



CHRIST CHURCH WALSHAW

REPORTS OF CHURCH GROUPS FOR 2022/2023

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Mark 10, 27

Please have this report with you at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting which will be held in church on Thursday, 20 April 2023 at 7.30 p.m.

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Parochial Church Council

The PCC has met seven times during the year. Council is made up of nine people. In addition to elected and *ex officio* members, Nicola Gordon was co-opted to add her expertise having recently been a church warden and, latterly, Norman Beswick has been co-opted as coordinator of the Prayer Ministry group. We have been blessed by Janet Hardman giving her time to act as PCC secretary. Helen and Joanne have co-led the group.

Attendance has been as follows: Angela Ashworth 3/7, Norman Beswick 3/4, Helen Clark 7/7, Bill Clarke 7/7, Janet Hardman 7/7, Jo Haslam 5/7, Nicola Gordon 4/7, Chris Lancashire 4/7, Joanne McKenzie 7/7, Paul Rigby 3/7, Sue Schwarz 4/7, Frank Yung 7/7.

During the year we have discussed a wide range of issues: how to reintroduce Holy Communion; how to manage the rising costs of heating the church; making the staging safer by adding wooden panels from the old pews; the timing of services and refreshments; the appointment of a new church architect; the outcomes from the Living in Love and Faith consultation; the mission community; reservation of grave plots. In addition, council has drafted and submitted a Parish Profile as part of the process for finding a new incumbent.

We have also had a meeting with Rachel Mann, our Area Dean, during which the PCC was able to ask for clarification on various points. In particular we discussed Holy Communion, the *Living in Love and Faith* consultation, and the mission community.

Joanne and Helen have also met with Rachel Mann several times during the year when we have discussed the appointment of a new incumbent and the general organisation of the church. Rachel has also supported the church by suggesting clergy who can help with services and has answered any queries regarding church regulations.

Helen Clark, Co-Chair

Audio-Visual

We have a dedicated team of people who work hard, usually quietly in the background, to ensure everyone can interact fully with the services. This allows people to hear clearly and have easy access to visual aids to worship, including written, picture and video resources.

The team takes responsibility for setting up and running the sound system, and preparing the PowerPoints used for the order of service and then operating them through the service. I am very grateful for every member of the team who plays a vital role in ensuring the smooth running of the services.

We have recently rearranged equipment for the Music Group so its members can now hear the songs played through the sound system. This seems to work successfully, and as we used more videos of songs in services, is essential to enable the Music Group to lead worship.

The audio-visual team for Sunday services is made up of Andrew Benson, Bill Clarke, Nicola Gordon, David Hempsall and myself. We do not have any reserves who are able to step in at the last minute which sometimes adds pressure on those already working hard. That is why we are looking to add more people to help with both the sound and visual teams.

Helen Clark

Baby & Toddler Group

Throughout the past year, the group has been led in the manner established by Steph Openshaw. Having attended with my eldest daughter before taking over, I was able to see how – and how successfully – she ran the group.

Christine Whitmore and I meet with other baby and toddler groups (including Steph's own) to acquire resources that help nurture and teach young children through stories and songs. Wiggle, the puppet, is especially popular and the children love seeing him. The sessions also provide an opportunity for the adults to learn and get support from one another.

We meet regularly on a Wednesday morning. During the session, the children can play, read, create different crafts, and build up their social skills. Parents can meet, chat and encourage one another as well as playing with the children. We find it important to continue God's work through conversations, listening and encouraging. Throughout the stories, songs and craft, we always have a Christian theme. We let people know about what is happening at church and invite people to come along.

Team members have been very supportive of one another. We are now quite a sizeable group which, besides Christine and me, includes Alan, Amanda, Frank, Julie, Mavis, Nicola, Olga and Sue. We find it important to pray before each session and deputise if someone is absent. I recently had a baby and whilst I was off, the team carried on and stepped in to lead the story time.

It is wonderful to see so many at the group. As it has become more popular, we have recently had to start a waiting list. We had to do this for the safety of the volunteers and families. Once a space becomes available, however, we let those families waiting know of the vacancy.

I want to thank everyone who welcomed me into my new role. I have really loved leading the sessions and getting the chance to work alongside and meet some amazing people.

Please continue to pray for the team who dedicate their time and commitment to the group. Please pray too for the families as they continue to come, join in and hear about God.

Thank you all for your continuing support,

Hannah Proctor

Building Projects Team

In this year's report, the team can point to progress being made in addressing all the issues outstanding twelve months ago.

Following the resignation – and subsequently and sadly, the sudden demise – of our previous church architect, six architectural practices were approached. Two declined because of pressure of business, one because of impending retirement and two simply did not respond. Faced with what appeared to be Hobson's Choice, two members of the fellowship went to meet Rebecca Grimshaw in her offices in Wigan. Her practice, established by her father with whom Christ Church had a fleeting association over a decade ago, is housed in a modest Georgian terrace on the outskirts of the town: a marked contrast with the accommodation of our previous architects Smithers Pursloe (formerly Byrom Clark Roberts) adjacent to the Lancashire County Cricket ground at Old Trafford.

Rebecca was presented with a considerable amount of data about CCW, including information about the Phase 1 works, the proposed re-wiring and re-illumination of the interior and the Quinquennial Inspection report of 2017. Having had the time to digest the documentation and with the PCC's *fiat*, Rebecca was asked if she was interested in taking on the role: she agreed in the most positive of terms.

That being so, she was soon called into action by the diocese. Her appointment coincided exactly with the statutory Quinquennial Inspection which she and a colleague conducted on Wednesday, 2 November, a day when the Baby & Toddler Group was in full swing. Rebecca's draft report was received within a week; corrections were made and the final report hauled up with the diocese and with CCW almost by return. Pleasing to report, her findings contained absolutely no surprises.

In the meantime, research to re-wire and re-illuminate the interior has progressed satisfactorily. An application for the requisite Faculty has been lodged with only some minor details awaiting

finalisation. Two competitive quotations having been received, a decision has to be made about precisely which lighting units are installed. Two samples have been trialled, one in the south aisle and one above the font in the north transept. The objectives remain the same: first, to light the interior better; secondly, to do so more economically. The existing halogens are inefficient and awkward to maintain (as those venturing up the wooden ladder to replace blown bulbs will attest!), so replacing them with the sorts of modern, long-life LED units under consideration will reduce lighting's electrical consumption by around 70%, thereby reducing bills and also going some way towards meeting the diocesan green agenda.

David Hempsall

Children's Church

Children's Church meets every second and fourth Sunday in the month and provides age-appropriate teaching and generally follows the topic of the day in the main church service. Sometimes this may change depending on the text chosen for the service and the time of year.

The group was led one Sunday per month each by Nicola Parkinson and Kate Stedman respectively; that was until November 2022 when Kate stepped down due to family commitments and Julie Benson joined as a leader.

I began leading at the 2022 Remembrance Service which greatly encouraged me to continue in this important role. We looked at soldiers paying the ultimate price of dying for their country to stop the spread of evil. We remembered how Jesus gave his life for us to save us from the consequences of our sin: John 3, 16. The children made poppies and wreaths to remember soldiers who had died in the world wars and present-day conflicts.

During the second Sunday of December, we had planned the nativity to be performed on the following Sunday. As Nicola Parkinson (4th Sunday leader) was unwell, Vicky Clarke and I led the nativity based on Matthew 2, 2-12. There were 8 children taking part and we all enjoyed the experience. We received lovely and encouraging comments from the congregation who told us that they too had enjoyed the children's performance.

In January 2023, Nicola Parkinson decided to step down from leading Children's Church, so I now lead on both Sundays in the month. Please pray for Vicky Clarke, Susan Schwarz and me as we continue to make the sessions engaging and interesting for the children and their parents.

Julie Benson

Churches Together in Bury (CTB)

CTB is an inter-denominational network of churches which commit to working together to make Jesus known to Bury residents.

Participating churches in 2022

Church of England: St John's Birtle, United Benefice of West Bury, Christ Church Walshaw, St Peter's, Bury Parish Church, All Saints Elton, St Stephen's, St Andrew's Radcliffe

Methodist: Tottington, Brandlesholme, Bolton Road, Seedfield, Jericho

United Reformed: Bury URC

Salt and Light: Bury Christian Fellowship

Pentecostal: Metro Christian Centre, Audacious Bury

Catholic: Guardian Angels, St Hilda's, St Joseph and St Marie.

Content of meetings

CTB met 6 times in 2022, usually at Bury United Reform Church who are always very supportive of missional activity in Bury. Each meeting allowed plenty of time for churches and individuals to share news about outreach, or joint witness projects.

CTB support, promote and, in some cases help to organize, the following **ongoing projects**: The Bury Project (CAP Debt Centre), Town Centre Chaplaincy, 'Open the Book' work in schools, Bury Street Pastors, CTB Facebook page, CTB Prayer List for member churches.

CTB also organises the following **annual events**: Carol singing in Bury Market, Good Friday walk of witness, Christian Aid collection in Bury Town Centre.

Various other subjects have also been discussed in 2022, including: July 2022 Festival Manchester, the work of the Bible Society, Good News for Everyone, Home for Good, and the launch of a South Asian Christian Fellowship in Bury.

The meetings always include space for individual churches to share good things happening in their areas and this is always encouraging. Meetings always include prayer.

There are places for one or two more representatives from Christ Church, and it would be great if the newly constituted PCC could consider appointing others to represent Christ Church to this exciting forum.

Gordon Clark

Churchyard

This year Camelot Garden Services have continued to mow the graveyard, Garden of Remembrance and areas around the driveway. The company has transferred to Tom Farley's son but the work continues to be done well and without any issues although, like everything else, the cost has gone up (now £100 per visit).

The task of dealing with the Japanese Knotweed continues although there are very few shoots coming through now so, maybe, we are winning that particular battle.

In February, Storm Eunice had a significant impact in the yard, bringing down a very large birch tree – probably one of the biggest trees we had. Luckily, it did no damage as it fell down the yard and not into the boundary wall. Shaun Grainger, who normally does the work on the roof for us, spent several days making the area safe and cutting up a lot of it although much remains and is too big to move. Tidying the area affected is ongoing.

As some of the trees nearer High Street are showing signs of ash dieback disease, a Tree Safety Survey was carried out in September. You might have noticed the identification numbers pinned to the trees. Although some trees are in a poor state, none urgently requires action but do need to be monitored. Some will need to be taken down in due course and may drop branches in the meantime, but as they are not overhanging the road or close to the graveyard, they don't represent a significant risk.

There was a working party held in the autumn which achieved a lot especially tidying the perimeter of the Garden of Remembrance and around the first vicar's grave. Further sessions will be held in the upcoming spring. Thank you to everyone who helps keep the yard tidy: it is often commented upon by visitors.

Bill Clarke

Community Choir

The Community Choir continues to meet each Wednesday during term time. We have had a number of new people join us and weekly attendance is now approximately 30 people. Rehearsals have

returned to pre-pandemic length of 1.5 hours, with a break for refreshments in the middle. Choir member value the time singing and also the opportunity to mix and socialise.

We are hoping to put on a concert towards the end of June: more details will follow in due course.

Angela Ashworth and Helen Clark

Fabric & Maintenance Team [FMT]

FMT's role is to provide guidance and leadership to the PCC on matters concerning the upkeep of the church buildings and land.

Membership is open to anyone and ideally includes a minimum of two members of the PCC. The current members are Andrew Benson (Chairman), Helen Clark (Warden) and Norman Rigby. In addition, Bill Clarke is an honorary member in recognition of all his work maintaining the church building and grounds.

Whilst the FMT neither met formally last year nor made any reports to PCC, it continued to work closely with the Building Projects Team to ensure that any future works undertaken will enhance the facilities without detriment to the church building.

In the past twelve months, a lot of work has been quietly and unobtrusively undertaken. This has included maintenance works to the roof area (gutter and downspout clearance), clock tower (dealing with leaks from the bell area) and church yard (clearance of fallen trees in March and a Tree Safety Survey undertaken in September (cf. p.5, *supra*). The church clock has required both routine maintenance and additional repair: this is not surprising as being over 130 years old, it is showing signs of its age. The heating system has undergone routine servicing and some tweaking to optimise performance.

The team is always forward-looking. To discharge its responsibilities successfully, the team would like to add to its numbers. In the coming year, FMT plans to prioritise the work identified in the most recent Quinquennial Inspection completed late 2022 and, at the same time, keeping on top of any recurring issues with the church roof, heating system, access roads and parking.

Andrew Benson

Finance Committee

The committee had expected to meet on the change of Treasurer but, as this did not occur as anticipated, there has been no meeting. None the less, the Treasurer has kept the committee apprised of significant developments. One member of FinCom having been incapacitated, the committee seeks to recruit another member.

David Hemsall

Gift Aid Officer

The impact of the cost-of-living crisis is being felt. After dropping by over 30% when Covid struck, Planned Giving shows little sign of recovery. In 2022-2023 the total on which tax could be claimed was £26,945.00 (as against £28,179.00 in the previous year). The tax claimed amounted to £6,736.25 (as against £7,044.75 in 2021-2022).

The claim for GASDS (Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme) has to be submitted in April 2023 and I expect to be able to report the exact figure to the PCC in due course.

Diane Ewart-Jones

Health & Safety Officer

There are no outstanding issues. The fire safety procedures recommended in last year's report have been implemented: prompt compliance was pleasing. It has been decided that CCW should purchase its own PAT testing machine as free access to the requisite equipment is no longer possible. On the plus side, the purchase will pay for itself in a couple of years.

Mick Cant

Missions Team

There has been no activity recently by the Missions Team for the following reasons:

- Activity ceased when Jane Barnes (who was our secretary) left. Jane was an excellent secretary and was our link with CROSSLINKS. This connection finished when the missionary we were supporting came back to the UK to take up a parish ministry.
- Jeanette Howe - our very faithful link with TEAR Fund - acted as minute secretary. We miss her very much. Jeanette regularly organised a TEAR Fund speaker and other events in support of TEAR Fund.
- With the onset of Covid the Team didn't meet and meetings have yet to resume. The pandemic has also had an effect on our missionary giving.

In the past our main missionary funding has been directed towards the Bible Society, TEAR Fund, Crosslinks and Musalaha (though links with this last organisation were very tenuous).

From various sources, mainly from members of the congregation, support has been directed towards the following: Christians Against Poverty (CAP), Street Pastors, Compassion; the Christingle collection, the Christmas card collection.

I would very much like to call a meeting of the supporters of our main groups with a view to revising and revitalising the missionary interest of our fellowship. If possible, this could perhaps coincide with some input in our regular Sunday worship over a period of weeks. Members of our fellowship (especially newer members) need to be made aware of our long-standing commitment to the worldwide mission of our church. This could be one of the items on the agenda of our next meeting.

The Missions Team thanks all who generously support the ongoing, worldwide and local outward-looking ministry of our church. It's obvious that the finances of our church are very much stretched just now but this ministry is part of the gospel commitment and an indication of the spiritual health of the fellowship. Those serving God on the 'front line' of the ministry at home and abroad deserve and expect our support.

I would ask the PCC to reiterate the fellowship's ongoing support for the Bible Society, TEAR Fund, CAP and Street Pastors.

The Revd Eric Ruehorn

Music Group

The group consists of vocalists - Kate Clarke, Angela Ashworth, Jo Haslam, Hannah Proctor - and instrumentalists Paul Rigby and Alan Whitmore (both guitar).

The group supports and leads musical aspects of worship. Each Sunday, it meets from 09.30 -10.30 to rehearse. The songs sung for 5 minutes before the start of the service are intended to prepare and focus members of the congregation before the service begins.

Given our smaller size, we have had to use a greater number of videos when people are away. We would be happy to welcome additional members, particularly any talented pianists willing to offer the

church their musical gift. We are all grateful to pianist Ruth Boaden who has occasionally been able to play for our services.

Members are sent the song choices a few days before the service so that, if necessary, they can look at/listen to any songs with which they may not be familiar.

The group is always happy to consider new material to introduce to services, so please feel free to speak to one of us if you have any suggestions.

Music Group members would also like to express their appreciation of the kind and supportive comments received from so many of you.

Kate Clarke

Pastoral Care Team

The Pastoral Care Team was set up at the beginning of the Interregnum in May last year. Members include Marie and Norman Beswick, John Clayton Mavis Glenholme, Andrea Llewelyn-Jones, Frank and Susan Yung with Eric Ruehorn acting in an advisory role.

The overall aim is to provide pastoral support to members of the congregation in the absence of a vicar. The purpose of the team, its underlying principles, the process for referring people and the role of team members are set out in a document produced in September 2022. Copies of this document are to be found on the table at the back of Church.

What is working well? Since the last report to the PCC in January over twenty-five home visits have been made by members of the team. Many more messages, including phone calls, get well and thinking of you cards and bereavement cards have been sent. Mavis Glenholme, who is unable to visit members of the congregation, has sent the majority of these messages. The home visits have been particularly well-received. A small petty cash account has been set up to support the work of the team.

What issues are there to be addressed? We feel that there are some people in the congregation who may have slipped through the net and would welcome some support. We aim to rectify this, in part by producing a brief information leaflet. Any referrals can be made through me or any other member of the team. In the longer term we need to attract younger people to the team. If you are interested and want to know more, please speak to Frank Yung or myself.

Norman Beswick

Safeguarding Officer

I have been in post as the Safeguarding Officer for Christ Church Walshaw since the summer of 2022. Unfortunately, I received no hand-over material from Steve Openshaw as regards DBS checks. I have also yet to undertake any formal Diocesan safeguarding training as a result of my full-time employment as a Social Worker and, therefore, having many work and other evening commitments. I plan book myself into the next round of training.

I have had discussions with the majority of church volunteers involved in children's groups. I am aware that some of these volunteers are DBS cleared on an annually recurring basis by the Diocese. A number of church members have emailed me in relation to their rolling yearly DBS checks.

Julie Benson is co-ordinating safeguarding administration of the Baby & Toddler Group and there are a number of volunteers assisting Julie. The group is very successful and very well attended. Julie is fully DBS checked and her clearance is one of those renewed on a yearly basis. Julie has also been co-ordinating Children's Church which again is well attended by a regular group of children.

After a long and convoluted process, I am now registered with our host DBS-checking organisation. Thirty One Eight. I am aware that a number of our church family do need DBS checks, such as some members of the Missions, Baby & Toddler and Children's Church groups. There is a cost to our church for these checks which is approximately £5 per person: that being so, I shall need authorisation from the PCC to commence these additional checks. If individuals are not on a yearly rolling DBS check, then these need to be carried out every three years.

I am not aware of any safeguarding issues at church at present and now feel that I am finding my feet in this important role. In closing, on 23 March 2023, the PCC undertook the statutory annual review of its Safeguarding Policy; the up-to-date policy is shown as *Annex 1* on page 11.

Andrea Llywelyn Jones

View from the Pew

Following the vicar's untimely retirement in 2022, the fellowship has been largely dependent upon its own resources. Many of those who stepped up to the plate during the previous interregnum of 2014-2016 have once again given generously of their time and talent. It's been good too that they've been supplemented by others who've joined Christ Church since then. Our thanks are due to all of them. This especially applies to Helen Clark (Warden) and Joanne McKenzie (Mission and Ministry Co-ordinator) not only in their separate roles but also as Co-Chairs of the PCC. Both have suffered significant family bereavement during the past year which makes their ongoing commitment all the more remarkable.

Numbers attending weekly services have held up well, averaging over 40 in the past twelve months and comparing very favourably with the previous interregnum when attendance hovered around the 35 mark. What has previously been referred to as "the extended Church family" – that is folk attending on an infrequent basis – is rather larger, as reflected in the Directory issued in July 2022 after a long delay caused by the pandemic. It is hoped that publication will revert to a biennial pattern in future.

Services have followed a varied, monthly pattern as leaders have found their feet. There has been plenty of variety although – the sound system being more than adequate – voice projection from the front remains uneven. We've been particularly fortunate to enjoy the ministry of the Revd Debra Johnstone who presided at services of Holy Communion for a six-month period and delivered sermons notable for their succinct delivery of the message. One senior member of the fellowship remarked on how, in the course of twelve months, the fellowship has been treated to sermons, talks and even an address!

However styled, sermons have prompted some discussion and debate. So too has the unavoidable adoption of videos when the Music Group has been unable to lead with its full complement. Some members of the fellowship, whilst recognising the necessity, have not always been enamoured of the songs selected but, rather than commenting *sotto voce*, folk should take advantage of the Music Group's openness to suggestions (cf. p.8, *supra*). Indeed, two-way communication between the leaders and the led is as healthy as it is essential at a time when Christ Church is necessarily so dependent upon its own human resources.

In what has been a very difficult year, those who've contributed in any way to the welfare of the fellowship deserve a pat on the back (or several pats in several cases) but – and here comes the inevitable sting in the tail! – our individual and collective efforts need to be sustained and even enhanced in future. What lies ahead isn't yet entirely clear. There will be bumps in the road but the hard-core members who attend in such consistent and encouraging numbers will ensure, God willing, that Christ Church continues to prosper.

David Hempsall

Annex 1: Safeguarding Policy

The policy was approved by the PCC at its meeting on 23 March 2023, thereby fulfilling the requirement for annual review, amendment (if necessary) and endorsement.

In accordance with the Church of England Safeguarding Policy our church is committed to:

- Promoting a safer environment and culture.
- Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children, young people and vulnerable adults within the church.
- Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation.
- Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse and other affected persons.
- Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns or allegations of abuse and other affected persons.
- Responding to those that may pose a present risk to others.

The Parish will:

- Create a safe and caring place for all.
- Have a named Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) to work with the incumbent and the PCC to implement policy and procedures.
- Safely recruit, train and support all those with any responsibility for children, young people and adults to have the confidence and skills to recognise and respond to abuse.
- Ensure that there is appropriate insurance cover for all activities involving children and adults undertaken in the name of the parish.
- Display in church premises and on the Parish website the details of who to contact if there are safeguarding concerns or support needs.
- Listen to and take seriously all those who disclose abuse.
- Take steps to protect children and adults when a safeguarding concern of any kind arises, following House of Bishops' guidance, including notifying the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (DSA) and statutory agencies immediately.
- Offer support to victims/survivors of abuse regardless of the type of abuse, when or where it occurred.
- Care for and monitor any member of the church community who may pose a risk to children and adults whilst maintaining appropriate confidentiality and the safety of all parties.
- Ensure that health and safety policy, procedures and risk assessments are in place and that these are reviewed annually.
- Review the implementation of the Safeguarding Policy, Procedures and Practices at least annually.

Each person who works within this church community will agree to abide by this policy and the guidelines established by this church.

This church appoints Andrea Llywelyn-Jones as the Parish Safeguarding Officer.

PCC CO-CHAIR SIGNATORIES:

Helen Clark (Church Warden)

Joanne McKenzie (Mission and Ministry Coordinator)

DATE: 29 March 2023



CHRIST CHURCH WALSHAW

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND ACCOUNTS OF THE PCC FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God."

Mark 10, 27

Please have this report with you at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting which will be held on Thursday, 20 April 2023 at 7.30 p.m. **Please note that these accounts are in draft form, requiring first, the Independent Examiner's signing-off and, secondly, approval by the PCC.**

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Christ Church Walshaw - Accounts - 2022

	General Account (Unrestricted use)	Deposit Account (Designated & Restricted use)	Building Fund (Designated use)	Total		
Opening Balance Jan 2022	4615	61808	11518	77941		

Receipts				2021	Variance	Notes
Tax efficient planned giving	25844		1416	27260	28085	-825
One off Gift Aid	140			140	180	-40
Tax Recovered	8375			8375	7864	511
Other regular planned giving	1924			1924	2015	-91
Collections of loose cash at services	2757			2757	2545	212
All other giving	636			636	305	331
Total giving	39676	0	1416	41092	40994	98 1
Legacies	6000			6000	5000	1000 2
Dividends & Interest	1625	58	7	1690	1472	218
Recurring Grants	50			50	50	0 3
Non-recurring Grants	1250			1250	880	370 4
Listed Places of Worship Scheme	631			631	675	-44 5
Fees	2761			2761	520	2241
Fund raising events	46			46	600	-554 6
Rental Income	250			0	0	0
Baby & Toddler Group	1172			1172	481	691
Community Choir	600			600	0	600
Total Income (excl. giving)	14385	58	7	14450	9678	4772
Total Receipts	54061	58	1423	55542	50672	4870

Transfers			
From Deposit to General	3546		
From General to Deposit		631	
From General to Building Fund			329
Total Receipts & Transfers	57607	58	1752

Christ Church Walshaw - Accounts - 2022

General Account	Deposit Account	Building Fund	Total
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Payments			2021	Variance	Notes
Overseas missions societies		0	1000	-1000	7
Christian Relief and Dev. Agencies	1381	1381	500	881	
Home mission and other Church Soc.	500	500	500	0	
Secular Charities	25	25	20	5	
Parish Share/Quota	26500	26500	22200	4300	8
Incumbent working expenses	427	427	925	-498	
Salaries, wages & honoraria		0	0	0	
Parsonage	1170	1170	3485	-2315	9
Church running expenses	15344	15344	15840	-496	10
Church maintenance	5705	5705	3491	2214	11
Upkeep of Services	975	975	867	108	12
Upkeep of churchyard	2856	2856	1840	1016	13
Major Repairs & Improve.		0	5097	-5097	14
Support costs	25	25	187	-162	
Baby & Toddler Group	40	40	709	-669	
Church administration	198	198	311	-113	
Total Payments	55146	0	55146	56972	-1826
Transfers					
From Deposit to General		3546			
From General to Deposit	631				
From General to Building Fund	329				
Total Payments & Transfers	56106	3546	0		
Closing Balance Dec 2022	6116	58320	13270	77706	

Notes to accompany 2022 accounts

Unrestricted – Funds that can be used for any purpose approved by the PCC.

Designated – Funds that have been allocated to a particular purpose by the PCC.

Restricted – Typically funds from a bequest or grant where there were instructions set on their use.

1. Giving.

The level of giving fell this year, especially tax efficient giving and this is limiting what we as a fellowship can do both within this building, across the parish and beyond. Thank you to all of you who have continued to give via bank transfers and I urge those who contribute via the plate to consider switching to a standing order if possible. Our Gift Aid Officer, Diane Ewart-Jones, puts in an enormous amount of work to ensure that we claim back every penny we can from HMRC. Some use has been made of the card reader with just over £150 given via card transactions.

Please remember that we receive no financial support towards the maintenance and upkeep of the building from any external sources beyond occasional grants – it is your giving that keeps this building usable.

2. Legacies.

We benefited from two gifts from the estates of Richard Nuttall Hamer and Barbara Smethurst.

3. Recurring Grants.

We continue to receive a payment to maintain the Commonwealth War Graves.

4. Non-recurring Grants.

We received £1250 via the Diocese from the Church of England as a recognition of the increased energy costs that all parishes are experiencing. A further grant maybe available for those parishes that saw significant price increases or have additional missional activity related to the energy crisis such as providing Warm Spaces. Application for this is being considered by the PCC.

5. Listed Places of Worship Scheme,

As Christ Church is a 2* listed building we can reclaim the VAT on some major works carried out on the building, in this case we were able to claim against the recent clock repairs.

6. Fund Raising Events

This money was the final money for ticket sales that were not refunded.

7. Mission Partner Support and other donations

Tearfund	£881 (incl. ticket receipts for Faith in Musicals)
Christians against poverty	£500
Bible Society	£500
British Legion Poppy Appeal	£25

Sadly, the financial situation we found ourselves in this year has resulted in a much-reduced level of support than we would normally achieve.

8. Parish Share

Once again, we fell far short of paying our Parish Share – just £26,500 of the assessment of £37,425. For 2023 the assessment has risen to £41,167 and unless something remarkable happens we will fall short once again

9. Parsonage

This item covers the contributions the PCC makes to the cost of 37 Gisburn Drive for the council tax, water charges and ground rent. Since Revd. Openshaw retired we have been able to reclaim these costs from, initially the Diocese and since September from Revd. Openshaw while he is still in residence.

10. Church running expenses

Insurance	£9802
Gas	£4031
Electricity	£1173
Water Plus	£337

Our gas contract ran out in November and although Gordon Clark put in an enormous effort to negotiate a new one as you can guess the cost increase has been considerable, roughly trebling. We remained with our existing supplier, Crown Gas and Power, as they offered the best deal and service we could find at the time. The cost of gas and electricity use in church represents a major issue going forwards.

We were well in credit on our electricity account and so the DD was reduced in the summer to slowly return it to a sensible level.

11. Church Maintenance

Heating system service etc.	£372
Clock	£3821
Organ	£164
Roof etc.	£786
Dishwasher repairs	£281
Fire extinguisher rentals etc.	£281

The clock has proved to be rather unreliable over the last year or so requiring various repairs which have proved quite costly, and it is still not running acceptably. We were able to reclaim the VAT element of the works via the Listed Places of Worship scheme.

12. Upkeep of services

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13. Upkeep of churchyard

Clearing fallen tree after storms £430

Tree Safety Survey £556

Mowing etc. £1800

The tree survey was carried out as we had some concerns over the safety of some of the trees in the yard. A number are suffering from ash die back but don't represent a current risk although they will be monitored going forwards.

14. Major repairs & improvements

None this year although work is ongoing to upgrade the lighting and electrics.

W S Clarke
PCC Treasurer
January 2023

INVESTMENTS

Securities held on behalf of the PCC by the Manchester Diocesan Board of Finance.

Trust Title	Nominal Value	Cost Book Value	Income Received	Market Value	
				2022	2021
Mrs Leigh (deceased) Lady Chapel (CBF 1192F) Fixed interest	£1,448.00	£2,095.88	Paid into Lady Chapel deposit trust	£1,978.11	£2,287.70
Mrs Leigh (deceased) Lady Chapel (CBF 1215D) Deposit	£2,335.91	£2,335.91	Interest retained	£2,335.91	£2,248.78
M A Hibbert Trust (CBF 1451S) Investment fund	£2,431.83	£27,836.28	£1,494.35 (paid into general account)	£50,207.32	£56,872.48
Constance Middleton Trust (CBF 1941D) Deposit	£19669.33	£19669.33	£131.05 (paid into general account)	£19,669.33	£19,669.33

n.b. the funds within these trusts are all restricted and as such can only be used for the purposes designated at the time of establishment.

Liabilities

Nil

Accounts for the Financial Year ending 31 December 2022

Approved by the Parochial Church Council meeting held on :

and signed on their behalf by :

H S Clark

..... Chairman

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PCC OF CHRIST CHURCH WALSHAW

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner

As trustees of the charity, the members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 ("The 2011 Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matters have come to my attention

1. which give me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements
 - to keep proper accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act); or
 - to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting recordshave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Date:

09.04.23.