

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST NICHOLAS WITH ST BARNABAS, WESTON-SUPER-MARE

England & Wales - Charity number 1149546

Details

Other names	ST NICHOLAS WITH ST BARNABAS, WESTON-SUPER-MARE BUT PRIOR TO 22/6/2010 AS UPHILL TEAM MINISTRY AND PRIOR TO 16/7/1992 AS PCC OF ST. NICHOLAS UPHILL
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2012-10-30
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

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

Activities: Church of England Parish Activities

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- North Somerset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£114,827	£99,108	-	-
2024-12-31	£106,057	£97,055	-	-
2023-12-31	£86,672	£94,915	-	-
2022-12-31	£118,174	£132,867	-	-
2021-12-31	£74,557	£82,386	-	-
2020-12-31	£82,791	£100,805	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev MARK MADELEY	Chair	2012-10-26
Annabel Jane Loring		2015-01-19
DAVID PACK		2016-04-18
David William Thomas		2026-04-26
Diana Molly Thomas		2025-06-09
Gail Elizabeth Rowley		2023-04-23
JAMES STEPHEN LORING		2012-10-26
Jeffrey John Realff		2024-04-21
LYNN PACK		2016-04-18
Neil O'Donoghue		2023-04-23
Pauline Farley		2017-04-03

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
From	01	01	2025	To	31	12	2025

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Charity's principal address

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Uphill	
Weston-Super-Mare	
Postcode	BS23 4UH

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12	Jeff Realff			Elected at APCM
13	Gail Rowley			Elected at APCM
14	Diana Thomas		09/06/2025-31/12/2025	Co-opted by PCC
15	Michael Perrin	Chair/PCC Secretary	01/01/2025-27/04/2025	Elected at APCM
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

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There is goodwill towards the Church generally. The Wednesday morning service at St Barnabas has a loyal following of mostly older people and has recently attracted new members.

We run several events for the benefit of the community and it is always our aim to do so from both buildings. We are constantly considering what other options might draw families and young people into a relationship with Jesus. Messy Church, for example, enables families to come along for fun and a meal and to take part in as much or as little as they want.

We are able to offer the usual life event services of normal Church life – baptisms, weddings and funerals.

We have actively engaged with our regular people to provide the teaching and encouragement needed for each of our members to grow in their faith. Teaching from the Bible is a key feature of this parish through sermon series and meeting in homes for study, prayer and support. We have done this through web links and by post for those who are unable to access the web.

Our church members are involved in a number of church and community initiatives including: Street Pastors, Samaritans, Citizens Advice, Scouts. The hall is normally used by a pre-school for 10 sessions each week and St Barnabas hopes soon to host more community groups in addition to those meeting currently - a craft group, table tennis, and a monthly Luncheon Club. Some of these are longstanding commitments enabling the building of relationships with people over the years.

Church members have been generous with their money as well as their time. The Parish continues to monitor the buildings and repair and improve them where finance allows. The Parish is aware of some improvements that are still needed and is working on these issues.

The active church membership is about 70 and we have attracted several new regular participants to our worship services over the past year. In addition, Messy Church was attracting an average 30 children with their parents/carers to this monthly event.

We recognise the importance of Jesus' commission in Matthew 28 to go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and we are certain that this will result in both spiritual and numerical continued growth in our membership.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The PCC maintains a general reserve equivalent to 3 months' regular expenditure including Benefice Share, plus two months' notice and £3,300 statutory redundancy pay for our employee, should the need arise. In addition, we set aside £10,000 for unanticipated building work.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

We are paying our Benefice Share in full by monthly direct debit, and this is by far our biggest item of expenditure.

Over 76% of the PCC's income in 2025 came from the church community directly, and the tax recovered on Gift Aid. This included a legacy of £2,000 from one of our church members. The balance mostly comes from letting the church hall to St Nicholas Church Pre-School (operates independently of the church), some regular community lettings, parochial fees and interest.

We aim to encourage regular giving by every member of the congregation, and also to encourage everyone to review their giving habitually.

We are continually faced with an increase of expenditure across the board, although we aim to be good stewards of the money we have. Salaries, cost of building works and everyday expenditure are all rising. However, we believe that all we spend is ultimately for the glory of God and for the good of the community.

In 2025 we did have a £15,700 surplus, following on from a deficit over several years, but then a surplus of £9,000 in 2024.

As we are a Magnificat parish (i.e., an area identified as experiencing social deprivation), we are permitted to pay a reduced Benefice Share, which we have chosen to do. The resulting surplus in 2025 is largely due to this reduction. However, our intention is to use part of the savings to support work on the estates within our parish, and we have already committed to funding the employment costs of a part time Pioneer Minister.

We realise that we will no longer be able to fund necessary building works ourselves (and we are facing a need for extensive roof and stonework repairs). We will be increasingly dependent on grants.

However, we remain optimistic for our future, and trust God our provider.

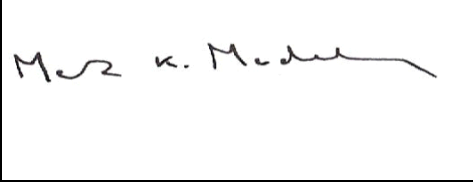
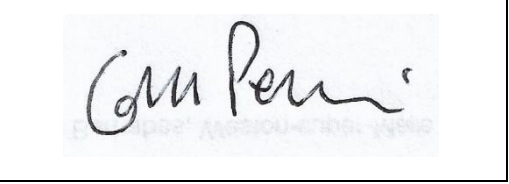
Section F Other optional information

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Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Mark Keith Madeley (Reverend)	George Michael Perrin
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman	PCC Secretary
Date	23/03/2026	

PCC for St Nicholas with St Barnabas, Weston-super-Mare
 Receipts & Payments Account
 for the year ended for 31 December 2025

Notes	General fund £	Designated fund £	Restricted fund £	2025 £	2024 £
Receipts					
Donations and Legacies:					
Planned giving	52,484	-	-	52,484	43,959
Collections, donations & other giving	9,175	-	8,942	18,118	14,326
Income tax recovered	13,441	-	-	13,441	12,676
Legacies	2,000	-	-	2,000	10,000
Other Trading activities					
Magazine/Bookstall sales/Hall Lettings etc	18,174	-	-	18,174	20,731
Annual Fete/events	1,594	-	-	1,594	456
Receipts from Investments:					
Interest & dividends	2,594	50	-	2,644	2,667
Receipts from Charitable activities:					
Parochial fees	1,176	-	-	1,176	1,027
Other Receipts					
Insurance claims	-	-	4,800	4,800	-
Other	396	-	-	396	215
Total Receipts	101,035	50	13,742	114,827	106,057
Payments					
Charitable activities:					
Donations/Grants to charities	(10,960)	-	-	(10,960)	(10,575)
Mission & Evangelism	(403)	-	-	(403)	(760)
Parish Share	(38,380)	-	-	(38,380)	(49,024)
Clergy expenses	(860)	-	-	(860)	(960)
Church running expenses	(10,570)	(1,310)	-	(11,880)	(13,014)
Cost of raising funds	(5,576)	(1,890)	-	(7,466)	(8,793)
Support costs	(165)	-	-	(165)	(76)
Administration costs (inc. staff costs)	(1,945)	(9,976)	-	(11,922)	(11,788)
Governance Costs	(100)	-	-	(100)	(100)
Other	(2,031)	-	-	(2,031)	(1,965)
Major expenditure					
Repairs to church buildings	(1,199)	-	(13,742)	(14,942)	-
Total payments	(72,189)	(13,177)	(13,742)	(99,108)	(97,055)
Surplus/(Deficit) of Receipts over payments	28,846	(13,127)	-	15,719	9,002
<i>Transfers between funds</i>	(9,438)	9,438	-	-	-
	19,408	(3,689)	-	15,719	9,002
<i>Parish Reserves at 1 Jan 2025</i>	48,584	4,843	-	53,427	44,425
Parish Reserves at 31 Dec 2025	67,992	1,154	-	69,146	53,427
Represented By:					
Assets					
Cash at Bank and in Hand				69,146	54,201
Total Assets				69,146	54,201
Liabilities					
Creditors				-	(774)
Total Liabilities				-	(774)
Net Assets/(Liabilities)				69,146	53,427

Independent Examiner's Certificate for the PCC Accounts

Report to the trustees of:
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St. Nicholas with St. Barnabas, WSM

Parochial Church Council

On accounts for the year ended: 31st December 2025

Charity Number (if applicable): 1149546

Set out on pages

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**Respective
responsibilities of trustees and
examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's
statement**

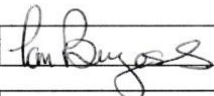
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- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

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Signed:



Date:

April 2026

Name:

Tom Burgess

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

Chartered Accountant

Address:

27 Ellesmere Road ,Uphill, Weston-super-Mare BS23 4UT

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Church members have been generous with their money as well as their time. The parish received an unrestricted legacy of £10,000 in 2024 from which only £1,000 was drawn down to cover its financial commitments in 2024. The balance is now held in reserves. The Parish continues to monitor the buildings and repair and improve them where finance allows. The Parish is aware of some improvements that are still needed and is working on these issues.

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We recognise the importance of Jesus' commission in Matthew 28 to go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and we are certain that this will result in both spiritual and numerical continued growth in our membership.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	The PCC maintains a general reserve equivalent to 3 months' regular expenditure including Benefice Share, plus two months' notice and £3,000 statutory redundancy pay for our employee, should the need arise. In addition, we set aside £10,000 for unanticipated building work.
Details of any funds materially in deficit	None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.	<p>We are paying our Benefice Share in full by monthly direct debit, and this is by far our biggest item of expenditure.</p> <p>Nearly 76% of the PCC's income in 2024 came from its members directly and the tax recovered on Gift Aid. This included a legacy of £10,000 from one of our church community. The balance mostly comes from letting the church hall to St Nicholas Church Pre-School (operates independently of the church), some regular community lettings, parochial fees and interest.</p> <p>We aim to encourage regular giving by every member of the congregation, and also to encourage everyone to review their giving habitually.</p> <p>We are continually faced with an increase of expenditure across the board, although we aim to be good stewards of the money we have. Salaries, cost of building works and everyday expenditure are all rising. However, we believe that all we spend is ultimately for the glory of God and for the good of the community.</p> <p>In 2024 we did have a £9,000 surplus, following on from a deficit over several years, but this was only due to the unexpected legacy. Going forward, it is becoming more and more difficult to break even as the years progress, but we have budgeted to do so in 2025. We realise that we will no longer be able to fund necessary building works ourselves (and we are facing a need for extensive roof and stonework repairs). We will be increasingly dependent on grants. However, we remain optimistic for our future, and trust God our provider.</p>
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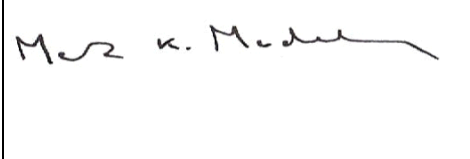
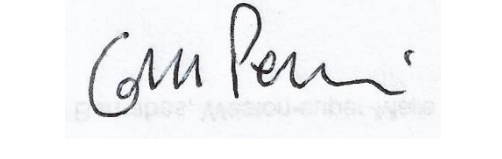
Section F Other optional information

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Section G**Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Mark Keith Madeley (Reverend)	George Michael Perrin
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman	PCC Secretary
Date	27 April 2025	

PCC for St Nicholas with St Barnabas, Weston-super-Mare
 Receipts & Payments Account
 for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	General fund	Designated fund	Restricted fund	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
Donations and Legacies:						
Planned giving		43,959	-	-	43,959	40,010
Collections, donations & other giving		14,326	-	-	14,326	14,139
Income tax recovered		12,676	-	-	12,676	13,131
Legacies		10,000	-	-	10,000	500
Other Trading activities						
Magazine/Bookstall sales/Hall Lettings etc		20,731	-	-	20,731	14,662
Annual Fete/events		456	-	-	456	-
Receipts from Investments:						
Interest & dividends		2,612	56	-	2,667	2,297
Receipts from Charitable activities:						
Parochial fees		1,027	-	-	1,027	1,232
Other Receipts						
Other		215	-	-	215	701
Total Receipts		106,002	56	-	106,057	86,671
Payments						
Charitable activities:						
Donations/Grants to charities		(10,575)	-	-	(10,575)	(11,065)
Mission & Evangelism		(760)	-	-	(760)	(1,051)
Parish Share		(49,024)	-	-	(49,024)	(44,302)
Clergy expenses		(960)	-	-	(960)	(1,024)
Church running expenses		(11,742)	(1,272)	-	(13,014)	(12,199)
Cost of raising funds		(6,957)	(1,836)	-	(8,793)	(9,898)
Support costs		(76)	-	-	(76)	(121)
Administration costs (inc. staff costs)		(2,202)	(9,586)	-	(11,788)	(10,290)
Governance Costs		(100)	-	-	(100)	(100)
Other		(1,965)	-	-	(1,965)	(1,698)
Major expenditure						
Repairs to church buildings		-	-	-	-	(3,166)
Total payments		(84,361)	(12,694)	-	(97,055)	(94,915)
Surplus/(Deficit) of Receipts over payments		21,640	(12,638)	-	9,002	(8,244)
<i>Transfers between funds</i>						
		(14,400)	14,400	-	-	-
		7,240	1,762	-	9,002	(8,244)
<i>Parish Reserves at 1 Jan (Actual Balance)</i>		41,344	3,081	-	44,425	52,669
<i>Parish Reserves at 31 Dec (Actual Balance)</i>		48,584	4,843	-	53,427	44,425
Represented By:						
Assets						
Cash at Bank and in Hand					54,201	44,425
Total assets					54,201	44,425
Liabilities						
Creditors					(774)	-
Total liabilities					(774)	-
Net Assets/(Liabilities)					53,427	44,425

Independent Examiner's Certificate for the PCC Accounts

Report to the trustees of:
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St. Nicholas with St. Barnabas, WSM

Parochial Church Council

On accounts for the year ended: 31st December 2024

Charity Number (if applicable): 1149546

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Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect,

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed:

Tom Burgess

Date:

23rd April 2025

Name:

Tom Burgess

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

Chartered Accountant

Address:

27 Ellesmere Road ,Uphill, Weston-super-Mare BS23 4UT

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Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
From	01	01	2023	To	31	12	2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST NICHOLAS WITH ST BARNABAS, WESTON-SUPER-MARE

Other names charity is known by St Nicholas with St Barnabas, Weston-super-Mare

Registered charity number (if any) 1149546

Charity's principal address The New Rectory, 3, Old Church Road
 Uphill
 Weston-Super-Mare
Postcode BS23 4UH

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Rev'd Mark Keith Madeley	Rector		Bishop of Bath & Wells
2	Michael Perrin	Chair/ PCC Secretary		Elected at APCM
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7	David Pack			Elected at APCM
8	Cheryl Costigan			Elected at APCM
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10	Frances Pelengaris		01/01/2023-23/04/2023	Elected at APCM
11	Edna Hunter		01/01/2023-23/04/2023	Elected at APCM
12	Neil O'Donoghue		23/04/2023-31/12/2023	Elected at APCM
13	Gail Rowley		23/04/2023-31/12/2023	Elected at APCM
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Independent Examiner	Tom Burgess	27 Ellesmere Road, Uphill, Weston-super-Mare, Somerset, BS23 4UT

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document <i>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</i>	Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended and Church Representation Rules that came into force on 02/01/1957
How the charity is constituted <i>(eg. trust, association, company)</i>	Parochial Church Council
Trustee selection methods <i>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</i>	Elected by Annual Parochial Church Meeting and Annual Vestry Meeting (for Churchwardens). Ex-officio and seconded trustees appointed in accordance with ecclesiastical law.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The lay person previously appointed to oversee the ongoing work of Safeguarding stood down and has been replaced by another lay member of the congregation, following a unanimous vote of the PCC.

All PCC members and key figures such as musicians are required to complete the Church of England's Basic Awareness and Foundation Courses on Safeguarding.

The Parish maintains its policies in regard to Data Privacy (GDPR), Health and Safety, Conflict of Interest, Safeguarding, Legacies, and Financial Reserves.

Regular checks and risk assessments are carried out to ensure we are in line with Health & Safety requirements and are protecting the safety of those who attend.

At the Annual Vestry Meeting in April 2023, it was unanimously agreed that a Church Warden may continue in office longer than six years.

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

Promoting in the Ecclesiastical Parish the whole mission of the church.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our churches that they may become part of our parish community at St Nicholas with St Barnabas, Weston-super-Mare. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and supports the Rector in discussing suggestions on how our services can involve the many people that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer, scripture, music and holy communion.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the 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 ordinary 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.

We provide pastoral care for people living in the parish. We have appointed a lay person as a pastoral worker. She is a volunteer. We need to be seen in the community and be seen to serve it. Some of our Church members are actively involved in the community to develop those links and we work closely with the local Village Society in Uphill and other agencies, where possible. The Rector works with the local schools to offer support and maintain good links.

Our intention is to be inclusive. We see ourselves as open to accepting non-Church members to be part of our worshipping community and our social activities, which provide support for people who are often on their own, such as our Luncheon Club, several concerts a year, or quiz evenings. Our after school club for children and parents continues to be exceptionally well received and allows a chance of attendance for those who cannot commit to a Sunday.

As part of our growth strategy and inclusivity, we have run a Christian Foundations Course, which was open to all and attracted some non-Church members and we have also started a regular Sunday School to cater for younger people who come to the services. This too is open to all and has welcomed children who are not regular members of our normal Sunday attendance. Once a month we bring everyone together for an All Age Service.

We relay most of our main services by zoom, which has enabled us to keep in touch with those who are unable to attend in person and to reach out beyond our usual members as we upload everything to Facebook and the Church website. This has enabled more people from the community to join us in a non-threatening way. This gives us a wider reach still and meets the needs of the housebound or those who are not yet integrated into our Parish life.

The local Pre-School has used St Nicholas' Church Hall mornings and afternoons on five days a week. The Rector is involved in its governance and management, so there are strong links.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

We tithe our Parish Income to make donations to five Mission Societies as part of our ongoing support with periodic reviews.

We also contribute from time to time to local initiatives.

The PCC is able to deliver a wide range of activities thanks to church members giving freely of their time to lead and support its activities and initiatives. The expertise of PCC members provides effective governance and oversight whilst ensuring that the buildings are maintained in a satisfactory condition.

The PCC continues to review annually all of the policies that are required by law and extra ones appropriate to our situation.

We have a team of volunteers who are there to look after people and are available to the wider community if requested.

We are seeking someone to serve the local community from St Barnabas and enable the Church to be open much more for community events.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The parish of St Nicholas with St Barnabas broadly covers the following districts within Weston-super-Mare: Uphill, Coronation and Oldmixon estates with a population of over 6,000. These three distinct communities are delineated by a trunk road and/or railways lines. The estates have significantly high levels of social deprivation making it one of the top 20 parishes in the Diocese of Bath & Wells on a composite measure of multiple factors of deprivation.

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Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The PCC maintains a general reserve equivalent to 3 months' regular expenditure including Parish Share, plus one month's notice for employees. In addition, we set aside £10,000 for unanticipated building work.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

We are currently paying our Parish Share by monthly direct debit, and this is by far our biggest item of expenditure.

Nearly 78% of the PCC's income comes from its members directly and the tax recovered on Gift Aid. We had a small legacy of £500 in 2023. The balance mostly comes from letting the church hall to St Nicholas Church Pre-School (operates independently of the church), some regular community lettings, parochial fees and interest.

We aim to encourage regular giving by every member of the congregation, however small, and also to encourage everyone to review their giving habitually.

We are continually faced with an increase of expenditure across the board, in particular a large increase in fuel bills. This was really challenging in 2023; decreased rates for gas will help in 2024, though these are still high.

It is becoming more and more difficult to break even as the years progress, and our reserves are reducing. We realise that we will no longer be able to fund necessary building works, and will be increasingly dependent on grants. However, we remain optimistic for our future, and trust God our provider.

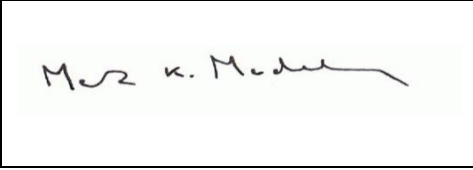
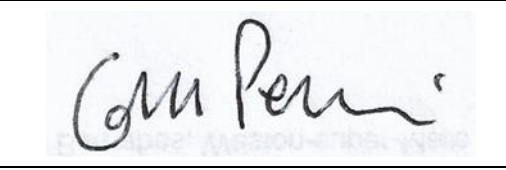
Section F Other optional information

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Section G**Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Mark Keith Madeley (Reverend)	George Michael Perrin
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman	PCC Secretary
Date	21 April 2024	

St Nicholas with St Barnabas Weston-super-Mare's

Receipts & Payments Account

for the year ended 31 December 2023

	General fund £	Designated fund £	Restricted fund £	2023 £	2022 £
Receipts					
Donations and Legacies:					
Planned giving	40,010	-	-	40,010	38,660
Collections, donations & other giving	14,139	-	-	14,139	46,295
Income tax recovered	13,131	-	-	13,131	11,035
Legacies	500	-	-	500	-
Other Trading activities					
Magazine/Bookstall sales/Hall Lettings etc	14,662	-	-	14,662	17,394
Annual Fete/events	-	-	-	-	697
Receipts from Investments:					
Interest & dividends	2,264	33	-	2,297	1,586
Receipts from Charitable activities:					
Parochial fees	1,232	-	-	1,232	1,025
Other Receipts					
Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	1,111
Other	701	-	-	701	371
Total Receipts	86,639	33	-	86,672	118,174
Payments					
Charitable activities:					
Donations/Grants to charities	(11,065)	-	-	(11,065)	(13,354)
Mission & Evangelism	(1,051)	-	-	(1,051)	(739)
Parish Share	(44,302)	-	-	(44,302)	(42,224)
Clergy expenses	(1,024)	-	-	(1,024)	(1,509)
Church running expenses	(10,961)	(1,239)	-	(12,200)	(9,926)
Churchyard maintenance	-	-	-	-	-
Cost of raising funds	(7,615)	(2,283)	-	(9,898)	(6,636)
Support costs	(121)	-	-	(121)	(379)
Administration costs (inc. staff costs)	(1,645)	(8,645)	-	(10,290)	(9,846)
Governance Costs	(100)	-	-	(100)	(100)
Other	(1,698)	-	-	(1,698)	(1,480)
Major expenditure					
Repairs to church buildings	(3,166)	-	-	(3,166)	(17,644)
Repairs to other property	-	-	-	-	(29,030)
Total payments	(82,748)	(12,167)	-	(94,915)	(132,867)
Surplus/(Deficit) of Receipts over payments	3,891	(12,134)	-	(8,243)	(14,693)
<i>Transfers between funds</i>	(14,200)	14,200	-	(0)	-
	(10,309)	2,066	-	(8,243)	(14,693)
<i>Cash at bank and in hand at 1 Jan</i>	51,651	1,016	-	52,667	67,360
<i>Cash at bank and in hand at 31 Dec</i>	41,342	3,082	-	44,424	52,667

Independent Examiner's Certificate for the PCC Accounts

Report to the trustees of: St. Nicholas with St. Barnabas, Wsm **Parochial Church Council**

On accounts for the year ended: 31st December 2023 Charity Number (if applicable): 1149546
 Set out on pages: 8

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect,

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

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Signed: *Tom Burgess* Date: 28th April 2024

Name: Tom Burgess

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

Chartered Accountant

Address: 27 Ellesmere Road ,Uphill, Weston-super-Mare BS23 4UT

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date		Period end date					
From	01	01	2022	To	31	12	2022

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST NICHOLAS WITH ST BARNABAS, WESTON-SUPER-MARE

Other names charity is known by St Nicholas with St Barnabas, Weston-super-Mare

Registered charity number (if any) 1149546

Charity's principal address The New Rectory, 3, Old Church Road
Uphill
Weston-Super-Mare
Postcode BS23 4UH

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Rev'd Mark Keith Madeley	Rector		Bishop of Bath & Wells
2	Michael Perrin	Chair/ PCC Secretary		Elected at APCM
3	James Loring	Churchwarden/ Deanery Synod		Elected at APCM
4	Lynn Pack	Churchwarden		Elected at APCM
5	Annabel Loring	Treasurer		Elected at APCM
6	Pauline Farley	Deanery Synod		Elected at APCM
7	David Pack			Elected at APCM
8	Frances Pelengaris			Elected at APCM
9	Edna Hunter			Elected at APCM
10	Cheryl Costigan			Elected at APCM
11	Elaine Dediccoat			Elected at APCM
12	Jeffery Realff		01/01/2022-22/05/2022	Elected at APCM
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Independent Examiner	Tom Burgess	27 Ellesmere Road, Uphill, Weston-super-Mare, Somerset, BS23 4UT

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document <i>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</i>	Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended and Church Representation Rules that came into force on 02/01/1957
How the charity is constituted <i>(eg. trust, association, company)</i>	Parochial Church Council
Trustee selection methods <i>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</i>	Elected by Annual Parochial Church Meeting and Annual Vestry Meeting (for Churchwardens). Ex-officio and seconded trustees appointed in accordance with ecclesiastical law.

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Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

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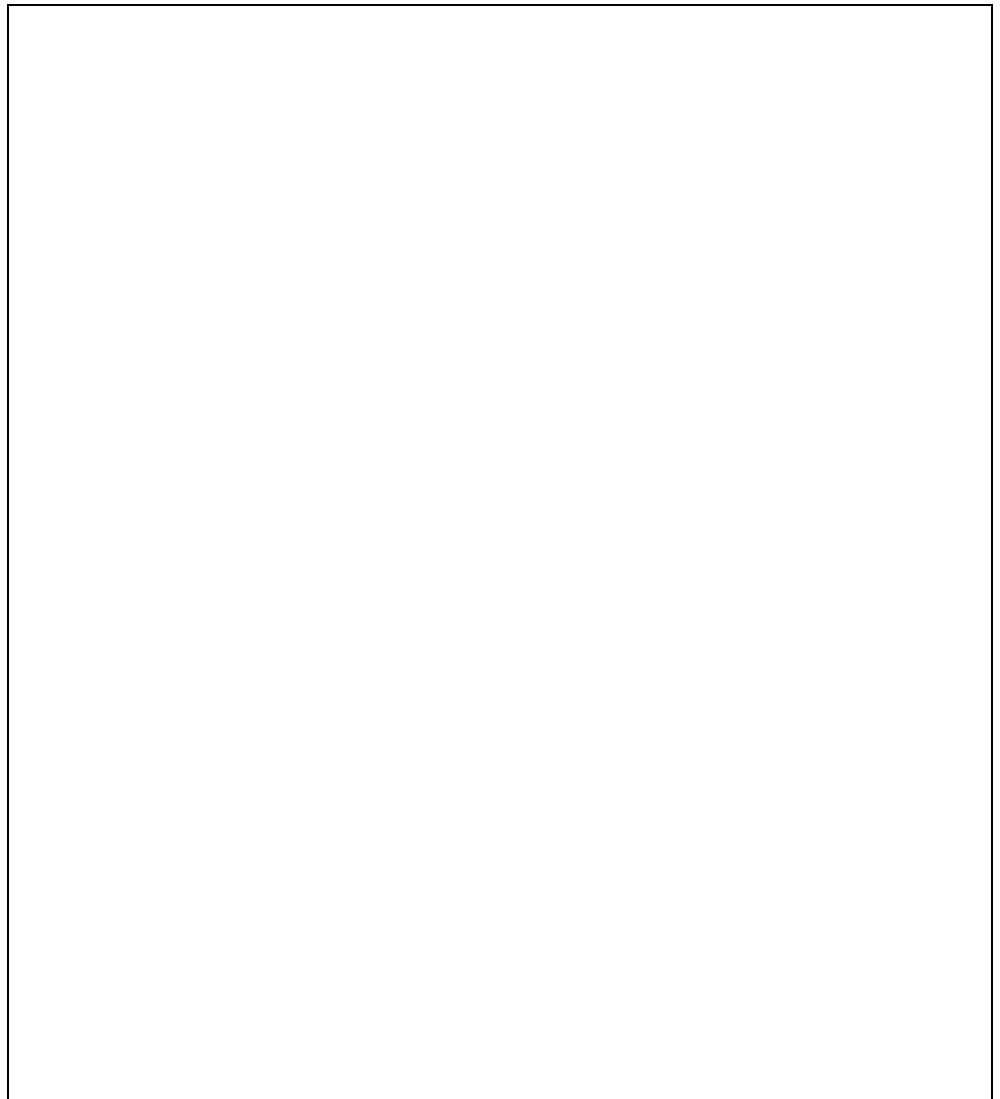
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We provide pastoral care for people living in the parish. We have appointed a lay person as a pastoral worker. She is a volunteer. We need to be seen in the community and be seen to serve it. Some of our Church members are actively involved in the community to develop those links and we work closely with the local Village Society in Uphill and other agencies, where possible. The Rector works with the local schools to offer support and maintain good links.

Our intention is to be inclusive. We see ourselves as open to accepting non-Church members to be part of our worshipping community and our social activities, which provide support for people who are often on their own, such as our Luncheon Club, several concerts a year, or quiz evenings. This year we have started an after school club for children and parents, which has been exceptionally well received and allows a chance of attendance for those who cannot commit to a Sunday.

We relay most of our main services by zoom, which has enabled us to keep in touch with those who are unable to attend in person and to reach out beyond our usual members as we upload everything to Facebook and the Church website. This has enabled more people from the community to join us in a non-threatening way. This gives us a wider reach still and meets the needs of the housebound or those who are not yet integrated into our Parish life.

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The PCC continues to review annually all of the policies that are required by law and extra ones appropriate to our situation.

We have a team of volunteers who are there to look after people and are available to the wider community if requested.

We are seeking someone to serve the local community from St Barnabas and enable the Church to be open much more for community events.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The parish of St Nicholas with St Barnabas broadly covers the following districts within Weston-super-Mare: Uphill, Coronation and Oldmixon estates with a population of over 6,000. These three distinct communities are delineated by a trunk road and/or railways lines. The estates have significantly high levels of social deprivation making it one of the top 20 parishes in the Diocese of Bath & Wells on a composite measure of multiple factors of deprivation.

St Barnabas has been available to the local community. This building can be hired, as can St Nicholas Church Hall when not being used by PreSchool.

There is goodwill towards the Church generally. The Wednesday morning service has a loyal following of mostly older people.

We run several events for the benefit of the community and it is always our aim to do so from both buildings. We are constantly considering what other options might draw families and young people into a relationship with Jesus. Messy Church, which enables families to come along for fun and a meal and to take part in as much or as little as they want.

We are able to offer the usual life event services of normal Church life – baptisms, weddings and funerals.

We have actively engaged with our regular people to provide the teaching and encouragement needed for each of our members to grow in their faith. Teaching from the Bible is a key feature of this parish through sermon series and meeting in homes for study, prayer and support. We have done this through web links and by post for those who are unable to access the web.

Our church members are involved in a number of church and community initiatives including: Street Pastors, Samaritans, Citizens Advice. The hall is normally used by a pre-school for 10 sessions each week and St Barnabas hopes soon to host more community groups in addition to those meeting currently - a craft group, table tennis, and a monthly Luncheon Club. Some of these are longstanding commitments enabling the building of relationships with people over the years

Church members have been generous with their money as well as their time. The Church has been able to pay its own way. The Parish continues to monitor the buildings and repair and improve them where finance allows. The Parish is aware of some improvements that are still needed and is working on these issues.

The active church membership is about 70 and we have attracted 16 new regular participants to our worship services over the past year. In addition, the launch of Messy Church has attracted on average 30 children with their parents/carers to this monthly event.

We recognise the importance of Jesus' commission in Matthew 28 to go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and we are certain that this will result in both spiritual and numerical growth in our membership.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The PCC maintains a general reserve equivalent to 3 months' regular expenditure including Parish Share, plus one month's notice for employees. In addition, we set aside £10,000 for unanticipated building work.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Because of diminishing reserves, we are no longer able to pay our Parish Share in full in January in order to attract a more favourable discount, instead making monthly payments.

Over 78% of the PCC's income comes from its members directly and the tax recovered on Gift Aid. We had no legacies in 2022. The balance mostly comes from letting the church hall to St Nicholas Church Pre-School (operates independently of the church), some regular community lettings, parochial fees and interest. We were also blessed with some small grants towards heating costs.

We, like most churches, were challenged by the loss of income due to Covid, but have seen this rise over 2022, both in planned giving and in donations. We aim to encourage regular giving by every member of the congregation, however small.

Along with everyone in this country, we are faced with an increase of expenditure across the board, and particularly a large increase in fuel bills. This was challenging in 2022, and will become more so in 2023.

The increase in expenditure of £50,000 in 2022 was nearly all due to a new kitchen in the church hall (covered by a donation) and a replacement energy efficient heating system at St Barnabas (the original one being condemned).

It is becoming more and more difficult to break even as the years progress, and our reserves are reducing. We realise that we will no longer be able to fund necessary building works, and will be increasingly dependent on grants. However, we remain optimistic for our future, and trust God our provider.

Section F

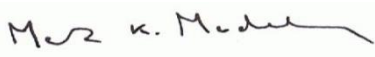
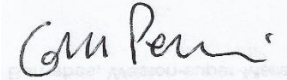
Other optional information

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Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	 
Full name(s)	Mark Keith Madeley (Reverend) George Michael Perrin
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman PCC Secretary
Date	23 April 2023 23 April 2023

St Nicholas with St Barnabas Weston-super-Mare's Receipts & Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 2022

	General fund £	Designated fund £	Restricted fund £	2022 £	2021 £
Receipts					
Donations and Legacies:					
Planned giving	38,660	-	-	38,660	33,152
Collections, donations & other giving	17,065	-	29,230	46,295	12,504
Income tax recovered	11,035	-	-	11,035	9,824
Legacies	-	-	-	-	500
Other Trading activities					
Magazine/Bookstall sales/Hall Lettings etc	17,394	-	-	17,394	15,016
Annual Fete/events	697	-	-	697	368
Receipts from Investments:					
Interest & dividends	1,573	13	-	1,586	1,406
Receipts from Charitable activities:					
Parochial fees	1,025	-	-	1,025	1,454
Other Receipts					
Insurance claims	1,111	-	-	1,111	-
Other	371	-	-	371	333
Total Receipts	88,931	13	29,230	118,174	74,557
Payments					
Charitable activities:					
Donations/Grants to charities	(13,354)	-	-	(13,354)	(8,950)
Mission & Evangelism	(739)	-	-	(739)	-
Parish Share	(42,224)	-	-	(42,224)	(45,923)
Clergy expenses	(1,509)	-	-	(1,509)	(1,230)
Church running expenses	(8,418)	(1,508)	-	(9,926)	(8,870)
Churchyard maintenance	-	-	-	-	-
Cost of raising funds	(5,146)	(1,490)	-	(6,636)	(6,024)
Support costs	(379)	-	-	(379)	(46)
Administration costs (inc. staff costs)	(1,633)	(8,213)	-	(9,846)	(8,967)
Governance Costs	(100)	-	-	(100)	(100)
Other	(1,480)	-	-	(1,480)	(1,373)
Major expenditure					
Repairs to church buildings	(17,644)	-	-	(17,644)	(903)
Repairs to other property	200	-	(29,230)	(29,030)	-
Total payments	(92,426)	(11,211)	(29,230)	(132,867)	(82,386)
Surplus/(Deficit) of Receipts over payments	(3,495)	(11,198)	-	(14,693)	(7,829)
<i>Transfers between funds</i>	(12,000)	12,000	-	(0)	-
	(15,495)	802	-	(14,693)	(7,829)
<i>Cash at bank and in hand at 1 Jan</i>	66,074	1,286	-	67,360	75,189
<i>Cash at bank and in hand at 31 Dec</i>	50,579	2,088	-	52,667	67,360

Independent Examiner's Certificate for the PCC Accounts

Report to the trustees of: St. Nicholas with St. Barnabas, Weston-super-Mare **Parochial Church Council**

On accounts for the year ended: 31st December 2022 Charity Number (if applicable): 1149546

Set out on pages 8

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.
It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect,

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

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Signed: *Tom Burgess* **Date:** 23rd April 2023

Name: Tom Burgess

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

Address: 27 Ellesmere Road ,Uphill, Weston-super-Mare BS23 4UT

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
From	01	01	2021	To	31	12	2021

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST NICHOLAS WITH ST BARNABAS, WESTON-SUPER-MARE

Other names charity is known by St Nicholas with St Barnabas, Weston-super-Mare

Registered charity number (if any) 1149546

Charity's principal address The New Rectory, 3, Old Church Road
 Uphill
 Weston-Super-Mare
Postcode BS23 4UH

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Rev'd Mark Keith Madeley	Rector		Bishop of Bath & Wells
2	Michael Perrin	Chair/ PCC Secretary		Elected at APCM
3	James Loring	Churchwarden/ Deanery Synod		Elected at APCM
4	Lynn Pack	Churchwarden		Elected at APCM
5	Annabel Loring	Treasurer		Elected at APCM
6	Pauline Farley	Deanery Synod		Elected at APCM
7	David Pack			Elected at APCM
8	Jeffery Realff			Elected at APCM
9	Frances Pelengaris			Elected at APCM
10	Edna Hunter			Elected at APCM
11	Marjorie Belcher		01/01/2020 – 22/02/2021	Elected at APCM
12	Malcolm Reid		01/01/2020 – 25/04/2021	Elected at APCM
13	Cheryl Costigan		25/04/2021 – 31/12/2021	Elected at APCM
14	Elaine Dediccoat		25/04/2021 – 31/12/2021	Elected at APCM
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Independent Examiner	Robin Leveridge	18 The Boundaries, Lympsham, Weston-super-Mare, Somerset, BS24 0DF

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended and Church Representation Rules that came into force on 02/01/1957
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The active church membership is about 60 and this is slightly down on the previous year. The reduction is largely due to the death of several longstanding members and others moving away from the town.

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Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

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Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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Over 75% of the PCC's income comes from its members directly and the tax recovered on Gift Aid. We had one £500 legacy in 2021. The balance mostly comes from letting the church hall to St Nicholas Church Pre-School (operates independently of the church), some regular community lettings, parochial fees and interest.

We, like most churches, were challenged by the loss of income due to Covid, but we have been blessed by our relatively high number of regular givers using standing orders or envelopes, so the situation is not as bad as it could have been. Although our income has been reducing steadily over the last few years, mainly due to regular givers moving away or dying, our reserves at the end of the year have been within our reserves policy.

A lot of our expenditure is the same, irrespective of the number of people in the congregation, and we are also faced with rising fuel bills from April 22 onwards.

However, we have been blessed with a number of new people joining us through 2021, and our numbers have remained stable going into 2022. With new initiatives starting in 2022, we remain cautiously optimistic about the state of our finances going forward, although we now realise that in the future we will be more dependent on grants to improve our buildings.

Section F

Other optional information

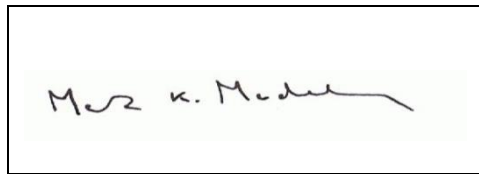
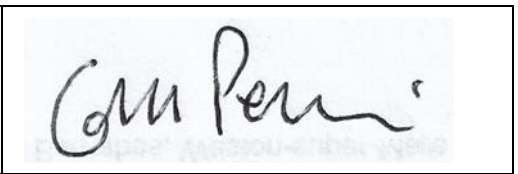
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Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

Mark Keith Madeley (Reverend)	George Michael Perrin
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Position
(eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chairman	PCC Secretary
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Date

19 May 2022

St Nicholas with St Barnabas Weston-super-Mare's

Receipts & Payments Account

for the year ended 31 December 2021

	General fund £	Designated fund £	Restricted fund £	2021 £	2020 £
Receipts					
Donations and Legacies:					
Planned giving	33,152	-	-	33,152	34,367
Collections, donations & other giving	12,504	-	-	12,504	16,093
Income tax recovered	9,824	-	-	9,824	13,508
Legacies	500	-	-	500	-
Other Trading activities					
Magazine/Bookstall sales/Hall Lettings etc	15,016	-	-	15,016	14,673
Annual Fete/events	368	-	-	368	-
Receipts from Investments:					
Interest & dividends	1,405	1	-	1,406	1,668
Receipts from Charitable activities:					
Parochial fees	1,454	-	-	1,454	438
Other Receipts					
Other	333	-	-	333	2,044
Total Receipts	74,556	1	-	74,557	82,791
Payments					
Charitable activities:					
Donations/Grants to charities	(8,950)	-	-	(8,950)	(9,945)
Mission & Evangelism	-	-	-	-	-
Parish Share	(45,923)	-	-	(45,923)	(51,026)
Clergy expenses	(1,230)	-	-	(1,230)	(1,308)
Church running expenses	(7,297)	(1,573)	-	(8,870)	(9,789)
Cost of raising funds	(4,411)	(1,613)	-	(6,024)	(6,101)
Support costs	(46)	-	-	(46)	-
Administration costs (inc. staff costs)	(1,866)	(7,101)	-	(8,967)	(9,640)
Governance Costs	(100)	-	-	(100)	(100)
Other	(1,373)	-	-	(1,373)	(1,275)
Major expenditure					
Repairs to church buildings	(903)	-	-	(903)	(11,441)
Repairs to other property	-	-	-	-	(180)
Total payments	(72,099)	(10,287)	-	(82,386)	(100,805)
Surplus/(Deficit) of Receipts over payment	2,457	(10,286)	-	(7,829)	(18,014)
<i>Transfers between funds</i>	(10,571)	10,571	-	-	-
	(8,114)	285	-	(7,829)	(18,014)
<i>Cash at bank and in hand at 1 Jan</i>	74,189	1,002	-	75,191	93,205
<i>Cash at bank and in hand at 31 Dec</i>	66,075	1,287	-	67,362	75,191

Independent Examiner's Certificate for the PCC Accounts

Report to the trustees of: **Parochial Church Council**

On accounts for the year ended: Charity Number (if applicable):

Set out on pages

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
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Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect,

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed: Date:

Name:

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

Address:

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
From	01	01	2020	To	31	12	2020

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST NICHOLAS WITH ST BARNABAS, WESTON-SUPER-MARE

Other names charity is known by St Nicholas with St Barnabas, Weston-super-Mare

Registered charity number (if any) 1149546

Charity's principal address The New Rectory, 3, Old Church Road
 Uphill
 Weston-Super-Mare
Postcode BS23 4UH

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Rev'd Mark Keith Madeley	Rector		Bishop of Bath & Wells
2	Michael Perrin	Chair/ PCC Secretary		Elected at APCM
3	James Loring	Churchwarden/ Deanery Synod		Elected at APCM
4	Annabel Loring	Treasurer		Elected at APCM
5	Pauline Farley	Deanery Synod		Elected at APCM
6	Malcolm Reid			Elected at APCM
7	David Pack			Elected at APCM
8	Lynn Pack			Elected at APCM
9	Jeffery Realff			Elected at APCM
10	Arthur Jarratt		01/01/2020 – 11/10/2020	Elected at APCM
11	Marjorie Belcher		01/01/2020 – 22/02/2021	Elected at APCM
12	Frances Pelengaris		11/10/2020 – 31/12/2020	Elected at APCM
13	Edna Hunter		11/10/2020 – 31/12/2020	Elected at APCM
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15				
16				

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Independent Examiner	Robin Leveridge	18 The Boundaries, Lympsham, Weston-super-Mare, Somerset, BS24 0DF

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended and Church Representation Rules that came into force on 02/01/1957
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Parochial Church Council
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by Annual Parochial Church Meeting and Annual Vestry Meeting (for Churchwardens). Ex-officio and seconded trustees appointed in accordance with ecclesiastical law.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The lay person previously appointed to oversee the ongoing work of Safeguarding has continued in post.

All PCC members are required to complete the Church of England's basic level e-learning course on Safeguarding.

The Parish maintains its policies in regard to Data Privacy (GDPR), Health and Safety, Conflict of Interest, Safeguarding, Legacies, and Financial Reserves.

During the closure and re-opening of our Churches during the Covid-19 pandemic the Parochial Church Council has given due consideration to Government and Church of England guidance, and completed and then complied with the requisite risk assessments.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

Promoting in the Ecclesiastical Parish the whole mission of the church.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our churches that they may become part of our parish community at St Nicholas with St Barnabas, Weston-super-Mare. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and supports the Rector in discussing suggestions on how our services can involve the many people that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer, scripture, music and holy communion.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the 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 ordinary 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.

We provide pastoral care for people living in the parish. We have appointed a lay person as a pastoral worker. She is a volunteer. We need to be seen in the community and be seen to serve it.

Our intention is to be inclusive. We see ourselves as open to accepting non-Church members to be part of our worshipping community.

Due to COVID19 and lockdown restrictions we have had to do most services by zoom, but this has enabled to reach out beyond our usual members as we upload everything to Facebook and the Church website. This has enabled more people from the community to join us in a non threatening way.

The local Pre-School has used St Nicholas' Church Hall mornings and afternoons on five days a week, when allowable by lockdown rules.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

We title our Parish Income to make donations to five Mission Societies as part of our ongoing support with periodic reviews.

We also contribute from time to time to local initiatives.

The PCC is able to deliver a wide range of activities thanks to church members giving freely of their time to lead and support its activities and initiatives. The expertise of PCC members provides effective governance and oversight whilst ensuring that the buildings are maintained in a satisfactory condition.

The PCC continues to review annually all of the policies that are required by law and extra ones appropriate to our situation.

We have a team of volunteers who are there to look after people and are available to the wider community if requested.

We have begun the process of seeking someone to serve the local community from St Barnabas and enable the Church to be open much more for community events.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The parish of St Nicholas with St Barnabas broadly covers the following districts within Weston-super-Mare: Uphill, Coronation and Oldmixon estates with a population of over 6,000. These three distinct communities are delineated by a trunk road and/or railways lines. The estates have significantly high levels of social deprivation making it one of the top 20 parishes in the Diocese of Bath & Wells on a composite measure of multiple factors of deprivation.

St Barnabas has been available to the local community when allowable under lockdown restrictions.

There is goodwill towards the Church generally. The Wednesday morning service has a loyal following of mostly older people.

COVID19 has not enabled to run many events for the benefit of the community, though it is always our aim to do so from both buildings. We are constantly considering what other options might draw families and young people into a relationship with Jesus. Recent PCC meetings have had extensive discussion on this matter.

We have been unable to offer the usual life event services of normal Church life – baptisms and weddings – due to COVID19, but we have continued to offer funerals as required, and in accordance with the law.

We have actively engaged with our regular people to provide the teaching and encouragement needed for each of our members to grow in their faith. Teaching from the Bible is a key feature of this parish through sermon series and meeting in homes for study, prayer and support. We have done this through web links and by post for those who are unable to access the web.

Our church members are involved in a number of church and community initiatives including: Street Pastors, Somewhere To Go (homeless charity), Samaritans, Citizens Advice. The hall is normally used by a pre-school for 10 sessions each week and St Barnabas hopes soon to host community groups, a craft group, table tennis and U3A. The latter two have been in existence for some time as building users but struggled to meet this year.

Church members have been generous with their money as well as their time. The Church has been able to pay its own way. It should also be noted that there has been significant building work to our buildings in 2020 as we sought to bring everything up to date and ensure accessibility to all.

The active church membership is about 60 and this is slightly down on the previous year. The reduction is largely due to the death of several longstanding members and others moving away from the town.

We recognise the importance of Jesus' commission in Matthew 28 to go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and we are certain that this will result in both spiritual and numerical growth in our membership.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We aim to pay our Parish Share in full in January in order to attract a more favourable discount. The PCC maintains a general reserve equivalent to 3 months' regular expenditure excluding Parish Share, plus one month's notice for employees. In addition, we set aside £10,000 for unanticipated building work.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Over 77% of the PCC's income comes from its members directly and the tax recovered on Gift Aid. We had no legacies in 2020. The balance mostly comes from letting the church hall to St Nicholas Church Pre-School (operates independently of the church), some regular community lettings, parochial fees and interest.

Unfortunately, our overall income reduced by nearly 23% in 2020 compared with 2019. We believe that this was partly due to some regular givers moving away or dying, but also due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We have not been able to have church collections for much of the year, and we have also lost hall bookings. However, despite a deficit of £18,000 we had total funds of £75,000 at year end and exceeded our reserves policy target of £66,250.

Over the last two years £75,000 has been spent on necessary and long overdue building works on our three buildings, which we hope will not only make them robust for the future, but also ensure they are moving towards being more equipped for more extensive community work.

Section F

Other optional information

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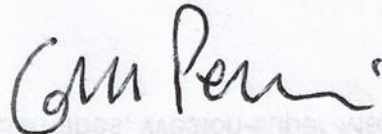
Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Mark Keith Madeley (Reverend)

George Michael Perrin

Position
(eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chairman

PCC Secretary

Date

25 April 2021

St Nicholas with St Barnabas Weston-super-Mare's

Receipts & Payments Account

for the year ended 31 December 2020

	General fund £	Designated fund £	Restricted fund £	2020 £	2019 £
Receipts					
Donations and Legacies:					
Planned giving	34,367	-	-	34,367	42,139
Collections, donations & other giving	16,093	-	-	16,093	23,258
Income tax recovered	13,508	-	-	13,508	16,384
Legacies	-	-	-	-	4,136
Other Trading activities					
Magazine/Bookstall sales/Hall Lettings etc	14,673	-	-	14,673	14,947
Receipts from Investments:					
Interest & dividends	1,664	4	-	1,668	1,977
Receipts from Charitable activities:					
Parochial fees	438	-	-	438	2,500
Other Receipts					
Other	547	1,497	-	2,044	1,569
Total Receipts	81,290	1,501	-	82,791	106,910
Payments					
Charitable activities:					
Donations/Grants to charities	(9,945)	-	-	(9,945)	(12,915)
Mission & Evangelism	-	-	-	-	(1,108)
Parish Share	(51,026)	-	-	(51,026)	(47,037)
Clergy expenses	(1,269)	(39)	-	(1,308)	(1,570)
Church running expenses	(8,685)	(1,104)	-	(9,789)	(8,515)
Cost of raising funds	(4,942)	(1,159)	-	(6,101)	(9,558)
Support costs	-	-	-	-	(391)
Administration costs (inc. staff costs)	(2,424)	(7,216)	-	(9,640)	(20,012)
Governance Costs	(100)	-	-	(100)	(100)
Other	(1,275)	-	-	(1,275)	(1,765)
Major expenditure					
Repairs to church buildings	(11,441)	-	-	(11,441)	(37,123)
Repairs to other property	(180)	-	-	(180)	(17,679)
Total payments	(91,287)	(9,518)	-	(100,805)	(157,773)
Surplus/(Deficit) of Receipts over payments	(9,997)	(8,017)	-	(18,014)	(50,863)
<i>Transfers between funds</i>	(7,967)	7,967	-	(0)	-
	(17,964)	(50)	-	(18,014)	(50,863)
<i>Cash at bank and in hand at 1 Jan</i>	92,193	1,012	-	93,205	144,068
<i>Cash at bank and in hand at 31 Dec</i>	74,229	962	-	75,191	93,205

Independent Examiner's Certificate for the PCC Accounts

Report to the trustees of: **Parochial Church Council**

On accounts for the year ended: Charity Number (if applicable):

Set out on pages

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

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