

**The PCC of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ Church West Didsbury and St Christopher Withington**  
**Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2020**

**Reference and administrative details**

***The charity name.***

The legal name of the charity is:- The PCC of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ Church West Didsbury and St Christopher Withington.

***The charity's areas of operation and UK charitable registration.***

The charity is registered in England & Wales with the Charity Commission in England & Wales (CCEW) with charity number 1147596.

***Legal structure of the charity.***

The governing document of the charity is the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended by church representation rules that came into force on 28 November 2006.

The trustees are all individuals.

**The principal operating address, telephone number, email and web addresses of the charity are:-**

Christ Church Rectory  
35 Darley Avenue  
West Didsbury  
Manchester, M20 2ZD  
Telephone 0161 445 4152  
Email address [office@christchurchdidsbury.org.uk](mailto:office@christchurchdidsbury.org.uk)  
Web address <http://christchurchdidsbury.org.uk>

**The Trustees in office on the date the report was approved and who served during the reporting year were:-**

Rev A Pilkington  
Mrs S Atherton  
Mr S Baird  
Mr B Bartlett  
Mrs S Belle  
Dr A J Bradbury  
Dr J Galloway  
Prof D Kloss  
Mrs C Lowe  
Mr R Lowe  
Mrs B Malone  
Ms A Meadowcroft  
Rev T Studman  
Mrs A Tonner  
Mrs J Weaving  
Mr G Whalley since 25 October 2020  
Mrs J White  
Mr H Wood  
Mrs R Wood



## **Objects and activities of the charity**

### ***The purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document.***

Charitable object – promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church.

Summary of objects – to enable as many people as possible to worship at our churches and to be part of the parish community through prayer, learning about the Gospel, provision of pastoral care and through missionary and outreach work.

### ***The main activities undertaken during a normal year to further the charity's purpose for the public benefit.***

Activities include:-

- Provision of worship and prayer.
- Outreach to residential homes and schools.
- Use of buildings by other Christian communities.
- Provision of accommodation for community groups.
- Providing space for concerts open to all.
- Christ Church takes part in the national Heritage Open Weekend each September, locally organised and advertised by Didsbury Civic Society under the Didsbury Open Doors banner. The church has a themed display in addition to information about parish history and various architectural and decorative features of the building.
- Christ Church is open every Wednesday and Saturday morning for visitors as advertised through the Heritage Lottery Fund website following extensive grant aid for roof works.
- Charitable donations locally, nationally and internationally.
- Provision of accommodation to Chorlton and Didsbury Food Bank for storage and distribution of food.
- Work with Southway Housing Association, including coffee mornings and monthly events.

The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in managing the activities of the charity.

### ***The main achievements and performance of the charity during the year.***

Since March 2020 the church has operated under the national restrictions imposed to control the Covid-19 pandemic. Prior to that date a full range of religious services was held throughout the week at both churches plus monthly services at four residential homes and sheltered accommodation.

In the first period of lockdown the rector and others filmed services from their homes. An average of 65 people viewed the services each week, with a peak of 148 on Mothering Sunday. The churches reopened for services in line with social distancing regulations in July and thereafter an average of 21 people continued to access the recorded services via the internet.

On 13 September live streaming of services from Christ Church commenced. On average 41 people viewed each service with a peak of 91.

In addition, from 13 June Christ Church has been open for private prayer for 2 hours on Wednesday and Saturday. It is intended that this will continue after the pandemic restrictions are lifted.

Prior to lockdown our buildings continued to be used by other Christian groups including Seventh Day Adventists and the Tamil Christian Fellowship.



It has not been possible to continue services at residential homes but carol singing took place outside before Christmas.

At the start of lockdown the parish set up a WhatsApp group so that church members could be contacted and respond to needs for assistance by parishioners with shopping etc..

Work with local schools has continued online or by the use of recorded services.

Our buildings continued to be used by community groups until March. These included Al Anon, Cocaine Anonymous, dance and theatre groups, musical societies, sports clubs etc..

Two concerts open to the public were held at the beginning of the year, with around 80 – 100 people attending.

Chorlton and Didsbury Food Bank has continued to use our hall for storage and distribution throughout the year with appropriate Covid-19 precautions. It has been open on an increased number of days to meet an increased need for its services by the local community for food and other essential items.

Despite much reduced income donations to other charities and individuals in need were maintained at previous levels.

Regular maintenance has been carried out on our buildings. Of note was the complete replacement of the central heating system in the church hall at a cost of around £25,000. This much improves this important community space.

The parish has applied for Bronze Level Eco Church status.

A trainee ordinand joined the parish during the year.

#### **Structure, governance and management of the charity**

##### ***The methods used to recruit and appoint new charity trustees.***

Trustees are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

Bankers	CAF Bank Ltd
	25 Kings Hill Avenue
	Kings Hill
	West Malling
	Kent
	ME19 4JQ

**Report approved by the trustees on 24 February 2021.**





**CHRIST CHURCH WEST DIDSBURY  
AND ST CHRISTOPHER WITHINGTON**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020**



## Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of Christ Church West Didsbury and St Christopher Withington

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2020, which are set out herewith is in respect of an examination carried out under Regulation 3(3) of the Church Accounting Regulations ('the regulations') and s.43 of The Charities Act 1993 ('the act').

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirements of Regulation 3(3) of the regulations and s.43(2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report of those accounts in accordance with the terms of Regulation 25 of the Regulations and Regulation 7 of the Charities (Accounts & Reports) Regulations 1995.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under s.43(7) of the Act and to be found in the guidance from the CBF. The examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters.

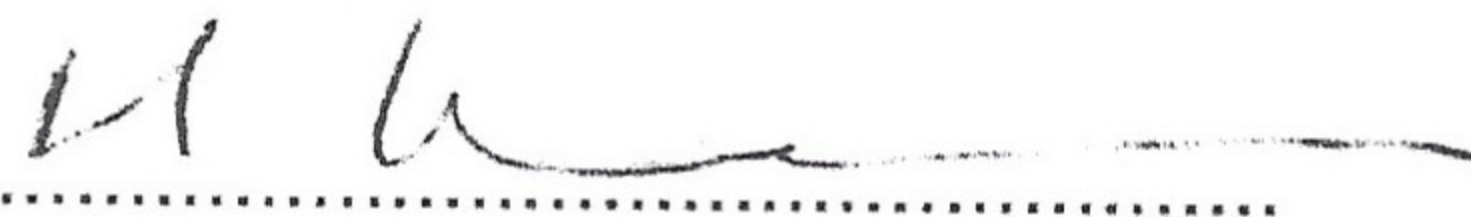
The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with s.41 of the Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the requirements of the Act, as also contained in the Regulations have not been met; or

(2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Helen Whittingham  
Independent Examiner:

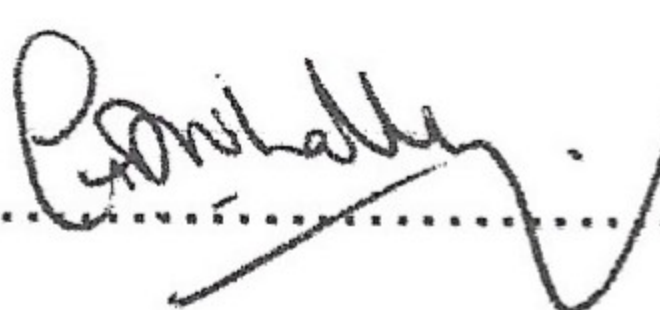


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Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 16th May ..... 2021

And signed on its behalf by:

 ..... Chairman

 ..... Member



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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR

		This Year 2020			Last Year 2019
		General £	Restricted £	Total £	Total £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>					
<b>Ordinary</b>	Planned giving (stewardship)	40,867	-	<b>40,867</b>	35,404
	Cash collections	2,395	-	<b>2,395</b>	4,441
	Fund raising	1,684	134	<b>1,817</b>	2,665
	Magazine	311	-	<b>311</b>	841
	PCC fees	681	4,201	<b>4,882</b>	2,978
	Hall hire/rent	13,518	-	<b>13,518</b>	37,935
	Charitable donations	-	595	<b>595</b>	-
	Other donations	6,418	5	<b>6,423</b>	1,541
	Traidcraft	-	97	<b>97</b>	505
	Other	465	-	<b>465</b>	1,790
	Tax refunds (Gift Aid/GASDS)	14,403	-	<b>14,403</b>	14,011
	<b>Ordinary subtotal</b>	<b>80,743</b>	<b>5,032</b>	<b>85,775</b>	<b>102,111</b>
<b>Extraordinary</b>	Transfer from CCLA	25,000	-	<b>25,000</b>	5,000
	Transfer from Barclays flat acc	10,702	-	<b>10,702</b>	-
	Transfer from Barclays organ acc	7,118	-	<b>7,118</b>	-
	Organ fund income	161	-	<b>161</b>	2,144
	Hall fund income	-	6,420	<b>6,420</b>	6,745
	Flat fund income	7,613	-	<b>7,642</b>	-
	Flat council tax refund	29	-	<b>-</b>	152
	Bequest (incl dividends)	8,537	-	<b>8,537</b>	-
	<b>Extraordinary subtotal</b>	<b>59,160</b>	<b>6,420</b>	<b>65,581</b>	<b>14,041</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>139,903</b>	<b>11,452</b>	<b>151,355</b>	<b>116,152</b>

Note: certain funds may be *designated* by the trustees (the PCC) for specific projects from time to time; however, these still form part of our *general* (unrestricted) funds for the purposes of charity law and can be redirected back to unrestricted funds if the PCC chooses. Our *restricted* funds are those held for donor specified-purposes - for example, appeals or grants that have been made to fund specific objects or objectives, including donations to other charities.



# RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR

		This Year 2020			Last Year 2019
		General £	Restricted £	Total £	Total £
<b><u>PAYMENTS</u></b>					
<b>Ordinary</b>	<b>Rector</b>				
	Water	569	-	569	535
	Phone/Broadband	903	-	903	902
	Working expenses	1,800	-	1,800	1,800
	Council tax	2,480	-	2,480	1,774
	<b>Curate</b>				
	Working expenses	1,200	-	1,200	600
	Broadband	293	-	293	-
	<b>Churches</b>				
	Parish share/fees	34,953	4,201	39,154	45,536
	Gas	3,403	-	3,403	4,309
	Electricity	1,368	-	1,368	2,193
	Water	751	-	751	1,048
	Insurance	6,761	-	6,761	6,701
	Phone/dongle (St C)	90	-	90	90
	Cleaning	715	-	715	715
	Repairs/maintenance	9,600	-	9,600	10,207
	Upkeep of services	1,926	-	1,926	2,343
	Church grounds	540	-	540	639
	Organist and music	4,648	-	4,648	6,518
	Sunday schools/education	18	-	18	17
	Magazine	300	-	300	1,152
	Charitable giving	3,871	729	4,600	5,942
	Traidcraft	-	92	92	509
	Other	4,194	-	4,194	4,976
	<b>Halls</b>				
	Gas	1,643	-	1,643	1,909
	Electricity	449	-	449	593
	Cleaning	1,540	-	1,540	1,440
	Repairs/maintenance	1,585	-	1,585	3,078
	Hall hire refunds	280	-	280	-
	<b>Ordinary subtotal</b>	<b>85,879</b>	<b>5,022</b>	<b>90,902</b>	<b>105,526</b>
<b>Extraordinary</b>	<b>Tr to CCLA</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>-</b>
	Tr to Barclays organ acc	45	-	45	2,100
	Tr to Barclays flat acc	-	-	-	152
	Flat/community fund	5,424	-	5,424	-
	Streaming set-up	2,889	-	2,889	-
	Trail fund	19,675	6,425	26,100	-
	<b>Extraordinary subtotal</b>	<b>48,033</b>	<b>6,425</b>	<b>54,458</b>	<b>2,252</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>133,912</b>	<b>11,448</b>	<b>145,360</b>	<b>107,778</b>
<b><u>SURPLUS/DEFICIT</u></b>					
<b>Ordinary</b>		- 5,137	10 -	5,127	- 3,415
<b>Extraordinary</b>		11,128 -	5	11,123	11,789
<b>Total</b>		<b>5,991</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5,996</b>	<b>8,374</b>



**CHRIST CHURCH WEST DIDSBURY AND ST CHRISTOPHER WITHINGTON**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020**

**STATEMENTS OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES AT YEAR END**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with s.133(1) of the Charities Act 2011.  
For details of income and expenditure please see Receipts & Payments sheet for the full year.

		AS AT 01/01/2020 £	AS AT 31/12/2020 £	
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>				
<b>Bank Account Balances</b>	CAF Bank current account	22,477	28,073	
	CCLA deposit account	25,647	20,804	
			<u>48,877</u>	
<b>Investment Property</b>	Flat at 5 Montmarno Drive	191,324	<u>191,324</u>	See note 1 & 2
<b>Debtors</b>	Gift Aid/GSADS		813	
	Church Hall Hire		330	
			<u>1,143</u>	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>			<u>241,344</u>	
<b>As Available Funds</b>	Hall refurbishment fund	8,378	-	
	Flat/community fund	10,148	13,016	
	Organ fund	7,073	7,323	
	Reserve	15,000	15,000	See note 3
	Available General Funds	24,746	13,538	
			<u>48,877</u>	
<b><u>LIABILITIES</u></b>				
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	Carol service singers/organist fees		210	
	Sundry Expenses		75	
			<u>285</u>	
<b>Restricted funds</b>	DBF Fees for December		534	
	Traidcraft		5	
			<u>539</u>	
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>			<u>824</u>	

Note 1: The trustees (the PCC) have deliberately chosen to use the the 2019 valuation figure, rather than assuming any increase in value in 2020.

Note 2: Churches, churchyards and rectories are vested in the Church of England and are not Parish assets. Moveable church contents (plate, furniture, etc.) are inalienable property and require a faculty for disposal; they are recorded in the church *Terrier* log and are not recognised nor listed on this Statement of Assets & Liabilities.

Note 3: The trustees (the PCC) aim to maintain free reserves in unrestricted funds at a level which equates to approximately two months of unrestricted expenditure. The trustees consider that this is sufficient to cope with any timing fluctuations in unrestricted income.