

The PCC of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ Church West Didsbury and St Christopher Withington

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2022

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
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 until April 2022
Mr R Lowe
Mrs B Malone
Ms A Meadowcroft
Ms J Partington from April 2022
Ms E Radcliffe from April 2022
Mrs R Tebay
Mrs A Tonner
Mrs J Weaving
Mr G Whalley
Mrs J White
Mr H Wood until April 2022
Mrs R Wood until April 2022

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.
- St Christopher's Church is used every week by Greater Together Manchester to provide warmth, a hot meal and social time for those staying in local bed and breakfast accommodation. The building is also used by the NHS for Health and Wellbeing sessions.
- Christ Church Hall is used by the National Childbirth Trust for classes for parents.

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.

During 2022 the church has returned to normal activities following relaxation of the national restrictions imposed to control the Covid-19 pandemic. Services continue to be streamed for those unable to attend in person.

In addition, Christ Church has been open for private prayer for 2 hours on Wednesday and Saturday.

Carol singing has returned at residential homes at Christmas.

There is a parish WhatsApp group so that church members can be contacted and respond to needs for assistance by parishioners with shopping etc..

Work with local schools has resumed face to face, particularly Experience Easter.

Our buildings have been used again by community groups since restrictions have been lifted. These include services for children and adults and include karate, theatre school, Cocaine Anonymous, music tuition and other Christian groups.

Concerts open to the public continue and church buildings are used for rehearsal.

Chorlton and Didsbury Food Bank has continued to use our hall for storage and distribution throughout the year. 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 reduced income donations to other charities and individuals in need were maintained at previous levels.

Regular maintenance has been carried out on our buildings.

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 20 February 2023.



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Independent Examiner

Date: 27/3/23

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 26th March 2023

And signed on its behalf by:

..... PCC Chair

..... PCC Member

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		This Year 2022			Last Year 2021
		General £	Restricted* £	Total £	Total £
<u>RECEIPTS</u>					
Ordinary	Planned giving (stewardship)	40,570	200	40,770	43,191
	Cash collections	2,633	335	2,968	2,991
	Contactless payments	2,097	-	2,097	145
	Magazine	845	-	845	753
	PCC fees	2,681	4,329	7,010	5,199
	Hire of church and halls	37,407	-	37,407	20,476
	Charitable donations	-	2,635	2,635	2,625
	Other donations / fundraising	-	396	396	812
	Traidcraft	1,037	-	1,037	147
	Tea/Coffee Money	120	-	120	-
	Other ordinary income	1,806	-	1,806	2,784
	Tax refunds (Gift Aid/GASDS)	11,363	-	11,363	13,585
	Ordinary subtotal	<u>100,559</u>	<u>7,895</u>	<u>108,454</u>	<u>92,707</u>
Extraordinary	Flat	9,491	-	9,491	7,528
	Hall & buildings fund	2,022	3,567	5,589	4,112
	Christ Church organ fund	370	-	370	-
	Bequests	-	-	-	8,500
	Heating grant from Diocese	2,500	-	2,500	-
	Extraordinary subtotal	<u>14,384</u>	<u>3,567</u>	<u>17,950</u>	<u>20,140</u>
Total		<u>114,943</u>	<u>11,461</u>	<u>126,404</u>	<u>112,847</u>

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<u>PAYMENTS</u>					
Ordinary	<u>Rector</u>				
	Water	705	-	705	586
	Phone/Broadband	861	-	861	815
	Working expenses	1,800	-	1,800	1,800
	Council tax	2,696	-	2,696	2,596
	<u>Curate</u>				
	Working expenses	2,400	-	2,400	1,800
	Broadband	758	-	758	591
	<u>Churches</u>				
	Parish share/fees	48,003	4,329	52,332	51,772
	Gas	4,477	-	4,477	3,183
	Electricity	2,094	-	2,094	1,544
	Water	972	-	972	850
	Insurance	7,434	-	7,434	6,852
	Broadband	690	-	690	764
	Cleaning	1,094	-	1,094	986
	Repairs/maintenance	3,201	-	3,201	4,406
	Upkeep of services	2,670	-	2,670	2,468
	Church grounds	1,005	-	1,005	300
	Organist and music	6,200	-	6,200	6,163
	Sunday schools/education	162	-	162	42
	Magazine	896	-	896	768
	Charitable giving	4,054	2,459	6,513	5,762
	Traidcraft	1,543	-	1,543	267
	Other	8,001	931	8,932	3,399
	<u>Halls</u>				
	Gas	1,387	-	1,387	1,204
	Electricity	691	-	691	526
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	Repairs/maintenance	-	-	-	215
	Other hall expenses/refunds	337	-	337	1,685
	Ordinary subtotal	<u>106,206</u>	<u>7,719</u>	<u>113,925</u>	<u>103,183</u>
Extraordinary	Tr to CCLA	-	-	-	15,000
	Christ Church organ fund	775	-	775	-
	Flat (incl. community in 2022)	3,554	-	3,554	5,704
	Hall & buildings fund	3,503	3,567	7,069	4,866
	New St Christopher's organ	1,100	-	1,100	-
	Extraordinary subtotal	<u>8,931</u>	<u>3,567</u>	<u>12,498</u>	<u>25,570</u>
Total		<u><u>115,138</u></u>	<u><u>11,286</u></u>	<u><u>126,423</u></u>	<u><u>128,754</u></u>
<u>SURPLUS/DEFICIT</u>					
Ordinary		- 5,647	176	- 5,471	- 10,476
Extraordinary		5,452	-	5,452	- 5,430
Total		<u>- 195</u>	<u>176</u>	<u>- 19</u>	<u>- 15,906</u>

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	CCLA deposit account	35,816	36,287	
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Debtors	Gift Aid/GSADS	-	-	
	Church/hall hire	715	835	
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TOTAL ASSETS			247,270	
As Available Funds	Hall and buildings fund	7,052	5,572	} See note 3
	Flat/community fund	14,840	-	
	Organ fund	7,323	6,918	} See note 4
	Reserve	15,000	18,000	
	Available general funds	3,769	17,946	
			48,435	
<u>LIABILITIES</u>				
Unrestricted funds	Carol service: singers/organist fees	210	125	
	Sundry expenses	75	-	
	Parish share 2022		2	
			127	
Restricted funds	DBF fees for prev. month(s)	933	412	
	Viva Network (Advent supper)	-	235	
	Childrens Society (Christingle)	197	194	
	Diabetes UK (funeral collection)	90	-	
			841	
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