ST THOMAS' LYDIATE PCC

England & Wales · Charity number 1149840

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2012-11-20
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

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

Activities: St Thomas' Church proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ by witness and example to the whole community of Lydiate and Downholland.

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Lancashire
- Sefton

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Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£88,211	£92,923	-	-
2024-12-31	£93,009	£117,896	-	-
2023-12-31	£94,418	£91,558	-	-
2022-12-31	£85,418	£75,725	-	-
2021-12-31	£70,800	£84,902	-	-
2020-12-31	£89,522	£126,327	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Susan Douglas Salt	Chair	2023-02-15
CAROL HAZEL SIBBRING		2012-10-23
Carly Maria Michelle Cleator		2021-01-01
DAVID FRANCIS WALKER		2012-10-23
ELERI JANE JONES		2012-10-23
JEAN ANNE CROPPER		2012-10-23
Joan Angela Cook		2024-01-01
Joan Barbara Rainford		2024-05-19
Kenneth John Fleming		2024-01-01
Lance Owen Grundy MBE		2024-05-19
MRS DEBRA WALKER		2012-10-23
MRS VAL BLAKEMORE RN/RM		2012-10-23
Sandra Sugar		2026-04-26
WENDY FREDA KELLY		2012-10-23

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Annual Report
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For the year ended 31st December 2025

Mission Statement
To be a welcoming Christian Community to all people:
So that everyone may know the love of Jesus Christ

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Accounts	**Banks**
General Account	Royal Bank of Scotland
Restoration and Development Fund	41 Liverpool Road North
Savings Account	Maghull
Graveyard Fund	Merseyside
Dawber Memorial Fund	L31 2HE
Men's Fellowship	Lloyds TSB 2/3 Central Square Maghull Merseyside
Investment Bond	Nationwide Building Society
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Amendments to Trustees Report 31st December 2025

MEMBERSHIP

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.
During the year, the following members were appointed

Rector	Rev Dr Susan Salt
Churchwardens:	Mrs. Joan Cook Mrs Jean Cropper
Deanery Synod Representatives	Mrs. Debra Walker Mrs. Jean Cropper *Miss Carol Sibbring

The elected members were:

Miss Eleri Jones	PCC Vice Chair,
Mrs. Jean Cropper	PCC Secretary
Mrs Joan Rainford	Parish Safeguarding Officer
Mr. David Walker	Treasurer
*Mrs. Val Blakemore	
Mrs. Helen Gray,	
Mrs. Joanne Rowe	
Mrs. Carly Maria Cleator	
Mr. Lance Grundy	
Mr K. Fleming	
Mrs. Wendy Kelly	

*Elected at 2025 AGM

MINISTRY TEAM

Associate Priest	Rev Dr Alex Baker
Permission to Officiate	Rev Glenys Gardner
Reader	Mr. David Walker

Rectors Report

Much has been achieved but there is much to be done if St Thomas is to flourish and help grow a bigger church that makes a bigger difference. Thank you to everyone who continues to work to enable us to worship and reach out into our community from the mid-week communion, luncheon club and parent and toddler group to the reopening of the refurbished Millennium Centre after the flood.

Worship

Numbers at Sunday services have increased a little over the year with an average of 70adults attending over the two Sunday services. The mid-week communion under the lead of Rev Glen Gardner is going well with an average attendance of 14 adults.

There were fewer baptisms over the year with 12 babies and toddlers being baptised compared to 23 in the previous year. We had one wedding during the year. However we have had a rise in funerals with 21 funerals in church and 3 in the crematorium as well as 23 burial of ashes.

Rev Glen Gardner continues to lead on the Wednesday lunches and mid-week communions as well as being actively involved with occasional offices. She continues to hold Permission to Officiate (PTO) and I am grateful for all her ongoing support.

Rev Alex baker, associate priest has ben able to be more active across the benefice which has provide a different voice in leading the liturgy. Thank you.

David Walker continues to faithfully serve as Reader leading services and preaching at least once a month. This year he has taken on the additional role of treasurer to help oversee the re-set of our accounts and enable them to go online. The amount of work this has involved is considerable and I am enormously grateful to him and Sandra Sugar for their dogged determination in getting us to where we are now.

The choir continues to make a significant contribution to worship and have enjoyed supporting a number of joint services over the year including joining forces with St Michael's and Bickerstaff choirs at Advent. During the year we have not had a permanent organist or choir lead so it is a testament to the choir that they have been able to do as much as they have.

Church parades continue to be well supported and well received, although the frequency has been reduced at the request of the Scouts to accommodate other weekend activities.

Christian Chatter is still small but appreciated by those who come and is now part of a 'thoughtful Tuesday' initiative with prayer on the second Tuesday of the month, a relevant talk on the third Tuesday of the month and Christian Chatter on the fourth Tuesday.

The church building is left open most days , and we have some lovely comments from people about how much that is appreciated. The opening and closing of the church are still reliant on the Rector and churchwardens.

Graveyard

Thank you for the amazing amount of work that has been done to tidy the graveyard. It has drawn in people from the community.

The easing of the restriction around the use of York stone was lifted at the end of December 2024 and has been broadly welcomed. The graveyard continues to be well used.

Links with St Thomas' School and Haskayne Downholland

St Thomas' school has received an outstanding rating in all areas from Ofsted and continues to be oversubscribed. It is good that this leads to parents attending church to get a faith reference but has not translated to long term church involvement for the majority. The new head Mrs Emily Alty and I work well together but the link between Church and school remains fragile at times. I continue to be concerned how little the school connects to the church and how few pupils come to church and how few members of the congregation visit either school or volunteer in them

Haskayne Downholland has retained its good rating for now but needs to strengthen a number of areas of governance and its curriculum. The newly appointed head Mr David Swindells is working hard to increase numbers on the roll and the offer the school makes.

There are regular assemblies on a Wednesday morning at 9am at St Thomas and Tuesday afternoon at 2.45pm at Haskayne and a school communion in each school once each half term.



Children and Young people

Confirmation took place at St Thomas with Bishop Ruth, interim Bishop of Liverpool, and 12 candidates from St Thomas' school were confirmed.

The children's area at the back of church is well used and enjoyed but can be a challenge when there are too many children.

Safeguarding

There have been a number of safeguarding concerns raised over the year which have been managed appropriately following appropriate procedures and have not needed to be escalated. I am incredibly grateful to Joan Rainford and her recently appointed assistant Carly Cleator for all their work with the safeguarding dashboard, enabling safeguarding to progress in the parish.

We still have a lot to do around paperwork and ensuring we have evidence that everyone is being kept safe.

Fit for mission

Was not voted through by the deanery and so was abandoned even though St Thomas voted unanimously to continue the process. This has been disappointing. It is hoped that the deanery will find ways to capitalise on the good work that arose from increased collaboration in due course.

Millennium Centre

The Millennium Centre was out of action until September 2025, due to the significant flood. Since its return to the parish there have been a number of teething problems and snags to address. I am grateful to Joan Cook who has worked with the contractors and insurers to try and address these. There remains an outstanding issue with the heating system which has yet to be resolved.

Parish Administrator

Mr David Coffey was appointed as new parish administrator on reduced hours with a focus on communication and social media. He is settling in well and getting to grips with the role and the office, which he was only able to access in September.

Finances

I am incredibly grateful to David Walker and Sandra Sugar who have worked with the support of Peter Dorling from the deanery, for all the work they have done in the last year to put our accounts onto the Diocesan supported My Fund accounting package and rationalise the number of accounts the church had. This has been a mammoth effort but has enabled the PCC to have a clearer view of our position. You will note that the accounts in this year's annual report look different as a result. The work has meant that we have had to reset a number of financial parameters. Whilst this is not ideal it means, moving forward, we can be more confident about the value of our assets and movements of money.

This work shows that our finances remain fragile – we need to seriously engage in generosity week, and fundraising.

We are still making ends meet but by dipping into reserves and using fundraising to pay routine bills

If we were able to meet our running costs from the congregation fundraising would mean we could reach out into the community more. For example we could provide a coach to bus school children to church for visits etc.

- More people need to give realistically via the PGS scheme ideally around £10 a week or £40 a month
- Legacy campaign around leaving money in a will (but only if we can show it will be used for mission or fabric repairs and not paying the bills)

It has been a busy year for St Thomas' and a lot has been achieved with the hard work of so many. I am incredibly grateful to Jean Cropper and Joan Cook for their support as churchwardens over the year. Sincere thanks must go to all who work to help lead worship, from our readers and intercessors to those who make tea and coffee after every service. Without you the church would not be the welcoming place it is.

Together we are the body of Christ and when we work together we are greater than the sum of the parts. Thank you.



Church Buildings

Church Buildings and Property

Once again, the PCC reports that there is still the need for remedial work particularly in the tower, where the plaster is crumbling on the walls, and the south wall where water leaks through the windows during heavy rain. Building Inspectors have been to look at the problem and hopefully restoration will begin in the new year .The North wall is not as bad. All these problems will need to be addressed as soon as funds are available.

The refurbished organ is playing well and has not required any additional work since tits refurbishment in 2023. The screens are working well and enhancing all age worship and Church parades.

There have been some ongoing issues with the sound system which may require some further intervention in 2026.

Millennium Centre

The Millennium Centre has undergone a complete refurbishment following the flooding and the Parish Office re-opened. A new boiler and control system was installed along with new appliances in the kitchen area. The PCC are looking to enhance the frequency of its use both for church related and community use in the coming year.

Churchyard and Graveyard

Following the flooding of the Graveyard structural engineers have been involved in searching for the cause and cleaned all the drains and pumped water away. A further report is expected soon and work will have to be carried out to the drains when funds allow. This will be a complex project that will require a wide range of specialists from both the Diocese and local authority.

Volunteers continue to keep the areas clean and tidy; they remove dead and old floral tributes and weed where necessary, also keeping hedges tidy, removing, and disposing of the rubbish all in their own time, making the churchyard and graveyard a pastoral place of comfort and reflection for those whose loved ones are laid to rest. The PCC wish to record their very grateful thanks to all those who work so hard to maintain such a high standard.

Car Park

The car park continues to flood following heavy rain and attention will have to be paid to the potholes in due course. However it has proved an invaluable asset especially when hosting large funerals.



Analysis of income and expenditure
Selected period: 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This year	Total Last year
Receipts						
Donations and legacies						
0101 - Gift Aid - Parish Giving Scheme	24,897	-	-	-	24,897	16,205
0102 - Gift Aid - Bank (Standing Orders)	-	-	-	-	-	6,030
0110 - Gift Aid - Envelopes	-	-	-	-	-	-
0201 - Other planned giving - Parish Giving Scheme	-	-	-	-	-	-
0202 - Other planned giving - Bank (Standing Orders)	1,155	-	-	-	1,155	310
0210 - Other planned giving - Envelopes (GASDS eligible)	-	-	-	-	-	-
0215 - Other planned giving - Envelopes (not GASDS eligible)	-	-	-	-	-	-
0301 - Loose plate collections (GASDS eligible)	13,810	-	-	-	13,810	8,280
0305 - Loose plate collections (not GASDS eligible)	765	-	-	-	765	-
0310 - Retiring collections	-	-	-	-	-	-
0320 - One-off Gift Aid donations (declaration on envelope)	-	-	-	-	-	-
0401 - Gift days	-	-	-	-	-	-
0405 - Ad-hoc donations: non Gift Aid (GASDS eligible)	4,459	-	-	-	4,459	3,011
0410 - Giving through church boxes	67	-	-	-	67	-
0415 - Ad-hoc donations: non Gift Aid (not GASDS eligible)	985	-	1,695	-	2,680	1,376
0420 - One-off Gift Aid donations	924	-	-	-	924	450
0450 - Special or specific appeals etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	4,578	-	-	-	4,578	3,672
0610 - GASDS Tax relief	-	-	-	-	-	-
0701 - Legacies	-	-	-	-	-	500
0801 - Recurring grants	4,509	-	2,113	-	6,621	4,263
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	1,600	-	-	-	1,600	4,750
0901 - Fundraising (general)	2,147	-	-	-	2,147	13,436
Donations and legacies Totals	**59,896**	**-**	**3,808**	**-**	**63,703**	**62,283**
Income from charitable activities						
1101 - Parish fee for wedding or funeral	13,063	-	-	-	13,063	19,289
1110 - Churchyard maintenance fee	-	-	-	-	-	7,970
1210 - Bookstall sales to promote objectives	-	-	-	-	-	-
1230 - Church or Hall lettings - objectives	615	-	-	-	615	-
1280 - Church event income	-	-	-	-	-	-
1290 - Branch organisations - receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Income from charitable activities Totals	**13,678**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**13,678**	**27,259**
Other trading activities						
0910 - Fundraising (Attic, Car Boot, Table top, Jumble sales)	-	-	-	-	-	-
1220 - Bookstall sales - fund raising	-	-	-	-	-	230
1240 - Church or Hall lettings - fund raising	450	-	-	-	450	2,749
1250 - Magazine income - advertising	-	-	-	-	-	-
1260 - Magazine income - sales	-	-	-	-	-	-
1270 - Other funds generated	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities Totals	**450**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**450**	**2,979**

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This year	Total Last year
Investments						
1001 - Dividends from shares	-	-	-	-	-	1,536
1020 - Bank and building society interest	209	-	-	-	209	362
1025 - CBF Deposit account interest	1,844	-	-	-	1,844	-
1030 - Rent from leased lands or buildings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investments Totals	**2,054**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**2,054**	**1,897**
Other income						
1310 - Insurance claims	12,133	-	-	-	12,133	-
1320 - Surplus - sales of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
1330 - Refunds from previous year expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other income Totals	**12,133**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**12,133**	**-**
Receipts Grand totals	**88,210**	**-**	**3,808**	**-**	**92,018**	**94,418**
Payments						
Raising funds						
1701 - Fees paid to fundraisers	-	-	-	-	-	-
1710 - Costs of applying for grants	-	-	-	-	-	-
1720 - Costs of giving envelopes and stewardship	-	-	-	-	-	-
1730 - Costs of fundraising events	160	-	-	-	160	-
1740 - Investment management costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Raising funds Totals	**160**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**160**	**-**
Expenditure on charitable activities						
1801 - Giving to missionary societies	-	-	-	-	-	-
1830 - Giving to relief and development agencies	-	-	-	-	-	-
1850 - Home mission	1,787	-	-	-	1,787	-
1870 - Secular charities	-	-	-	-	-	-
1890 - Alms	-	-	-	-	-	-
1910 - Deanery/Parish Share	49,885	-	-	-	49,885	56,753
2001 - Assistant staff salaries (Lay/Youth Workers)	-	-	-	-	-	-
2010 - Salary of organist/musicians	1,080	-	-	-	1,080	810
2050 - Staff Salaries	1,671	-	-	-	1,671	3,229
2055 - PAYE, NI & Pension - Parish Admin & Support	-	-	-	-	-	-
2060 - Cleaner wage (church building)	171	-	-	-	171	-
2101 - Clergy working expenses	420	-	-	-	420	1,595
2120 - Council tax (clergy housing)	3,644	-	-	-	3,644	-
2130 - Housing expenses (clergy)	-	-	-	-	-	2,329
2140 - Water charges (clergy housing)	287	-	-	-	287	-
2150 - Telephone and broadband (clergy housing)	-	-	-	-	-	-
2160 - Sermon preparation materials and resources	-	-	-	-	-	-
2170 - Clergy training courses and education material	50	-	-	-	50	-
2180 - Reader expenses and subscriptions	50	-	-	-	50	50
2185 - Assistant Staff costs (Ministry)	-	-	-	-	-	-
2190 - Visiting speakers / locums	-	-	-	-	-	-
2201 - Parish mission and evangelism costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
2210 - Discipleship course costs (e.g. Alpha, etc.)	-	-	-	-	-	-

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This year	Total Last year
2220 - Sunday School & Junior Church costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
2230 - Youth & Confirmation groups/organisations	-	-	-	-	-	-
2250 - General Mission/Support activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
2301 - Insurance premiums (church building)	4,865	-	-	-	4,865	4,604
2310 - Telephone (church building/parish office)	265	-	-	-	265	-
2320 - Organ / piano tuning and maintenance	582	-	-	-	582	1,380
2330 - Church building maintenance (routine)	1,297	-	-	-	1,297	5,423
2331 - Cleaning materials & equipment (church building)	-	-	-	-	-	-
2335 - Church equipment costs	60	-	-	-	60	-
2340 - Upkeep of services	342	-	-	-	342	509
2345 - Church consumable items	684	-	-	-	684	-
2350 - Upkeep of churchyard & grounds	1,906	-	-	-	1,906	5,991
2360 - Administration costs for parish	48	-	-	-	48	875
2361 - Governance costs & examination/audit fee	5	-	-	-	5	-
2362 - Banking charges	-	-	-	-	-	-
2401 - Church building - electric	423	-	-	-	423	-
2410 - Church building - gas	-	-	-	-	-	3,126
2420 - Church building - water	234	-	-	-	234	-
2430 - Church building - oil (heating system)	2,022	-	-	-	2,022	-
2501 - Magazine expenses including printing costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
2510 - Bookstall costs including new stock	-	-	-	-	-	-
2515 - Other trading expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	25
2520 - Hall/Other building - oil (heating system)	939	-	-	-	939	-
2530 - Hall/Other building - electricity	2,946	-	-	-	2,946	-
2540 - Hall/Other building - gas	13	-	-	-	13	2,723
2550 - Hall/Other building - insurance premiums	1,403	-	-	-	1,403	1,192
2560 - Hall/Other building - maintenance (routine)	3,758	-	-	-	3,758	397
2565 - Hall/Other building - equipment	8,754	-	-	-	8,754	-
2570 - Hall/Other building - telephone and broadband	94	-	-	-	94	-
2580 - Hall/Other building - water charges	244	-	-	-	244	-
2585 - Hall/Other building - consumables	405	-	-	-	405	-
2590 - Hall/Other building - staff costs	-	-	-	-	-	571
2595 - PAYE, NI & Pension - Hall/Community centre	-	-	-	-	-	-
2599 - Branch Organisation - payments	-	-	-	-	-	-
2701 - Church building major repairs - structure	-	-	-	-	-	-
2710 - Church building major repairs - installation	2,430	-	-	-	2,430	-
2720 - Church building interior and exterior decoration	-	-	-	-	-	-
2801 - Hall/Other building major repairs - structure	-	-	-	-	-	-
2820 - Hall/Other building major repairs - installation	-	-	-	-	-	-
2830 - Hall/Other building interior and exterior decoration	-	-	-	-	-	-
2840 - Other PCC property upkeep	-	-	-	-	-	-
2910 - New building - house for clergy	-	-	-	-	-	-
2920 - New building Church	-	-	-	-	-	-
2930 - New building Hall/Other	-	-	-	-	-	-
9910 - Asset depreciation	-	-	-	-	-	-
9940 - Contribution to parish	-	-	-	-	-	-
9950 - Inter-parish transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	**92,763**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**92,763**	**91,583**
Other expenditure						
Other expenditure Totals	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**

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Payments Grand totals	**92,923**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**92,923**	**91,583**

Diocese of Liverpool

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the Trustees of St Thomas' Lydiate & Downholland PCC (registered Charity Number 1149840) on accounts for the year ended **31st December 2025**.

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 material matters have come to my attention which gives me 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 17.MAR.26
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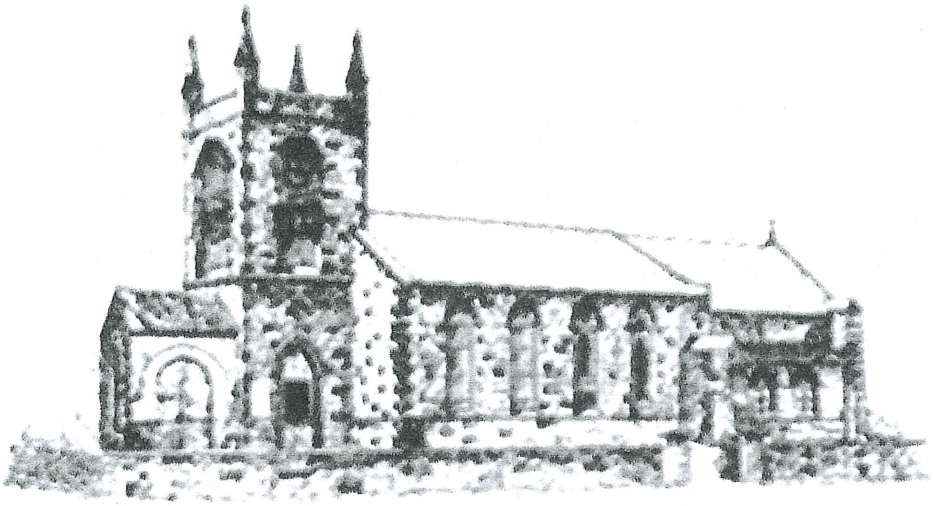
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TRUSTEES' REPORT

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Mrs. Jean Cropper	Secretary
*Mrs. Vera Ainsworth	Treasurer
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*Mrs. Helen Gray	Mrs. Joanne Rowe
*Mrs. Carly Maria Cleator	*Mr. Lance Grundy
*Mr. Kenneth Fleming	*Mr. Sean McCarthy

*elected at the 2024 APCM

All PCC Members are made aware of their legal responsibilities in reliance to governance of the charity.

Day to day management control of the Church is exercised by the standing committee

Standing Committee: Incumbent , Churchwardens
PCC Secretary, PCC Treasurer
Deputy Chair of the PCC

Objectives and Activities

'The PCC (Powers) measure 1956 states the PCC "is to co-operate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical"'.

St Thomas' Church: proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ by witness and example to the whole community of Lydiate and Downholland.

Worship

Regular Pattern of Worship
Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer
Sunday 11.00am First and Third Sundays Common Worship Eucharist
Sunday 11,00 Fourth Sunday All Age Worship
Wednesday 11.00am weekly said mid-week Eucharist

The Electoral Roll Statement

There was a total of 104 on the electoral roll of which 55% (were Resident) and 45% (Non-resident

Objectives achieved for 2024

Organ restored and now fully playable in services
Screens erected to enhance worship especially for all age worship and Church Parades
Warm Space / warm welcome initiative to provide a simple meal and fellowship on Wednesday established under the guidance and direction of Rev Glenys Gardner with a group of volunteers who have been safer recruited.
Parent and Toddler group established and flourishing under the guidance of Val Blakemore and Joan Rainford with a group of volunteers who have been safer recruited
Engagement in the as if process of fit for mission under the guidance of the Change lead Rev Canon David Banbury and the navigation team

Rectors Report

Much has been achieved but there is much to be done if St Thomas is to flourish and help grow a bigger church that makes a bigger difference. Thank you to everyone who has helped to bring us to this point, from enabling the organ to be fixed and the screens installed to the mid-week communion, luncheon club and parent and toddler group.

Worship

Numbers at Sunday services are steady. The mid week communion under the lead of Rev Glen Gardner is going well with an average attendance of 12 adults. Glen has been relicensed with Permission to Officiate (PTO)

The organ is playing well and we have been able to secure the services of Glenn Howard and Chris Lennie to play on a fairly regular basis.
The choir makes a significant contribution to worship and have enjoyed supporting a number of joint services over the year including joining forces with Rainford choir.
Church parades are going well, and the Scouts and Guides seem to appreciate the changes which have kept them engaged.
Christian Chatter is still small but appreciated by those who come.
We have developed prayer leaflets for people to use so we can pray around the village. In addition we have leaflets about ways to explore faith outside Sundays through apps etc.
The church building is being left open more often but this is still reliant on the Rector and churchwardens to open and close the building. A shut and locked church is a barrier to mission.

Graveyard
Thank you for the amazing amount of work that has been done to tidy the graveyard. It has drawn in people from the community. There is still much to be done.
Flooding remains a risk. A significant drain that runs towards Southport Road is blocked – possibly by a grave. Water is not draining as it should. Water was pumped out of the drains over the summer, but it is clear that the water is unable to drain freely. Conversations have been had with Sefton Council and the Leverhulme estate but no solution has been implemented
After issues with the style of headstones in the newer section of the graveyard a consultation was undertaken at the request of the Archdeacon and the restriction in place around the use of York stone was lifted at the end of December 2024. The easing has been applied retrospectively and a number of families have already replaced York stones with granite ones.

Occasional Offices / pastoral care
We have a steady flow of baptisms. There have been fewer funerals but a steady number of internment of ashes
We have had three weddings this summer which have been well received by the couples and their families.

Links with St Thomas' School and Haskayne Downholland
St Thomas' school has received an outstanding rating in all areas from Ofsted
Haskayne Downholland has retained its good rating for now but needs to strengthen a number of areas of governance and its curriculum.
Regular assemblies on a Wednesday morning at 9am at St Thomas and Monday afternoon at 2.45pm at Haskayne
Messy church was tried at St Thomas school in the hall but has been suspended for now
I continue to be concerned how little the schools connect to the church and how few pupils come to church and how few members of the congregation visit either school or volunteer in them

Children and Young people
Confirmation was on Sunday 24th November by Bishop John. It was smaller than previous years with 15 pupils from St Thomas' and 1 from Downholland Haskayne school. We still need to develop something for children post confirmation to keep them engaged with church.

Safeguarding
There are no concerns but we still have a lot to do around paperwork and ensuring we have evidence that everyone is being kept safe. Safer recruitment is ongoing. We need job descriptions for all roles
Noticeboards in church are up to date. I am incredibly grateful to Joan Rainford for all her work enabling safeguarding to progress in the parish.

Fit for mission
Has been challenging. The name of the larger single parish will be the parish of South West Lancashire. We will need to formally commit to moving forward with this by the end of May 2025.
Finance, administration and safeguard leads are regularly meeting to share best practice and identify how to work together. The joint songs of praise and open invitation to attend services at St John's Burscough reflect an increase in collaboration. The next steps will be challenging but exciting.

Millenium Centre
It is good to see this used more. We now have a fully plumbed in dishwasher in the kitchen.
However it is tired and damp, with paint peeling in some places and some of the window frames are not in a good condition. Sadly it was flooded right at the end of 2024 and is currently out of action.

Parish Administrator
Stephannie Albertini resigned from her post at the end of November. There will be a review of the post and tasks before a new post is advertised.

Finances
Remain fragile – we need to seriously engage in generosity week, and fundraising.
We can make ends meet but only by dipping into reserves and using fundraising to pay routine bills
If we were able to meet our running costs from the congregation fundraising would mean we could reach out into the community more. For example we could provide a coach to bus school children to church for visits etc.

- More people need to give realistically via the PGS scheme ideally around £10 a week or £40 a month
- We need to simplify our bank accounts and move to a simpler income and expenditure way of producing the accounts from 2025

- Legacy campaign around leaving money in a will (but only if we can show it will be used for mission or fabric repairs and not paying the bills)

It has been a busy year for St Thomas' and a lot has been achieved with the hard work of so many. I am incredibly grateful to Jean Cropper and Joan Cook for their support over the year. Also sincere thanks must go to Vera Ainsworth, who despite considerable personal pressure has maintained our accounts.

I also need to thank everyone who enables us to worship week by week from Glen and David and until recently Alex leading to all the sidespeople, readers and intercessors who bring depth and meaning to all we do. Together we are the body of Christ and when we work together we are greater than the sum of the parts. Thank you.

Church Buildings and Property

During this year the church had its five year Quinquennial Inspection. The report again outlined once again that there is still the need of remedial work particularly in the tower where the plaster is crumbling on the walls the south aspect this is because the stained-glass windows continue to leak during heavy rain. The North wall is not as bad. All these problems will need to be addressed as soon as funds are available. The gutters had been cleared but they need to be addressed again together with a down spout that is leaking. The path around the Church is in need of repair. Although the report is not good things are better than first thought

Changes have been made in the church and we now have an organ refurbished and played at services. All this was made possible by generous donations and fundraising. Screens have been fitted for use at services and are proving popular especially with children at All Age Services.

A Hand rail has been fitted on the steps leading from the Vestry Door in line with Health & Safety Instructions.

Millennium Centre

The boiler is in need of replacement but at present all is going well.
Refurbishment of the main hall will be carried out when funds allow. There have been a few enquires to hire out the hall and this will be very helpful towards the funds

Churchyard and Graveyard

Volunteers continue to keep the areas clean and tidy; they remove dead and old floral tributes and weed where necessary also keeping hedges tidy, removing, and disposing of the rubbish all in their own time making the churchyard and graveyard a pastoral place of comfort and reflection for those whose loved ones are laid to rest. The PCC wish to record their very grateful thanks to all those who work so hard to maintain such a high standard...

Car Park

The car park has had some attention and the holes filled in by the contractors working on the house next to the Vicarage and we are very grateful.

Objectives for 2025

Appoint a new part time parish administrative assistant
Continue the process around fit for mission and the establishment of a larger single parish
Move accounts to income and expenditure using my fund accounting software
Complete the safeguarding dashboard and ensure we are working with the Diocese around policies and procedures
Have one open weekend around the theme of family to promote the work of the church
To have a stronger presence on social media and the web
To grow the number of regular worshippers at the main Sunday service to 55 adults each week.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on the 27th April 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Chair to the PCC **PCC Member**

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St Thomas Lydiate & Downholland on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024, as set out on pages 11 to 20 of your Annual Report.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They 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 PCC 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 PCC 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:

1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
   - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
   - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: R. Turpin Date: 19/5/25.

IE's Name: Mrs Ruth Turpin.

Address: 1, Queens Green, Haskayne, Lancashire, L39 7JH

FINACIAL STATEMENT 2024
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2024

INCOMING RESOURCES	Nc	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Fund £	TOTAL 2024 £	FUNDS 2023 £
						£ -
Incoming resources from don	2(a	£ 45,916.63	£ -	£ -	£ 45,916.63	£ 39,334.33
Other voluntary Income resou	2(l	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 5,250.00
Inc.from operating activities.						£ -
: to further the Council's objec	2(c	£ 20,932.04	£ -	£ -	£ 20,932.04	£ 27,489.00
: to generate funds	2(c	£ 10,846.83	£ -	£ 8,593.00	£ 19,439.83	£ 16,184.65
Income Investments	2(c	£ 2,415.87	£ -	£ 60.11	£ 2,475.98	£ 1,897.31
Other incoming resources	2(	£ 4,245.00	£ -	£ -	£ 4,245.00	£ 4,262.60
Total Incoming Resources		**£ 84,356.37**	£ -	**£ 8,653.11**	**£ 93,009.48**	£ 94,417.89
RESOURCES USED						£ -
Costs of generating funds	3(a	£ -	£ -		£ -	£ -
Grants	3(l	£ -	£ -	£ -		£ -
Activities directly to the work of						£ -
the church	3(c	£ 99,594.15	£ -	£ 17,950.00	£ 117,544.15	£ 90,682.97
Management and administration						£ -
of the Council	3(c	£ 352.19	£ -	£ -	£ 352.19	£ 875.00
Total Resources Expended		**£ 99,946.34**	£ -	**£ 17,950.00**	**£ 117,896.34**	£ 91,557.97
Total Incoming Resources		**£ 84,356.37**	£ -	**£ 8,653.11**	**£ 93,009.48**	£ 94,417.89
Total Resources Used		**£ 99,946.34**		**£ 17,950.00**	**£ 117,896.34**	**£ 91,557.97**
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources		(-) **£ 15,589.97**		(-) **£ 9,296.89**	(-) **£ 24,886.86**	(+) £ 2,859.92
Transfers Between Funds	#	£ -	£ 333.32	£ -	£ -	
		(-)	(-)	(+)	(+)	(+)
Total After Transfers		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 2,859.92	£ 2,859.92
Gains and Losses on Investments						
		(-)	(-)	(+)	(+)	(+)
Net Movement In Funds		£ 9,692.44	£ -	£ -	£ 2,859.92	£ 2,859.92
Balances B. / Forward						
1st January 2024						
At Bank		£ 45,565.05	£ 333.32	£ 9,683.21	£ 55,581.58	£ 52,033.53
Investment Assets		£ 32,000.00	£ -	£ -	£ 32,000.00	£ 32,000.00
Total		£ 77,565.05	£ 333.32		£ 87,581.58	£ 84,033.53
Balances Carried Forward						
31st January 20224						£ -
At Bank		£ 32,535.84	£ -	£ 386.32	£ 32,922.16	£ 55,581.58
Investment Assets		£ 22,000.00	£ -	£ -	£ 22,000.00	£ 32,000.00
Total		**£ 54,535.84**	£ -	**£ 386.32**	**£ 54,922.16**	£ 87,581.58

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. THOMAS LYDIATE & DOWNHOLLAND
BALANCE SHEET AT 31st DECEMBER 2024

	Note	2024	2023
Fixed Assets			
Tangible fixed assets	5(a)	£ 227,418.00	£ 247,883.00
Investment assets	5(b)	£ 22,000.00	£ 32,000.00
		£ 249,418.00	£ 279,883.00
Current Assets			
Short Term Deposits		£ -	£ -
Cash at Bank and in Hand		£ 64,922.00	£ 87,582.00
		£ 64,922.00	£ 87,582.00
Liabilities	8	£ -	£ -
Net Current Assets		£ 64,922.00	£ 87,582.00
Net Assets		**£ 326,241.00**	**£ 335,464.00**
Funds	6		
Unrestricted		£ 272,395.00	£ 272,395.00
Restricted		£ 387.00	£ 9,683.00
Endowments		£ 53,459.00	£ 53,386.00
		£ 326,241.00	**£ 335,464.00**

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on the 27th April 2025 and signed on its behalf by :

Chairperson

P.C.C. Member

The notes on pages.....13.....to.....20.....form part of these accounts

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP 2015.
The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value.

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purpose of the PCC. **Funds Designated** for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.
Restricted Fund called the Restoration and Development, set up for the purpose of restoring the Church and the development initially of the Millennium Centre and any ongoing for major repairs to the Church or the Millennium Centre. **Endowment Funds**, where the capital must be retained, are explained on page 19 note 13.
The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law.
They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body or those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Incoming resources

Voluntary income and capital sources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.
Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received.
Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.
Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain.
Funds raised throughout the year with various events to supplement income and charitable giving; they are accounted for gross.

Other Income

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

Income from investments

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable. Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold.
Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31st December.

Resources used
Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

The diocesan parish share is accounted for when paid at the start of each month.

Fixed assets

Consecrated property and movable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the financial statements by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

Movable church furnishings held by the Rector and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the Church's Inventory, which can be inspected at a pre-arranged time with a Churchwarden. For inalienable property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts. Items acquired since 1st January 2000 have been capitalised and depreciated in the accounts over their currently anticipated useful economic life initially over 4years on a straight-line basis.

All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings, individual items under £1,000 or on the repair of movable church furnishings acquired before 1st January 2004 is written off.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over 4 years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Investments

Investments are valued at market value at the 31st December.

Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at the 31st December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank and Building Society.

2 INCOMING RESOURCES

		General Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Fund	TOTAL FUNDS 2024	2023
	Nc	£	£	£	£	
Incoming resources from d	**2(a)**					
Regular Planned Giving:-						
Tax Efficient Planned Giving	1	£ 3,680.00	£ -	£ -	£ 3,680.00	£ 6,030.00
All tax recovered	6	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 3,672.42
Other planned giving	2		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 310.00
Loose Plate Collections	3	£ 6,950.00	£ -	£ -	£ 6,950.00	£ 6,555.00
Occasional Giving:-						
Charities Aid	5	£ -		£ -	£ -	£ 382.00
GADS-Coins (at bank)	5	£ 3,092.58	£ -	£ -	£ 3,092.58	£ 3,011.21
One Off Gift Aid	3a	£ 4,382.11			£ 4,382.11	£ 450.00
Donations cash/card machine	5	£ 2,234.75		£ -	£ 2,234.75	£ 1,376.00
Occasional Services	5	£ 2,369.00		£ -	£ 2,369.00	£ 1,725.00
Parish Giving Scheme	4	£ 23,208.19	£ -	£ -	£ 23,208.19	£ 16,204.70
		£ 45,916.63	**£ -**	**£ -**	**£ 45,916.63**	£ 39,716.33
				£ -		
Other voluntary Income res	**2(b)**					
Grants (4)	8	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 4,750.00
Legacies	7	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 500.00
		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 5,250.00
Inc.from oper activities:-	**2(c)**					
to further the PCC objects	#					
Magazine Sales	#	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Bookstall /Flowers	#	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 230.00
Church/Grave-General A/c	#	£ 11,769.00	£ -	£ -	£ 11,769.00	£ 7,970.00
Fees etc-Graveyard A/c	#	£ 9,163.04	£ -	£ -	£ 9,163.04	£ 19,289.00
		£ 20,932.04	£ -	£ -	**£ 20,932.04**	£ 27,489.00
Income from operating acti	**2(d)**					
to generate funds						
Magazine Advertising	#	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Hall Rental	#	£ 3,057.00	£ -	£ -	£ 3,057.00	£ 2,749.00
Fund Raising-various Rest & I	8a	£ -	£ -	£ 8,593.00	£ 8,593.00	£ 12,717.00
Fund Raising	8a	£ 825.00	£ -	£ -	£ 825.00	£ 560.00
Misellaneous	9	£ 6,964.83	£ -	£ -	£ 6,964.83	£ -
BAC Payments -	#	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 158.65
Excess at Bank	#		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
		£ 10,846.83	£ -	**£ 8,593.00**	**£ 19,439.83**	£ 16,184.65
Income from Investments	**2(e)**					
Dividends & Interest {at bank}	#	£ 211.64	£ -	£ 60.11	£ 271.75	£ 137.98
Trust Income - Glayzer	#	£ 78.25	£ -	£ -	£ 78.25	£ 72.47
" " - C. B. F.	#	£ 1,991.60	£ -	£ -	£ 1,991.60	£ 1,463.13
Ann Huyton Charity Account	#	£ 56.89	£ -	£ -	£ 56.89	£ 59.55
Business High Interest	#	**£ 77.49**	£ -	£ -	£ 77.49	£ 164.18
		£ 2,415.87	£ -	**£ 60.11**	**£ 2,475.98**	£ 1,897.31

Statement of Financial Activities 2024 (cont`d.)

		General Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Fund	TOTAL FUNDS 2024	2023
Other incoming resources	**2(**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Walsingham Pilgrimage's	#	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Return of VAT- Boiler	#	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Insurance Claim-Church Carp	#	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
50% readers Fee-St Cutbbert:	#	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	
St Cuthbert -working share	#	£ 4,245.00	£ -	£ -	£ 4,245.00	£ 4,262.60
Gen.A/c £75,115.84		**£ 4,245.00**	£ -	£ -	**£ 4,245.00**	£ 4,262.60
Gr.Y £9163.04+£77.49 H.Int						
Total Incoming Resources		**£ 84,356.37**	**£ -**	**£ 8,653.11**	**£ 93,009.48**	£ 94,417.89

3 RESOURCES EXPENDED

Costs of generating funds	**3(a)**					
Gross costs of Fund Raising	#	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	
Grants	**3(b)**					
UAREUK	#	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
World Vision	#	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Children's Society	#	£ -	£ -	£ -		£ -
Tools of Self Reliance	#	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Activities directly to the work of the church	**3(c)**					
Parish Share	#	£ 57,312.80	£ -	£ -	£ 57,312.80	£ 56,752.80
50% Funeral Fees- Clergy	#	£ 471.00	£ -	£ -	£ 471.00	£ -
Vicars Expenses	#	£ 300.00	£ -	£ -	£ 300.00	£ 225.00
Assistant Priest	#	£ 180.00	£ -	£ -	£ 180.00	£ 105.00
Readers Association	#	£ 50.00	£ -	£ -	£ 50.00	£ 50.00
Council Tax / Water	#	£ 4,596.70	£ -	£ -	£ 4,596.70	£ 2,328.83
Ormskirk Deanery	#	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Rector's Secretary's Salary	#	£ 3,192.28	£ -	£ -	£ 3,192.28	£ 3,229.16
Benifice Office Expenses	#	£ 1,167.78	£ -	£ -	£ 1,167.78	£ 1,265.41
Church Running Expenses						
Utilities	#	£ 2,367.75	£ -	£ -	£ 2,367.75	£ 3,126.20
Insurance	23c	£ 4,817.52	£ -	£ -	£ 4,817.52	£ 4,604.40
Various Repairs.	23k	£ 981.16	£ -		£ 981.16	£ 5,422.82
Organ Repairs (2)	#	£ 163.00	£ -	£ 17,000.00	£ 17,163.00	£ 1,379.62
Upkeep of Services.	23a	£ 753.70	£ -	£ -	£ 753.70	£ 509.38
Car Park	23a	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 100.00
Screens	23a	£ -	£ -	£ 950.00	£ 950.00	£ -
Churchyard	23a	£ 400.00	£ -	£ -	£ 400.00	£ 5,891.00
Mill.Cenentre -various	23a	£ 8,699.54	£ -	£ -	£ 8,699.54	£ -
DBF Fees	23k	£ 3,513.00	£ -		£ 3,513.00	£ -

5 Fixed Assets for use by The PCC

Tangible Fixed Assets 5(a)	**Freehold Land & Buildings**	**Fixtures and Fittings**	**Total**
Gross Book Value			
At 1st January 2024	£ 194,496.97	£ -	£ 194,496.97
Additions	£ -	£ -	£ -
At 31st December 2024	£ 194,496.97	£ -	£ 194,496.97
Depreciation			
At 1st January 2024	£ -	£ -	£ -
Charge for the Year	£ -	£ -	£ -
Depreciation on Disposals	£ -	£ -	£ -
At 31st December 2024	£ 194,496.97	£ -	£ 194,496.97
Net Book Value			
At 31st December 2024	**£ 194,496.97**	**£ -**	**£ 194,496.97**

Investments 5(b)	**2024**	**2023**
Long Term Investment-Nationwide	£ 20,000.00	£ 30,000.00
Graveyard Savings Account - Closed	£ -	£ -
National Savings Bond	£ 2,000.00	£ 2,000.00
	£ 22,000.00	**£ 32,000.00**

6 Analysis of Net Assets by Fund

	Unrestricted Funds	**Restricted Funds**	**Endowment Funds**	**Total**
Fixed Assets	£ 194,496.97	£ -	£ 53,459.47	£ 247,956.44
Current Assets	£ 67,980.69	£ 386.32	£ -	£ 68,367.01
Current Liabilities	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Fund Balance	**£ 262,477.66**	**£ 386.32**	**£ 53,459.47**	**£ 316,323.45**

7 Debtors

8 Liabilities

9 Fund Details

Received from St. Cuthbert's Halsall each month a shared payment towards council tax, water rates and Benefice office. The restricted fund comprises of the Restoration and Development Fund which is for the ongoing restoring of the Church and its fabric.

Statement of Financial Activities 2024 (cont`d.)

		General Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Fund	TOTAL Funds	
Costs Related to Trading		£	£	£	£	£
Parish Magazine & Bookstall		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Flowers	#	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Weekly Newssheets	#	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
St Cuthbert's overpaid C. Tax	#	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Warm Spaces /Lunch Club	#	£ 1,156.28	£ -	£ -	£ 1,156.28	£ -
Incomplete Che & bank ch	#	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Ex Exp.-Ch keys/Money Mac	#	£ 118.99	£ -	£ -	£ 118.99	£ -
Rectors Leaving Gift	#		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Church Hall Utilities	#	£ 3,267.88	£ -	£ -	£ 3,267.88	£ 2,723.45
Clean Materials/Small Repairs	#	£ 35.75	£ -	£ -	£ 35.75	£ 56.13
Cleaner's Wages	#	£ 1,113.13	£ -	£ -	£ 1,113.13	£ 571.47
Insurance	#	£ 1,306.63	£ -	£ -	£ 1,306.63	£ 1,191.90
Maintenance etc.	#	£ 150.00	£ -	£ -	£ 150.00	£ 340.40
Repairs elec/fire/burg alarms .	#	£ 844.30	£ -	£ -	£ 844.30	£ -
Support and Training Costs						
Honoraria-Organist /Choir	#	£ 1,980.00	£ -	£ -	£ 1,980.00	£ 810.00
Sunday Sch./Confirmation	#	£ 114.96	£ -	£ -	£ 114.96	£ -
Day Schools	#		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Visiting Organists	#	£ 540.00	£ -	£ -	£ 540.00	£ -
		£ 99,594.15	**£ -**	**£ 17,950.00**	**£ 117,544.15**	£ 90,682.97
Management and administration of the Council	3(d)					
Equipment Maintenance	23a		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Postage,Secretary,Stationery,	23a	£ 282.11	£ -	£ -	£ 282.11	£ 875.00
Printing Expenses	23a	£ 70.08	£ -	£ -	£ 70.08	£ -
New Printer (Unit Benefice	23a		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Gen Ac £90,775.80		**£ 352.19**	**£ -**	**£ -**	**£ 352.19**	£ 875.00
Graveyd £9,170.54						
Total Resources Used		**£ 99,946.34**	**£ -**	**£ 17,950.00**	**£ 117,896.34**	**£ 91,557.97**

4 Staff Costs	**2024** £	**2023** £
Honoraria & visiting organists	£ 2,520.00	£ 810.00
Secretary's Salary	£ 3,192.28	£ 3,229.15
Wages	£ 1,113.13	£ 571.47
	£ 6,825.41	**£ 4,610.62**

During 2024 the Church did not have a full time organist .A secretary, a gardener and a cleaner (all part time).
Payments were not large enough to incur social security costs.
Visiting organists were paid £540.00
Mrs S. Albertina the United Benefice Secretary received £3,192.28
The Millennium Centre cleaner received £1,113.13.
Monies-Designated Funds into Gen Funds- Cheque £247.53, remainig coins £83.79 paid in & recoded with GADS

10 Unrestricted Funds		**2024**		**2023**
The closing balance of Unrestricted Funds comprise of the following:-				
Business General A/c, Graveyard A/c,Premium A/c & Savings A/cs		£		£
General Funds	£	67,980.69	£	77,565.05
Designated Funds:- Men's Fellowship -closed into Gen. Fund	£	-	£	249.53
Youth Football closed coins paid into GADS			£	61.72
	£	-	£	-
	£	-	£	22.07
Sunday School -as above	£	67,980.69	£	77,898.37

11 Restricted Funds		**2024**		**2023**
The closing balance of Restricted Funds comprise the following:-		£		£
Restoration and Development	£	386.32	£	9,683.21

12 Transfers Between Funds £ 27,249.53

Designated Funds cheque £249.53-Mens Fellowship; remaining £83.79 coinage GADS

13 Endowment Funds - Capital:-

The interest from these funds are paid into the General Fund:-Item 2(e)

	Trust No.	**Original cost**		**Holding**	**Market Value:-31.12.24.**
Glayzer CBF Inv.F.122001381S	717-002	£ 1,360.00		112.43	£ 2,615.38
Glayzer CBF Inv.F 122001088F	717-002	£ 340.00		205.94	£ 298.10
Total		£ 1,700.00			£ 2,913.48
***** Ann Huyton Charity A/c**	059920001T	£ 1,275.67		103.00	**£ 1,869.38**
Sale of Haskayne School House	717-001	£ 30,226.16	£	30,226.16	£ 30,226.16
Sale of Lydiate C.E. School	717-000	£ 8,027.67	£	8,027.67	£ 8,027.67
*Dawber Memorial		£ 38,080.00	£	10,422.78	£ 10,422.78
		£ 79,309.50			**£ 53,459.47**

***Dawber Memorial. The portfolio has been in operation since 1978.**
The above sum is still invested in a savings account until an endowment fund can be arranged with CBF Investments and Liverpool Diocesan Board of Finance become the Custodian Trustees. All interest to still be paid into General Funds **Income £303.51**

****Ann Huyton Charity**. Set up in the early 1900's. Capital with COIF Charities Fund; interest paid into HSBC who closed the Account in 2017; interest paid into General Fund from February 2018.- **2024 - £56.89**

Nationwide Business 125 Day Saver - £10,000.00 Transfer Out, July, closing balance 31st January **£22,514.30.**

These notes form the information in the
Designated Fund column

INCOMING RESOURCES	**Nc 2(**	**Men's Fellowship**	**Sunday School**	**Junior/Senior Football**	**Group 2023**	**Group 2022**
Incoming resources from donors						
Donations		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Income from operating activities:-						
to generate funds	**2(d)**					
Raffles/Draws/Tuck Shop		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Social Activities		£ -	£ -		£ -	£ -
Subscriptions		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Income from Investments	**2(e)**					
Dividends & interest		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Total Incoming Resources		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
RESOURCES USED						
Costs of generating funds	**3(a)**					
Gross costs of Fund Raising		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Grants	**3(b)**					
Secular & Local Good Causes		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Activities directly to the work of the church	**3(c)**					
Stationery,Refresh/Books		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Donations / Speakers		£ -		£ -	£ -	£ -
Holidays & Trips/ Social Activities		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Room Hire / Overheads		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Games Equipment / Demo Items		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Transfer of Funds		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Total Resources Used		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Net Incoming/(Outgoing)		(-)	(+)	(+)	(+)	(+)
Resources		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Balances B/Fwd. 01.01.204		*	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Balances transfered 2024		**£ 249.53**	**£ 22.07**	**£ 61.72**	**£ 333.32**	£ 358.32

ST THOMAS' LYDIATE PCC

England & Wales - Charity number 1149840

Accounts

Parochial Church Council
of the
Parish Church of St Thomas
Lydiate and Downholland
Church Lane
Lydiate
L31 4HL



Annual Report
and
Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st December 2023

Mission Statement

To be a welcoming Christian Community to all people:
So that everyone may know the love of Jesus Christ

Registered Charity Number: 1149840 St Thomas' Lydiate PCC

Administrative Information

Incumbent (from 15th February 2023)
Rev Dr Susan Salt BEM
St Thomas' Vicarage
Church Lane, Lydiate, L31 4HL
Contact Telephone number 0151 526 2292.

Independent Examiner
Mrs Ruth Turpin
1,Queens Green
Haskayne
Lancashire
L39 7JH

Architect
Rebecca J. Grimshaw
Antony Grimshaw Ass
6,Bridgement Terrence
Wigan
Lancashire
WN1 1SX

Accounts
General Account
Restoration and Development Fund
Savings Account
Graveyard Fund
Dawber Memorial Fund

Men's Fellowship

Investment Bond

Investment Bond
Ann Huyton Charity Account

Glayzer Memorial Fund
Haskayne School House
Lydiate C.E. Old School

Banks
Royal Bank of Scotland plc
41 Liverpool Road North
Maghull
Merseyside
L31 2HE

Lloyds TSB
2/3 Central Square
Maghull
Merseyside

Nationwide Building Society

National Savings
Capital –COIF Charities Investment Fund
Interest – Royal Bank of Scotland plc

The Central Board of Finance
of The Church of England
(Custodian Trustees: L/pool Diocesan
Board Finance

TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2023

Membership

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.
During the year, the following were the ex officio members:

Rector	Rev Dr Susan Salt (from 15/2/23)
Associate Priest	Rev Glenys Gardner
Associate Priest	Rev Dr Alex Baker (Seconded to Maghull Team Ministry)
Reader	Mr David Walker
Churchwardens	Mr Alan Gardner Mrs Jean Cropper
Deanery Synod Representatives:	Mrs Debra Walker, Mrs Jean. Cropper Miss Carol Sibbring elected April 2023

The elected members:

Vice Chair	Miss Eleri Jones
PCC Secretary	Mrs Jean Cropper
Treasurer	Mrs Vera Ainsworth
Parish safeguarding Officer	Mrs Joan Rainford
	Mrs Joan Cook
	Mr David Walker
	Mrs Joanne Rowe
	Mrs Val Blakemore
	Miss Carol Sibbring
	Mrs Helen Gray
	Mrs Carly Maria Cleator
	Mrs Wendy Kelly

All PCC members made aware of their legal responsibilities in relation to governance of the charity.

Day to day management control of the Church is exercised by the standing committee (see subcommittees)

Minor building inspection, maintenance and repairs are carried out by Mr Alan Gardner, Mr Ken Flemming and Mr Ian Anderson.

Structure, Management and Governance

The general functions of the PCC are stated within section 2 of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956. When planning our objectives for the year, the PCC gave consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance to charities concerned with the advancement of 'religion'.

Other Related Trusts

Glayzer Memorial Funds – The Liverpool Diocesan Board of Finance are Custodian Trustees.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All church members are on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC operates subcommittees: The Standing Committee, Finance & Fabric Committee, Outreach Committee, Social Committee and Mission Committee.

Membership of the Standing Committee comprises the following PCC Officers and one member of the PCC:

Standing Committee:	Incumbent
	Churchwardens
	PCC Secretary,
	PCC Treasurer
	Vice Chair of the PCC

Other Sub Committees are chaired by the following people:

Finance	Mrs Vera Ainsworth
Outreach:	No longer active
Social:	Mrs V Blakemore
Graveyard working party	Mrs Anne Holt

Objectives and Activities

'The PCC (Powers) measure 1956 states the PCC "is to co-operate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical"'.

St Thomas' Church mission statement is:
"proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ by witness and example to the whole community of Lydiate and Downholland."

In order to do this our objectives for 2023 included:

- Recruit and work with newly appointed incumbent
- Working towards being a generous hospitable and welcoming place to all who wish to learn about Jesus
- Continuing to explore shared governance and mutual support with St Cuthbert's
- and the wider deanery.
- To explore the Diocesan proposal around pastoral reorganisation of parishes called "Fit for Mission".
- Pay our parish share and promote the Parish Giving Scheme as an efficient way of planned giving to the mission of the parish.
- To build on and sustain our excellent relationships with our schools.

Achievements & Performance

All of the stated objectives have been at the heart of activity in 2023, as outlined in this report and the report of the parishioners.

The Electoral Roll Statement

There was a total of 146 on the electoral roll of which 83 (58%) were Resident and 62 (42%) Non-resident

Worship

A regular pattern of worship is

Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer
Sunday 11.00am First and third Sundays Common Worship Eucharist
Sunday 11.00am Second Sunday Church Parade during term time
Sunday 11.00am Fourth Sunday All Age Worship
Tuesday 9.15am weekly said Morning Prayer started in September 2023
Wednesday 11.00am weekly said mid-week Eucharist in May 2023

The congregation has gradually increased but is still not back to pre-pandemic levels. Several members have received home communion as they are unable to come to church.

Revd Glenys Gardener continued to officiate at most of the services, assisted by Reader David Walker until the licensing of the new Incumbent Rev Dr Susan Salt in February 2023. The parish are very grateful for all the work both she and David did during the vacancy.

Occasional Offices during 2023;

Baptisms	33
Weddings	3
Funerals	19 and 24 internments of cremated remains
Confirmation	30 children and 3 adults

Pastoral Care and Service to Our Community

The PCC takes its pastoral responsibility of our two Church Schools seriously, St. Thomas Lydiate, an Academy, within the Diocese of Liverpool, and Downholland/Haskayne school, a Voluntary Aided school within Lancashire County Council.

Fortnightly assemblies and half termly school Eucharist were held in both Schools from March onwards and was a valuable point of pastoral contact for children, parents, staff, governors, and friends of the school.

Home communion was taken out to a total of 8 different individuals on an approximate 6 weekly basis.

The setting of a warm space at the end of November, funded by a grant from Sefton Council, enabled further contact with vulnerable members of the community.

Youth and Children's Work

We have a full complement of PCC Foundation School Governors supporting the work of our schools and fulfilling their role as critical friends to those communities. These Governors continue to give of their time and talents tirelessly for which we are incredibly thankful. The role of our 'Church School Links' Governor for both of our schools plays an important role in continuing to provide essential communication and pastoral opportunities for church and school.
Guiding and Scouting is flourishing in Lydiate with very active and large Units. The Organisations are looking forward to 2023 when they can continue their excellent work and grow and move forward. The once a month Church parade service was reviewed in conjunction with Scouters and Guiders and continued to be well supported by all units during term time.

Plans were put in place late in 2023 to launch a Parent and Toddler group in 2024 to run in the Millennium Centre on a weekly basis during term time.

Church Buildings

Main fabric of the building

The South Wall of the main church building and Tower need urgent repair. In the last year the Tower has been re- pointed which has reduced water ingress, but now needs to be replastered and painted.

The South Wall particularly around the windows needs pointing and then replastered and painted. This has yet to be done but due to cost but will need to be addressed in the coming year.

General repairs and maintenance continue to be carried out throughout the year. There appear to be no further major problems than those reported.

Organ
The organ has been unplayable for some time. Part of the issue has been that mice have managed to get into church and have eaten some of the leather stops. We were unable to claim for this against insurance, so had to fund the repair through a fundraising campaign. Henry Willis, Organ builders, did an initial repair and the organ was played for the Midnight Christmas Service. The next phase of the repair will take place in early January 2024.

Graveyard and Churchyard
The Graveyard and Churchyard caused problems in the early part of the year as we had difficulty with finding a gardener prepared to regularly cut the grass. This led to multiple complaints from individuals visiting graves. A graveyard committee was formed, and they have done a wonderful job keeping areas tidy. They have organised working parties on Saturday mornings which have helped to address many of the maintenance issues. They will continue to do this in the coming year and have positive ideas on how to make the areas more attractive. The Church owes a great debt to these volunteers. If anyone wishes to join this group, please speak to one of the churchwardens.

There continues to be a significant problem in the graveyard with flooding and this has caused great distress including the cancellation of one burial. We have had a specialist engineer to look at the problems with the drains and Sefton Council have been informed of the situation. This remains an ongoing issue.

The church car park
The car park was also out of action due to flooding. The car park is in a poor condition and this is being looked at to see how we can improve the surface.

The Millennium Centre
The Millennium Centre has escaped flooding thanks to having sandbags in place. With a grant from Ormskirk Deanery and some additional donations, two new cookers have been purchased and installed in the kitchen. There are no immediate major repairs imminent for the Centre but a careful watch will continue regarding flooding and the damp penetration.

Finance, Giving and Fundraising

The past year saw an increase to our Parish Share contribution of £2,737.00 from £54,016.00 in 2022, to £56,753.00 in 2023. The cost of church utilities was up by £934.00.

The church insurance increased by £350.00, and the Millennium Centre increased by £73.00 on 2022 costs. The Church's insurance runs from April to March and the Millennium Centre's insurance runs from July to June

Regular tax efficient planned giving to the General Fund was down on 2022 by £2,730.00; but other regular planned giving, **(PGS)** was up by £3,995.00. One-off Gift Aid was down on 2022 by £480.00. Loose Plate Collections were up by £870.00. Occasional services and one-off donations were up slightly by £396.00.

The PCC received £4,262.60 from St. Cuthbert's Halsall towards the working share of the United Benefice.

The PCC received a final donation of £500.00 from the estate of the late Mrs Joan Hurst.

Four Grants were received over the year totalling £4,750.00, three towards heating and, one for "Warm Spaces" from Sefton Council, to provide warm food, hot drinks etc; and a warm space for people.

Fundraising commenced for the repair of the organ into the Restoration and Development Account; a total of £10,927.00 raised plus £21.92 interest. The initial repair commenced in December, costing £1,379.62, at the closing of the Year the remaining total was £9,683.21.

Performance of Investments

The bank interest rates still show increases on 2022. Our bank Savings Accounts (General Account £28.40 to £116.06, and Restoration and Development Account from £0.19 to £21.92) . The Ann Huyton Charity Account saw a decrease of £9.98. The capital is held by COIF Charities Fund and interest is paid into General Fund.
This Account has been recorded within the Endowment Funds (page 19 item 13) and interest on the capital recorded in page 15.

The Glayzer Memorial Fund decreased by £4.73, fortunately Haskayne School House and St Thomas (old) School saw a massive increase of £1,208.28 on 2022; these accounts are invested in a bank deposit fund with the Church Board of Finance (CBF).

The PCC has two Savings Bonds: £2,000.00 National Savings and £30,000.00 in a 125 day notice Business Savings Account with Nationwide, worth £31,409.42.

Financial Review

Our main source of income was from the Parish Giving Scheme **(PGS)** of **£16,204.70** up by £3,994.90 on 2022. Some Church members are still contributing their giving by Standing Order to the church Bank Account, (Tax Efficient Planned Giving) which totalled £6,030.00. One-Off Gift Aid was £450.00, down by £480.00. Tax received on PGS income was £3,672.42. There is still some tax to come from Standing Orders.

100 % Gift Aid is received monthly from PGS. Gift Aid on Standing Orders is recovered by the Diocese on our behalf on the previous year's donation and a 5% handling charge is made.

The total income into General Funds was **£83,468.97**, **with expenses of £90,153.35**.
At the end of the year the PCC once again had to record a **shortfall** within their General Funds an excess of **£6,684.38** expenses over income.

The PCC notes that once again our monthly income into General Fund did not cover expenses.

When the year closed across all the accounts with the General Funds closed with **£77,565.05**, the Designated Funds closed **£333.32** and **£9,683.21** in the Restricted Fund.

The actual income into General Fund without that of the Graveyard was **£64.015.79** with expenditure of **£84.262.35**, giving an excess of expenditure over income of **£20,246.56.**

Income paid directly into the Graveyard Fund during 2023 was **£19,453.18** with expenses of **£5,891** fortunately resulting in an income over expenses of **£13,562.18**. The PCC has had to use income from this fund to top up the Church building and Millennium Centre running costs.

The total overall closing balance for the year end was **£87,581.58**.
It is extremely important that attention should be drawn to the need for regular planned giving as the PCC needs to balance income and expenditure.

The PCC will need to continue to monitor closely its regular monthly outgoings of between £6,000.00 and £7,000.00 for the upkeep of its 2 buildings as well as its Parish Share payment.

The PCC also collects and banks the statutory DBF Income from Weddings, Funerals and Burials. This fee (Post Box Income) is collected on behalf of the Diocese, the total for the year was, **£3,513.00**; this amount is not recorded in the financial statement.

What are the Church's Reserves?

The PCC considers that the Reserves available to the PCC are those assets which are either cash or assets which can be realised for cash if the need arises.

The balance sheet on page 19 shows the assets of the church totalling £335,464.00, but from this figure must be deducted the amount of the fixed assets of £247,883.00, this is represented mainly by the current value of the Millennium Centre and the endowment funds which were acquired by the church for specific purposes, by those who gave them to the church.

The total amount available to the PCC for expenditure at the year-end is **£87,582.00** either in cash or investments and other assets which can be realised for cash if the need arises.

Purpose of Reserves

The two main purposes are to provide a cushion in the finances of the church against a shortage of income in any year or to meet any sudden and unexpected expenditure such as major repairs not covered by insurance. Reserves are not usually for major building works or large repairs. When necessary, finance is raised by one-off fundraising from the congregation and other sources.

Amount of Reserves

The PCC should always consider what it may need as a safe cushion for the financial position of the church in the future. Over the last few years, the aim was to accumulate reserves of approximately £135,000. This figure was arrived at by considering the expected increases in expenditure but unfortunately has never been achieved since 2018.

The monthly income during 2023 still provides major concerns for the PCC with a reduction of £6,684.00 to the General Account.



Plans for the Future

The PCC is aware that there is much to do to recover ground lost during the prolonged vacancy and as a result of the global pandemic. Whilst we have achieved a lot the lack of financial sustainability remains a concern.
To this end, we intend: -

- To aim for financial stability through promoting the Parish Giving Scheme as well as using fundraising opportunities as missional.
- To build on the reinstated midweek communion and grow the number of people worshipping with us regularly at all three services.
- To deepen discipleship opportunities through the development of a bible study group and confirmation classes.
- To reach out to the new houses being built through a parish based welcome pack and exploring the possibility of a new worshipping community in the school.
- To address the issues around the organ and worship
- To explore the process of 'fit for mission' alongside other parishes in the deanery who have voted to join the 'as if' process.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on the 19th of May 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Susan Salt Incumbent and Chair PCC

Jean Cropper P.C.C. Secretary

Eleri Jones Vice Chair of PCC

FINACIAL STATEMENT 2023
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2023

INCOMING RESOURCES	Note	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Fund £	TOTAL 2023 £	FUNDS 2022 £
						£ -
Incoming resources from donc	2(a)	£ 39,334.33	£ -	£ -	£ 39,334.33	£ 41,312.99
Other voluntary Income resou	2(b)	£ 5,250.00	£ -	£ -	£ 5,250.00	£ 18,635.49
Inc.from operating activities.						£ -
: to further the Council's objec	2(c)	£ 27,489.00	£ -	£ -	£ 27,489.00	£ 18,919.33
: to generate funds	2(d)	£ 5,257.65	£ -	£ 10,927.00	£ 16,184.65	£ 2,260.00
Income Investments	2(e)	£ 1,875.39	£ -	£ 21.92	£ 1,897.31	£ 583.58
Other incoming resources	2(f)	£ 4,262.60	£ -	£ -	£ 4,262.60	£ 3,706.14
Total Incoming Resources		**£ 83,468.97**	**£ -**	**£ 10,948.92**	**£ 94,417.89**	£ 85,417.53
RESOURCES USED						£ -
Costs of generating funds	3(a)	£ -	£ -		£ -	£ 82.00
Grants	3(b)	£ -	£ -	£ -		£ -
Activities directly to the work of						£ -
the church	3(c)	£ 89,278.35	£ 25.00	£ 1,379.62	£ 90,682.97	£ 75,114.16
Management and administration						£ -
of the Council	3(d)	£ 875.00	£ -	£ -	£ 875.00	£ 528.74
Total Resources Expended		**£ 90,153.35**	£ 25.00	**£ 1,379.62**	**£ 91,557.97**	£ 75,724.90
Total Incoming Resources		**£ 83,468.97**	**£ -**	**£ 10,948.92**	**£ 94,417.89**	£ 85,417.53
Total Resources Used		**£ 90,153.35**	**£ 25.00**	**£ 1,379.62**	**£ 91,557.97**	**£ 75,724.90**
Net Incoming/(Outgoing)		(-)	(-)	(+)	(+)	(+)
Resources		**£ 6,684.38**	£ 25.00	£ 9,569.30	**£ 2,859.92**	£ 9,692.63
Transfers Between Funds	12	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	
		(-)	(-)	(+)	(+)	(+)
Total After Transfers		£ 6,684.38	£ 25.00	£ 9,569.30	£ 2,859.92	£ 9,692.63
Gains and Losses on Investments						
		(-)	(-)	(+)	(+)	(+)
Net Movement in Funds		£ 9,692.44	£ 25.00	£ 9,569.30	£ 2,859.92	£ 9,692.63
Balances B. / Forward						
1st January 2023						
At Bank		£ 51,561.30	£ 358.32	£ 113.91	£ 52,033.53	£ 42,340.90
Investment Assets		£ 32,000.00	£ -	£ -	£ 32,000.00	£ 32,000.00
Total		£ 83,561.30	£ 358.32		£ 84,033.53	£ 74,340.90
Balances Carried Forward						
31st January 20223						£ -
At Bank		£ 45,565.05	£ 333.32	£ 9,683.21	£ 55,581.58	£ 52,033.53
Investment Assets		£ 32,000.00	£ -	£ -	£ 32,000.00	£ 32,000.00
Total		**£ 77,565.05**	**£ 333.32**	**£ 9,683.21**	**£ 87,581.58**	£ 84,033.53

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. THOMAS LYDIATE & DOWNHOLLAND
BALANCE SHEET AT 31st DECEMBER 2023

	Note	2023	2022
Fixed Assets			
Tangible fixed assets	5(a)	£ 247,883.00	£ 247,998.00
Investment assets	5(b)	£ 32,000.00	£ 32,000.00
		£ 279,883.00	£ 279,998.00
Current Assets			
Short Term Deposits		£ -	£ -
Cash at Bank and in Hand		£ 87,582.00	£ 83,920.00
		£ 87,582.00	£ 83,920.00
Liabilities	8	£ -	£ -
Net Current Assets		£ 87,582.00	£ 83,920.00
Net Assets		**£ 335,464.00**	**£ 332,032.00**
Funds	6		
Unrestricted		£ 272,395.00	£ 278,417.00
Restricted		£ 9,683.00	£ 114.00
Endowments		£ 53,386.00	£ 53,501.00
		£ 335,464.00	**£ 332,032.00**

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on the 21st April 2024 and signed on its behalf by :

Eleri Jones
Chairperson

P.C.C. Member

The notes on pages.....13.....to.....20.....form part of these accounts

Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 31st December 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP 2015.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value.

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purpose of the PCC.
Funds Designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.
Restricted Fund called the Restoration and Development, set up for the purpose of restoring the Church and the development initially of the Millennium Centre and any ongoing for major repairs to the Church or the Millennium Centre. **Endowment Funds**, where the capital must be retained, are explained on page 19 note 13.
The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body or those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Incoming resources

Voluntary income and capital sources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.
Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received.
Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.
Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain.
Funds raised during the year included Grand Draws, various events by Mission and Aid for charitable giving and other similar events; they are accounted for gross.
Sales of books and magazines from the church bookstall are accounted for gross.

Other Income

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

Income from investments

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable. Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold.
Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31st December.

Resources used

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

The diocesan parish share is accounted for when paid at the start of each month.

Fixed assets

Consecrated property and movable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the financial statements by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

Movable church furnishings held by the Rector and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the Church's Inventory, which can be inspected at a pre-arranged time with a Churchwarden. For inalienable property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts. Items acquired since 1st January 2000 have been capitalised and depreciated in the accounts over their currently anticipated useful economic life initially over 4years on a straight-line basis.

All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings, individual items under £1,000 or on the repair of movable church furnishings acquired before 1st January 2004 is written off.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over 4 years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Investments

Investments are valued at market value at the 31st December.

Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at the 31st December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.
Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank and Building Society.

2 INCOMING RESOURCES

	Not	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Fund £	TOTAL FUNDS 2023 £	2022
Incoming resources from dc	**2(a)**					
Regular Planned Giving:-						
Tax Efficient Planned Giving	1	£ 6,030.00	£ -	£ -	£ 6,030.00	£ 8,760.00
All tax recovered	6	£ 3,672.42	£ -	£ -	£ 3,672.42	£ 8,579.19
Other planned giving	2	£ 310.00	£ -	£ -	£ 310.00	£ 280.00
Loose Plate Collections	3	£ 6,555.00	£ -	£ -	£ 6,555.00	£ 7,617.00
Occasional Giving:-						
Charities Aid	5	£ -		£ -	£ -	£ 382.00
GADS-Coins (at bank)	5	£ 3,011.21	£ -	£ -	£ 3,011.21	£ -
One Off Gift Aid	3a	£ 450.00			£ 450.00	£ 930.00
Donations	5	£ 1,376.00		£ -	£ 1,376.00	£ 2,555.00
Occasional Services	5	£ 1,725.00		£ -	£ 1,725.00	£ -
Parish Giving Scheme	4	£ 16,204.70	£ -	£ -	£ 16,204.70	£ 12,209.80
		£ 39,334.33	**£ -**	**£ -**	**£ 39,334.33**	£ 41,312.99
				£ -		
Other voluntary Income res	**2(b)**					
Grants (4)	8	£ 4,750.00	£ -	£ -	£ 4,750.00	£ 1,000.00
Legacies	7	£ 500.00	£ -	£ -	£ 500.00	£ 17,635.49
		£ 5,250.00	£ -	£ -	**£ 5,250.00**	£ 18,635.49
Inc.from oper activities:-	**2(c)**					
to further the PCC objects	12					
Magazine Sales	12	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Bookstall /Flowers	11	£ 230.00	£ -	£ -	£ 230.00	£ -
Churchyard / Graveyard	11	£ 7,970.00	£ -	£ -	£ 7,970.00	£ 10,288.33
Fees -Graveyard Account	11	**£ 19,289.00**	£ -	£ -	£ 19,289.00	£ 8,631.00
		£ 27,489.00	£ -	£ -	**£ 27,489.00**	£ 18,919.33
Income from operating activ	**2(d)**					
to generate funds						
Magazine Advertising	12	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Hall Rental	12	£ 2,749.00	£ -	£ -	£ 2,749.00	£ 2,260.00
Fund Raising-(at bank)	8a	£ 1,790.00	£ -	£ 10,927.00	£ 12,717.00	£ -
Fund Raising	8a	£ 560.00	£ -	£ -	£ 560.00	£ -
Raffles/Draws	9		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
BAC Payments -	12	£ 158.65	£ -	£ -	£ 158.65	£ -
Excess at Bank	12		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
		£ 5,257.65	£ -	£ 10,927.00	**£ 16,184.65**	£ 2,260.00
Income from Investments	**2(e)**					
Dividends & Interest {at bank}	10	£ 116.06	£ -	£ 21.92	£ 137.98	£ 28.40
Trust Income - Glayzer	10	£ 72.47	£ -	£ -	£ 72.47	£ 77.20
" " - C. B. F.	10	£ 1,463.13	£ -	£ -	£ 1,463.13	£ 254.85
Ann Huyton Charity Account	10	£ 59.55	£ -	£ -	£ 59.55	£ 69.53
Graveyard Account	10	£ 164.18	£ -	£ -	£ 164.18	£ 153.60
		£ 1,875.39	£ -	**£ 21.92**	**£ 1,897.31**	£ 583.58

Statement of Financial Activities 2023 (cont'd.)

		General Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Fund	TOTAL FUNDS 2023	2022
Other incoming resources	**2(f)**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Walsingham Pilgrimage's	12	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Return of VAT- Boiler	13	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Insurance Claim-Church Carp	13	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
50% readers Fee-St Cutbberts	12	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 12.50
St Cuthbert -working share	13	£ 4,262.60	£ -	£ -	£ 4,262.60	£ 3,693.64
		£ 4,262.60	£ -	£ -	**£ 4,262.60**	£ 3,706.14
Total Incoming Resources		**£ 83,468.97**	**£ -**	**£ 10,948.92**	**£ 94,417.89**	£ 85,417.53

3 RESOURCES EXPENDED

Costs of generating funds	**3(a)**					
Gross costs of Fund Raising	17	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 82.00
Grants	**3(b)**					
UAREUK	18	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
World Vision	18	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Children's Society	18	£ -	£ -	£ -		£ -
Tools of Self Reliance	18	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Activities directly to the work of the church	**3(c)**					
Parish Share	19	£ 56,752.80	£ -	£ -	£ 56,752.80	£ 54,015.59
50% Funeral Fees- Clergy	21	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 1,059.40
Vicars Expenses	21	£ 225.00	£ -	£ -	£ 225.00	£ 740.00
Assistant Priest	21	£ 105.00	£ -	£ -	£ 105.00	£ 90.00
Readers Association	21	£ 50.00	£ -	£ -	£ 50.00	£ 25.00
Council Tax / Water	21	£ 2,328.83	£ -	£ -	£ 2,328.83	£ 1,316.60
Ormskirk Deanery	21	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Rector's Secretary's Salary	21	£ 3,229.16	£ -	£ -	£ 3,229.16	£ 2,964.00
Benifice Office Expenses	21	£ 1,265.41	£ -	£ -	£ 1,265.41	£ 14.64
Church Running Expenses						
Utilities	24	£ 3,126.20	£ -	£ -	£ 3,126.20	£ 2,192.44
Insurance	23c	£ 4,604.40	£ -	£ -	£ 4,604.40	£ 4,254.28
Various Repairs.	23b	£ 5,422.82	£ -		£ 5,422.82	£ 84.00
Organ Repairs	27	£ -	£ -	£ 1,379.62	£ 1,379.62	£ -
Upkeep of Services.	23a	£ 509.38	£ -	£ -	£ 509.38	£ 573.67
Car Park	23a	£ 100.00	£ -	£ -	£ 100.00	£ 100.00
Music,RSCM,Copyright,Requ	23a	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 175.20
Churchyard	23a	£ 5,891.00	£ -	£ -	£ 5,891.00	£ 2,700.00
Mon Masson/Garden Remem	23a	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 298.00
4 new fuse boards - Church	23b	£ -	£ -		£ -	£ -

Statement of Financial Activities 2023 (cont'd.)

		General Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Fund	TOTAL Funds	
Costs Related to Trading		£	£	£	£	£
Parish Magazine & Bookstall		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Flowers	25	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Weekly Newssheets	25	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
St Cuthbert's overpaid C. Tax	17	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Afternoon Club & Socials	17	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Incomplete Che & bank ch	17	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Office - Recorded Delivery	17	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 11.00
Rectors Leaving Gift	17		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Church Hall Utilities	25	£ 2,723.45	£ -	£ -	£ 2,723.45	£ 2,065.21
Clean Materials/Small Repairs	25	£ 31.13	£ 25.00	£ -	£ 56.13	£ 3.36
Cleaner's Wages	25	£ 571.47	£ -	£ -	£ 571.47	£ 646.00
Insurance	25	£ 1,191.90	£ -	£ -	£ 1,191.90	£ 1,118.77
Maintenance etc.	25	£ 340.40	£ -	£ -	£ 340.40	£ 120.00
Repairs elec/fire/burg/ alarms .	25	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Support and Training Costs						
Honoraria-Organist /Choir	20	£ 810.00	£ -	£ -	£ 810.00	£ -
Sunday Sch./Confirmation	22	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Day Schools	22		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Visiting Organists	20		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 547.00
		£ 89,278.35	**£ 25.00**	**£ -**	**£ 89,303.35**	£ 75,114.16
Management and administration of the Council	**3(d)**					
Equipment Maintenance	23a		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Postage,Secretary,Stationery,	23a	£ 875.00	£ -	£ -	£ 875.00	£ 528.74
Printing Expenses	23a		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
New Printer (Unit Benefice	23a		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
		£ 875.00	**£ -**	**£ -**	**£ 875.00**	£ 528.74
Total Resources Used		**£ 90,153.35**	**£ 25.00**	**£ 1,379.62**	**£ 91,557.97**	**£ 75,724.90**

4 Staff Costs	**2023** £	**2022** £
Honoraria & visiting organists	£ 810.00	£ 547.00
Secretary's Salary	£ 3,229.16	£ 2,964.00
Wages	£ 571.47	£ 646.00
	£ 4,610.63	**£ 4,157.00**

During 2023 the Church did not have a full time organist .A secretary, a gardener and a cleaner (all part time).
Payments were not large enough to incur social security costs.
Visiting organists were paid £810.00
Mrs S. Albertina the United Benefice Secretary received £3,229.16
The Millennium Centre cleaner Mrs S. Bradbury received £571.47.
Adam Scanlon Gardening Services received £1,275.00 for Graveyard maintenance.

5 Fixed Assets for use by The PCC

Tangible Fixed Assets 5(a)	**Freehold Land & Buildings**	**Fixtures and Fittings**	**Total**
Gross Book Value			
At 1st January 2023	£ 194,496.97	£ -	£ 194,496.97
Additions	£ -	£ -	£ -
At 31st December 2023	£ 194,496.97	£ -	£ 194,496.97
Depreciation			
At 1st January 2023	£ -	£ -	£ -
Charge for the Year	£ -	£ -	£ -
Depreciation on Disposals	£ -	£ -	£ -
At 31st December 2023	£ 194,496.97	£ -	£ 194,496.97
Net Book Value			
At 31st December 2023	**£ 194,496.97**	**£ -**	**£ 194,496.97**

Investments 5(b)	**2023**	**2022**
Long Term Investment-Nationwide	£ 30,000.00	£ 30,000.00
Graveyard Savings Account - Closed	£ -	£ -
National Savings Bond	£ 2,000.00	£ 2,000.00
	£ 32,000.00	£ 32,000.00

6 Analysis of Net Assets by Fund	**Unrestricted Funds**	**Restricted Funds**	**Endowment Funds**	**Total**
Fixed Assets	£ 194,496.97	£ -	£ 53,385.60	£ 247,882.57
Current Assets	£ 77,898.37	£ 9,683.21	£ -	£ 87,581.58
Current Liabilities	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Fund Balance	**£ 272,395.34**	**£ 9,683.21**	**£ 53,385.60**	**£ 335,464.15**

7 Debtors

8 Liabilities

9 Fund Details

Received from St. Cuthbert's Halsall each month a shared payment towards council tax, water rates and Benefice office. The restricted fund comprises of the Restoration and Development Fund which is for the ongoing restoring of the Church and its fabric.

10 Unrestricted Funds

The closing balance of Unrestricted Funds comprise of the following:-

	2023	2022
	£	£
General Fund	£ 77,565.05	£ 83,561.30
Designated Funds:- Men's Fellowship	£ 249.53	£ 274.53
Junior/Senior Youth Footb}uild	£ 61.72	£ 61.72
	£ -	£ -
Sunday School	£ 22.07	£ 22.07
	£ 77,898.37	£ 83,919.62

11 Restricted Funds

The closing balance of Restricted Funds comprise the following:-	2023 £	2022 £
Restoration and Development	£ 9,683.21	£ 113.91

12 Transfers Between Funds

13 Endowment Funds - Capital:-

The interest from these funds are paid into the General Fund:-Item 2(e)

	Trust No.	Original cost	Holding	Market Value:-31.12.23.
Glayzer CBF Inv.F.122001381S	717-002	£ 1,360.00	112.43	£ 2,541.51
Glayzer CBF Inv.F 122001088F	717-002	£ 340.00	205.94	£ 298.10
Total		£ 1,700.00		£ 2,839.61
***** Ann Huyton Charity Account**	059920001T	£ 1,275.67	103.00	**£ 1,869.38**
Sale of Haskayne School House	717-001	£ 30,226.16	£ 30,226.16	£ 30,226.16
Sale of Lydiate C.E. School	717-000	£ 8,027.67	£ 8,027.67	£ 8,027.67
Dawber Memorial		£ 38,080.00	£ 10,422.78	£ 10,422.78
		£ 79,309.50		**£ 53,385.60**

***Dawber Memorial. The portfolio has been in operation since 1978.**

The above sum is still invested in a savings account until an endowment fund can be arranged with CBF Investments and Liverpool Diocesan Board of Finance become the Custodian Trustees. All interest to still be paid into General Funds for church use as stipulated in the will of Mr Dawber.

*****Ann Huyton Charity**. Set up in the early 1900's. Capital with COIF Charities Fund; interest paid into HSBC who closed the Account in 2017; monies were transferred to the General Fund in February 2018.

These notes form the information in the

Designated Fund column	Not	Men's	Sunday	Junior/Senior	Group	Group
INCOMING RESOURCES	2(a)	Fellowship	School	Football	2023	2022
Incoming resources from donors						
Donations		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Income from operating activities:-						
to generate funds	2(d)					
Raffles/Draws/Tuck Shop		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Social Activities		£ -	£ -		£ -	£ -
Subscriptions		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Income from Investments	2(e)					
Dividends & interest		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Total Incoming Resources		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
RESOURCES USED						
Costs of generating funds	3(a)					
Gross costs of Fund Raising		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Grants	3(b)					
Secular & Local Good Causes		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Activities directly to the work of the church	3(c)					
Stationery,Refresh/Books		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Donations / Speakers		£ -		£ -	£ -	£ -
Holidays & Trips/ Social Activities		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Room Hire / Overheads		£ 25.00	£ -	£ -	£ 25.00	£ -
Games Equipment / Demo Items		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
		£ 25.00	£ -	£ -	**£ 25.00**	£ -
Transfer of Funds		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Total Resources Used		**£ 25.00**	£ -	£ -	£ 25.00	£ -
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources		(-) £ -	(+) £ -	(+) £ -	(+) £ -	(+) £ -
Balances B/Fwd. 01.01.203		*	£ 22.07	£ 61.72	£ 83.79	£ 358.32
Balances C/Fwd 31.12.2023		**£ 249.53**	**£ 22.07**	**£ 61.72**	**£ 333.32**	£ 358.32

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St Thomas Lydiate & Downholland on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023, as set out on pages 11 to 20 of your Annual Report.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They 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 PCC 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 PCC 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:

1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
   - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
   - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: R. Turpin Date: 14/5/24

IE's Name: Mrs Ruth Turpin.
Address: 1, Queens Green, Haskayne, Lancashire, L39 7JH

ST THOMAS' LYDIATE PCC

England & Wales - Charity number 1149840

Accounts

Diocese of Liverpool

Parochial Church Council
Of the
Parish Church of St Thomas
Lydiate and Downholland
Church Lane
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For the year ended 31st December 2022

Mission Statement

To be a welcoming Christian Community to all people:
So that everyone may know the love of Jesus Christ

Registered Charity Number: 1149840 St Thomas' Lydiate PCC

Administrative Information

Incumbent
Interim Vicar
The Millennium Centre
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Accounts	**Banks**
General Account Restoration and Development Fund Savings Account Graveyard Fund Dawber Memorial Fund	Royal Bank of Scotland plc 41 Liverpool Road North Maghull Merseyside L31 2HE
Men's Fellowship	Lloyds TSB 2/3 Central Square Maghull Merseyside
Investment Bond	Nationwide Building Society
Investment Bond	National Savings
Ann Huyton Charity Account	Capital –COIF Charities Investment Fund Interest – Royal Bank of Scotland plc
Glayzer Memorial Fund Haskayne School House Lydiate C.E. Old School	The Central Board of Finance of The Church of England (Custodian Trustees: L/pool Diocesan Board Finance)

TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2022

Membership

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. During the year, the following were the ex officio members:

Incumbent: Revd Ian Hopkins
Interim Minister
(Completed term of office July 2022)

NSM Revd Glenys Gardner

Reader: Mr David Walker
(Readers no longer ex-officio)

Churchwardens: Mr A. Gardner
+Mr Eric Hynes
++Mrs Jean Cropper

Deanery Synod Representatives: Mrs D. Walker, Mrs J. Cropper

+Mr Eric Hynes Died October 2022
++ Mrs Jean Cropper appointed Assistant Churchwarden October 2022

The elected members were:

Miss Eleri Jones – Vice Chair
Mrs Vera Ainsworth-Treasurer
Mrs Joanne Rowe
Mrs Joan Rainford
Mrs J. Cropper – Secretary
Mrs Joan Cook
*Mrs Val Blakemore
Mrs Helen Gray
Mr David Walker
*Miss Carol Sibbring
Mrs Carly Maria Cleator

*Elected at the APCM 2022

Day to day management control of the Church is exercised by the incumbent and churchwardens: Interim Vicar, Revd Ian Hopkins, Alan Gardner and Eric Hynes, contactable via the church office
Telephone number:- 0151 526 2292.

Minor building inspection, maintenance and repairs are carried out by Mr Alan Gardner

Structure, Management and Governance

The general functions of the PCC are stated within section 2 of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956. When planning our objectives for the year, the PCC gave consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance to charities concerned with the advancement of religion'

Other Related Trusts

Glayzer Memorial Funds – The Liverpool Diocesan Board of Finance are Custodian Trustees.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All church members are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.
The PCC operates subcommittees: The Standing Committee, Finance & Fabric Committee, Outreach Committee, Social Committee and Mission Committee.

Membership of the Standing Committee comprises the following PCC Officers and one member of the PCC:

Standing Committee: Incumbent
Churchwardens
PCC Secretary,
PCC Treasurer
Vice Chair of the PCC

Other Sub Committees' are chaired by the following people:

Finance	Mrs Vera Ainsworth
Outreach:	Vacancy
Social:	Mrs V Blakemore

PCC at present are made aware of their legal responsibilities

Objectives and Activities

'The PCC (Powers) measure 1956 states the PCC "is to co-operate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical"'.

St Thomas' Church: proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ by witness and example to the whole community of Lydiate and Downholland.

In order to do this our objectives for 2022

- Continue to work towards the appointment of our next vicar.
- Continue to explore shared governance and mutual support with St Cuthberts.
- To carry out our work as part of the deanery of Ormskirk and Liverpool Diocese.
- Pay our parish share and promote the Parish Giving Scheme.
- To build on and sustain our excellent relationships with our schools.

Achievements & Performance

All of the stated objectives have been met for 2022 with the exception of Hey 0 worship which was very unfortunate.

The Electoral Roll Statement

There was a total of 145 on the electoral roll of which 83 (58%) were Resident and 62 (42%) Non-resident

Worship

A regular pattern of worship commenced once more. Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer at 8.00am was welcomed back. The worship at 11.00 followed the previous pattern with Eucharist on 1st and 3rd Sunday, Uniformed Organisations led Parade Service on 2nd Sunday and the Family Service with Eucharist on 4th Sunday.

Slowly the congregation grew when people knew we were fully open, and it was wonderful to see friends again. Sadly, some parishioners did not return, and these were sadly missed.

In July we said goodbye to Revd Ian Hopkins whose term of office as Interim Minister came to end. He moved on to a permanent position within the Diocese.

Revd Glenys officiated at most of the services from July assisted by our Reader David Walker. Revd. Glenys was also responsible for the many Baptisms and Funerals. We thank her for all the work that fell to her.

The Occasional Offices during.2022; 38 People were Baptised and 1 wedding took place. 7 Funerals were followed by cremation, 6 followed by burial, and 2 burials when the service was held at another church; in addition, 25 burials of Cremated Remains took place.

Pastoral Care and Service to Our Community

How we reach out as a Christian community in Lydiate and Downholland remains a priority for us as a PCC and in 2022 we played catch up in our visiting of the elderly the sick or infirm and Home Communions were once again taken out

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Funeral Ministry became easier as more restrictions were eased, and pastoral visits and pre funerals were able to be made. At the beginning of December, we held a "Service of Light" when we remembered those loved ones who had passed away. This was well attended and very much appreciated.

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The PCC takes its pastoral responsibility of our two Church Schools seriously,
St. Thomas Lydiate, an Academy, within the Diocese, and St Thomas Downholland / Haskayne is a Voluntary Aided school within Lancashire County Council. Worship was held in both Schools and was a valuable point of pastoral contact for children, parents, staff, governors, and friends of the school.

We are very pleased to report that Confirmation took place in March after 2 years of absence. Two bishops were in attendance, and Confirmed 36 children, and 1 adult.

It is with great sadness that we publish the death of Mr Eric Hynes who had been a Churchwarden for only two years who sadly passed away in October. Eric had just begun to feel he was learning the position of Churchwarden and his loss is felt by all.

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Youth and Children's Work

This is also another area actively supported by the PCC as each member of the PCC recognises that the work done with children and young people is vital in our Christian Mission of proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ.

Guiding and Scouting is flourishing in Lydiate with very active and large Units. The Organisations are looking forward to 2022 when they can continue their excellent work and grow and move forward.

We have a full complement of PCC Foundation School Governor's supporting the work of our schools and fulfilling their role as critical friends to those communities.
These Governors continue to give of their time and talents tirelessly for which we are incredibly thankful. The role of our 'Church School Links Governor for both of our schools plays an important role in continuing to provide essential communication and pastoral opportunities for church and school.
Both of our schools are held in high esteem by the Diocesan Board of Education. Mrs Nicky Haines remains the Head at St Thomas Downholland / Haskayne School.
There has been a change of leadership at St. Thomas' Lydiate Academy School. Mrs. Emily Alty is Head of School and Mr. Mark Ward is an Executive Head Teacher.

Guiding and Scouting is flourishing in Lydiate with very large and active Units.

Guiding submitted the following report,

Since returning after COVID our Units are flourishing with girls and we have welcomed new Leaders.

All Leaders have been keeping up to date with trainings in First Response, "Safe Space", and other specific areas of the programme Our Rainbows and Brownies have been able to party for most of the year at Easter, Summer, Autumn and New Year Discos. They have also had their own Summer Festival.

During the week before the Queen's death, we received an acknowledgement from one of Her Majesty's Ladies in Waiting, thanking us on her behalf for the good wishes sent for Her Jubilee. During this time the girls received 2 special badges –the Jubilee Badge and one commemorating the life of her Majesty and her involvement with Guiding.

Members from all sections took part in our Annual Fund-Raising Sing in Liverpool Central Station,

Leaders and friends once again helped Rotary by collecting with Santa – in very mixed weather. Most recently we took part in our Thinking Day Celebrations – in our Units and at the County Day, when the girls were able to do some campfire singing, play various games (for their age group), African Drumming and Dancing and several crafts. We look forward to the coming months, certainly the Coronation will be a highlight for us all.

Church Buildings

Church Buildings and Property

Unfortunately, once again there is a need to report that decoratively the church is looking very sad and in poor condition, there is also a great deal of remedial work to be done particularly in the tower where the plaster is crumbling on the walls. Work is also required on the south aspect of the nave. This is because the stained-glass windows continue to leak during heavy rain. and if the wind is in the wrong direction the leaks are particularly bad. The North wall is not as bad. All these problems will need to be addressed as soon as funds become available.
Certain parts of the Church path also require repair.

The organ is in a very poor state due to vermin eating through the straps. This is going to be costly to put it right and possibly fund raising may be the answer.

The annual Fire Inspection took place in June and certificates were issued for both buildings.

Millennium Centre

Heavy rains resulted in the flooding of the Millennium Centre Building causing significant damage to the building and all the plaster was removed down to the brick in the entrance hall. The entire floor covering on the ground floor needed removing and a partial removing of the plaster in the main hall, storeroom, and office. All the remedial work was carried out by approved contractors to a high standard; the work being completed by the middle of May. Providing the heavy rains do not return all will be well. The lighting needs replacing but due to the height of the ceiling this will not be an easy job.

Churchyard and Graveyard

Over the past year following an appeal put out by the PCC asking for volunteers, a group came forward this group assiduously attend to the graveyards, the area around the Millennium Centre and the car park. They keep the areas clean and tidy; they remove dead and old floral tributes and weed where necessary also keeping hedges tidy, removing, and disposing of the rubbish all in their own time. Generally making the churchyard and graveyard a pastoral place of comfort and reflection for those whose loved ones are laid to rest. The PCC wish to record their Very grateful thanks to the Gradden Family, and Ian Anderson who removes and disposes of the refuse.

A further reference to the Quinquennial Report raises the issue of the repointing to the perimeter walls the PCC is aware that bushes that have been planted in various parts need to be removed as they are overgrown and causing damage.

Car Park

The PCC The PCC have found it necessary due to unsocial behaviour to keep the car park gates locked when the Church and Millennium Centre are not in use.
The Car Park is due to be re-laid shortly due to the many potholes.

Finance, Giving and Fundraising

The past year saw a reduction to our Parish Share contribution of £2;654.00; 2021 was £56,670.00 down to £54,016.00. The cost of church utilities was up by £565.00.

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The church insurance increased by £32.00, and the Millennium Centre increased slightly by £42.00 on 2021 costs. The Church's insurance runs from April to March and the Millennium Centre's insurance runs from July to June

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Towards the end of 2021 the PCC agreed to join the Parish Giving Scheme **(PGS),** this scheme is run by Gloucester Diocese on behalf of the Church of England; the scheme is very efficient and has proved to be the most successful way that regular Planned Giving income and Gift Aid Tax is received each month.

Regular tax efficient planned giving to the General Fund was down on 2021 by £8,971.00; but other regular planned giving, **(PGS)** was up by £11,715.00. One-off Gift Aid was down on 2021 by £550.00. Loose Plate Collections were up by £1,910.00. Occasional services and one-off donations were down slightly by £427.00 within General Fund,

The PCC received £3,693.64 from St. Cuthbert's Halsall towards the working share of the United Benefice.
The PCC received a Bequest of £17,635.49 from the estate of the late Mrs Lucy Smith.

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The amount at which the Restoration and Development stood at the closing of the Year was £113.91. The interest for the year was £0.19.

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All fundraising activities unfortunately ceased across the board from March 2020 at the first lockdown; and has not resumed; this has also caused a further loss of income.

Performance of Investments

Due to the Bank of England trying to reduce the effects of inflation the interest rate to our bank Savings Accounts has increased from £2.92 in 2021 to £28.40. .
The Ann Huyton Charity Account saw an increase of £15.05. The capital is held by COIF Charities Fund and interest is paid into General Fund. This Account has been recorded within the Endowment Funds (page 19 item 13) and interest on the capital recorded in page 15.
The Glayzer Memorial Fund increased by £1.22, fortunately Haskayne School House and St Thomas (old) School saw a massive increase of £217.10 on 2021; these accounts are invested in a bank deposit fund with the Church Board of Finance (CBF).
The PCC were advised in 2019 due to the steady loss of income over the previous 3 years to reinvest the £60,000 it had with the Nationwide Building Society into a 125day notice Savings Account that was more accessible. The decision was taken during December to give notice to withdraw £30,000.00 from our reserves to enable a cash flow from March 2020; this year we received £153.60 interest.

Financial Review

Our main source of income was from the Parish Giving Scheme **(PGS)** of **£12,209.80** up by £11,714.80 on 2021. Some Church members are still contributing their giving by Standing Order to the church Bank Account, (Tax Efficient Planned Giving) which totalled £8,760.00. One-Off Gift Aid was £930.00, down in 2021 by £550.00. Tax received on all income was £8,579.19 this was up on 2021 because the **PGS** Gift Aid Tax is received monthly in full. Gift Aid on Standing Orders is recovered by the Diocese on our behalf on the previous year's donation and a 5% handling charge is made.
At the end of the year the PCC were able to record for the first time in the last five years an excess of **£9,692.44,** income over expenditure into General Funds; this excess is due to the Bequest received of **£17,635.49** from the estate of the late Mrs Lucy Smith. The total income into General Funds was **£85,417.34**, therefore, to give the actual income without the legacy it would be **£67,781.85, with expenses of £75,724.90**. this once again would result in a **shortfall of £7,943.05** The PCC therefore is still aware that without this legacy, once again our monthly income into General Fund did not cover expenses.
Although we have constantly been made aware of this downward trend the situation is still critical when the year closed across all the accounts with the General Funds as above, the Designated Funds **£358.32** and **£114.00** in the Restricted Fund.
The actual income into General Fund without that of the Graveyard was **£74,955.40** with expenditure of **£71,656.50**, giving an excess of income over expenditure of **£3,298.43.**
Income paid directly into the Graveyard Fund during 2022 was **£10,288.33** with expenses of **£4,068.40** fortunately resulting in an income over expenses of **£6,219.93**. The PCC has had to use income from this fund to top up the Church building and Millennium Centre running costs.
The total overall closing balance for the year end was **£84,033.53** therefore, it is still extremely important that attention should be drawn to the need for giving and the severe consequences that could result to the whole church community, which includes both church schools in our Parish.
The PCC also collects and banks the statutory DBF Income from Weddings, Funerals and Burials. This fee (Post Box Income) is collected on behalf of the Diocese, the total for the year was, **£2439.00**; this amount is not recorded in the financial statement.
Unfortunately, from 2017 to 2022 we have witnessed not only 5 years of income loss due to the passing of a great many of our generous givers, but the added burden of the church having to close due to the Pandemic, and when re-opened only small numbers returning to Sunday Services plus the additional loss of income for the hire of the Millennium Centre.
The PCC and the wider Church community must therefore monitor its ongoing concern especially with its regular monthly outgoings of between £6,000.00 and £7,000.00 for the upkeep of its 2 buildings as well as its Parish Share payment.

What are the Church's reserves?

The PCC considers that the Reserves available to the PCC are those assets which are either cash or assets which can be realised for cash if the need arises. The balance sheet on page 12 shows the assets of the church totalling £332,032.00, but from this figure must be deducted the amount of the fixed assets of £247,998.00, this is represented mainly by the current value of the Millennium Centre and the endowment funds which were acquired by the church for specific purposes, by those who gave them to the church, therefore the total amount available to the PCC for expenditure at the year-end is £84,034.00 either in cash or investments and other assets which can be realised for cash if the need arises.

Purpose of Reserves

The two main purposes are to provide a cushion in the finances of the church against a shortage of income in any year or to meet any sudden and unexpected expenditure such as major repairs not covered by insurance. Reserves are not usually for major building works or large repairs. When necessary, finance is raised by one-off fundraising from the congregation and other sources.

Amount of Reserves

The PCC should always consider what it may need as a safe cushion for the financial position of the church in the future. Over the last few years, the aim was to accumulate reserves of approximately £135,000.00 This figure was arrived at by considering the expected increases in expenditure but unfortunately has never been achieved since 2018.
The monthly income during 2022 still provides major concerns for the PCC with a reduction of £7,943.00 to the General Account; fortunately, as reported above the legacy we received saved the year.

Plans for the Future

The PCC is aware that whilst we are a growing church, we should never be complacent and as Trustees' there is always the need to maintain, as well as enable growth.
To this end, we intend: -

- To aim for financial stability through promoting the Parish Giving Scheme and text giving as well as using fundraising opportunities as missional.
- To reinstate a midweek communion and grow the number of people worshipping with us regularly.
- To deepen discipleship opportunities through the development of a bible study group and confirmation classes.
- To reach out to the new houses being built through a parish based welcome pack and exploring the possibility of a new worshipping community in the school.
- To address the issues around the organ and worship

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on the 4th of May 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Eleri Jones

Eleri Jones
Chair to the PCC

C.H. Sibbring

P.C.C. Member

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2022
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2022

INCOMING RESOURCES	Not	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Fund £	TOTAL 2022 £	FUNDS 2021 £
						£ -
Incoming resources from donors	2(a)	£ 41,312.99	£ -	£ -	£ 41,312.99	£ 35,957.79
Other voluntary Income resource	2(b)	£ 18,635.49	£ -	£ -	£ 18,635.49	£ 590.41
Inc.from operating activities.						£ -
: to further the Council's objects	2(c)	£ 18,919.33	£ -	£ -	£ 18,919.33	£ 20,797.04
: to generate funds	2(d)	£ 2,260.00	£ -	£ -	£ 2,260.00	£ 1,578.00
Income Investments	2(e)	£ 583.39	£ -	£ 0.19	£ 583.58	£ 890.15
Other incoming resources	2(f)	£ 3,706.14	£ -	£ -	£ 3,706.14	£ 10,986.39
Total Incoming Resources		**£ 85,417.34**	£ -	**£ 0.19**	**£ 85,417.53**	£ 70,799.78
RESOURCES USED						£ -
Costs of generating funds	3(a)	£ 82.00	£ -		£ 82.00	£ -
Grants	3(b)	£ -	£ -	£ -		£ -
Activities directly to the work of						£ -
the church	3(c)	£ 75,114.16	£ -	£ -	£ 75,114.16	£ 84,902.22
Management and administration						£ -
of the Council	3(d)	£ 528.74	£ -	£ -	£ 528.74	£ -
Total Resources Expended		**£ 75,724.90**	£ -	**£ -**	**£ 75,724.90**	£ 84,902.22
Total Incoming Resources		**£ 85,417.34**	**£ -**	**£ 0.19**	**£ 85,417.53**	£ 70,799.78
Total Resources Used		**£ 75,724.90**	**£ -**	**£ -**	**£ 75,724.90**	**£ 84,902.22**
Net Incoming/(Outgoing)		(+)	(+)	(+)	(+)	(-)
Resources		£ 9,692.44	£ -	£ 0.19	£ 9,692.63	£ 14,102.44
Transfers Between Funds	12	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	(-)
		(+)	(+)	(+)	(+)	(-)
Total After Transfers		£ 9,692.44	£ -	£ 0.19	£ 9,692.63	£ 14,102.44
Gains and Losses on Investments						
		(+)	(+)	(+)	(+)	(-)
Net Movement in Funds		£ 9,692.44	£ -	£ 0.19	£ 9,692.63	£ 14,102.44
Balances B. / Forward						
1st January 2022						
At Bank		£ 41,868.86	£ 358.32	£ 113.72	£ 42,340.90	£ 56,443.34
Investment Assets		£ 32,000.00	£ -	£ -	£ 32,000.00	£ 32,000.00
Total		£ 73,868.86	£ 358.32	£ 113.72	£ 74,340.90	£ 88,443.34
Balances Carried Forward						
1st January 2022						£ -
At Bank		£ 51,561.30	£ 358.32	£ 113.91	£ 52,033.53	£ 42,340.90
Investment Assets		£ 32,000.00	£ -	£ -	£ 32,000.00	£ 32,000.00
Total		**£ 83,561.30**	**£ 358.32**	**£ 113.91**	**£ 84,033.53**	£ 74,340.90

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. THOMAS LYDIATE & DOWNHOLLAND
BALANCE SHEET AT 31st DECEMBER 2022

	Note	2022	2021
Fixed Assets			
Tangible fixed assets	5(a)	£ 247,998.00	£ 248,108.00
Investment assets	5(b)	£ 32,000.00	£ 32,000.00
		£ 279,998.00	£ 280,108.00
Current Assets			
Short Term Deposits		£ -	£ -
Cash at Bank and in Hand		£ 83,920.00	£ 42,341.00
		£ 83,920.00	£ 42,341.00
Liabilities	8	£ -	£ -
Net Current Assets		£ 83,920.00	£ 42,341.00
Net Assets		**£ 332,032.00**	**£ 322,449.00**
Funds	6		
Unrestricted		£ 278,417.00	£ 268,724.00
Restricted		£ 114.00	£ 114.00
Endowments		£ 53,501.00	£ 53,611.00
		£ 332,032.00	**£ 322,449.00**

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on the 26th March 2023 and signed on its behalf by :

Eleri Jones
Chairperson

P.C.C. Member

The notes on pages.....13.....to.....20.....form part of these accounts

Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 31st December 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP 2015.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value.

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purpose of the PCC. **Funds Designated** for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.
Restricted Fund called the Restoration and Development set up for the purpose of restoring the Church and the development initially of the Millennium Centre and any ongoing for major repairs to the Church or the Millennium Centre. **Endowment Funds**, where the capital must be retained, are explained on page 19 note 13.
The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body or those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Incoming resources

Voluntary income and capital sources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.
Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received.
Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.
Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain.
Funds raised during the year included Grand Draws, various events by Mission and Aid for charitable giving and other similar events; they are accounted for gross.
Sales of books and magazines from the church bookstall are accounted for gross.

Other Income

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

Income from investments

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable. Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold.
Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31st December.

Resources used

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

The diocesan parish share is accounted for when paid at the start of each month.

Fixed assets

Consecrated property and movable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the financial statements by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

Movable church furnishings held by the Rector and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the Church's Inventory, which can be inspected at a pre-arranged time with a Churchwarden. For inalienable property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts. Items acquired since 1st January 2000 have been capitalised and depreciated in the accounts over their currently anticipated useful economic life initially over 4years on a straight-line basis.

All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings, individual items under £1,000 or on the repair of movable church furnishings acquired before 1st January 2004 is written off.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over 4 years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Investments

Investments are valued at market value at the 31st December.

Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at the 31st December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank and Building Society.

2 INCOMING RESOURCES

	Not	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Fund £	TOTAL FUNDS 2022 £	2021
Incoming resources from donc	2(a)					
Regular Planned Giving:-						
Tax Efficient Planned Giving	1	£ 8,760.00	£ -	£ -	£ 8,760.00	£ 17,731.10
All tax recovered	6	£ 8,579.19	£ -	£ -	£ 8,579.19	£ 5,140.09
Other planned giving	2	£ 280.00	£ -	£ -	£ 280.00	£ 2,373.00
Loose Plate Collections	3	£ 7,617.00	£ -	£ -	£ 7,617.00	£ 5,707.00
Occasional Giving:-						
Charities Aid	5	£ 382.00		£ -	£ 382.00	£ -
Memorial Fund	5	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 50.00
One Off Gift Aid	3a	£ 930.00		£ -	£ 930.00	£ 1,480.00
Donations / Occasional Services	5	£ 2,555.00		£ -	£ 2,555.00	£ 2,981.60
Parish Giving Scheme	4	£ 12,209.80	£ -	£ -	£ 12,209.80	£ 495.00
		£ 41,312.99	**£ -**	**£ -**	**£ 41,312.99**	£ 35,957.79
				£ -		
Other voluntary Income resou	2(b)					
Grants	8	£ 1,000.00	£ -	£ -	£ 1,000.00	£ -
Legacies	7	£ 17,635.49	£ -	£ -	£ 17,635.49	£ 590.41
		£ 18,635.49	£ -	£ -	**£ 18,635.49**	£ 590.41
Inc.from operating activities:-						
to further the Council's objects	2(c)					
Magazine Sales	12	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Bookstall /Flowers	12	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Churchyard / Graveyard	11	£ 10,288.33	£ -	£ -	£ 10,288.33	£ 10,715.04
Church Fees	11	£ 8,631.00	£ -	£ -	£ 8,631.00	£ 10,082.00
		£ 18,919.33	£ -	£ -	**£ 18,919.33**	£ 20,797.04
Income from operating activities:-						
to generate funds	2(d)					
Magazine Advertising	12	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Hall Rental	12	£ 2,260.00	£ -	£ -	£ 2,260.00	£ 1,280.00
Fund Raising-Boiler non G.Aid	9	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Fund Raising	8a	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Raffles/Draws	9		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 298.00
BAC Payments -	12	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Subscriptions	12	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
		£ 2,260.00	£ -		**£ 2,260.00**	£ 1,578.00
Income from Investments	2(e)					
Dividends & Interest {at bank}	10	£ 28.21	£ -	£ 0.19	£ 28.40	£ 2.92
Trust Income - Glayzer	10	£ 77.20	£ -	£ -	£ 77.20	£ 75.98
" " - C. B. F.	10	£ 254.85	£ -	£ -	£ 254.85	£ 37.75
Ann Huyton Charity Account	10	£ 69.53	£ -	£ -	£ 69.53	£ 54.48
Annual interest Nationwide	10	£ 153.60	£ -	£ -	£ 153.60	£ 719.02
		£ 583.39	£ -	**£ 0.19**	**£ 583.58**	£ 890.15

Statement of Financial Activities 2022 (cont'd.)

		General Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Fund	TOTAL FUNDS 2022	2021
Other incoming resources	**2(f)**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Walsingham Pilgrimage's	12	£ -			£ -	£ -
Return of VAT- Boiler	13	£ -	£ -		£ -	£ 6,254.67
Insurance Claim-Church Carpet	13	£ -			£ -	£ -
50% readers Fee-St Cutbberts	12	£ 12.50			£ 12.50	£ -
St Cuthbert -working share	13	£ 3,693.64	£ -		£ 3,693.64	£ 4,731.72
		£ 3,706.14	£ -	£ -	**£ 3,706.14**	£ 10,986.39
Total Incoming Resources		**£ 85,417.34**		**£ 0.19**	**£ 85,417.53**	£ 70,799.71

3 RESOURCES EXPENDED

Costs of generating funds	**3(a)**					
Gross costs of Fund Raising	17	£ 82.00	£ -	£ -	£ 82.00	£ -
Grants	**3(b)**					
UAREUK	18	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
World Vision	18	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Children's Society	18	£ -	£ -	£ -		£ -
Tools of Self Reliance	18	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Activities directly to the work of the church	**3(c)**					
Parish Share	19	£ 54,015.59	£ -	£ -	£ 54,015.59	£ 56,699.55
50% Funeral Fees- Clergy	21	£ 1,059.40	£ -	£ -	£ 1,059.40	£ 1,156.50
Vicars Expenses	21	£ 740.00	£ -	£ -	£ 740.00	£ 1,025.00
Assistant Priest	21	£ 90.00	£ -	£ -	£ 90.00	£ 360.00
Readers Association	21	£ 25.00			£ 25.00	£ -
Council Tax / Water	21	£ 1,316.60	£ -	£ -	£ 1,316.60	£ 2,311.09
Ormskirk Deanery	21	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Rector's Secretary's Salary	21	£ 2,964.00	£ -	£ -	£ 2,964.00	£ 2,964.00
Benifice Office Expenses	21	£ 14.64	£ -	£ -	£ 14.64	£ 498.31
Church Running Expenses						
Utilities	24	£ 2,192.44	£ -	£ -	£ 2,192.44	£ 1,627.03
Insurance	23c	£ 4,254.28	£ -	£ -	£ 4,254.28	£ 4,222.78
Small Repairs Elec.Insp.	23b	£ 84.00	£ -		£ 84.00	£ 1,314.00
New Church Boiler	27	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Upkeep of Services.	23a	£ 573.67	£ -	£ -	£ 573.67	£ 146.74
Car Park	23a	£ 100.00	£ -	£ -	£ 100.00	£ 100.00
Music,RSCM,Copyright,Requ	23a	£ 175.20	£ -	£ -	£ 175.20	£ -
Churchyard	23a	£ 2,700.00	£ -	£ -	£ 2,700.00	£ 3,550.00
Mon Masson/Garden Remem	23a	£ 298.00	£ -	£ -	£ 298.00	£ 144.00
4 new fuse boards - Church	23b	£ -	£ -		£ -	£ 4,500.00

Statement of Financial Activities 2022 (cont'd.)

		General Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Fund	TOTAL Funds	
Costs Related to Trading		£	£	£	£	£
Parish Magazine & Bookstall		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Flowers	25	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Weekly Newssheets	25	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
St Cuthbert's overpaid C. Tax	17	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Afternoon Club & Socials	17	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Incomplete Che & bank ch	17	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Office - Recorded Delivery	17	£ 11.00	£ -	£ -	£ 11.00	£ -
Rectors Leaving Gift	17		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Church Hall Utilities	25	£ 2,065.21	£ -	£ -	£ 2,065.21	£ 2,153.29
Clean Materials/Small Repairs	25	£ 3.36	£ -	£ -	£ 3.36	£ 270.00
Cleaner's Wages	25	£ 646.00	£ -	£ -	£ 646.00	£ 277.88
Insurance	25	£ 1,118.77	£ -	£ -	£ 1,118.77	£ 1,077.05
Maintenance etc.	25	£ 120.00	£ -	£ -	£ 120.00	£ -
Repairs elec/fire/burg/ alarms .	25		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 100.00
Support and Training Costs						
Honoraria-Organist /Choir	20	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Sunday Sch./Confirmation	22	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Day Schools	22		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Visiting Organists	20	£ 547.00	£ -	£ -	£ 547.00	£ 405.00
		£ 75,114.16	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 84,902.22
Management and administration of the Council	3(d)					
Equipment Maintenance	23a		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Postage,Secretary,Stationery,	23a	£ 528.74	£ -	£ -	£ 528.74	£ -
Printing Expenses	23a		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
New Printer (Unit Benefice	23a		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
		£ 528.74	**£** -	**£** -	**£** -	£ -
Total Resources Used		**£ 75,724.90**	£ -	**£** -	**£ 75,724.90**	**£ 84,902.22**

4 Staff Costs	**2022** £	**2021** £
Honoraria & visiting organists	£ 547.00	£ 405.00
Secretary's Salary	£ 2,964.00	£ 2,964.00
Wages	£ 646.00	£ 277.88
	£ 4,157.00	**£ 3,646.88**

During 2022 the Church did not have a full time organist .A secretary, a gardener and a cleaner (all part time).
Payments were not large enough to incur social security costs.
Visiting organists were paid £547.00
Mrs S. Albertina the United Benefice Secretary received £2,964.00
The Millennium Centre cleaner Mrs S. Bradbury received £646.96.
Busy Bee Gardening Services received £2,700.00 for Graveyard maintenance and hedge cutting.

5 Fixed Assets for use by The PCC

Tangible Fixed Assets 5(a)	**Freehold Land & Buildings**	**Fixtures and Fittings**	**Total**
Gross Book Value			
At 1st January 2022	£ 194,496.97	£ -	£ 194,496.97
Additions	£ -	£ -	£ -
At 31st December 2022	£ 194,496.97	£ -	£ 194,496.97
Depreciation			
At 1st January 2022	£ -	£ -	£ -
Charge for the Year	£ -	£ -	£ -
Depreciation on Disposals	£ -	£ -	£ -
At 31st December 2022	£ 194,496.97	£ -	£ 194,496.97
Net Book Value			
At 31st December 2022	**£ 194,496.97**	**£ -**	**£ 194,496.97**

Investments 5(b)	**2022**	**2021**
Long Term Investment	£ 30,000.00	£ 30,000.00
Graveyard Savings Account - Closed	£ -	£ -
National Savings Bond	£ 2,000.00	£ 2,000.00
	£ 32,000.00	£ 32,000.00

6 Analysis of Net Assets by Fund

	Unrestricted Funds	**Restricted Funds**	**Endowment Funds**	**Total**
Fixed Assets	£ 194,496.97	£ -	£ 53,500.72	£ 247,997.69
Current Assets	£ 83,919.62	£ 113.91	£ -	£ 84,033.53
Current Liabilities	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Fund Balance	**£ 278,416.59**	**£ 113.91**	**£ 53,500.72**	**£ 332,031.22**

7 Debtors

8 Liabilities

9 Fund Details

Received from St. Cuthbert's Halsall each month a shared payment towards council tax, water rates and Benefice office. The restricted fund comprises of the Restoration and Development Fund which is for the ongoing restoring of the Church and its fabric.

10 Unrestricted Funds

	2022	2021
The closing balance of Unrestricted Funds comprise of the following:-	£	£
General Fund	£ 83,561.30	£ 73,868.86
Designated Funds:- Men's Fellowship	£ 274.53	£ 274.53
Junior/Senior Youth FootballGroup	£ 61.72	£ 61.72
Women's Guild	£ -	£ -
Sunday School	£ 22.07	£ 22.07
	£ 83,919.62	£ 74,227.18

11 Restricted Funds

	2022	2021
The closing balance of Restricted Funds comprise the following:-	£	£
Restoration and Development	£ 113.91	£ 113.72

12 Transfers Between Funds

13 Endowment Funds - Capital:-

The interest from these funds are paid into the General Fund:-Item 2(e)

	Trust No.	Original cost	Holding	Market Value:-31.12.22.
Glayzer CBF Inv.F.122001381S	717-002	£ 1,360.00	112.43	£ 2,629.37
Glayzer CBF Inv.F 122001088F	717-002	£ 340.00	205.94	£ 325.36
Total		£ 1,700.00		£ 2,954.73
***** Ann Huyton Charity Account**	059920001T	£ 1,275.67	103.00	**£ 1,869.38**
Sale of Haskayne School House	717-001	£ 30,226.16	£ 30,226.16	£ 30,226.16
Sale of Lydiate C.E. School	717-000	£ 8,027.67	£ 8,027.67	£ 8,027.67
Dawber Memorial		£ 38,080.00	£ 10,422.78	£ 10,422.78
		£ 79,309.50		**£ 53,500.72**

***Dawber Memorial. The portfolio has been in operation since 1978.**
The above sum is still invested in a savings account until an endowment fund can be arranged with CBF Investments and Liverpool Diocesan Board of Finance become the Custodian Trustees. All interest to still be paid into General Funds for church use as stipulated in the will of Mr Dawber.

*****Ann Huyton Charity**. Set up in the early 1900's. Capital with COIF Charities Fund; interest paid into HSBC who closed the Account in 2017; monies were transferred to the General Fund in February 2018.

These notes form the information in the Designated Fund column

INCOMING RESOURCES	Not 2(a)	Men's Fellowship	Sunday School	Junior/Senior Football	Group 2022	Group 2021
Incoming resources from donors						
Donations		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 150.00
		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 150.00
Income from operating activities:- to generate funds	2(d)					
Raffles/Draws/Tuck Shop		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Social Activities		£ -	£ -		£ -	£ -
Subscriptions		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Income from Investments	2(e)					
Dividends & interest		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Total Incoming Resources		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 150.00
RESOURCES USED						
Costs of generating funds	3(a)					
Gross costs of Fund Raising		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Grants	3(b)					
Secular & Local Good Causes		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Activities directly to the work of the church	3(c)					
Stationery,Refresh/Books		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Donations / Speakers		£ -		£ -	£ -	£ -
Holidays & Trips/ Social Activities		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Room Hire / Overheads		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Games Equipment / Demo Items		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Transfer of Funds		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Total Resources Used		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources		(+) £ -	(+) £ -	(+) £ -	(+) £ -	(+) £ -
Balances B/Fwd. 01.01.2022		£ 274.53	£ 22.07	£ 61.72	£ 358.32	£ 358.32
Balances C/Fwd 31.12.2022		**£ 274.53**	**£ 22.07**	**£ 61.72**	**£ 358.32**	£ 358.32

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St Thomas Lydiate & Downholland on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022, as set out on pages 11 to 20 of your Annual Report.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They 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 PCC 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 PCC 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:

1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
   - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
   - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: R. Turpin Date: 31/3/2023.

IE's Name: Mrs Ruth Turpin.
Address: 1, Queens Green, Haskayne, Lancashire, L39 7JH

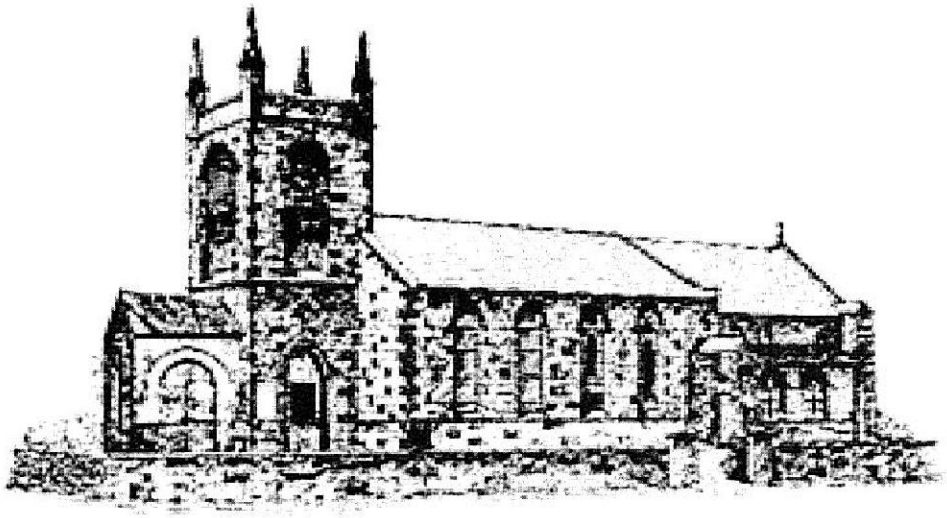
ST THOMAS' LYDIATE PCC

England & Wales - Charity number 1149840

Accounts

Diocese of Liverpool

Parochial Church Council
Of the
Parish Church of St Thomas
Lydiate and Downholland
Church Lane
Lydiate
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Annual Report
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For the year ended 31st December 2021

Mission Statement

To be a welcoming Christian Community to all people:
So that everyone may know the love of Jesus Christ

Registered Charity Number: 1149840 St Thomas' Lydiate PCC

Administrative Information

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Accounts	**Banks**
General Account Restoration and Development Fund Savings Account Graveyard Fund Dawber Memorial Fund	Royal Bank of Scotland plc 41 Liverpool Road North Maghull Merseyside L31 2HE
Men's Fellowship	Lloyds TSB 2/3 Central Square Maghull Merseyside
Investment Bond	Nationwide Building Society
Investment Bond	National Savings
Ann Huyton Charity Account	Capital –COIF Charities Investment Fund Interest – Royal Bank of Scotland plc
Glayzer Memorial Fund Haskayne School House Lydiate C.E. Old School	The Central Board of Finance of The Church of England (Custodian Trustees: L/pool Diocesan Board Finance)

TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2021

Membership

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. During the year, the following were the ex officio members:

Incumbent:	Revd Ian Hopkins Interim Minister
Assistant Priest	Revd Dr Alex Baker
NSM	Revd Glenys Gardner
Reader:	Mr David Walker (Not ex-offcio)
Churchwardens:	Mr A. Gardner Mr Eric Hynes
Deanery Synod Representatives:	Mrs D. Walker, Mrs J. Cropper

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The elected members were:

Miss Eleri Jones - Vice Chair		Mrs J. Cropper – Secretary
*Mrs V Ainsworth-Treasurer	Mrs Joan Cook	Mr David Walker
Mrs Joanne Rowe	Mrs Val Blakemore	Miss Carol Sibbring
*Mrs Joan Rainford	*Mrs Helen Gray	*Mrs Carly Maria Cleator

*Elected at the APCM 2021

Day to day management control of the Church is exercised by the incumbent and churchwardens: Interim Vicar, Revd Ian Hopkins, Alan Gardner and Eric Hynes, contactable via the church office
Telephone number:- 0151 526 2292.

Minor building inspection, maintenance and repairs are carried out by Mr Alan Gardner

Structure, Management and Governance

The general functions of the PCC are stated within section 2 of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956. When planning our objectives for the year, the PCC gave consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance to charities concerned with the advancement of religion'

Other Related Trusts

Glayzer Memorial Funds – The Liverpool Diocesan Board of Finance are Custodian Trustees.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All church members are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.
The PCC operates subcommittees: The Standing Committee, Finance & Fabric Committee, Outreach Committee, Social Committee and Mission Committee.

Membership of the Standing Committee comprises the following PCC Officers and one member of the PCC:

Standing Committee: Incumbent
Churchwardens
PCC Secretary,
PCC Treasurer
Vice Chair of the PCC

Other Sub Committees' are chaired by the following people:

Finance Mrs Vera Ainsworth

Outreach: Vacancy

Social: Mrs V Blakemore

PCC at present are made aware of their legal responsibilities

Objectives and Activities

'The PCC (Powers) measure 1956 states the PCC "is to co-operate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical"'.

St Thomas' Church: proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ by witness and example to the whole community of Lydiate and Downholland.

In order to do this our objectives for 2021

- Cooperate with the Interim vicar in preparation for next appointment
- Maintain relationships with schools and regular assemblies and prepare young people for confirmation
- Maintain regular pattern of worship services with due regard to Covid regulations
- Develop hey-o worship & group of young families and family service
- Work with our brothers and sisters at St Cuthbert's
- Continue our work as part of the deanery of Ormskirk and Diocese of Liverpool
- Pay our parish share and explore adoption of Parish Giving scheme

Achievements & Performance

All of the stated objectives have been met for 2021

The Electoral Roll Statement

There were a total of 147 on the electoral roll, 82 (56%) Resident and 65 (44%) Non-resident

Worship

A regular pattern of worship services re-emerged in 2021 when the Covid pandemic allowed, as did regular patterns of worship with our schools via Revs Alex and Ian.

Rev Alex and his wife Rachael supported development of the hey-o group for young families, this group consists of families and young people from the benefice and currently (as of April 22) meets weeks 1 & 3 at St Thomas; at 11am, joining the main service for Holly Communion. Alex and Rachael have also supported the family service on week 4 and regular parade services resumed on week 2 of the month. Demand for 'zoom' services fell away after the resumption of in-person gatherings and is currently available on special occasions only

The Occasional Offices during.2021: - i7 People were Baptised and 3 weddings took place; thankfully with Church opening fully 8 funerals followed by cremation, 8 followed by burial, 4 at the crematorium and 2 burials when the service was held at another church.

A very special thank-you to Rev Glen for her amazing work supporting our baptism and funeral ministry and being an invaluable member of the leadership team in Sunday worship, together with David Walker our reader. It has been great that our choir has resumed at Sunday services and music ably lead by St Cuthberts organist, Edward Carr.

Pastoral Care and Service to Our Community

How we reach out as a Christian community in Lydiate and Downholland remains a priority for us as a PCC unfortunately due to the lockdown we have not been able to reach out as a Christian Community as is our custom. Unfortunately, as in 2020 and during the early part of 2021 due to COVID restrictions almost all pastoral care had to be done online or by phone. A phone 'Tree' network was set up with each person being given another person to phone on a regular basis. The idea being that each person received and gave a phone call regularly.

This worked well at first, but some dropped out, thankfully some who didn't were able to pick up those who wanted to remain in contact; we wish to place on record our thanks to all who offered this service.

Prayer booklets were sent out containing prayers and intercessions for personal or group use, and special Booklets at Easter and Advent were also sent out by Rev. Alex Baker.

Led by Rev. Alex Baker the ministry team were able to provide Zoom worship weekly and this incorporated special events and Hey O Worship. Throughout this time the ministry team were always available to minister to those nearing the end of life.

There were gaps during the year when with taking the appropriate precautions the sick or infirm were able to be visited and Home Communions taken out. Funeral Ministry became easier as some restrictions were eased, and pastoral visits and pre funerals were able to be made. At the beginning of December, we were able to offer a service remembering all those who had died during the Pandemic and *Lockdown" from 2020 and 2021; this was well attended and much appreciated.

The PCC takes its pastoral responsibility of our two Church Schools seriously, St Thomas Lydiate, an Academy, within the Diocese, and St Thomas Downholland / Haskayne is a Voluntary Aided school within Lancashire County Council. Our presence in the schools had been sorely missed during 2020 especially the once a term Eucharist when parents, grandparents, staff, governors, and the whole Church community were invited, to join with the children. As was recorded above in the Worship statement these also continue to be valuable points of pastoral contact for children, parents, staff, governors, and friends of the school.

It is with great sadness that we wish to report the death of Mrs Jan Hodson who sadly passed away on the 5th May this year, Jan had been .our Organist and Musical Director, a committed Christian who worshiped at St Thomas and a long time serving dedicated Governor at Downholland / Haskayne School, Jan would go into school most weeks to play the piano at Collective Worship; she will be greatly missed by the children, staff, and fellow Governors.

Youth and Children's Work

This is also another area actively supported by the PCC as each member of the PCC recognises that the work done with children and young people is vital in our Christian Mission of proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ. As reported in 2020 Sunday School was put on hold and the He-ho group was set up to meet by "zoom" this has now developed into an in-person meetings; consequently, Sunday School has closed. The PCC therefore wish to express their sincere thanks to Wendy Kelly and Joanne Rowe for their complete Christian commitment and dedication to the many years that they have given to the running of our Sunday School.

Due to Covid-19 Confirmation classes were suspended once again this year as last and no Confirmation and first Holy Communion took place; thankfully the Revd Ian Hopkins did announce to the PCC that there were plans to Confirm during the early part of 2022.

Guiding and Scouting is flourishing in Lydiate with very active and large Units unfortunately, due to the Pandemic face to face Unit meetings had to cease until June. during this period, we held zoom meetings which were well attended and delivered resources to the children's homes. Towards the end of June, the organisations were able to commence outdoor meetings adhering to Covid guidance and risk assessments. Indoor meetings were finally allowed to commence in September and again following Covid guidance. The organisations look forward to 2022 when the Units can continue to grow and move forward.

We have a full complement of PCC Foundation School Governor's supporting the work of our schools and fulfilling their role as critical friends to those communities. These Governors continue to give of their time and talents tirelessly for which we are incredibly thankful, meetings are now being held both virtually, and in-person The work of our 'Church School Links Governor for both of our schools plays an important role in continuing to provide essential communication and pastoral opportunities for church and school. Both of our schools are held in high esteem by the Diocesan Board of Education and are considered excellent by Ofsted. Mrs Nicky Haines remains the Head at Downholland / Haskayne School and Mr. Ward is the Head at St. Thomas' school which is now an Academy.

Church Buildings

Church Buildings and Property

On the 17th of August 2021 the Churchwarden Mr Alan Gardner met with Mr Tom Beasley to discuss the Quinquennial Inspection that had been carried out the previous year.; the report was duly submitted and recorded at the PCC meting the report highlighted certain failings that required immediate attention namely the electrical system that failed to meet safety standards and a full survey was required. Following on from this all the main and subsidiary fuse boxes needed to be replaced. Fortunately, all the wiring throughout church was in good order. All the fuse boards and boxes are now working safely.
A joint in the guttering on the north side of the church was leaking badly, this required a replacement bolt and resealing; the work was satisfactory carried out.

As reported in the 2020 Annual Report the new boilers were temporally connected over the Christmas season of 2019, work commenced again in January, but unfortunately the invoice for payment was not received until November and paid on the 6th of December 2020.The VAT was claimed back and £6,254.67 was paid into General Funds during April 2021. The heating system continues to work well.

Unfortunately, there is a need to report that decoratively the church is in a poor condition and also needs remedial work doing particularly in the tower where the plaster is crumbling on the walls as also is the wall on the south aspect of the nave. This is because the stained-glass windows continue to leak during heavy rain, and if the wind is in the wrong direction the leaks are particularly bad. All these problems will need to be addressed as soon as funds become available.

The Church and Millennium Centre guttering were cleared and repaired. The annual Fire Inspection took place in June and certificates were issued for both buildings.

Millennium Centre

During January very heavy rains resulted in the flooding of the Millennium Centre Building, the car park and graveyard, this caused significant damage to the building. The insurance Company's inspector concluded that the partition walls in the lady's toilet and disabled toilet needed to be removed and replaced, also all the plaster removed down to the brick in the entrance hall. All the floor covering on the ground floor needed removing and a partial removing of the plaster in the main hall, storeroom, and office. All the remedial work was carried out by approved contractors to a high standard; the work being completed by the middle of May.

Due to erosion the corbels above the hall's main entrance needed to be lifted, reset, and repointed. This work was completed by the stone mason by the end of May.

Churchyard and Graveyard

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Over the past years the PCC has paid for the removal of green waste, plastic, wreaths, and soil from bins, this has proved too costly. The PCC as reported in 2020 put out an appeal for volunteers, a group who identify themselves merely as 'Church Bins' came forward This group assiduously attend to the graveyards, the area around the Millennium Centre and the car park. They keep the areas clean and tidy, they remove dead and old floral tributes and weed where necessary also keeping hedges tidy, removing, and disposing of the rubbish all in their own time. Generally making the churchyard and graveyard a pastoral place of comfort and reflection for those whose loved ones are laid to rest. The PCC wish to record their very grateful thanks to the Gradden Family, Eric Hynes and Ian Anderson who removes and disposes of the refuse.

A further reference to the Quinquennial Report raises the issue of the repointing to the perimeter walls the PCC is aware that bushes that have been planted in various parts need to be removed as they are overgrown and causing damage.

Car Park

The PCC have found it necessary due to unsocial behaviour to keep the car park gates locked when the Church and Millennium Centre are not in use.

Finance, Giving and Fundraising

The past year saw reduction to our Parish Share contribution of £2;688.00; 2020 was £59,388.00 down to £56,670.00. The cost of church utilities was down by £525.00

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The church insurance decreased by £147.00, and the Millennium Centre increased slightly by £14.00 on 2020 costs. The Church's insurance runs from April to March and the Millennium Centre's insurance runs from July to June

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During the year the PCC agreed to join the Parish Giving Scheme **(PGS),** this scheme is run by Gloucester Diocese on behalf of the Church of England; the scheme is a very efficient and successful way that regular Planned Giving income and Gift Aid tax is received each month' to be deposited into our General Fund. The first deposits received into this account were recorded in November and December, the total of £495.00

Regular tax efficient planned giving to the General Fund was down on 2020 by £1,960.00; other regular planned giving was down by £473.00. One-off Gift Aid was down on 2020 by £3,445.00. Loose Plate Collections were up by £4,192.00. Occasional services and one-off donations were down by £3,039.00 within General Fund,

The PCC received £4,731.72 from St. Cuthbert's Halsall towards the working share of the United Benefice.
The PCC received a further sum of £590.41 from the estate of the late Mrs Joan Hurst

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The amount at which the Restoration and Development stood at the closing of the Year was £113.72. The interest for the year was £0.32; as reported above in "Church Buildings" necessary electrical work was required to be done at a cost of £4,500.00

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All of fundraising activities unfortunately ceased across the board from March 2020 at the first lockdown; and has not resumed; this has also caused a further loss of income.

Performance of Investments

The massive reduction in the interest rate has affected our bank savings accounts along with the closing of two accounts, and the movement of capital to sustain the monthly outgoings of two buildings.
The Ann Huyton Charity Account is the only account that saw an increase of £1.07; 0.1p more than 2020. The capital is held by COIF Charities Fund and interest is paid into General Fund. This Account has been recorded within the Endowment Funds (page 19 item 13) and interest on the capital recorded in page 15.
The Glayzer Memorial Fund only increased by 0.2p, but Haskayne School House and St Thomas (old) School saw a massive decrease of £175.16 on 2020; these accounts are invested in a bank deposit fund with CBF.
The PCC were advised in 2019 due to the steady loss of income over the last 3 years to reinvest the £60,000 it had with the Nationwide Building Society into a 125day notice Savings Account that was more accessible. The decision was taken during December to give notice to withdraw £30,000.00 from our reserves to enable a cash flow from March 2020; because of this change we did not receive the interest to record until this year when we received £719.02.

Financial Review

Our main source of income was from tax efficient planned giving of £17,731.00 down by £1,960.00 on 2020. One-Off Gift Aid and Tax received on income as recorded above was down.

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At the end of the year the General Funds alone saw a **£9,753.00** excess of expenditure over income. If we take an overlook across the columns our closing balance is down on 2020 by **£14,102.00.**
As reported in the 2019 Annual Report the matter of the downward trend of income each year since 2017 when the closing balance was £141,556.00, in 2018 £135,208.00, in 2019 £128,138.00, during £2020 £88,443.00, and **2021 £74,341.00**
Although we have been constantly made aware of this downward trend the situation has now reached a critical point when the year closed with just **£73,869.00** in the General Funds, **£358.00** in the Designated Funds and **£114.00** in the Restricted Fund.
The actual income into General Fund without that of the Graveyard was **£59,214.00** with expenditure of **£75,552.00**, giving an excess of expenditure over income of **£16,338.00**.
Income paid directly into the Graveyard Fund during 2021 was **£10,715.00** with expenses of **£4,851.00**, fortunately resulting in an income over expenses of **£5,865.00**. The PCC has had to use income from this fund to top up the church building and Millennium Centre running costs.
The total overall closing balance for the year end is **£74,341.00**; (all totals have been either rounded up or down); therefore, it is still extremely important that attention should be drawn to the need for giving and the severe consequences that could result to the whole church community, which includes both church schools in our Parish.

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The PCC also collects and banks the statutory DBF Income from Weddings, Funerals and Burials. This fee (Post Box Income) is collected on behalf of the Diocese, the total for the year was £4,179.00; this amount is not recorded in the financial statement.

Unfortunately, from 2017 to 2021 we have witnessed not only 5 years of income loss due to the passing of a great many of our generous givers, but the added burden of the church having to remain closed due to the Pandemic, and when re-opened small numbers only returning to Sunday Services and the additional loss of income for the hire of the Millennium Centre.
The PCC and the wider Church community must therefore monitor its ongoing concern especially with its regular monthly outgoings of between £7,000.00 and £8,000.00 for the upkeep of its 2 buildings as well as its Parish Share payment.

Reserves

What are the Church's reserves?

The PCC considers that the Reserves available to the PCC are those assets which are either cash or assets which can be realised for cash if the need arises. The balance sheet on page 12 shows the assets of the church totalling £322,449.00, but from this figure must be deducted the amount of the fixed assets of £248,108.00, this is represented mainly by the current value of the Millennium Centre and the endowment funds which were acquired by the church for specific purposes, by those who gave them to the church, therefore the total amount available to the PCC for expenditure at the year-end is £74,341.00 either in cash or investments and other assets which can be realised for cash if the need arises.

Purpose of Reserves

The two main purposes are to provide a cushion in the finances of the church against a shortage of income in any year or to meet any sudden and unexpected expenditure such as major repairs not covered by insurance. Reserves are not usually for major building works or large repairs. When necessary finance is raised by one-off fundraising from the congregation and other sources.

Amount of Reserves

The PCC always should consider what it may need as a safe cushion for the financial position of the church in the future. Over the last few years the aim was to accumulate reserves of approximately £135,000.00 This figure was arrived at by considering the expected increases in expenditure but unfortunately has never been achieved since 2018.
2021 has proved to be once again very troubling for the PCC; with a total reduction of £9,869.00 on 2020's close of the year mainly due to the information recorded in the Financial Review.

Plans for the Future

The PCC is aware that whilst we are a growing church, we should never be complacent and as Trustees' there is always the need to maintain, as well as enable growth.
To this end, we intend: -

- · Continue to work towards appointment of our next vicar
- Continue to explore shared governance and mutual support with St Cuthberts
- · To carry out our work as part of the deanery of Ormskirk and Liverpool Diocese
- · To build on and sustain our excellent relationships with our schools
- · To explore development of the hey-o group, especially with Rev Alex and Rachael due to having to take a step back in 2022

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on the 19th May 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

Revd Ian Hopkins
Chairperson

P.C.C. Member

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2021
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2021

INCOMING RESOURCES	Not	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Fund £	TOTAL 2021 £	FUNDS 2020 £
						£ -
Incoming resources from donors	2(a)	£ 35,807.79	£ 150.00	£ -	£ 35,957.79	£ 38,784.38
Other voluntary Income resource	2(b)	£ 590.41	£ -	£ -	£ 590.41	£ 5,471.13
Inc.from operating activities.						£ -
: to further the Council's objects	2(c)	£ 20,797.04	£ -	£ -	£ 20,797.04	£ 28,125.49
: to generate funds	2(d)	£ 1,578.00	£ -	£ -	£ 1,578.00	£ 11,724.19
Income Investments	2(e)	£ 889.83	£ -	£ 0.32	£ 890.15	£ 418.49
Other incoming resources	2(f)	£ 10,986.39	£ -	£ -	£ 10,986.39	£ 4,998.77
Total Incoming Resources		**£ 70,649.46**	**£ 150.00**	**£ 0.32**	**£ 70,799.78**	£ 89,522.45
RESOURCES USED						£ -
Costs of generating funds	3(a)		£ -		£ -	£ 601.92
Grants	3(b)	£ -	£ -	£ -		£ 350.00
Activities directly to the work of						£ -
the church	3(c)	£ 80,402.22	£ -	£ 4,500.00	£ 84,902.22	£ 125,218.02
Management and administration						£ -
of the Council	3(d)	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 157.42
Total Resources Expended		**£ 80,402.22**	£ -	**£ 4,500.00**	**£ 84,902.22**	£ 126,327.36
Total Incoming Resources		**£ 70,649.46**	**£ 150.00**	**£ 0.32**	**£ 70,799.78**	£ 89,522.45
Total Resources Used		**£ 80,402.22**	**£ -**	**£ 4,500.00**	**£ 84,902.22**	**£ 126,327.36**
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources		(-) £ 9,752.76	(+) £ 150.00	(-) £ 4,499.68	(-) £ 14,102.44	(-) £ 116,804.91
Transfers Between Funds	12	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	(-)
		(-)	(+)	(-)	(-)	(-)
Total After Transfers		£ 9,752.76	£ 150.00	£ 4,499.68	£ 14,102.44	£ 116,804.91
Gains and Losses on Investments						
		(-)	(+)	(-)	(-)	(-)
Net Movement in Funds		£ 9,752.76	£ 150.00	£ 4,499.68	£ 14,102.44	£ 116,804.91
Balances B. / Forward						
1st January 2021						
At Bank		£ 51,621.62	£ 208.32	£ 4,613.40	£ 56,443.34	£ 64,137.92
Investment Assets		£ 32,000.00	£ -	£ -	£ 32,000.00	£ 64,000.00
Total		£ 83,621.62	£ 208.32	£ 4,613.40	£ 88,443.34	£ 128,137.92
Balances Carried Forward						
1st January 2021						£ -
At Bank		£ 41,868.86	£ 358.32	£ 113.72	£ 42,340.90	£ 56,443.14
Investment Assets		£ 32,000.00	£ -	£ -	£ 32,000.00	£ 32,000.00
Total		**£ 73,868.86**	**£ 358.32**	**£ 113.72**	**£ 74,340.90**	£ 88,443.14

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. THOMAS LYDIATE & DOWNHOLLAND
BALANCE SHEET AT 31st DECEMBER 2021

	Note	2021	2020
Fixed Assets			
Tangible fixed assets	5(a)	£ 248,108.00	£ 247,672.00
Investment assets	5(b)	£ 32,000.00	£ 32,000.00
		£ 280,108.00	£ 279,672.00
Current Assets			
Short Term Deposits		£ -	£ -
Cash at Bank and in Hand		£ 42,341.00	£ 56,443.00
		£ 42,341.00	£ 56,443.00
Liabilities	8	£ -	£ -
Net Current Assets		£ 42,341.00	£ 56,443.00
Net Assets		**£ 322,449.00**	**£ 336,115.00**
Funds	6		
Unrestricted		£ 268,724.00	£ 278,327.00
Restricted		£ 114.00	£ 4,613.00
Endowments		£ 53,611.00	£ 53,175.00
		£ 322,449.00	**£ 336,115.00**

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on the 24th April 2022 and signed on its behalf by :

Revd Ian Hopkins
Chairperson

P.C.C. Member

The notes on pages.....13.....to.....20.....form part of these accounts

Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 31st December 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP 2015.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value.

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purpose of the PCC. **Funds Designated** for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.
Restricted Fund called the Restoration and Development set up for the purpose of restoring the Church and the development initially of the Millennium Centre and any ongoing for major repairs to the Church or the Millennium Centre. **Endowment Funds**, where the capital must be retained, are explained on page 19 note 13.
The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body or those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Incoming resources

Voluntary income and capital sources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.
Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received.
Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.
Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain.
Funds raised during the year included Grand Draws, various events by Mission and Aid for charitable giving and other similar events; they are accounted for gross.
Sales of books and magazines from the church bookstall are accounted for gross.

Other Income

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

Income from investments

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable. Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold.
Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31st December.

Resources used

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

The diocesan parish share is accounted for when paid at the start of each month.

Fixed assets

Consecrated property and movable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the financial statements by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

Movable church furnishings held by the Rector and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the Church's Inventory, which can be inspected at a pre-arranged time with a Churchwarden. For inalienable property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts. Items acquired since 1st January 2000 have been capitalised and depreciated in the accounts over their currently anticipated useful economic life initially over 4years on a straight-line basis.

All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings, individual items under £1,000 or on the repair of movable church furnishings acquired before 1st January 2004 is written off.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over 4 years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Investments

Investments are valued at market value at the 31st December.

Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at the 31st December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank and Building Society.

2 INCOMING RESOURCES

	Not	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Fund £	TOTAL FUNDS 2021 £	2020
Incoming resources from donc	2(a)					
Regular Planned Giving:-						
Tax Efficient Planned Giving	1	£ 17,731.10	£ -	£ -	£ 17,731.10	£ 19,690.50
All tax recovered	6	£ 5,140.09	£ -	£ -	£ 5,140.09	£ 6,851.51
Other planned giving	2	£ 2,373.00	£ -	£ -	£ 2,373.00	£ 2,846.00
Loose Plate Collections	3	£ 5,707.00	£ -	£ -	£ 5,707.00	£ 1,515.41
Occasional Giving:-						
Charities Aid	5	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 270.00
Memorial Fund	5	£ 50.00	£ -	£ -	£ 50.00	£ -
One Off Gift Aid	3a	£ 1,480.00	£ -	£ -	£ 1,480.00	£ 4,925.00
Donations / Occasional Services	5	£ 2,831.60	£ 150.00	£ -	£ 2,981.60	£ 2,390.96
Parish Giving Scheme Nov/Dec	4	£ 495.00	£ -	£ -	£ 495.00	£ 295.00
		£ 35,807.79	**£ 150.00**	**£ -**	**£ 35,957.79**	£ 38,784.38
				£ -		
Other voluntary Income resou	2(b)					
Grants	8	£ -				
Legacies	7	£ 590.41	£ -	£ -	£ 590.41	£ 5,471.13
		£ 590.41	£ -	£ -	**£ 590.41**	£ 5,471.13
Inc.from operating activities:-						
to further the Council's objects	2(c)					
Magazine Sales	12	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 110.00
Bookstall /Flowers	12	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 225.00
Churchyard / Graveyard	11	£ 10,715.04	£ -	£ -	£ 10,715.04	£ 20,886.49
Church Fees	11	£ 10,082.00	£ -	£ -	£ 10,082.00	£ 6,904.00
		£ 20,797.04	£ -	£ -	**£ 20,797.04**	£ 28,125.49
Income from operating activities:-						
to generate funds	2(d)					
Magazine Advertising	12	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Hall Rental	12	£ 1,280.00	£ -	£ -	£ 1,280.00	£ 1,570.00
Fund Raising-Boiler non G.Aid	9	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 2,335.00
Fund Raising	8a	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 921.63
Raffles/Draws	9	£ 298.00	£ -	£ -	£ 298.00	£ 3,056.00
BAC Payments -	12	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 3,841.56
Subscriptions	12	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
		£ 1,578.00	£ -		**£ 1,578.00**	£ 11,724.19
Income from Investments	2(e)					
Dividends & Interest {at bank}	10	£ 2.60	£ -	£ 0.32	£ 2.92	£ 76.21
Trust Income - Glayzer	10	£ 75.98	£ -	£ -	£ 75.98	£ 75.96
" " - C. B. F.	10	£ 37.75	£ -	£ -	£ 37.75	£ 212.91
Ann Huyton Charity Account	10	£ 54.48	£ -	£ -	£ 54.48	£ 53.41
Annual interest Nationwide	10	£ 719.02	£ -	£ -	£ 719.02	
		£ 889.83	£ -	**£ 0.32**	**£ 890.15**	£ 418.49

Statement of Financial Activities 2021 (cont'd.)

		General Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Fund	TOTAL FUNDS 2021	2020
Other incoming resources	**2(f)**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Walsingham Pilgrimage's	12				£ -	£ -
Return of VAT- Boiler	13	£ 6,254.67	£ -		£ 6,254.67	£ -
Insurance Claim-Church Carpet	13	£ -			£ -	£ -
Afternoon Club	12	£ -			£ -	£ 73.00
St Cuthbert -working share	13	£ 4,731.72	£ -		£ 4,731.72	£ 4,925.77
		£ 10,986.39	£ -	£ -	**£ 10,986.39**	£ 4,998.77
Total Incoming Resources		**£ 70,649.39**	**£ 150.00**	**£ 0.32**	**£ 70,799.71**	£ 89,522.45

3 RESOURCES EXPENDED

Costs of generating funds	**3(a)**					
Gross costs of Fund Raising	17	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 601.92
Grants	**3(b)**					
UAREUK	18	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
World Vision	18	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Children's Society	18	£ -	£ -	£ -		£ 350.00
Tools of Self Reliance	18	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 350.00
Activities directly to the work of the church	**3(c)**					
Parish Share	19	£ 56,699.55	£ -	£ -	£ 56,699.55	£ 59,388.24
50% Funeral Fees- Clergy	21	£ 1,156.50	£ -	£ -	£ 1,156.50	£ 705.50
Vicars Expenses	21	£ 1,025.00	£ -	£ -	£ 1,025.00	£ 903.46
Assistant Priest	21	£ 360.00	£ -	£ -	£ 360.00	£ 920.00
Readers Association	21	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Council Tax / Water	21	£ 2,311.09	£ -	£ -	£ 2,311.09	£ 1,744.74
Ormskirk Deanery	21	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 40.00
Rector's Secretary's Salary	21	£ 2,964.00	£ -	£ -	£ 2,964.00	£ 2,705.04
Benifice Office Expenses	21	£ 498.31	£ -	£ -	£ 498.31	£ 1,095.37
Church Running Expenses						
Utilities	24	£ 1,627.03	£ -	£ -	£ 1,627.03	£ 2,151.89
Insurance	23c	£ 4,222.78	£ -	£ -	£ 4,222.78	£ 4,369.92
Small Repairs Elec.Insp.	23b	£ 1,314.00	£ -		£ 1,314.00	£ 220.00
New Church Boiler	27	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 37,528.01
Upkeep of Services.	23a	£ 146.74	£ -	£ -	£ 146.74	£ 845.84
Car Park	23a	£ 100.00	£ -	£ -	£ 100.00	£ 100.00
Music,RSCM,Copyright,Requ	23a	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 107.00
Churchyard	23a	£ 3,550.00	£ -	£ -	£ 3,550.00	£ 3,600.00
Mon Masson/Garden Remem	23a	£ 144.00	£ -	£ -	£ 144.00	£ 30.00
4 new fuse boards - Church	23b	£ -	£ -	£ 4,500.00	£ 4,500.00	£ -

Statement of Financial Activities 2021 (cont'd.)

		General Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Fund	TOTAL Funds	
Costs Related to Trading		£	£	£	£	£
Parish Magazine & Bookstall			£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Flowers	25	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Weekly Newssheets	25	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
St Cuthbert's overpaid C. Tax	17	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 366.32
Afternoon Club & Socials	17	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Incomplete Che & bank ch	17	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 2,286.00
Un paid Cheque	17		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 247.00
Rectors Leaving Gift	17		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 500.00
Church Hall Utilities	25	£ 2,153.29	£ -	£ -	£ 2,153.29	£ 3,065.25
Clean Materials/Small Repairs	25	£ 270.00	£ -	£ -	£ 270.00	£ 315.48
Cleaner's Wages	25	£ 277.88	£ -	£ -	£ 277.88	£ 408.96
Insurance	25	£ 1,077.05	£ -	£ -	£ 1,077.05	£ 1,062.62
Maintenance etc.	25	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Repairs elec/fire/burg/ alarms .	25	£ 100.00	£ -	£ -	£ 100.00	£ 121.38
Support and Training Costs						
Honoraria-Organist /Choir	20	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Sunday Sch./Confirmation	22	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Day Schools	22	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Visiting Organists	20	£ 405.00	£ -	£ -	£ 405.00	£ 390.00
		£ 80,402.22	£ -	**£ 4,500.00**	**£ 84,902.22**	£ 125,218.02
Management and administration of the Council	3(d)					
Equipment Maintenance	23a	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 76.00
Postage,Secretary,Stationery,	23a	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 52.63
Printing Expenses	23a	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 28.79
New Printer (Unit Benefice	23a	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Total Resources Used		**£ -**	**£ -**	**£ -**	**£ -**	£ 157.42
Total Resources Used		**£ 80,402.22**	£ -	**£ 4,500.00**	**£ 84,902.22**	**£ 126,327.36**

4 Staff Costs	**2021 £**	**2020 £**
Honoraria & visiting organists	£ 405.00	£ 390.00
Secretary's Salary	£ 2,964.00	£ 2,705.04
Wages	277.88	£ 408.96
	£ 3,646.88	**£ 3,504.00**

At the beginning of the year the PCC's organist resigned due to ill health.A secretary, a gardener and a cleaner (all part time)

Payments were not large enough to incur social security costs.

A visiting organists was paid £405.00

Mrs S. Albertina the United Benefice Secretary received £2,964.00

The Millennium Centre cleaner Mrs S. Bradbury received £408.96.

Busy Bee Gardening Services received £3,550..00 for Graveyard maintenance and hedge cutting.

5 Fixed Assets for use by The PCC

Tangible Fixed Assets 5(a)	Freehold Land & Buildings	Fixtures and Fittings	Total
Gross Book Value			
At 1st January 2021	£ 194,496.97	£ -	£ 194,496.97
Additions	£ -	£ -	£ -
At 31st December 2021	£ 194,496.97	£ -	£ 194,496.97
Depreciation			
At 1st January 2021	£ -	£ -	£ -
Charge for the Year	£ -	£ -	£ -
Depreciation on Disposals	£ -	£ -	£ -
At 31st December 2021	£ 194,496.97	£ -	£ 194,496.97
Net Book Value			
At 31st December 2021	**£ 194,496.97**	**£ -**	**£ 194,496.97**

Investments 5(b)	2021	2020
Long Term Investment	£ 30,000.00	£ 30,000.00
Graveyard Savings Account - Closed	£ -	£ -
National Savings Bond	£ 2,000.00	£ 2,000.00
	£ 32,000.00	£ 32,000.00

6 Analysis of Net Assets by Fund

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total
Fixed Assets	£ 194,496.97	£ -	£ 53,610.56	£ 248,107.53
Current Assets	£ 74,227.18	£ 113.72	£ -	£ 74,340.90
Current Liabilities	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Fund Balance	**£ 268,724.15**	**£ 113.72**	**£ 53,610.56**	**£ 322,448.43**

7 Debtors

8 Liabilities

9 Fund Details

Received from St. Cuthbert's Halsall each month a shared payment towards council tax, water rates and Benefice office. The restricted fund comprises of the Restoration and Development Fund which is for the ongoing restoring of the Church and its fabric.

10 Unrestricted Funds

	2021	2020
The closing balance of Unrestricted Funds comprise of the following:-	£	£
General Fund	£ 73,868.86	£ 83,621.42
Designated Funds:- Men's Fellowship	£ 274.53	£ 124.53
Junior/Senior Youth FootballGroup	£ 61.72	£ 61.72
Women's Guild	£ -	£ -
Sunday School	£ 22.07	£ 22.07
	£ 74,227.18	£ 83,829.74

11 Restricted Funds

	2021	2020
The closing balance of Restricted Funds comprise the following:-	£	£
Restoration and Development	£ 113.72	£ 4,613.40

12 Transfers Between Funds

13 Endowment Funds - Capital:-

The interest from these funds are paid into the General Fund:-Item 2(e)

	Trust No.	Original cost	Holding	Market Value:-31.12.21.
Glayzer CBF Inv.F.122001381S	717-002	£ 1,360.00	112.43	£ 2,629.37
Glayzer CBF Inv.F 122001088F	717-002	£ 340.00	205.94	£ 325.36
Total		£ 1,700.00		£ 2,954.73
***** Ann Huyton Charity Account**	059920001T	£ 1,275.67	103.00	**£ 1,979.22**
Sale of Haskayne School House	717-001	£ 30,226.16	£ 30,226.16	£ 30,226.16
Sale of Lydiate C.E. School	717-000	£ 8,027.67	£ 8,027.67	£ 8,027.67
Dawber Memorial		£ 38,080.00	£ 10,422.78	£ 10,422.78
		£ 79,309.50		**£ 53,610.56**

***Dawber Memorial. The portfolio has been in operation since 1978.**
The above sum is still invested in a savings account until an endowment fund can be arranged with CBF Investments and Liverpool Diocesan Board of Finance become the Custodian Trustees. All interest to still be paid into General Funds for church use as stipulated in the will of Mr Dawber.

*****Ann Huyton Charity**. Set up in the early 1900's. Capital with COIF Charities Fund; interest paid into HSBC who closed the Account in 2017; monies were transferred to the General Fund in February 2018.

These notes form the information in the Designated Fund column

INCOMING RESOURCES	Not 2(a)	Men's Fellowship	Sunday School	Junior/Senior Football	Group 2021	Group 2020
Incoming resources from donors						
Donations		£ 150.00	£ -	£ -	£ 150.00	£ -
		£ 150.00	£ -	£ -	**£ 150.00**	
Income from operating activities:- to generate funds	2(d)					
Raffles/Draws/Tuck Shop		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Social Activities		£ -	£ -		£ -	£ -
Subscriptions		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Income from Investments	2(e)					
Dividends & interest		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Total Incoming Resources		**£ 150.00**	£ -	£ -	**£ 150.00**	£ -
RESOURCES USED						
Costs of generating funds	3(a)					
Gross costs of Fund Raising		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Grants	3(b)					
Secular & Local Good Causes		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Activities directly to the work of the church	3(c)					
Stationery,Refresh/Books		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Donations / Speakers		£ -		£ -	£ -	£ -
Holidays & Trips/ Social Activities		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Room Hire / Overheads		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Games Equipment / Demo Items		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Transfer of Funds		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Total Resources Used		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources		(+) £ 150.00	(+) £ -	(+) £ -	(+) £ 150.00	(+) £ -
Balances B/Fwd. 01.01.2021		£ 124.53	£ 22.07	£ 61.72	£ 208.32	£ 208.32
Balances C/Fwd 31.12.2021		**£ 274.53**	**£ 22.07**	**£ 61.72**	**£ 358.32**	£ 208.32

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St Thomas Lydiate & Downholland on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021, as set out on pages 11 to 20 of your Annual Report.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They 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 PCC 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 PCC 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:

1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
   - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
   - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: R Turpin Date: 23/4/2022

IE's Name: Mrs Ruth Turpin.
Address: 1, Queens Green, Haskayne, Lancashire, L39 7JH

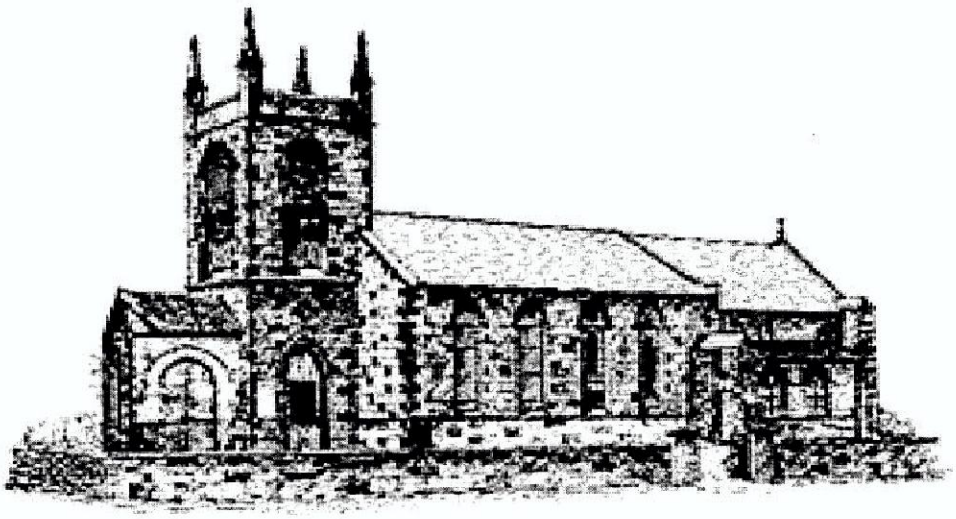
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England & Wales - Charity number 1149840

Accounts

Diocese of Liverpool

Parochial Church Council
Of the
Parish Church of St Thomas
Lydiate and Downholland
Church Lane
Lydiate
L31 4HL



Annual Report
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Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st December 2020

Mission Statement

To be a welcoming Christian Community to all people:
So that everyone may know the love of Jesus Christ

Administrative Information

Incumbent
Interregnum
The Millennium Centre
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Accounts

General Account
Restoration and Development Fund
Savings Account
Social Committee (closed 2019)
Graveyard Fund
Dawber Memorial Fund

Men's Fellowship

Investment Bond

Investment Bond

Ann Huyton Charity Account

Glayzer Memorial Fund
Haskayne School House
Lydiate C.E. Old School

Banks

Royal Bank of Scotland plc
41 Liverpool Road North
Maghull
Merseyside
L31 2HE

Lloyds TSB
2/3 Central Square
Maghull
Merseyside

Nationwide Building Society

National Savings

Capital –COIF Charities Investment Fund
Interest – Royal Bank of Scotland plc

The Central Board of Finance
of The Church of England
(Custodian Trustees: L/pool Diocesan Board Finance)

TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2020

Membership

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.
During the year, the following were the ex officio members:

Incumbent:	Interregnum *Revd Ian Hopkins appointed Interim Minister 14th July 2020
Assistant Priest	Revd Dr Alex Baker
NSM	*Revd Glenys Gardner Ordained September 2020
Reader:	Mr David Walker Readers no longer ex-officio
Churchwardens:	++Mrs J. Simons and Mr A. Gardner +Mr Eric Hynes

++ Mrs Judy Simons resigned as Churchwarden in July 2020

+Appointed Assistant in July 2020
+Elected Churchwarden at APCM on 22nd October 2020

Deanery Synod Representatives: *Mrs D. Walker, Mrs J. Cropper
**Mrs D. Rigby

*Elected at APCM 22d October 2020.
**Mrs D. Rigby died in January 2020.

The elected members were:

*Miss Eleri Jones - Vice Chair	Mrs J. Cropper – Secretary	Mrs V Ainsworth – Treasurer
*Mrs Joan Cook	Mr James Barwise	Mrs Joanne Rowe
Mrs Val Blakemore	Miss Carol Sibbring	*Mr David Walker
Mrs Barbara Roberts	++Mrs Dorothy Marshman	++Mrs Wendy Kelly

*Elected at the APCM 22nd October 2020
++Resigned at the APCM 22nd October 2020

Day to day management control of the Church is exercised by the incumbent and churchwardens: Interim Vicar, Alan Gardner and Eric Hynes, contactable via the church office Telephone number:- 0151 526 2292.

Structure, Management and Governance

The general functions of the PCC are stated within section 2 of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956. When planning our objectives for the year, the PCC gave consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance to charities concerned with the advancement of religion'

Other Related Trusts

Glayzer Memorial Funds – The Liverpool Diocesan Board of Finance are Custodian Trustees.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All church members are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.
The PCC operates subcommittees: The Standing Committee, Finance & Fabric Committee, Outreach Committee, Social Committee and Mission Committee.

Membership of the Standing Committee comprises the following PCC Officers and one member of the PCC:

Standing Committee: Incumbent
Churchwardens
PCC Secretary,
PCC Treasurer
Vice Chair of the PCC

Other Sub Committees' are chaired by the following people:

Finance	Mrs Vera Ainsworth
Outreach:	Vacancy
Social:	Mrs V Blakemore

PCC at present are made aware of their legal responsibilities

Objectives and Activities

'The PCC (Powers) measure 1956 states the PCC "is to co-operate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical"'.

St Thomas' Church: proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ by witness and example to the whole community of Lydiate and Downholland.

In order to do this our objectives for 2020 were:

- To re-examine our finances and our support of this as a PCC and Parish.
- To work with our brothers and sisters at St Cuthbert's
- Explore how we can further reach out to our community.
- To continue in our work as part of the Deanery of Ormskirk and the Diocese of Liverpool

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- To build on and encourage the work and good practice that is happening in our schools.
- Build on the 'All Age Family Eucharist Service'.
- Supporting our Sunday School and expanding for older children
- Purchase and Install "Stations of the Cross".
- Fundraising towards the internal re-decoration of the church
- To investigate the possibility of the purchase of more land to extend our burial site.
- A replacement main door for the church
- New boiler for the Millennium Centre

Achievements & Performance

This year has been very unsettling for St. Thomas due mainly to the Pandemic and the Rector leaving to continue his Ministry at St Anne's Shandon, County Cork, Sothern Ireland.

The objectives have been difficult to follow, the following section highlights the areas and activity.

The Electoral Roll Statement

·There were a total of 147 on the electoral roll, 85 (58%) Resident and 62 (42%) Non-resident

Worship

In July we welcomed Revd Ian Hopkins as Interim Minister for the United Benefice. Ian has carried out funerals and a wedding but unfortunately, he has not been able to meet with the parishioners consistently.

Due to the Covid 19 situation the church has been mainly closed. Services began with 8.00am Book of Common Prayer on alternate Sundays with St. Cuthbert's. Guidelines were followed strictly with the church providing had gel on entry and 2 metre distancing. Masks were always worn. Then came the second lockdown and we had to cease this practice. Wednesdays saw the church open for private prayers and then Holy Communion was introduced following all the procedures as above until the second lockdown. The church did not re-open until Christmas Eve for an 11.00 pm Eucharist.

Each Sunday morning a Zoom service is held followed by a chat for those who wish to stay. A service for children has been introduced and the group is known as "Hey Ho". This seems to have been warmly welcomed. All the joint United Benefice services and the Ecumenical services with Our Lady's and St Gregory's Roman Catholic churches in Lydiate had to be cancelled which was a great pity.

The Occasional Offices during 2020; 7 people were Baptised and only I wedding was able to take place during the year. During the first lockdown 13 funerals took place directly at the Crematorium, and 4 graveside services. From July when Church reopened for funerals 8 were followed by Cremation and a further 5 followed by Burial, in addition 8 burials took place in the churchyard following services in other churches in Lydiate. The strict guidelines as stated above

were adhered to when funerals were once again permitted with only 30 mourners able to attend and all contact numbers remained in church should there be any problems with the virus.

After Easter 2020 the Revd Dr Alex Baker and later when Revd Ian Hopkins arrived, they were able to continue regular worship when this was possible, on a twice monthly or monthly basis in both schools in the Parish; Downholland /Haskayne and St Thomas Lydiate. In spite of the restrictions, they were able to mark the year with special services (new school year, harvest, Christmas etc), Revd Alex did it by zoom with St. Thomas' and Revd Ian in person at Haskayne this has enabled good relationships to continue with both schools.

Rev Glenys Gardner was Ordained NSM in September and now assists in the Zoom ministry and at funerals. We certainly hope that 2021 will see the church back to normal worship.

Pastoral Care and Service to Our Community

How we reach out as a Christian community in Lydiate and Downholland remains a priority for us as a PCC unfortunately due to the lockdown we have not been able to reach out as a Christian Community as is our custom. All visits to parishioner's homes, the one residential home, our Afternoon Club, afternoon tea at the home of Glen and Alan Gardner have all been put on hold until the lockdown is lifted.
Contact with parishioners has been by telephone and we should like to place on record our thanks to all those who have taken the trouble and time to keep in contact with many people.

The PCC takes its pastoral responsibility of our two Voluntary Aided Church Schools seriously, and our presence in the schools has been sorely missed especially the once a term Eucharist when parents, grandparents, staff, governors and the whole Church community are invited, to join with the children. As was recorded above in the Worship statement these also continue to be valuable points of pastoral contact for children, parents, staff, governors, and friends of the school.

It is with great sadness that we wish to report the death of Derek Finney and Dorothy Rigby both long serving members of the choir and both organisers of the Afternoon Club. Derek, was an un-sung hero of delivering the monthly church Magazine in all weathers at the same time collecting subscriptions to our monthly fundraising draws and the annual Christmas Draw, he was also a long serving Foundation Governor of Downholland / Haskayne School
We wish to also sadly record the death of Mr Tom McVeigh former Churchwarden, Verger and a long time, PCC member.

Sadly, at the beginning of the year our Organist and Musical Director Mrs Jan Hodson resigned her post due to serious illness. The PCC and church community wish to express their grateful thanks for her wonderful Christian commitment and service to both St Thomas church and as a long time serving dedicated Governor at Downholland / Haskayne School, Jan would go into school most weeks to play the piano at Collective Worship; she will be greatly missed by the children, staff, and fellow Governors.

Youth and Children's Work

This is also another area actively supported by the PCC as each member of the PCC recognises that the work done with children and young people is vital in our Christian Mission of

proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ. This is another area that has been on hold. We have been unable to greet them into church before Sunday School or when they have had their

lesson and return for a blessing. Wendy Kelly and Joanne Rowe have remained in post and hopefully will continue whenever the situation changes.

Due to Covid-19 Confirmation classes were suspended and no Confirmation and first Holy Communion took place in 2020. The tutors, Vera, Jean, Lynda, Judy and Kate are waiting to be given the chance to take up again this special teaching. On a sad note, and as reported above the deaths of two of our tutors, Derek Finney who had dedicated his time for many years and Dorothy Rigby who had joined the team a few years ago. May they now rest in peace.

The Uniformed Organisations have also been unable to attend their regular Parade Services, and these have also been missed.

We have a full complement of PCC Foundation School Governor's supporting the work of our schools and fulfilling their role as critical friends to those communities. These Governors continue to give of their time and talents tirelessly for which we are incredibly thankful, although meetings are now being held virtually. The work of our 'Church School Links Governor' for both of our church schools, continue to provide essential communication and pastoral opportunities for church and school. Both of our church schools are held in high esteem by the Diocesan Board of Education and are considered excellent by Ofsted. Mrs Nicky Haines remains the Head at Downholland / Haskayne School and Mr. Ward is the Head at St. Thomas' school which is now an Academy.

Church Buildings

Church Buildings and Property

As reported in 2019 during the first months of that year a problem kept occurring with the church heating system which we estimate to be 70 plus years old. After inspection the oil-fired boiler was deemed to be beyond repair (also some asbestos), toxic fumes were seeping into the body of the church (the extraction pipe from the boiler to the chimney via the grate in the Vestry was completely blocked causing a health and safety issue), and the oil tank needed to be replaced. Difficulty was experienced in finding a third quote, this was overcome with the help and advice from the Diocese. The PCC appointed the firm LEYMAC; work commenced during December, fortunately the firm worked extremely hard for us to have the system part working for the heating to be on for Christmas Services and the Rectors last service on Sunday 29th December; work did not resume until the middle of January 2020, the outside chimney stack it was found also had to be repaired, the coping stones replaced, and a cowl fitted to prevent birds falling in. Once again due to the Pandemic completion took longer than expected.
The invoice for payment was received in November.

The Church and Millennium Centre guttering were cleared and repaired. The annual Fire Inspection took place in June and certificates were issued for both buildings.

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Millennium Centre

We have not encountered any major problems. The only item to give rise of any concern is the central heating system.

Churchyard and Graveyard

A new contractor had to be found for the twice monthly grass cutting and hedges.
Over the past years the PCC has paid for the removal of green waste, plastic, wreaths and soil from bins, this has proved too costly.

A request went out and various church members namely Eric Hynes, Lucy Gradden and her family volunteered; they have been doing a stalwart job each month emptying bins and rubbish piles into bags ready for Scout Leader Mr Ian Anderson to load onto his trailer which he then takes to the tip. The PCC cannot thank them enough and wish to record their grateful thanks.

Car Park

The PCC have found it necessary due to unsocial behaviour to keep the car park gates locked when the Church and Millennium Centre are not in use.

Finance, Giving and Fundraising

The past year saw a small reduction to our Parish Share contribution of £518.00; 2019 £59,906.00 down to £59,388.00. The cost of church utilities was up slightly by £68.00.
The church insurance increased by £1,029.00, and the Millennium Centre by £535.00 on 2019 costs. The Church's insurance runs from April to March and the Millennium Centre's insurance runs from July to June.
Regular tax efficient planned giving to the General Fund was down on 2019 by £2,808.00; other regular planned giving was down by £2,852.00 which is approximately 57%.
One-off Gift Aid was up on 2019 by £3,549.00 this was due to an appeal for contributions towards the cost of the replacement boiler.
Loose Plate Collections were down by £4,950.00 approximately 76%. Occasional services and one-off donations were down by £3,039.00 within General Fund, in addition we received £633.00 donation to the Restoration and Development Restricted Fund.
The PCC received £4,925.77 from St. Cuthbert's Halsall towards the working share of the United Benefice.
The PCC received a legacy of £5,471.13 from the estate of the late Mrs Joan Hurst.
The amount at which the Restoration and Development stood at the closing of the Year was £4,613.40. The interest for the year was £3.93.
The majority of fundraising activities unfortunately ceased across the board from March at the first lockdown; this has also caused a further loss of income.

Performance of Investments

The massive reduction in the interest rate has affected our bank savings accounts along with the closing of two accounts, and the movement of capital to sustain the monthly outgoings of two buildings.
The Ann Huyton Charity Account is the only account that saw an increase of £1.06, the Capital is held by COIF Charities Fund and interest is paid into General Fund. This Account has been recorded within the Endowment Funds (page 19 item 13) and interest on the capital recorded in page 15.
The Glayzer Memorial Fund, Haskayne School House and St Thomas (old) School, which are invested in a bank deposit fund with CBF have all seen a decrease to income.
The PCC were advised in 2019 due to the steady loss of income over the last 3 years to reinvest the £60,000 it had with the Nationwide into a 125day notice Savings Account that was

more accessible. The decision was taken during December to give notice to withdraw £30,000.00 from our reserves to enable a cash flow from March 2020.

Financial Review

Our main source of income was from tax efficient planned giving of £19,691.00 down by £2,808.00 on 2019. One-Off Gift Aid of £4,925 up, but Tax received on income was down.

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At the end of the year the General Funds alone saw a **£40,331.00** excess of expenditure over income. If we take an overlook across the columns our closing balance is down on 2019 by **£39,695.00.**

As reported in the 2019 Annual Report the matter of the downward trend of income each year since 2017 when the closing balance was **£141,556.00**, in 2018 **£135,208.00**, and 2019 **£128,138.00**.

Although we have been constantly made aware of this downward trend the situation has now reached a critical point when the year closed with just **£83,621.00** in the General Funds, **£208.00** in the Designated Funds and **£4,613.00** in the Restricted Fund.

The actual income into General Fund without that of the Graveyard was **£67,964.00** with expenditure of **£119,507.00** (this excessive amount is partly due to the cost of the new Church boiler of £37,528.01; VAT yet to be claimed), giving an excess of expenses over income of **£51,543.00**.

Income paid directly into the Graveyard Fund during 2020 was £20,886.00 with expenses of £6,851.00, fortunately resulting in an income over expenses of **£14,066.00**. The PCC has had to use income from this fund to top up the church building and Millennium Centre running costs.

The total overall closing balance for the year end is **£88,443.00**; it is extremely important that attention should be drawn to the need for giving and the severe consequences that could result to the whole church community including both church schools in our Parish.

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The PCC also collects and banks the statutory DBF Income from Weddings, Funerals and Burials. This year because we were in an Interregnum from 19th January until 14th July all statutory Income and Expenses were held in a restricted fund known as a Sequestration Account; the remaining income of £1,195.50 is given to LDBF. From the 14thJuly when the Revd Ian Hopkins joined the United Benefice as an Interim Minister the fee then returned to DBF Income; the total was £3,191.00 this amount is not recorded in the financial statement.

Unfortunately, from 2017 to 2020 we have witnessed not only 4 years of income loss due to the passing of a great many of our generous givers, but the added burden of the church having to remain closed due to the Pandemic; this resulting with the loss of weekly plate and Planned Giving Envelope collections from two Sunday Services, and also the loss of income for the hire of the Millennium Centre.

The PCC and the wider Church community must therefore monitor its ongoing concern especially with its regular monthly outgoings of between £7,000.00 to £8,000.00 for the upkeep of its 2 buildings as well as its Parish Share payment to the Diocese.

Reserves

What are the Church's reserves?

The PCC considers that the Reserves available to the PCC are those assets which are either cash or assets which can be realised for cash if the need arises. The balance sheet on page 12 shows the assets of the church totalling £226,115.00 but from this figure must be deducted the

amount of the fixed assets of £247,672.00, this is represented mainly by the current value of the Millennium Centre and the endowment funds which were acquired by the church for specific purposes, by those who gave them to the church, therefore the total amount available to the PCC for expenditure at the year-end is £88,443.00 either in cash or investments and other assets which can be realised for cash if the need arises.

Purpose of Reserves

The two main purposes are to provide a cushion in the finances of the church against a shortage of income in any year or to meet any sudden and unexpected expenditure such as major repairs not covered by insurance. Reserves are not usually for major building works or large repairs. When necessary finance is raised by one-off fundraising from the congregation and other sources.

Amount of Reserves

The PCC always should consider what it may need as a safe cushion for the financial position of the church in the future. Over the last few years the aim was to accumulate reserves of approximately £135,000.00 This figure was arrived at by considering the expected increases in expenditure but unfortunately has never been achieved since 2018.
2020 has proved to be an absolute disaster; with a total reduction of £39,695.00 on 2019's close of the year mainly due to the information recorded in the Financial Review.

Plans for the Future

The PCC is aware that whilst we are a growing church, we should never be complacent and as Trustees' there is always the need to maintain, as well as enable growth.
To this end, we intend: -

- To re-examine our finances and our support of this as a PCC and Parish.
- To work with our brothers and sisters at St Cuthbert's
- Explore how we can further reach out to our community.
- To continue in our work as part of the Deanery of Ormskirk and the Diocese of Liverpool
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Approved by the Parochial Church Council on the 9th May 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

Eleri Jones
Eleri Jones
Chairperson

J.A. Cropper
P.C.C. Member

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2020
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2020

INCOMING RESOURCES	Not	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Fund £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2020 £	2019 £
Incoming resources from donc	2(a)	£ 38,784.38	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 38,784.38	£ 51,940.89
Other voluntary Income resour	2(b)	£ 5,471.13	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 5,471.13	£ 1,320.00
Inc.from operating activities.							
: to further the Council's object	2(c)	£ 28,125.49	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 28,125.49	£ 24,420.46
: to generate funds	2(d)	£ 11,091.56	£ -	£ 632.63	£ -	£ 11,724.19	£ 7,713.00
Income Investments	2(e)	£ 414.56	£ -	£ 3.93	£ -	£ 418.49	£ 1,066.07
Other incoming resources	2(f	£ 4,998.77	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 4,998.77	£ 4,785.80
Total Incoming Resources		**£ 88,885.89**	**£ -**	**£ 636.56**	**£ -**	**£ 89,522.45**	**£ 91,246.22**
RESOURCES USED							
Costs of generating funds	3(a)	£ 601.92	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 601.92	£ 3,107.40
Grants	3(b)	£ 350.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 350.00	£ 563.87
Activities directly to the work of the church	3(c)	£ 125,218.02	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 125,218.02	£ 92,135.68
Management and administration of the Council	3(d)	£ 157.42	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 157.42	£ 1,513.24
Total Resources Expended		**£ 126,327.36**	**£ -**	**£ -**	**£ -**	**£ 126,327.36**	**£ 97,320.19**
Total Incoming Resources		**£ 88,885.89**	**£ -**	**£ 636.56**	**£ -**	**£ 89,522.45**	£ 91,246.22
Total Resources Used		**£ 126,327.36**	**£ -**	**£ -**	**£ -**	**£ 126,327.36**	£ 97,320.19
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources		**(-)** £ 37,441.47	£ -	**(+)** £ 636.56	£ -	**(-)** £ 36,804.91	**(-)** £ 6,073.97
Transfers Between Funds	**12**	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 995.99
		(-)	**(-)**	**(+)**		**(-)**	**(-)**
Total After Transfers		£ 37,441.17	£ -	£ 636.56	£ -	£ 36,804.91	£ 7,069.96
Gains and Losses on Investmen		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
		(-)	**(-)**	**(+)**		**(-)**	**(-)**
Net Movement in Funds		£ 37,441.17	£ -	£ 636.56	£ -	£ 36,804.91	£ 7,069.96
Balances B. / Forward 1st January 2020							
At Bank		£ 59,952.76	£ 208.32	£ 3,976.84	£ -	£ 64,137.92	£ 71,207.88
Investment Assets		£ 64,000.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 64,000.00	£ 64,000.00
Total		£ 123,952.76	£ 208.32	£ 3,976.84	£ -	£ 128,137.92	£ 135,207.88
Balances Carried Forward 31'st December 2020							
At Bank		**£ 51,621.42**	**£ 208.32**	**£ 4,613.40**	**£ -**	**£ 56,443.14**	£ 64,137.92
Investment Assets		**£ 32,000.00**	**£ -**	**£ -**	**£ -**	**£ 32,000.00**	£ 64,000.00
Total		**£ 83,621.42**	**£ 208.32**	**£ 4,613.40**	**£ -**	**£ 88,443.14**	£ 128,137.92

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. THOMAS LYDIATE & DOWNHOLLAND
BALANCE SHEET AT 31st DECEMBER 2020

	Note	2020	2019
Fixed Assets			
Tangible fixed assets	5(a)	£247,672.00	£ 247,136.00
Investment assets	5(b)	£ 32,000.00	£ 64,000.00
		£279,672.00	£ 311,136.00
Current Assets			
Short Term Deposits		£ -	£ 14,000.00
Cash at Bank and in Hand		£ 56,443.00	£ 50,138.00
		£ 56,443.00	£ 64,138.00
Liabilities	8	£ -	£ -
Net Current Assets		£ 56,443.00	£ 64,138.00
Net Assets		**£336,115.00**	**£ 375,274.00**
Funds	6		
Unrestricted		£278,327.00	£ 318,658.00
Restricted		£ 4,613.00	£ 3,977.00
Endowments		£ 53,175.00	£ 52,639.00
		£336,115.00	**£ 375,274.00**

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on the 9th May 2021 and signed on its behalf by :

Eleri Jones
Chairperson

P.C.C. Member

The notes on pages.....13.....to.....20.....form part of these accounts

Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 31st December 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP 2015.
The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value.

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purpose of the PCC. **Funds Designated** for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.
Restricted Fund called the Restoration and Development (also during the Interregnum the Sequestration Fund), set up for the purpose of restoring the Church and the development initially of the Millennium Centre and any ongoing for major repairs to the Church or the Millennium Centre. **Endowment Funds**, where the capital must be retained, are explained on page 19 note 13.
The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law.
They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body or those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Incoming resources

Voluntary income and capital sources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.
Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received.
Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.
Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain.
Funds raised during the year included Grand Draws, various events by Mission and Aid for charitable giving and other similar events; they are accounted for gross.
Sales of books and magazines from the church bookstall are accounted for gross.

Other Income

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

Income from investments

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable. Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold.
Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31st December.

Resources used
Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

Activities directly relating to the work of the Church

The diocesan parish share is accounted for when paid at the start of each month.

Fixed assets

Consecrated property and movable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the financial statements by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

Movable church furnishings held by the Rector and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the Church's Inventory, which can be inspected at a pre-arranged time with a Churchwarden. For inalienable property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts. Items acquired since 1st January 2000 have been capitalised and depreciated in the accounts over their currently anticipated useful economic life initially over 4years on a straight-line basis.

All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings, individual items under £1,000 or on the repair of movable church furnishings acquired before 1st January 2004 is written off.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over 4 years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Investments

Investments are valued at market value at the 31st December.

Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at the 31st December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank and Building Society.

2 INCOMING RESOURCES

	Not	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Fund £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2020 £	2019 £
Incoming resources from do	**2(a)**						
Regular Planned Giving:-							
Tax Efficient Planned Giving	1	£ 19,690.50	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 19,690.50	£ 22,499.35
All tax recovered	6	£ 6,851.51	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 6,851.51	£ 7,872.88
Other planned giving	2	£ 2,846.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 2,846.00	£ 5,698.00
Loose Plate Collections	3	£ 1,515.41	£ -		£ -	£ 1,515.41	£ 6,465.30
Occasional Giving:-							
Charities Aid	5	£ 270.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 270.00	£ 557.98
S.Shine Fund-Local Charitable	5	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
One Off Gift Aid	3a	£ 4,925.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 4,925.00	£ 1,376.00
Donations / Occasional Servic	5	£ 2,390.96	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 2,390.96	£ 5,430.15
Church Box / In Memory	4	£ 295.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 295.00	-£ 2,041.23
		£ 38,784.38	**£ -**	**£ -**	**£ -**	**£ 38,784.38**	**£ 51,940.89**
Other voluntary Income reso	**2(b)**						
Grants	8	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 1,320.00
Legacies	7	£ 5,471.13	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 5,471.13	
		£ 5,471.13	**£ -**	**£ -**	**£ -**	**£ 5,471.13**	**£ 1,320.00**
Inc.from operating activities:-							
o further the Council's object	**2(c)**						
Magazine Sales	12	£ 110.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 110.00	£ 335.79
Bookstall /Flowers	12	£ 225.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 225.00	£ 96.80
Churchyard / Graveyard	11	£ 20,886.49	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 20,886.49	£ 13,675.37
Church Fees	11	£ 6,904.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 6,904.00	£ 10,312.50
		£ 28,125.49	**£ -**	**£ -**	**£ -**	**£ 28,125.49**	**£ 24,420.46**
Income from operating activities:-							
to generate funds	**2(d)**						
Magazine Advertising	12	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Hall Rental	12	£ 1,570.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 1,570.00	£ 3,184.00
Fund Raising-Boiler non G.Aid	9	£ 2,335.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 2,335.00	£ -
Fund Raising	8a	£ 289.00	£ -	£ 632.63	£ -	£ 921.63	£ -
Raffles/Draws	9	£ 3,056.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 3,056.00	£ 4,529.00
BAC Payments -	12	£ 3,841.56	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 3,841.56	
Subscriptions	12	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
		£ 11,091.56	**£ -**	**£ 632.63**	**£ -**	**£ 11,724.19**	**£ 7,713.00**
Income from Investments	**2(e)**						
Dividends & Interest	10	£ 72.28	£ -	£ 3.93	£ -	£ 76.21	£ 122.54
Trust Income - Glayzer	10	£ 75.96	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 75.96	£ 76.24
" " - C. B. F.	10	£ 212.91	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 212.91	£ 279.20
Ann Huyton Charity Account	10	£ 53.41	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 53.41	£ 52.35
Annual interest Nationwide	10	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 535.74
		£ 414.56	**£ -**	**£ 3.93**	**£ -**	**£ 418.49**	**£ 1,066.07**

Statement of Financial Activities 2020 (cont`d.)

		General Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Fund	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2020	2019
Other incoming resources	**2(f**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Walsingham Pilgrimage's	12	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Return to income fun exp	13		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 677.89
Insurance Claim-Church Carpe	13		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Afternoon Club	12	£ 73.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 73.00	£ 189.02
St Cuthbert -working share	13	£ 4,925.77	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 4,925.77	£ 3,918.89
		£ 4,998.77	**£ -**	**£ -**	**£ -**	**£ 4,998.77**	**£ 4,785.80**
Total Incoming Resources		**£ 88,885.89**		**£ 636.56**	**£ -**	**£ 89,522.45**	**£ 91,246.22**
3 RESOURCES EXPENDED							
Costs of generating funds	**3(a)**	£ 601.92					
Gross costs of Fund Raising	17	**£ 601.92**	**£ -**	**£ -**	**£ -**	**£ 601.92**	**£ 3,107.40**
Grants	**3(b)**						
UAREUK	18		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
World Vision	18	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 58.87
Children's Society	18	£ 350.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 350.00	£ 400.00
Tools of Self Reliance	18	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 105.00
		£ 350.00	**£ -**	**£ -**	**£ -**	**£ 350.00**	**£ 563.87**
Activities directly to the work of the church	**3(c)**						
Parish Share	19	£ 59,388.24	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 59,388.24	£ 59,906.04
50% Funeral Fees- Clergy	21	£ 705.50	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 705.50	
Vicars Expenses	21	£ 903.46	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 903.46	£ 2,788.06
Assistant Priest	21	£ 920.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 920.00	£ 503.50
Readers Association	21	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Council Tax / Water	21	£ 1,744.74	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 1,744.74	£ 2,409.90
Ormskirk Deanery	21	£ 40.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 40.00	£ 40.00
Rector's Secretary's Salary	21	£ 2,705.04	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 2,705.04	£ 2,602.08
Rector's Office Expenses	21	£ 1,095.37	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 1,095.37	£ 1,144.35
Church Running Expenses							
Utilities	24	£ 2,151.89	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 2,151.89	£ 2,083.90
Insurance	23c	£ 4,369.92	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 4,369.92	£ 3,338.30
Small Repairs Elec.Insp.	23b	£ 220.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 220.00	£ 502.00
New Church Boiler	27	£ 37,528.01	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 37,528.01	£ -
Upkeep of Services.	23a	£ 845.84	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 845.84	£ 1,497.58
Car Park	23a	£ 100.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 100.00	
Music,RSCM,Copyright,Requ	23a	£ 107.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 107.00	£ 451.73
Churchyard	23a	£ 3,600.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 3,600.00	£ 6,155.90
Mon Masson/Garden Remem	23a	£ 30.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 30.00	£ -
Organ	23b	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 450.00
Costs Related to Trading							
Parish Magazine & Bookstall	25	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Flowers,J.Rogers keys, etc;	25	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 352.26
Weekly Newssheets	25	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 296.80

Statement of Financial Activities 2020 (cont`d.)

		General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Fund £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS £	£
St Cuthbert's overpaid C. Tax	17	£ 366.32	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 366.32	£ 100.00
Afternoon Club & Socials	17	£ -		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 122.15
Incomplete Che & bank ch	17	£ 2,286.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 2,286.00	£ -
Un paid Cheque	17	£ 247.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 247.00	£ 322.40
Rectors Leaving Gift	17	£ 500.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 500.00	£ -
Church Hall Utilities	25	£ 3,065.25	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 3,065.25	£ 1,848.30
Clean Materials/Small Repairs	25	£ 315.48	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 315.48	£ -
Cleaner's Wages	25	£ 408.96	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 408.96	£ 788.62
Insurance	25	£ 1,062.62	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 1,062.62	£ 528.16
Maintenance etc.	25	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 310.80
Repairs elec/fire/burg/ alarms .	25	£ 121.38	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 121.38	£ 612.85
Support and Training Costs							
Honoraria-Organist /Choir	20	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 2,500.00
Sunday Sch./Confirmation	22	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Day Schools	22	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Visiting Organists	20	£ 390.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 390.00	£ 480.00
		£ 125,218.02	**£ -**	**£ -**	**£ -**	**£ 125,218.02**	**£ 92,135.68**
Management and administration of the Council	**3(d)**						
Equipment Maintenance	23a	£ 76.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 76.00	£ 119.34
Postage,Secretary,Stationery,	23a	£ 52.63	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 52.63	£ 499.13
Printing Expenses	23a	£ 28.79	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 28.79	£ 232.99
New Printer (Unit Benefice	23a	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 661.78
Total Resources Used		**£ 157.42**	**£ -**	**£ -**	**£ -**	**£ 157.42**	**£ 1,513.24**
				£ -	£ -		
Total Resources Used		**£ 126,327.36**	**£ -**	**£ -**	**£ -**	**£ 126,327.36**	**£ 102,053.30**

4 Staff Costs	**2020 £**	**2019 £**
Honoraria & visiting organists	£ 390.00	£ 2,980.00
Secretary's Salary	£ 2,705.04	£ 2,602.08
Wages	£ 408.96	£ 788.62
	£ 3,504.00	£ 6,370.70

At the beginning of theyear the PCC's organist resigned due to ill health.A secretary, a gardener and a cleaner (all part time).
Payments were not large enough to incur social security costs.
A visiting organists was paid £390
Mrs S. Albertina the United Benefice Secretary received £2,705.04
The Millennium Centre cleaner Mrs S. Bradbury received £408.96.
Busy Bee Grounds Maintenance Services received £3,600..00 for Graveyard maintenance and hedge cutting.

5 Fixed Assets for use by The PCC

Tangible Fixed Assets 5(a)	Freehold Land & Buildings	Fixtures and Fittings	Total
Gross Book Value			
At 1st January 2020	£194,496.97	£ -	£ 194,496.97
Additions	£ -	£ -	£ -
At 31st December 2020	£194,496.97	£ -	£ 194,496.97
Depreciation			
At 1st January 2020	£ -	£ -	£ -
Charge for the Year	£ -	£ -	£ -
Depreciation on Disposals	£ -	£ -	£ -
At 31st December 2020	£194,496.97	£ -	£ 194,496.97
Net Book Value			
At 31st December 2020	**£194,496.97**	**£ -**	**£ 194,496.97**
	£194,496.97	£ -	£ 194,496.97

Investments 5(b)	2020	2019
Long Term Investment	£ 30,000.00	£ 60,000.00
Graveyard Savings Account - Closed	£ -	£ 2,000.00
National Savings Bond	£ 2,000.00	£ 2,000.00
	£ 32,000.00	£ 64,000.00

6 Analysis of Net Assets by Fund

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total
Fixed Assets	£194,496.97	£ -	£ 53,175.29	£ 247,672.26
Current Assets	£ 83,829.74	£ 4,613.40	£ -	£ 88,443.14
Current Liabilities	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Fund Balance	**£278,326.71**	**£ 4,613.40**	**£ 53,175.29**	**£ 336,115.40**

7 Debtors

8 Liabilities

9 Fund Details

Received from St. Cuthbert's Halsall each month a shared payment towards council tax, water and Rector's office.
The restricted fund comprises of the Restoration and Development Fund which is for the ongoing restoring of the Church and its fabric.

Statement of Financial Activities 2020 (cont'd.)

10 Unrestricted Funds	**2020**	**2019**
The closing balance of Unrestricted Funds comprise of the following:-	**£**	**£**
General Fund	£ 83,621.42	£ 123,952.76
Designated Funds:- Men's Fellowship	£ 124.53	£ 124.63
Junior/Senior Youth FootballGroup	£ 61.72	£ 61.72
Women's Guild	£ -	£ -
Sunday School	£ 22.07	£ 22.07
	£ 83,829.74	£ 124,161.18

11 Restricted Funds	**2020**	**2019**
The closing balance of Restricted Funds comprise the following:-	**£**	**£**
Restoration and Development	£ 4,613.40	£ 3,976.84

12 Transfers Between Funds

13 Endowment Funds - Capital:-

The interest from these funds are paid into the General Fund:-Item 2(e)

	Trust No.	**Original cost**	**Holding**	**Market Value:-31.12.20.**	
Glayzer CBF Inv.F.122001381S	717-002	£ 1,360.00	112.43	£ 2,298.82	C.B.F:Lydiate Sch.Bibles
Glayzer CBF Inv.F 122001088F	717-002	£ 340.00	205.94	£ 348.36	C.B.F:Lydiate Sch.Bibles
Total		£ 1,700.00		£ 2,647.18	L.D.B.F. Custodian Trustees
***** Ann Huyton Charity Account**	059920001T	£ 1,275.67	103.00	**£ 1,851.50**	See below
Sale of Haskayne School House	717-001	£30,226.16	£ 30,226.16	£ 30,226.16	C.B.F:-Church use
Sale of Lydiate C.E. School	717-000	£ 8,027.67	£ 8,027.67	£ 8,027.67	C.B.F:-Church use
Dawber Memorial		£38,080.00	£ 10,422.78	£ 10,422.78	See below
		£79,309.50		**£ 53,175.29**	

***Dawber Memorial. The portfolio has been in operation since 1978.**
The above sum is still invested in a savings account until an endowment fund can be arranged with CBF Investments and Liverpool Diocesan Board of Finance become the Custodian Trustees. All interest to still be paid into General Funds for church use as stipulated in the will of Mr Dawber.

***Ann Huyton Charity. Set up in the early 1900's. Capital with COIF Charities Fund; interest paid into HSBC who closed the Account in 2017; monies were transferred to the General Fund in February 2018.

These notes form the information in the Designated Fund column

INCOMING RESOURCES	Not 2(a)	Men's Fellowship	Sunday School		Junior/Senior Football	Group 2020	Group 2019
Incoming resources from donors							
Donations			£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 5.00
		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 5.00
Income from operating activities:- to generate funds	2(d)						
Raffles/Draws/Tuck Shop			£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 35.00
Social Activities		£ -	£ -			£ -	£ -
Subscriptions		£ -	£ -		£ -	£ -	
		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 35.00
Income from Investments	2(e)						
Dividends & interest		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Total Incoming Resources			£ -	£ -	£ -		£ 40.00
RESOURCES USED							
Costs of generating funds	3(a)						
Gross costs of Fund Raising		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -		£ 35.00
Grants	3(b)						
Secular & Local Good Causes		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Activities directly to the work of the church	3(c)						
Stationery,Refresh/Books		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Donations / Speakers				£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 100.00
Holidays & Trips/ Social Activities			£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	
Room Hire / Overheads			£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Games Equipment / Demo Items		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 100.00
						£ -	
Transfer of Funds			£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Total Resources Used		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 135.00
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources		(+) £ -	(+) £ -	£ -	(+) £ -	(+) £ -	(-) £ 95.00
Balances B/Fwd. 01.01.2020		£ 124.53	£ 22.07	£ -	£ 61.72	£ 208.32	£ 303.32
Balances C/Fwd 31.12.2020		**£ 124.53**	**£ 22.07**	**£ -**	**£ 61.72**	**£ 208.32**	£ 208.32

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St Thomas Lydiate & Downholland on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2020, as set out on pages 11 to 20 of your Annual Report.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They 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 PCC 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 PCC 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:

1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
   - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
   - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: R. Turpin Date: 18/4/21

IE's Name: Mrs Ruth Turpin.

Address: 1, Queens Green, Haskayne, Lancashire, L39 7JH