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Total Unrestricted	Restricted Funds	Total 2020
		£	£	£	£	£
St Oswald's						
Fund Balances at 1 January 2020		32,147	2,353	34,500	40,382	74,882
Movement in year: Receipts		63,100	105	63,205	1,399	64,604
Payments		73,414	-	73,414	4,903	78,317
Excess/ (Deficit) of Receipts over Payments		(10,314)	105	(10,209)	(3,504)	(13,713)
Fund Balances at 31 December 2020		21,833	2,458	24,291	36,878	61,169
St Mary's						
Fund Balances at 1 January 2020		28,713	-	28,713	11,745	40,458
Movement in year: Receipts		6,445	-	6,445	26,383	32,828
Payments		8,655	-	8,655	25,466	34,121
Excess/ (Deficit) of Receipts over Payments		(2,210)	-	(2,210)	918	(1,293)
Increase/(decrease) in market value of investments		1,799		1,799	-	1,799
Fund Balances at 31 December 2020		28,302	0	28,302	12,663	40,964
Combined Funds						
Fund Balances at 1 January 2020		60,860	2,353	63,213	52,127	115,340
Movement in year:		(12,524)	105	(12,419)	(2,586)	(15,005)
Increase/(decrease) in market value of investments		1,799	0	1,799	0	1,799
Fund Balances at 31 December 2020		50,135	2,458	52,593	49,541	102,134

The movements on the above designated and restricted funds during the year were:

		Balance at 01-Jan-20	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance at 31-Dec-20
		£	£	£	£	£
Designated Funds						
Flower Fund	St Oswald's	279	-	-	-	279
Verger Fund	St Oswald's	2,074	105	-	-	2,179
		2,353	105	-	-	2,458
Restricted Funds						
<i>St Oswald's -</i>						
R & F Wilson Churchyard Trust		490	1,290	887	-	893
Churchyard Fund (closed)		-				-
Restoration and Fabric Fund		39,892	110	4,016	-	35,986
		40,382	1,399	4,903	-	36,878
<i>St Mary's -</i>						
Project 123		11,745	26,383	25,466	-	12,663
		52,127	27,783	30,369	-	49,541