

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND

England & Wales · Charity number 1153258

Details

Other names	CROWLAND PCC
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2013-08-06
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	11 Alderlands Close Crowland Peterborough PE6 0BS
Phone	07951149988
Email	treasurer.crowlandabbey@hotmail.com
Website	www.crowlandabbey.org.uk

Activities

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

Activities: Regular public worship that is open to all, teaching of Christianity through sermons and small groups. Pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved. Supporting other charities in the UK and abroad.

Classification

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

Geography

- Lincolnshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£76,442	£66,572	-	-
2024-12-31	£103,680	£58,634	-	-
2023-12-31	£64,092	£64,117	-	-
2022-12-31	£79,703	£29,314	-	-
2021-12-31	£48,220	£49,874	-	-
2020-12-31	£46,036	£51,207	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Carol Joan Richardson		2025-04-13
DAVID ERIC SEARLE		2025-04-13
Eirlys Sian Arulanantham		2024-04-21
JANE LILIAN KISBEE		2025-04-13
JANET ANN BROWN		2025-04-13
Karl Harry Smith		2025-04-13
Linda Patricia Fox		2025-04-13
MARGARET BEARDSHAW		2025-04-13

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND

England & Wales - Charity number 1153258

Accounts

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND**

Charity Commission Registered No. 1153258

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended

31 December 2025



THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND

Index

- 1 - 4** Annual Report
- 5** Independent Examiners Report
- 6** Receipts and Payments Account
- 7** Reconciliation of Cash Flows and Statement of Net Assets
- 8 - 10** Notes to the Accounts

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND

Annual Report

for the year ended 31 December 2025

The trustees present their report with the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025. The trustees have adopted the presentation of financial statements which complies with Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and the charity's constitution.

Administrative Information

The Parish of Crowland is situated in the market town of Crowland, Lincolnshire. It is part of the Deanery of Elloe West within the Church of England's Diocese of Lincoln. Crowland Parochial Church Council is registered as a charity with the Charities Commission.

Correspondence Address:	The Treasurer 11 Alderlands Close Crowland PE6 0BS
Priest in Charge	The Reverend Mark Williams* Oversight minister (from 3 April 2025)
Associate Priest (PTO)	Revd Michael Ongyerth
Churchwardens:	Mr. David Searle *
Deanery Synod Representatives:	Mrs Margaret Beardshaw*
Parish Safeguarding Officer:	Mrs Margaret Beardshaw*
Elected members of the PCC:	Mrs Sian Arulanantham (2024) Mrs. Janet Brown (2019) Mrs. Val Capes (Retired January 2025) Mrs. Linda Fox (2020) Mrs. Jane Kisbee (2021) Mr. Karl Smith (2022) Mrs. Carol Richardson (2023)
Officers:	The Reverend Mark Williams* (Chair) Mrs Margaret Beardshaw* (Vice-Chair) Mrs Sian Arulanantham (Treasurer) Mrs. Carol Richardson (Secretary) Mrs. Linda Fox (Electoral Roll Officer)
Standing committee:	The Reverend Mark Williams* Mrs Margaret Beardshaw* Mr. David Searle Mrs Sian Arulanantham
Church administrator	Caz Dennis (Non-trustee role) (Appointed September 2025)

* Indicates ex officio membership of the PCC

Structure, Governance, and Management

Crowland Abbey is a member of the Welland Local Mission Partnership (LMP), along with the Parishes of Deeping St James, Deeping St Nicholas, Market Deeping, and the Ness Group (Baston, Langtoft and Thurlby). Ministers meet regularly in chapter, and all the churches actively support one another in practical ways. Throughout the year, the Revd's Carolyn Bailey, Georgina Holding, Sonia Marshall, Michael Ongyerth, and Mark Williams, along with Readers Kate Brown, have taken part in a rota to cover regular services. In addition, the Pastoral Offices (Baptisms, Weddings, and Funerals), have been taken by the Revd's Carolyn Bailey, Erica Crust, Georgina Holding, Sonia Marshall and Mark Williams.

On 3 April 2025, the Revd Mark Williams (vicar of Deeping St James) was appointed as Priest-in-Charge of Crowland. He has been well supported by other clergy, especially the Revd Michael Ongyerth (retired priest, with Permission to Officiate – PTO).

The parochial church council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers' Measure. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the book Church Representation Rules.

Between PCC meetings the Standing Committee of the PCC, which includes the PCC's chair, vice-chair, treasurer, and the two churchwardens, meets when required to transact PCC business.

Church Life and aims

The PCC seeks to promote the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the ecclesiastical Parish of Crowland. It does so in accordance with the traditions of the universal Church as accepted and practised by the Church of England.

The PCC works with members of other Christian communities represented in Crowland through Christians Together in Crowland and particularly with Crowland Methodist Church in the Methodist Anglican Partnership (MAP).

The PCC has the responsibility of maintaining the parish church, the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Bartholomew, and Saint Guthlac, popularly known as Crowland Abbey. This grade-one listed building is adjoined by the ruins of the nave of what was the church of the medieval Crowland Abbey, a Benedictine foundation.

The maintenance of these ruins, which are both a consecrated space and a scheduled ancient monument, is also the responsibility of the PCC. Although the maintenance of the magnificent church building and the strikingly beautiful ruined nave are a great responsibility for the congregation, our parish life centres, not around fundraising for the maintenance of these structures or around the tourism that their architecture attracts, but around the prayer that knits us together as a community of faith.

Services are at 11 a.m. each Sunday. The presiding ministers at these services come from the parishes within the Welland LMP. Since October, a significant number of these services have been taken by the Revd Michael Ongyerth, who lives in the parish. The 11 a.m. service is a Eucharist, apart from the fourth Sunday of the month, when it is an All-Age Service. On the second Sunday of each month the congregation worships with members of Crowland Methodist Church, the service alternating between the two congregations' church buildings. At the Abbey, a mid-week service is also held every Thursday morning at 10am."

In 2025, the average Sunday attendance was 18 (22 in 2024). In 2025, we had 11 baptisms (12 in 2024), 2 confirmations (none in 2024), 7 weddings (5 in 2024). There were 11 burials at the Abbey (7 in 2024) and 24 interments of ashes (15 in 2024).

On the second Monday of each month, a Julian group meets in the Abbey for silent prayer at 11 a.m. and an additional prayer meeting meets on a Tuesday lunchtime.

In 2025 we had a very full and successful calendar of events.

Annual Report (continued)
for the year ended 31 December 2025

Church Life and aims (continued)

Throughout the year, we hosted tours to the public, including a U3A group, as well as pilgrimages from the Orthodox church and the Student Cross. Artistic and cultural events included concerts by Back Two, the Cryers, and Peterborough Community Orchestra. In May, we enjoyed an evening of 'Pipes, poems and pastries'.

We invited local preschools for craft activities at Easter, and have been involved in Messey Church throughout the year. In addition to this, there have been two craft fayres hosted by the Abbey. We also hosted our annual Flower Festival and Art Exhibition in August and September respectively.

Historical events included Celebrate Croyland Abbey Day and Heritage Day, both of which focussed on the history of the Abbey, and its current ministry. We were also involved in the popular Civil War re-enactment, and hosted the Turin Shroud Replica exhibition.

In March, the Abbey hosted Safeguarding Training for all who needed it, including many of the Abbey guides.

Special services included a confirmation with Bishop Nicholas, and in November when we invited all those in the community who had lost loved ones to give thanks for their lives at our All Souls' Service. We also held special Christmas services, including the community carol service and the always popular crib service.

The work to develop a chapel in the Parvise is almost completed. We now have to complete the mounting of the ikons, and complete display cases. We hope that it will be open for visitors and private prayer in 2026.

Financial results and reserves policy

The charity received surplus unrestricted funds during the financial year ended 31 December 2025, amounting to £14,137, which followed last year's surplus of £46,287.

The charity trustees are required to ensure that the charity maintains sufficient reserves to promote the mission of the church in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Crowland. Part of that is the maintenance of the Crowland Abbey, our place of Worship. This assists in the promotion of the church in this parish.

Having originated in the 8th century, the Abbey could use any funds that could ever come available. As such the trustees use Restricted Funds to secure funding for specific projects and then they must use Unrestricted Funds to fund any deficit amounts. The policy is to retain sufficient funds to enable services to continue, equal to approximately 3 months of Parish costs, i.e. £16,000, which leaves a surplus of circ. £74,504 which is available to fund these other projects.

Challenges

The Abbey continues to face similar challenges to many other Church of England churches of similar age and in similar contexts – namely the challenge of raising enough funds (both through regular and occasional giving, and though fundraising), to cover the growing upkeep of an historic monument, as well as paying for the ministry and outreach of the church in Crowland.

The other challenge is of an ageing congregation, with few able or available to take on significant roles. The town continues to expand, and there is a ripe mission field, but few are able to take on this burden.

At the annual meeting in April, there was no one able to take on the role of one of the Churchwardens, leaving David Searle to act as the sole Church warden. Mick Leighton has continued as the vergers, however it is a burden to be covered just by two people.

Annual Report (continued)
for the year ended 31 December 2025

Blessings

Part of the challenge recorded in last year's report has been alleviated by the appointment of Revd Mark Williams as Priest-in-Charge, and with the regular ministry and support of Revd Michael Ongyerth.

We have also been blessed in the appointment in September, of Caz Dennis as part-time administrator. Caz is a highly experienced Parish Administrator, and has taken a significant amount of administration away from the treasurer and clergy. She also helps in keeping tabs on pastoral offices, and support.

We continue to be blessed with a group of dedicated guides who offer a welcome to visitors in the Abbey. Unfortunately, due to fewer numbers, they are not now available every day of the week. However, they cover most days, and offer tours. They continue to be invaluable in helping to improve our engagement with the local community, enhancing the life of the Abbey.

The continuation of the Methodist-Anglican Partnership with Crowland Methodist Church, better known as MAP, plays the key role in our mission outreach. The Revd Mark Williams, has continued to enjoy working in partnership with Revd Langley Mackrell-Hey, and since September, The Revd Colin Sherwood; Revd Sherwood acts as both the minister-in-charge of Crowland Methodist Church and the superintendent of the Peterborough Methodist Circuit, as well as lay colleagues both Anglican and Methodist to make MAP an effective instrument of Christian mission here in Crowland. Oversight for MAP and its activities lies with a committee composed of three Methodist laypersons and three Anglican laypersons.

MAP runs a Messy Church that meets on the second Saturday of each month in Crowland Methodist Church, and is aimed at parents and their children. MAP also sponsors the Crowland Community Larder, a food bank located at Crowland Methodist Church and Family Eats, which provides a lunch and activities for families during breaks in the school year, is also sponsored by MAP.

As the Abbey lacks a church hall, the facilities at Crowland Methodist Church have made up for this lack by providing both congregations with a space that is well suited for children's activities, socialising and more informal worship, our relationship with our Methodist sisters and brothers is a real source of hope and blessing for us.

MAP also puts up the pilgrims of Student Cross who come to Crowland each year on the Monday of Holy Week, as they walk from Leicester to Walsingham. These pilgrims are provided with an evening meal, a place to sleep, and breakfast, all at Crowland Methodist Church.

There is encouragement to be seen in success of the All-Age and children's ministry of the church, especially with the monthly All-Age service on the 4th Sunday, led by readers from within the LMP. During 2025 special events were held for children including inviting the local pre-schools for craft events and offering a Children's Easter craft day for the Crowland community. Work continues to advertise and encourage new families and those new to faith or wishing to explore the idea.

We are blessed by a congregation that encompasses people with many gifts. Their prayers and faithful service to God, both within the Abbey community and beyond it, are the heartbeat of our faith community.

On behalf of Crowland PCC,

The Reverend Mark Williams
Chair

Date: **18 February 2026**

Independent Examiner's Report to
the Trustees of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Crowland

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out on pages 6 to 10.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records

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

K. J. Maggs F.C.A.,B.A.
Chartered Accountants

Dated: **18 March 2026**

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND

Receipts and Payments Account
for the year ended 31 December 2025

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds	
			2025 £	2024 £
RECEIPTS				
Voluntary Income				
Gift Aid donations	9,070	-	9,070	6,681
Income tax recovered	3,564	-	3,564	4,166
Open plate collections at all services	3,938	-	3,938	5,482
Donations	6,378	-	6,378	11,885
Legacies	18,359	-	18,359	20,000
Grants	-	-	-	18,500
Collections for other causes	-	122	122	4,342
	41,309	122	41,431	71,056
Fundraising				
Flower Festival	1,747	-	1,747	1,724
Bookstall	5,505	-	5,505	2,081
Other fundraising activities	5,966	-	5,966	9,679
	13,218	-	13,218	13,484
Income from investments				
Dividends and interest	2,360	-	2,360	2,532
Income from church activities				
Fees	11,410	-	11,410	11,448
Other income	992	-	992	220
	12,402	-	12,402	11,668
Other income				
VAT recovered	7,031	-	7,031	4,940
TOTAL RECEIPTS	76,320	122	76,442	103,680
PAYMENTS				
Church Activities and Governance				
Ministry: Diocesan parish share	22,000	-	22,000	15,400
Church running and maintenance	15,974	306	16,280	8,434
Power	6,339	-	6,339	6,736
Insurance	8,032	-	8,032	7,935
Fees for organist, choir, bell ringers, etc	683	-	683	2,315
Major restoration work	-	3,961	3,961	7,106
Administration costs	4,248	-	4,248	2,528
Independent examination fees	490	-	490	475
	57,766	4,267	62,033	50,929
Fundraising Costs				
Fundraising Costs	2,048	-	2,048	1,602
Bookstall Costs	1,091	-	1,091	1,628
	3,139	-	3,139	3,230
Other outgoings				
Collections for other causes	1,278	122	1,400	4,475
	1,278	122	1,400	4,475
TOTAL PAYMENTS	62,183	4,389	66,572	58,634

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND

Reconciliation of Cash Flows and Statement of Net Assets

At 31 December 2025

RECONCILIATION OF CASH FLOWS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds	
			2025 £	2024 £
Total receipts	76,320	122	76,442	103,680
Total payments	62,183	4,389	66,572	58,634
Net receipts / (payments)	14,137	(4,267)	9,870	45,046
Transfers between funds	227	(227)	-	-
Cash funds at 1 January	76,140	74,524	150,664	105,618
Cash funds at 31 December	90,504	70,030	160,534	150,664

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds	
			2025 £	2024 £
NON-MONETARY ASSETS				
Investments held by Diocese	18,242	-	18,242	19,001
MONETARY ASSETS				
Accrued income	1,147	-	1,147	-
Prepaid expenses	184	-	184	219
	1,331	-	1,331	219
CASH FUNDS				
Barclays Bank Plc				
Community account	3,740	-	3,740	23,578
Money Held for Agencies	-	165	165	392
Active Saver account	70,747	-	70,747	68,386
Cash and cheques not banked	646	-	646	-
Virgin Money Plc	15,371	69,865	85,236	58,308
	90,504	70,030	160,534	150,664
MONETARY LIABILITY				
Agency collections	-	165	165	392
Accrued expenses	2,496	-	2,496	1,265
	2,496	165	2,661	1,657

Approved by the Parochial Church Council and signed on its behalf on **17 March 2026** by:

The Reverend Mark Williams
(Chair)

Mrs Sian Arulanantham
(Treasurer)

Notes to the Accounts

for the year ended 31 December 2025

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the exemptions applicable under section 133 of the Charities Act 2011.

The statements of financial activities has been prepared on a receipts and payments basis which is a consistent basis to previous years.

The Statements of Assets shows the assets of the charity and any amounts due to or owed by the charity. The statement will not include any provisions for liabilities and charges. The trustees are of the opinion that should any significant matters arise prior to the year end, they will disclose them within the notes to the financial statements.

The Financial Statements 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, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

(b) Funds

Restricted funds represent:

- (i) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and
- (ii) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object.

The funds may only be expended on the purpose for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds represent:

- (iii) general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.
- (iv) designated funds which are used for a purpose specified by the trustees.

(c) Resources Used

- (i) Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over.
- (ii) The diocesan parish share is accounted for when paid.
- (iii) Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds.

(d) Investments

Investments are recognised initially within the Receipts and Payments Account at cost.

Subsequently, they are measured at fair value within the Statement of Net Assets, if the shares or funds are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably.

(e) Fixed Assets

- (i) Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.
- (ii) Moveable church furnishings held by the priest and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the Church's inventory which can be inspected at any reasonable time.
- (iii) For items acquired prior to 2000, there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements.

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

for the year ended 31 December 2025

2 FUND MOVEMENTS

		Year ended 31 December 2025				
		Balance 1 Jan £	Funds Added £	Funds Used £	Funds Transferred £	Balance 31 Dec £
(a) Unrestricted Funds						
General PCC Fund		<u>76,140</u>	<u>76,320</u>	<u>(62,183)</u>	<u>227</u>	<u>90,504</u>
		Year ended 30 December 2024				
		Balance 1 Jan £	Funds Added £	Funds Used £	Funds Transferred £	Balance 31 Dec £
General PCC Fund		<u>49,654</u>	<u>92,858</u>	<u>(46,571)</u>	<u>(19,801)</u>	<u>76,140</u>
		Year ended 31 December 2025				
		Balance 1 Jan £	Funds Added £	Funds Used £	Funds Transferred £	Balance 31 Dec £
(b) Restricted Funds						
Window restoration fund		35,181	-	(3,961)	-	31,220
Path restoration fund		4,491	-	-	-	4,491
Fabric fund		21,642	-	-	-	21,642
Bell fund		1,439	-	-	-	1,439
Agency collections		392	122	(122)	(227)	165
Music fund		11,379	-	(306)	-	11,073
		<u>74,524</u>	<u>122</u>	<u>(4,389)</u>	<u>(227)</u>	<u>70,030</u>
		Year ended 30 December 2024				
		Balance 1 Jan £	Funds Added £	Funds Used £	Funds Transferred £	Balance 31 Dec £
Window restoration fund		37,170	5,206	(7,106)	(89)	35,181
Path restoration fund		4,491	-	-	-	4,491
Fabric fund		1,000	1,124	(482)	20,000	21,642
Bell fund		1,289	150	-	-	1,439
Agency collections		635	4,342	(4,475)	(110)	392
Music fund		11,379	-	-	-	11,379
		<u>55,964</u>	<u>10,822</u>	<u>(12,063)</u>	<u>19,801</u>	<u>74,524</u>

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

for the year ended 31 December 2025

3 FUND COMPARATIVES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
RECEIPTS			
Voluntary Income			
Gift Aid Donations	6,531	150	6,681
Income tax recovered	4,166	-	4,166
Open plate collections at all services	3,777	1,705	5,482
Donations	10,808	1,077	11,885
Legacies	20,000	-	20,000
Grants	15,000	3,500	18,500
Collections for other causes	-	4,342	4,342
	<u>60,282</u>	<u>10,774</u>	<u>71,056</u>
Fundraising			
Flower Festival	1,724	-	1,724
Bookstall	2,081	-	2,081
Other fundraising activities	9,631	48	9,679
	<u>13,436</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>13,484</u>
Income from investments			
Dividends and interest	2,532	-	2,532
Income from church activities			
Fees	11,448	-	11,448
Other income	220	-	220
	<u>11,668</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,668</u>
Other income			
VAT recovered	4,940	-	4,940
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>92,858</u>	<u>10,822</u>	<u>103,680</u>
PAYMENTS			
Church Activities			
Ministry: Diocesan parish share	15,400	-	15,400
Church running and maintenance	7,952	482	8,434
Power	6,736	-	6,736
Insurance	7,935	-	7,935
Fees for organist, choir bell ringers, etc	2,315	-	2,315
Major restoration work	-	7,106	7,106
Administration costs	2,528	-	2,528
Independent examiner fees	475	-	475
	<u>43,341</u>	<u>7,588</u>	<u>50,929</u>
Fundraising Costs			
Fundraising Costs	1,602	-	1,602
Bookstall Costs	1,628	-	1,628
	<u>3,230</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,230</u>
Other outgoings			
Collections for other causes	-	4,475	4,475
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>46,571</u>	<u>12,063</u>	<u>58,634</u>

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND

England & Wales - Charity number 1153258

Accounts

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND
CHARITY COMMISSION REGISTERED NO. 1153258
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

for the year ended

31 December 2024



THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND

Index

- 1 - 4** Annual Report
- 5** Independent Examiners Report
- 6** Receipts and Payments Account
- 7** Reconciliation of Cash Flows and Statement of Net Assets
- 8 - 10** Notes to the Accounts

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND

Annual Report

for the year ended 31 December 2024

The trustees present their report with the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024. The trustees have adopted the presentation of financial statements which complies with Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and the charity's constitution.

Administrative Information

The Parish of Crowland is situated in the market town of Crowland, Lincolnshire. It is part of the Deanery of Elloe West within the Church of England's Diocese of Lincoln. Crowland Parochial Church Council is registered as a charity with the Charities Commission.

Correspondence Address:	The Treasurer 11 Alderlands Close Crowland PE6 0BS	
Priest in Charge	The Reverend Mark Williams*	Responsibility for organising the Pastoral Offices.
Associate Priest (OLM)	Deeping Saint Nicholas,	
Churchwardens:	Mr. David Searle *	
	Mrs. Laura Beeken *	(Resigned April 2024)
Deanery Synod Representatives:	Mrs Margaret Beardshaw*	
	Mr. David Searle *	
Parish Safeguarding Officer:	Mrs Margaret Beardshaw	
Elected members of the PCC:	Mr. Michael Atkinson	(2021 - Deceased November 2024)
	Mrs Sian Arulanantham	(Appointed 21 April 2024)
	Mrs. Janet Brown	(2019)
	Mrs. Val Capes	(2020)
	Mrs. Linda Fox	(2020)
	Mrs. Jane Kisbee	(2021)
	Mr. Karl Smith	(2022)
	Mrs. Carol Richardson	(2023)
	Mrs. Laura Beeken	(2020 - Resigned April 2024)
Co-opted Member:	Mr Robert Gibbard	(Retired - 30 July 2024)
Officers:	Mrs Margaret Beardshaw	(Chair)
	Mrs Sian Arulanantham	(Treasurer - 21 April 2024)
	Mrs. Linda Fox	(Electoral Roll Officer)
	Miss E Coulhoun	(Secretary - resigned 15 January 2024)
	Mr Robert Gibbard	(Treasurer - Retired - 21 April 2024)
Standing committee:	Mrs Margaret Beardshaw	
	Mrs Janet Brown	
	Mr Robert Gibbard	(Retired - 21 April 2024)
	Mr. David Searle	
	Mrs. Laura Beeken	(Resigned April 2024)

* Indicates ex officio membership of the PCC

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND

Annual Report (continued)

for the year ended 31 December 2024

Structure, Governance, and Management

Crowland Abbey is a member of the Welland Local Mission Partnership (LMP), along with the Parishes of Deeping St James, Deeping St Nicholas, Market Deeping, and the Ness Group (Baston, Langtoft and Thurlby). Ministers meet regularly in chapter, and all the churches actively support one another in practical ways. Throughout the year, the Revd's Carolyn Bailey, Sonia Marshall and Mark Williams, along with Readers Nigel Bacon and Kate Brown, have taken part in a rota to cover regular services. In addition, the Revd Mark Williams has taken responsibility for organising the Pastoral Offices (Baptisms, Weddings, and Funerals), with the services taken by the Revd's Carolyn Bailey, Erica Crust, Georgina Holding, Sonia Marshall and Mark Williams.

The parochial church council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers' Measure. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the book Church Representation Rules.

Between PCC meetings the Standing Committee of the PCC, which includes the PCC's chair, vice-chair, secretary, treasurer, and the two churchwardens, meets when required to transact PCC business.

Church Life and aims

The PCC seeks to promote the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the ecclesiastical Parish of Crowland. It does so in accordance with the traditions of the universal Church as accepted and practised by the Church of

The PCC works with members of other Christian communities represented in Crowland through Christians Together in Crowland.

The PCC has the responsibility of maintaining the parish church, the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Bartholomew, and Saint Guthlac, popularly known as Crowland Abbey. This grade-one listed building is adjoined by the ruins of the nave of what was the church of the medieval Crowland Abbey, a Benedictine foundation.

The maintenance of these ruins, which are both a consecrated space and a scheduled ancient monument, is also the responsibility of the PCC. Although the maintenance of the magnificent church building and the strikingly beautiful ruined nave are a great responsibility for the congregation, our parish life centres, not around fundraising for the maintenance of these structures or around the tourism that their architecture attracts, but around the prayer that knits us together as a community of faith.

Services are at 11 a.m. each Sunday. The presiding ministers at these services come from the parishes within the Welland LMP. The 11 a.m. service is a Eucharist, apart from the fourth Sunday of the month, when it is an All Age Service. On the fourth Sunday a Eucharist takes place at 6 p.m. On the second Sunday of each month the congregation worships with members of Crowland Methodist Church, the service alternating between the two congregations' church buildings. When this service takes place at Crowland Methodist Church it is sometimes a service of the word.

In 2024, the average Sunday attendance was 22 (20 in 2023). In 2024, we had 12 baptisms (7 in 2023), 5 weddings (3 in 2023). 9 funerals were taken, with a further 7 burials at the abbey, and 15 interments of ashes.

On the second Monday of each month, a Julian group meets in the Abbey for silent prayer at 11 a.m. During 2024, an additional prayer meeting was started for the parish community, on a Tuesday lunchtime. We also ran an Advent home group studying women of the Bible.

In 2024, we had a very full and successful calendar of events. We held a wedding dress display in February and a quiet day in March. In April the church was filled with Tulips for the Tulip Festival, with the main annual flower festival held during the Harvest Festival in October. Craft fairs were held in May and December.

In June the Abbey held its Fen Day event and then Heritage Day in September, both celebrating the history of our ancient building. There was an art exhibition in July. In August, the Abbey was honoured to host an exhibition of a replica of the Turin Shroud, in partnership with the Knights Templar, bringing visitors from across the UK.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND

Annual Report (continued)

for the year ended 31 December 2024

Church Life and aims (continued)

We held Back Two and Peterborough Community Orchestra concerts in July, a concert by Spalding High School Chamber Choir in November (in aid of Pancreatic Cancer), and a joint concert between Abbey 345 and Peterborough Operatic Society in December.

We also invited local preschools for craft activities and South View Primary School for several visits to look around, learn about the Abbey and experience worship. Peterborough Special School also brought their children to visit.

Special services happened in October when Bishop Nicholas visited to dedicate our renovated stained-glass windows and in November when we invited all those in the community who had lost loved ones to give thanks for their lives at our All Souls' Service. We also held special Christmas services, including Christingle (in aid of the Children's Society), the community carol service and the always popular crib service.

Throughout the year, we hosted visiting bell ringers and offered tours to the public, including several U3A groups and a group from both Hereford and Peterborough Cathedrals, as well as a pilgrimage from the Orthodox church and the Student Cross.

We are blessed with a group of dedicated guides who offer a welcome to visitors in the Abbey every day of the week and offer tours. Over the last year they have taken on more responsibilities, playing a key part in helping with and organising events, putting together exhibitions and generally helping to improve our engagement with the local community, enhancing the life of the Abbey.

The work to develop a chapel in the parvise is almost completed and it should be open for visitors and private prayer 2025.

Financial results and reserves policy

The charity received surplus funds during the financial year ended 31 December 2024, amounting to £46,287, which followed last year's deficit of £6,492.

The charity trustees are required to ensure that the charity maintains sufficient reserves to promote the mission of the church in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Crowland. Part of that is the maintenance of the Crowland Abbey, our place of Worship. This assists in the promotion of the church in this parish.

Having originated in the 8th century, the Abbey could use any funds that could ever come available. As such the trustees use Restricted Funds to secure funding for specific projects and then they must Unrestricted Funds to fund any deficit amounts. The policy is to retain sufficient funds to enable services to continue, approximately 3 months of Parish costs, i.e. £13,000, which leaves a surplus of circ. £63,140 which is available to fund these other projects.

Challenges

Without doubt, the biggest challenge we face is the lack of a resident incumbent or any oversight. The LMP provides cover to ensure that the regular services and occasional offices continue. This is appreciated, and anecdotally, the congregation quite enjoy the variety of ministry. However, the lack of someone as focus for the ministry in the town is seriously hampering the outreach of the church. Whilst the reduction in occasional offices may be part of a wider trend, it is possibly exacerbated by the longer-term lack of contact and follow-up. The town continues to expand, and there is a ripe mission field, but few are able to take on this burden in a generally aging congregation.

The result of this is that a very significant and heavy burden has fallen on the churchwardens —at what is an unsustainable level. This was exasperated following Lauren Beeken stepping down as Churchwarden in April 2024. It has not been possible to fill this role, David Searle therefore acts as the sole Church warden supported by the Abbey steering group.

Following Robert Gibbard's resignation as Treasurer in April 2024, Sian Arulanantham (newly appointed to the PCC) has now taken on this role, supported by PCC member Karl Smith and a part time bookkeeper. The verger role has been filled by Mick Leighton.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND

Annual Report (continued)

for the year ended 31 December 2024

Blessings

There is encouragement to be seen in the All-Age and children's ministry of the church, especially with the introduction of a monthly All-Age service on the 4th Sunday, and work continues to advertise and encourage new families and those new to faith or wishing to explore the idea. It is lovely to see children in church praising God and taking part in leading the service.

The continuation of the Methodist-Anglican Partnership with Crowland Methodist Church, better known as MAP, plays the key role in our mission outreach. The Revd Mark Williams, then the Revd Carolyn Bailey, have continued to enjoy working in partnership with Revd Langley Mackrell-Hey, who acts as both the minister-in-charge of Crowland Methodist Church and the superintendent of the Peterborough Methodist Circuit, as well as lay colleagues both Anglican and Methodist to make MAP an effective instrument of Christian mission here in Crowland. Oversight for MAP and its activities lies with a committee composed of three Methodist laypersons and three Anglican laypersons.

MAP runs a Messy Church that meets on the second Saturday of each month in Crowland Methodist Church, and is aimed at parents and their children. MAP also sponsors the Crowland Community Larder, a food bank located at Crowland Methodist Church and Family Eats, which provides a lunch and activities for families during breaks in the school year, is also sponsored by MAP.

As the Abbey lacks a church hall, the facilities at Crowland Methodist Church have made up for this lack by providing both congregations with a space that is well suited for children's activities, socializing and more informal worship, our relationship with our Methodist sisters and brothers is a real source of hope and blessing for us.

MAP also puts up the pilgrims of Student Cross who come to Crowland each year on the Monday of Holy Week, as they walk from Leicester to Walsingham. These pilgrims are provided with an evening meal, a place to sleep, and breakfast, all at Crowland Methodist Church.

We are blessed by a congregation that encompasses people with many gifts. Their prayers and faithful service to God, both within the Abbey community and beyond it, are the heartbeat of our faith community.

May God guide us as we seek to serve Christ's Church and to find new disciples for him.

On behalf of Crowland PCC,

Mrs Margaret Beardshaw
Chair

Date: **27 March 2025**

**Independent Examiner's Report to
the Trustees of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Crowland**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 6 to 10.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records

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

K. J. Maggs F.C.A.,B.A.
Chartered Accountants

Dated: **30 March 2025**

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND

Receipts and Payments Account

for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	2023 £
RECEIPTS				
Voluntary Income				
Gift Aid donations	6,531	150	6,681	8,902
Income tax recovered	4,166	-	4,166	4,611
Open plate collections at all services	3,777	1,705	5,482	2,900
Donations	10,808	1,077	11,885	11,127
Legacies	20,000	-	20,000	1,808
Grants	15,000	3,500	18,500	1,500
Collections for other causes	-	4,342	4,342	453
	<u>60,282</u>	<u>10,774</u>	<u>71,056</u>	<u>31,301</u>
Fundraising				
Flower Festival	1,724	-	1,724	4,109
Bookstall	2,081	-	2,081	3,678
Other fundraising activities	9,631	48	9,679	9,098
	<u>13,436</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>13,484</u>	<u>16,885</u>
Income from investments				
Dividends and interest	2,532	-	2,532	1,472
Income from church activities				
Fees	11,448	-	11,448	11,967
Other income	220	-	220	2,164
	<u>11,668</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,668</u>	<u>14,131</u>
Other income				
VAT recovered	4,940	-	4,940	303
	<u>4,940</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,940</u>	<u>303</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u><u>92,858</u></u>	<u><u>10,822</u></u>	<u><u>103,680</u></u>	<u><u>64,092</u></u>
PAYMENTS				
Church Activities and Governance				
Ministry: Diocesan parish share	15,400	-	15,400	22,774
Church running and maintenance	8,410	482	8,892	7,679
Power	6,736	-	6,736	8,199
Insurance	7,935	-	7,935	7,490
Fees for organist, choir, bell ringers, etc	2,315	-	2,315	2,200
Major restoration work	-	7,106	7,106	8,442
Visitor's Centre	-	-	-	879
Administration costs	2,070	-	2,070	2,268
Independent examination fees	475	-	475	460
	<u>43,341</u>	<u>7,588</u>	<u>50,929</u>	<u>60,391</u>
Fundraising Costs				
Fundraising Costs	1,602	-	1,602	1,702
Bookstall Costs	1,628	-	1,628	1,759
	<u>3,230</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,230</u>	<u>3,461</u>
Other outgoings				
Collections for other causes	-	4,475	4,475	265
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u><u>46,571</u></u>	<u><u>12,063</u></u>	<u><u>58,634</u></u>	<u><u>64,117</u></u>

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND

Reconciliation of Cash Flows and Statement of Net Assets

At 31 December 2024

RECONCILIATION OF CASH FLOWS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	2023 £
Total receipts	92,858	10,822	103,680	64,092
Total payments	46,571	12,063	58,634	64,117
Net receipts / (payments)	<u>46,287</u>	<u>(1,241)</u>	<u>45,046</u>	<u>(25)</u>
Transfers between funds	(19,801)	19,801	-	-
Cash funds at 1 January	49,654	55,964	105,618	105,643
Cash funds at 31 December	<u><u>76,140</u></u>	<u><u>74,524</u></u>	<u><u>150,664</u></u>	<u><u>105,618</u></u>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	2023 £
NON-MONETARY ASSETS				
Investments held by Diocese	<u>19,001</u>	-	<u>19,001</u>	<u>18,545</u>
CASH FUNDS				
Barclays Bank Plc				
Community account	23,578	-	23,578	1,846
Money Held for Agencies	-	392	392	259
Active Saver account	52,562	15,824	68,386	61,500
Virgin Money Plc	-	58,308	58,308	42,013
	<u>76,140</u>	<u>74,524</u>	<u>150,664</u>	<u>105,618</u>
MONETARY LIABILITY				
Agency collections	-	392	392	259
Accrued expenses	1,265	-	1,265	703
	<u>1,265</u>	<u>392</u>	<u>1,657</u>	<u>962</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council and signed on its behalf on **27 March 2025** by:

Mrs Margaret Beardshaw
(Chair)

Mrs Sian Arulanantham
(Treasurer)

Notes to the Accounts

for the year ended 31 December 2024

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the exemptions applicable under section 133 of the Charities Act 2011.

The statements of financial activities has been prepared on a receipts and payments basis which is a consistent basis to previous years.

The Statements of Assets shows the assets of the charity and any amounts due to or owed by the charity. The statement will not include any provisions for liabilities and charges. The trustees are of the opinion that should any significant matters arise prior to the year end, they will disclose them within the notes to the financial statements.

The Financial Statements 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, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

(b) Funds

Restricted funds represent:

- (i) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and
- (ii) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object.

The funds may only be expended on the purpose for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds represent:

- (iii) general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.
- (iv) designated funds which are used for a purpose specified by the trustees.

(c) Resources Used

- (i) Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over.
- (ii) The diocesan parish share is accounted for when paid.
- (iii) Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds.

(d) Investments

Investments are recognised initially within the Receipts and Payments Account at cost. Subsequently, they are measured at fair value within the Statement of Net Assets, if the shares or funds are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably.

(e) Fixed Assets

- (i) Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.
- (ii) Moveable church furnishings held by the priest and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the Church's inventory which can be inspected at any reasonable time.
- (iii) For items acquired prior to 2000, there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

for the year ended 31 December 2024

2 FUND MOVEMENTS

	Year ended 31 December 2024				
	Balance 1 Jan £	Funds Added £	Funds Used £	Funds Transferred £	Balance 31 Dec £
(a) Unrestricted Funds					
General PCC Fund	<u>49,654</u>	<u>92,858</u>	<u>(46,571)</u>	<u>(19,801)</u>	<u>76,140</u>
	Year ended 31 December 2023				
	Balance 1 Jan £	Funds Added £	Funds Used £	Funds Transferred £	Balance 31 Dec £
General PCC Fund	<u>56,153</u>	<u>55,971</u>	<u>(62,463)</u>	<u>(7)</u>	<u>49,654</u>
	Year ended 31 December 2024				
	Balance 1 Jan £	Funds Added £	Funds Used £	Funds Transferred £	Balance 31 Dec £
(b) Restricted Funds					
Window restoration fund	37,170	5,206	(7,106)	(89)	35,181
Path restoration fund	4,491	-	-	-	4,491
Fabric fund	1,000	1,124	(482)	20,000	21,642
Bell fund	1,289	150	-	-	1,439
Agency collections	635	4,342	(4,475)	(110)	392
Music fund	11,379	-	-	-	11,379
	<u>55,964</u>	<u>10,822</u>	<u>(12,063)</u>	<u>19,801</u>	<u>74,524</u>
	Year ended 31 December 2023				
	Balance 1 Jan £	Funds Added £	Funds Used £	Funds Transferred £	Balance 31 Dec £
Window restoration fund	31,236	5,934	-	-	37,170
Path restoration fund	4,491	-	-	-	4,491
Fabric fund	-	1,000	-	-	1,000
Bell fund	989	300	-	-	1,289
Visitors' Centre	835	-	(842)	7	-
Agency collections	447	453	(265)	-	635
Music fund	11,492	434	(547)	-	11,379
	<u>49,490</u>	<u>8,121</u>	<u>(1,654)</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>55,964</u>

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

for the year ended 31 December 2024

3 FUND COMPARATIVES

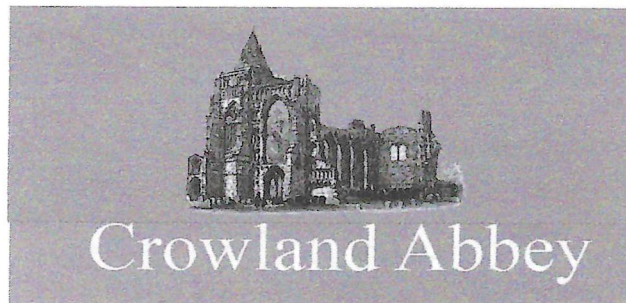
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
RECEIPTS			
Voluntary Income			
Planned giving			
Gift Aid Donations	6,072	2,830	8,902
Income tax recovered	4,611	-	4,611
Open plate collections at all services	1,680	1,220	2,900
Donations	11,127	-	11,127
Legacies	-	1,808	1,808
Grants	-	1,500	1,500
Collections for other causes	-	453	453
	<u>23,490</u>	<u>7,811</u>	<u>31,301</u>
Fundraising			
Flower Festival	4,109	-	4,109
Bookstall	3,678	-	3,678
Other fundraising activities	8,788	310	9,098
	<u>16,575</u>	<u>310</u>	<u>16,885</u>
Income from investments			
Dividends and interest	1,472	-	1,472
Income from church activities			
Fees	11,967	-	11,967
Other income	2,164	-	2,164
	<u>14,131</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,131</u>
Other income			
VAT recovered	303	-	303
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u><u>55,971</u></u>	<u><u>8,121</u></u>	<u><u>64,092</u></u>
PAYMENTS			
Church Activities			
Ministry: Diocesan parish share	22,774	-	22,774
Church running and maintenance	7,132	547	7,679
Power	8,199	-	8,199
Insurance	7,490	-	7,490
Fees for organist, choir bell ringers, etc	2,200	-	2,200
Major restoration work	8,442	-	8,442
Visitor's Centre	37	842	879
Administration costs	2,268	-	2,268
Independent examiner fees	460	-	460
	<u>59,002</u>	<u>1,389</u>	<u>60,391</u>
Fundraising Costs			
Fundraising Costs	1,702	-	1,702
Bookstall Costs	1,759	-	1,759
	<u>3,461</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,461</u>
Other outgoings			
Collections for other causes	-	265	265
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u><u>62,463</u></u>	<u><u>1,654</u></u>	<u><u>64,117</u></u>

Accounts

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND
CHARITY COMMISSION REGISTERED NO. 1153258
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

for the year ended

31 December 2023



THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND
Index

- 1 - 4** Annual Report
- 5** Independent Examiners Report
- 6** Receipts and Payments Account
- 7** Reconciliation of Cash Flows and Statement of Net Assets
- 8 - 10** Notes to the Accounts

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND

Annual Report

for the year ended 31 December 2023

The trustees present their report with the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023. The trustees have adopted the presentation of financial statements which complies with Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and the charity's constitution.

Administrative Information

The Parish of Crowland is situated in the market town of Crowland, Lincolnshire. It is part of the Deanery of Elloe West within the Church of England's Diocese of Lincoln. Crowland Parochial Church Council is registered as a charity with the Charities Commission.

Correspondence Address:	The Treasurer 3 Penwald Close Crowland Peterborough PE6 0AQ	
Priest in Charge	The Reverend Mark Williams*	Responsibility for organising the Pastoral Offices.
Associate Priest (OLM)	Deeping Saint Nicholas,	
Churchwardens:	Mr. David Searle * Mrs. Laura Beeken *	
Deanery Synod Representatives:	Mrs Margaret Beardshaw* Mr. David Searle *	
Elected members of the PCC:	Mr. Michael Atkinson Mrs. Laura Beeken Mrs. Janet Brown Mrs. Val Capes Mrs. Linda Fox Mrs. Jane Kisbee Mr. K Smith Mrs. Carol Richardson Mr. Martin Pattenden	(2021) (2020) (2019) (2020) (2020) (2021) (2022) (Appointed 23 April 2023) (Resigned 1 December 2023)
Co-opted Member:	Mr Robert Gibbard	
Officers:	Mrs Margaret Beardshaw Mr Robert Gibbard Mrs. Linda Fox Miss E Coulhoun Mrs Janet Brown	(Chair) (Treasurer) (Electoral Roll Officer) (Secretary - appointed 23 April 2023, resigned 15 January 2024) (Secretary - resigned 23 April 2023)
Standing committee:	Mrs. Laura Beeken Mrs Margaret Beardshaw Mrs Janet Brown Mr Robert Gibbard Mr. David Searle	

* Indicates ex officio membership of the PCC

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND

Annual Report (continued)

for the year ended 31 December 2023

Structure, Governance, and Management

Crowland Abbey is a member of the Welland Local Mission Partnership (LMP), along with the Parishes of Deeping St James, Deeping St Nicholas, Market Deeping, and the Ness Group (Baston, Langtoft and Thurlby). Ministers meet regularly in chapter, and all the churches actively support one another in practical ways. Since September, following the retirement of the Revd Charles Brown, the Revd's Carolyn Bayley, Annie Billson, Sonia Marshall and Mark Williams, along with Readers Nigel Bacon and Kate Brown, have taken part in a rota to cover regular services. In addition, the Revd Mark Williams has taken responsibility for organising the Pastoral Offices (Baptisms, Weddings, and Funerals), with the services taken by the Revd's Carolyn Bailey, Georgina Holding, Sonia Marshall and Mark Williams.

The parochial church council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers' Measure. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the book Church Representation Rules.

Between PCC meetings the Standing Committee of the PCC, which includes the PCC's chair, vice-chair, secretary, treasurer, and the two churchwardens, meets when required to transact PCC business.

Church Life and aims

The PCC seeks to promote the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the ecclesiastical Parish of Crowland. It does so in accordance with the traditions of the universal Church as accepted and practised by the Church of

The PCC works with members of other Christian communities represented in Crowland through Christians Together in Crowland.

The PCC has the responsibility of maintaining the parish church, the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Bartholomew, and Saint Guthlac, popularly known as Crowland Abbey. This grade-one listed building is adjoined by the ruins of the nave of what was the church of the medieval Crowland Abbey, a Benedictine foundation.

The maintenance of these ruins, which are both a consecrated space and a scheduled ancient monument, is also the responsibility of the PCC. Although the maintenance of the magnificent church building and the strikingly beautiful ruined nave are a great responsibility for the congregation, our parish life centres, not around fundraising for the maintenance of these structures or around the tourism that their architecture attracts, but around the prayer that knits us together as a community of faith.

Services are at 11 a.m. each Sunday. The presiding ministers at these services come from the parishes within the Welland LMP. The 11 a.m. service is a Eucharist, apart from the fourth Sunday of the month, when it is an All Age Service. On the fourth Sunday a Eucharist takes place at 6 p.m. On the second Sunday of each month the congregation worships with members of Crowland Methodist Church, the service alternating between the two congregations' church buildings. When this service takes place at Crowland Methodist Church it is sometimes a service of the word.

In 2023, the average Sunday attendance was 20 (2022- 23). In 2023, we had 7 baptisms (2022 - 19), 3 weddings (2022 - 8) and 1 wedding blessing, 20 funerals were taken, of which 12 were held at the Abbey, and 12 interments of ashes.

On the second Monday of each month, a Julian group meets in the Abbey for silent prayer at 11 a.m.

In 2023, we had a very full and successful calendar of events. We held a wedding dress display in February, craft fairs in May and October and a flower festival in August. We also held a Christmas event at the end of November, a concert with Peterborough Community Orchestra in July and a joint concert between Abbey 345 and Peterborough Operatic Society in December and the very popular reenactment of the 1643 siege of Crowland Abbey in September. We also hosted a men's mental health support group for several months, hosted visiting bell ringers, offered tours to the public, U3A groups and a group from Hereford Cathedral. We also were part of a community project which saw over 6000 knitted and crocheted poppies draped from the top of the bell tower in October and November. We also invited local preschools to have a teddy bears picnic in the grounds, hosted them for harvest craft activities and invited them for several visits to look around and learn about the Abbey.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND

Annual Report (continued) for the year ended 31 December 2023

Church Life and aims (continued)

We are blessed with a group of dedicated guides who offer a welcome to visitors in the Abbey every day of the week and offer tours. Over the last year they have taken on more responsibilities, playing a key part in helping with and organising events, putting together exhibitions and generally helping to improve our engagement with the local community, enhancing the life of the Abbey.

The work on the parvise is ongoing and should be completed in 2024.

Financial results and reserves policy

The charity suffered a deficit in funding during the financial year ended 31 December 2023 amounting to £6,492.

The charity trustees are required to ensure that the charity maintains sufficient reserves to promote the mission of the church in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Crowland. Part of that is the maintenance of the Crowland Abbey, our place of Worship. This assists in the promotion of the church in this parish.

Having originated in the 8th century, the Abbey could use any funds that could ever come available. As such the trustees use Restricted Funds to secure funding for specific projects and then they must Unrestricted Funds to fund any deficit amounts. The policy is to retain sufficient funds to enable services to continue, approximately 3 months of Parish costs, i.e. £15,000, which leaves a surplus of circ. £34,654 which is available to fund other projects.

Challenges

Without doubt, the biggest challenge we face is the lack of a resident incumbent or any oversight. The LMP provides cover to ensure that the regular services and occasional offices continue. This is appreciated, and anecdotally, the congregation quite enjoy the variety of ministry. However, the lack of someone as focus for the ministry in the town is seriously hampering the outreach of the church. Whilst the reduction in occasional offices may be part of a wider trend, it is possibly exacerbated by the longer-term lack of contact and follow-up. The town continues to expand, and there is a ripe mission field, but few are able to take on this burden in a generally aging congregation.

Two areas of real concern are the roles of treasurer and verger. The current treasurer announced well in advance that he intended to move away from the area, but no replacement has yet been found, despite every effort made. It is a very real possibility that there will be no treasurer from early 2024.

The sad death of the regular verger at the end of 2022 has left a hole that it has not been possible to fill on a regular basis.

The result of this is that a very significant and heavy burden has fallen on the churchwardens – at what is an unsustainable level.

Efforts are continuing to find people to fulfil these roles.

Blessings

There is encouragement to be seen in the All-Age and children's ministry of the church, especially with the introduction of a monthly All-Age service on the 4th Sunday towards the end of 2023, and work continues to advertise and encourage new families and those new to faith or wishing to explore the idea.

The continuation of the Methodist-Anglican Partnership with Crowland Methodist Church, better known as MAP, plays the key role in our mission outreach. The Revd Mark Williams has continued to enjoy working in partnership with Revd Langley Mackrell-Hey, who acts as both the minister-in-charge of Crowland Methodist Church and the superintendent of the Peterborough Methodist Circuit, as well as lay colleagues both Anglican and Methodist to make MAP an effective instrument of Christian mission here in Crowland. Oversight for MAP and its activities lies with a committee composed of three Methodist laypersons and three Anglican laypersons.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND

Annual Report (continued)

for the year ended 31 December 2023

Blessings (continued)

MAP runs a Messy Church that meets on the second Saturday of each month in Crowland Methodist Church, and is aimed at parents and their children. MAP also sponsors the Crowland Community Larder, a food bank located at Crowland Methodist Church and Family Eats, which provides a lunch and activities for families during breaks in the school year, is also sponsored by MAP.

As the Abbey lacks a church hall, the facilities at Crowland Methodist Church have made up for this lack by providing both congregations with a space that is well suited for children's activities, socializing and more informal worship, our relationship with our Methodist sisters and brothers is a real source of hope and blessing for us.

MAP also puts up the pilgrims of Student Cross who come to Crowland each year on the Monday of Holy Week, as they walk from Leicester to Walsingham. These pilgrims are provided with an evening meal, a place to sleep, and breakfast, all at Crowland Methodist Church.

We are blessed by a congregation that encompasses people with many gifts. Their prayers and faithful service to God, both within the Abbey community and beyond it, are the heartbeat of our faith community. May God guide us as we seek to serve Christ's Church and to find new disciples for him.

We are blessed by a congregation that encompasses people with many gifts. Their prayers and faithful service to God, both within the Abbey community and beyond it, are the heartbeat of our faith community

May God guide us as we seek to serve Christ's Church and to find new disciples for him.

On behalf of Crowland PCC,



Mrs. Laura Beeken
Churchwarden

Date: 21st MARCH 2024

**Independent Examiner's Report to
the Trustees of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Crowland**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on pages 6 to 10.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records

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



.....
K. J. Maggs F.C.A., B.A.
Chartered Accountants

Dated: 22 March.....**2024**

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND

Receipts and Payments Account

for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	
	Funds	Funds	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Voluntary Income				
Gift Aid donations	6,072	2,830	8,902	8,030
Income tax recovered	4,611	-	4,611	3,224
Open plate collections at all services	1,680	1,220	2,900	4,819
Donations	11,127	-	11,127	6,898
Legacies	-	1,808	1,808	11,750
Grants	-	1,500	1,500	-
Collections for other causes	-	453	453	7,520
	<u>23,490</u>	<u>7,811</u>	<u>31,301</u>	<u>42,241</u>
Fundraising				
Flower Festival	4,109	-	4,109	1,689
Bookstall	3,678	-	3,678	6,323
Other fundraising activities	8,788	310	9,098	20,569
	<u>16,575</u>	<u>310</u>	<u>16,885</u>	<u>28,581</u>
Income from investments				
Dividends and interest	1,472	-	1,472	927
	<u>1,472</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,472</u>	<u>927</u>
Income from church activities				
Fees	11,967	-	11,967	12,191
Other income	2,164	-	2,164	2,207
	<u>14,131</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,131</u>	<u>14,398</u>
Other income				
VAT recovered	303	-	303	1,066
	<u>303</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>303</u>	<u>1,066</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u><u>55,971</u></u>	<u><u>8,121</u></u>	<u><u>64,092</u></u>	<u><u>87,213</u></u>
PAYMENTS				
Church Activities and Governance				
Ministry: Diocesan parish share	22,774	-	22,774	21,500
Church running and maintenance	7,132	547	7,679	5,568
Power	8,199	-	8,199	6,902
Insurance	7,490	-	7,490	6,648
Fees for organist, choir, bell ringers, etc	2,200	-	2,200	130
Major restoration work	8,442	-	8,442	1,498
Visitor's Centre	37	842	879	955
Administration costs	2,268	-	2,268	940
Independent examination fees	460	-	460	552
	<u>59,002</u>	<u>1,389</u>	<u>60,391</u>	<u>44,693</u>
Fundraising Costs				
Fundraising Costs	1,702	-	1,702	257
Bookstall Costs	1,759	-	1,759	2,868
	<u>3,461</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,461</u>	<u>3,125</u>
Other outgoings				
Collections for other causes	-	265	265	7,687
	<u>-</u>	<u>265</u>	<u>265</u>	<u>7,687</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u><u>62,463</u></u>	<u><u>1,654</u></u>	<u><u>64,117</u></u>	<u><u>55,505</u></u>

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND

Reconciliation of Cash Flows and Statement of Net Assets

At 31 December 2023

RECONCILIATION OF CASH FLOWS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	2022 £
Total receipts	55,971	8,121	64,092	87,213
Total payments	62,463	1,654	64,117	55,505
Net (payments) / receipts	<u>(6,492)</u>	<u>6,467</u>	<u>(25)</u>	<u>31,708</u>
Transfers between funds	(7)	7	-	-
Cash funds at 1 January	56,153	49,490	105,643	73,935
Cash funds at 31 December	<u>49,654</u>	<u>55,964</u>	<u>105,618</u>	<u>105,643</u>


STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	2022 £
CASH FUNDS				
Barclays Bank Plc				
Community account	1,641	205	1,846	11,646
Money Held for Agencies	-	259	259	447
Active Saver account	13,000	48,500	61,500	60
Virgin Money Plc	35,013	7,000	42,013	93,490
	<u>49,654</u>	<u>55,964</u>	<u>105,618</u>	<u>105,643</u>
MONETARY LIABILITY				
Agency collections	-	259	259	447
Independent examiner's fee	475	-	475	460
	<u>475</u>	<u>259</u>	<u>734</u>	<u>907</u>

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



Mrs Margaret Beardshaw
 (Chairman)



Robert Gibbard
 (Treasurer)

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND

Notes to the Accounts

for the year ended 31 December 2023

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the exemptions applicable under section 133 of the Charities Act 2011.

The statements of financial activities has been prepared on a receipts and payments basis which is a consistent basis to previous years.

The Statements of Assets shows the assets of the charity and any amounts due to or owed by the charity. The statement will not include any provisions for liabilities and charges. The trustees are of the opinion that should any significant matters arise prior to the year end, they will disclose them within the notes to the financial statements.

The Financial Statements 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, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

(b) Funds

Restricted funds represent:

- (i) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and
- (ii) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object.

The funds may only be expended on the purpose for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds represent:

- (iii) general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.
- (iv) designated funds which are used for a purpose specified by the trustees.

(c) Resources Used

- (i) Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over.
- (ii) The diocesan parish share is accounted for when paid.
- (iii) Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds.

(d) Fixed Assets

- (i) Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.
- (ii) Moveable church furnishings held by the priest and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the Church's inventory which can be inspected at any reasonable time.
- (iii) For items acquired prior to 2000, there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

for the year ended 31 December 2023

2 FUND MOVEMENTS

		Year ended 31 December 2023				
	Balance 1 Jan £	Funds Added £	Funds Used £	Funds Transferred £	Balance 31 Dec £	
(a) Unrestricted Funds						
General PCC Fund	<u>56,153</u>	<u>55,971</u>	<u>(62,463)</u>	<u>(7)</u>	<u>49,654</u>	
		Year ended 30 December 2022				
	Balance 1 Jan £	Funds Added £	Funds Used £	Funds Transferred £	Balance 31 Dec £	
General PCC Fund	<u>45,552</u>	<u>57,206</u>	<u>(46,605)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>56,153</u>	
		Year ended 31 December 2023				
	Balance 1 Jan £	Funds Added £	Funds Used £	Funds Transferred £	Balance 31 Dec £	
(b) Restricted Funds						
Window restoration fund	31,236	5,934	-	-	37,170	
Path restoration fund	4,491	-	-	-	4,491	
Fabric fund	-	1,000	-	-	1,000	
Bell fund	989	300	-	-	1,289	
Visitors' Centre	835	-	(842)	7	-	
Agency collections	447	453	(265)	-	635	
Music fund	<u>11,492</u>	<u>434</u>	<u>(547)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,379</u>	
	<u>49,490</u>	<u>8,121</u>	<u>(1,654)</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>55,964</u>	
		Year ended 30 December 2022				
	Balance 1 Jan £	Funds Added £	Funds Used £	Funds Transferred £	Balance 31 Dec £	
Window restoration fund	21,255	9,499	-	482	31,236	
Path restoration fund	4,491	-	-	-	4,491	
Bell fund	341	300	-	348	989	
Visitors' Centre	1,682	-	(955)	108	835	
Agency collections	614	7,520	(7,687)	-	447	
Music fund	-	11,750	(258)	-	11,492	
Book fund	-	938	-	(938)	-	
	<u>28,383</u>	<u>30,007</u>	<u>(8,900)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>49,490</u>	

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

for the year ended 31 December 2023

3 FUND COMPARATIVES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
RECEIPTS			
Voluntary Income			
Gift Aid Donations	7,730	300	8,030
Income tax recovered	3,224	-	3,224
Open plate collections at all services	3,390	1,429	4,819
Donations	6,898	-	6,898
Legacies	-	11,750	11,750
Collections for other causes	-	7,520	7,520
	<u>21,242</u>	<u>20,999</u>	<u>42,241</u>
Fundraising			
Flower Festival	1,689	-	1,689
Bookstall	5,385	938	6,323
Other fundraising activities	12,499	8,070	20,569
	<u>19,573</u>	<u>9,008</u>	<u>28,581</u>
Income from investments			
Dividends and interest	927	-	927
Income from church activities			
Fees	12,191	-	12,191
Other income	2,207	-	2,207
	<u>14,398</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,398</u>
Other income			
VAT recovered	1,066	-	1,066
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u><u>57,206</u></u>	<u><u>30,007</u></u>	<u><u>87,213</u></u>
PAYMENTS			
Church Activities			
Ministry: Diocesan parish share	21,500	-	21,500
Church running and maintenance	5,310	258	5,568
Power	6,902	-	6,902
Insurance	6,648	-	6,648
Fees for organist, choir bell ringers, etc	130	-	130
Major restoration work	1,498	-	1,498
Visitor's Centre	-	955	955
Administration costs	940	-	940
Independent examiner fees	552	-	552
	<u>43,480</u>	<u>1,213</u>	<u>44,693</u>
Fundraising Costs			
Fundraising Costs	257	-	257
Bookstall Costs	2,868	-	2,868
	<u>3,125</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,125</u>
Other outgoings			
Collections for other causes	-	7,687	7,687
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u><u>46,605</u></u>	<u><u>8,900</u></u>	<u><u>55,505</u></u>

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND

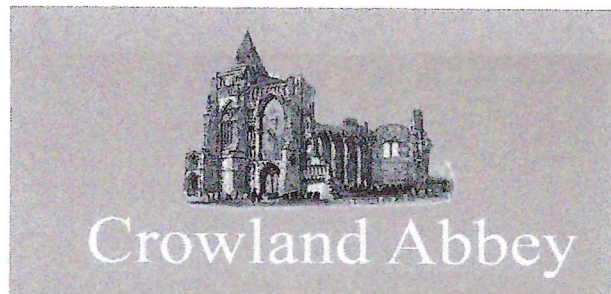
England & Wales - Charity number 1153258

Accounts

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND
CHARITY COMMISSION REGISTERED NO. 1153258
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

for the year ended

31 December 2022



THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND

Index

- 1 - 4** Annual Report
- 5** Independent Examiners Report
- 6** Receipts and Payments Account
- 7** Reconciliation of Cash Flows and Statement of Net Assets
- 8 - 10** Notes to the Accounts

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND
Annual Report
for the year ended 31 December 2022

The trustees present their report with the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022. The trustees have adopted the presentation of financial statements which complies with Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and the charity's constitution.

Administrative Information

The Parish of Crowland is situated in the market town of Crowland, Lincolnshire. It is part of the Deanery of Elloe West within the Church of England's Diocese of Lincoln. Crowland Parochial Church Council is registered as a charity with the Charities Commission.

Correspondence Address:	The Reverend Mark Williams The Vicarage 16 Church Street Deeping St James Peterborough PE6 8HD	
Priest in Charge	The Reverend Mark Williams*	(Appointed 1 September 2022)
	The Reverend Charles Brown	(Resigned 1 September 2022)
Associate Priest (OLM)	Deeping Saint Nicholas,	
Churchwardens:	Mr. David Searle *	
	Mrs. Laura Beeken *	(Appointed 24 April 2022)
	Mrs Val Capes*	(Resigned 24 April 2022)
	Mrs Beryl Morton*	(Resigned 24 April 2022)
Deanery Synod Representatives:	Mrs Margaret Beardshaw*	
	Mr. David Searle *	
Elected members of the PCC:	Mr. Michael Atkinson	(2021)
	Mrs. Laura Beeken	(2020)
	Mrs. Janet Brown	(2019)
	Mrs Val Capes	(2020)
	Mrs. Linda Fox	(2020)
	Mrs. Valerie Heil	(Resigned 24 April 2022)
	Mrs. Jane Kisbee	(2021)
	Mr. Martin Pattenden	(2020)
	Mrs. Freda Sanderson	(Deceased 24 April 2022)
Co-opted Member:	Mr Robert Gibbard	
Officers:	The Reverend Charles Brown	(Resigned 1 September 2022)
	Mrs Margaret Beardshaw	(Chair)
	Mrs Janet Brown	(Secretary)
	Mr Robert Gibbard	(Treasurer)
	Mrs. Linda Fox	(Electoral Roll Officer)
	Mrs Valerie Heil	(Resigned 24 April 2022)
Standing committee:	Mrs. Laura Beeken	
	Mrs Margaret Beardshaw	
	Mrs Janet Brown	
	Mrs Val Capes	(Resigned 24 April 2022)
	Mr Robert Gibbard	
	Mrs Beryl Morton	(Resigned 24 April 2022)
	Mr. David Searle	

* Indicates ex officio membership of the PCC

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND

Annual Report (continued)

for the year ended 31 December 2022

Structure, Governance, and Management

Crowland Abbey is a member of the Welland Local Mission Partnership (LMP), along with the Parishes of Deeping St James, Deeping St Nicholas, Market Deeping, and the Ness Group (Baston, Langtoft and Thurlby). Ministers meet regularly in chapter, and all the churches actively support one another in practical ways. Since September, following the retirement of the Revd Charles Brown, the Revd's Carolyn Bayley, Annie Billson, Sonia Marshall and Mark Williams, along with Readers Nigel Bacon and Kate Brown, have taken part in a rota to cover regular services. In addition, the Revd Mark Williams has taken responsibility for the Pastoral Offices (Baptisms, Weddings, and Funerals).

The parochial church council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers' Measure. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the book Church Representation Rules.

Between PCC meetings the Standing Committee of the PCC, which includes the PCC's chair, vice-chair, secretary, treasurer, and the two churchwardens, meets when required to transact PCC business.

Church Life and aims

The PCC seeks to promote the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the ecclesiastical Parish of Crowland. It does so in accordance with the traditions of the universal Church as accepted and practised by the Church of

The PCC works with members of other Christian communities represented in Crowland through Christians Together in Crowland.

The PCC has the responsibility of maintaining the parish church, the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Bartholomew, and Saint Guthlac, popularly known as Crowland Abbey. This grade-one listed building is adjoined by the ruins of the nave of what was the church of the medieval Crowland Abbey, a Benedictine foundation.

The maintenance of these ruins, which are both a consecrated space and a scheduled ancient monument, is also the responsibility of the PCC. Although the maintenance of the magnificent church building and the strikingly beautiful ruined nave are a great responsibility for the congregation, our parish life centres, not around fundraising for the maintenance of these structures or around the tourism that their architecture attracts, but around the prayer that knits us together as a community of faith.

Services are at 11 a.m. each Sunday, the Sunday service at 7.45 a.m. having been discontinued after the departure of Mr. Brown. The presiding ministers at these services come from the parishes within the Welland Local Mission Partnership. The 11 a.m. service is a eucharist, apart from the fourth Sunday of the month, when it is morning prayer. On the fourth Sunday a eucharist takes place at 6 p.m. On the second Sunday of each month the congregation worships with members of Crowland Methodist Church, the service alternating between the two congregations' church buildings. When this service takes place at Crowland Methodist Church it is sometimes a service of the word. A special service was held to mark the Queen's platinum jubilee. In the days leading up to her funeral a book of condolence was placed in the Abbey for visitors to sign.

In 2022, the average Sunday attendance was 23. We averaged 20 people at the services of Sunday evening prayer via Zoom, which took place until Mr. Brown left. In 2022, we had 19 baptisms, 8 weddings,

Until his departure Mr. Brown conducted a weekly Bible study via Zoom. He and Mr. Mackrell-Hey conducted a five-session Lent course via Zoom in 2022.

On the second Monday of each month, a Julian group meets in the Abbey for silent prayer at 11 a.m.

In 2022, we held a craft fair in May, a flower festival in August, and a craft fair in October. We also hosted a concert in the summer by guitarist Remi Harris. On several occasions over the year we had choral evensong and a concert by guest choirs.

It is hoped that the work on the parvise will finish in 2023. Work on the trees in the churchyard has been completed. It is hoped that the work on the windows can also be completed in 2023.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND

Annual Report (continued)

for the year ended 31 December 2022

Challenges

As is true for most Christian congregations in the U.K., we face the challenge of making new disciples. But we are heartened by what has been happening as a result of the work of the Methodist-Anglican Partnership, whose work is detailed in the next section.

We have to acknowledge, that there are far fewer of us attending worship services at Crowland Abbey than there were sixteen years ago and it is all too easy to be pessimistic about the future of the Christian faith in Crowland, especially as most of those who attend Sunday worship in Crowland, be they Anglican or Methodist, are quite mature in age.

But, God is still with us, and God's ways are not our ways. The Church is not going to die in this part of the world. It may change shape, but it will not die.

Our Christian belief is that God has created us in order that we might come to know God. We think that is what Genesis tells us when it says that we were created in God's image (Genesis 1:27). Being created in God's image does not mean that we look like God, but that we have been created to be in spiritual communion with God. The French philosopher, Blaise Pascal, put it another way when he wrote that we humans have been created with a God-shaped hole in our hearts. In other words, there is a part of us that yearns for spiritual comfort and fulfilment, comfort and fulfilment that we can only get from God. Saint Augustine said the same thing when he wrote of our hearts' being restless until they find their rest in God.

The problem is that many people today search for this fulfilment in the wrong places. It is our job as Christians to help them find the fulfilment that only God can give. To do this, we need to convince the community that we are ready to listen respectfully to the spiritual questions of folk who are outside the Church but are wanting to talk about what gives meaning and purpose to life. There are many such folk out there.

Our task is to show them that we Christians are here to be available to them and listen to them without seeking to cram religion down their throats. No one in our Methodist or Anglican congregations would think of cramming religion down anyone's throat, but sadly I think the Church suffers from the stereotype that this will be the case for anyone who dares to walk in the church door.

So please know, you who are not part of the Church but would like to talk about faith, that you will be welcomed with sympathy if you come to one of our services or contact one of our church leaders and if you are not yet ready to attend a service, come along to the Abbey at one of our events, where you can informally meet not only people who belong to Crowland's many community organizations, but Christians as well.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND

Annual Report (continued)

for the year ended 31 December 2022

Blessings

The formation of the Methodist-Anglican Partnership, better known as MAP, plays the key role in our mission outreach. MAP is essentially our partnership in mission with Crowland Methodist Church. I have enjoyed working in partnership with Reverend Langley Mackrell-Hey, who acts as both the minister-in-charge of Crowland Methodist Church and the superintendent of the Peterborough Methodist Circuit, as well as lay colleagues both Anglican and Methodist to make MAP an effective instrument of Christian mission here in Crowland. Oversight for MAP and its activities lies with a committee composed of three Methodist laypersons and three Anglican laypersons, plus myself and Mr. Mackrell-Hey.

MAP sponsors a Messy Church that meets on the second Saturday of each month in Crowland Methodist Church. On the third Saturday of each month MAP holds a Who Let the Dads Out? event in Crowland Methodist Church. Both Messy Church and Who Let the Dads Out? are aimed at parents and their children. In September 2022, MAP organized a community fair in the Abbey. All the volunteer groups in Crowland were invited to have stalls at this event, which was designed to show the many newcomers to Crowland what the town has to offer in the way of activities. As Crowland has experienced a significant growth in its population within the last three years, it was hoped that this fair would be an occasion when these newcomers could learn not only about the many volunteer groups in the town, but also get to know some members of our Anglican and Methodist congregations.

MAP also sponsors the Crowland Community Larder, a food bank located at Crowland Methodist Church. MAP and the charity, Hope into Action, sponsor a home for marginalized people in Crowland. A mother and her young son are currently living there. Family Eats, which provides a lunch and activities for families during breaks in the school year, is also sponsored by MAP.

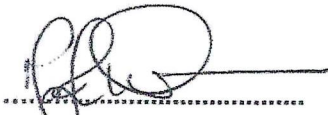
As the Abbey lacks a church hall, the facilities at Crowland Methodist Church have made up for this lack by providing both congregations with a space that is well suited for children's activities, socializing, and more informal worship. Our relationship with our Methodist sisters and brothers is a real source of hope and blessing for us.

MAP also puts up the pilgrims of Student Cross who come to Crowland each year on the Monday of Holy Week, as they walk from Leicester to Walsingham. These pilgrims are provided with an evening meal, a place to sleep, and breakfast, all at Crowland Methodist Church.

We are blessed by a congregation that encompasses people with many gifts. Their prayers and faithful service to God, both within the Abbey community and beyond it, are the heartbeat of our faith community

May God guide us as we seek to serve Christ's Church and to find new disciples for him.

On behalf of Crowland PCC,



Date: 26.4.23.

The Reverend Mark Williams

Priest-in-charge, Crowland Parish,
Crowland PCC

*Vicar of Deeping St James,
with Pastoral Oversight for Crowland Abbey + Parish.*

**Independent Examiner's Report to
the Trustees of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Crowland**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022 which are set out on pages 6 to 10.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').


I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records

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


.....
K. J. Maggs F.C.A./B.A.
Chartered Accountants

Dated: 28 April 2023

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND

Receipts and Payments Account

for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	
	Funds	Funds	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Voluntary Income				
Gift Aid donations	7,730	300	8,030	9,173
Income tax recovered	3,224	-	3,224	2,553
Open plate collections at all services	3,390	1,429	4,819	3,421
Donations	6,898	-	6,898	3,329
Legacies	-	11,750	11,750	500
Collections for other causes	-	7,520	7,520	6,194
	<u>21,242</u>	<u>20,999</u>	<u>42,241</u>	<u>25,170</u>
Fundraising				
Flower Festival	1,689	-	1,689	-
Bookstall	5,385	938	6,323	2,366
Other fundraising activities	12,499	8,070	20,569	7,318
	<u>19,573</u>	<u>9,008</u>	<u>28,581</u>	<u>9,684</u>
Income from investments				
Dividends and interest	927	-	927	867
Income from church activities				
Fees	12,191	-	12,191	12,649
Other income	2,207	-	2,207	464
	<u>14,398</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,398</u>	<u>13,113</u>
Other income				
VAT recovered	1,066	-	1,066	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>57,206</u>	<u>30,007</u>	<u>87,213</u>	<u>48,834</u>
PAYMENTS				
Church Activities and Governance				
Ministry: Diocesan parish share	21,500	-	21,500	20,000
Church running and maintenance	5,310	258	5,568	7,093
Power	6,902	-	6,902	2,909
Insurance	6,648	-	6,648	6,631
Fees for organist, choir, bell ringers, etc	130	-	130	39
Major restoration work	1,498	-	1,498	4,117
Visitor's Centre	-	955	955	998
Administration costs	940	-	940	359
Independent examination fees	552	-	552	528
	<u>43,480</u>	<u>1,213</u>	<u>44,693</u>	<u>42,674</u>
Fundraising Costs				
Fundraising Costs	257	-	257	20
Bookstall Costs	2,868	-	2,868	2,011
	<u>3,125</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,125</u>	<u>2,031</u>
Other outgoings				
Collections for other causes	-	7,687	7,687	5,169
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>46,605</u>	<u>8,900</u>	<u>55,505</u>	<u>49,874</u>

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND

Reconciliation of Cash Flows and Statement of Net Assets

At 31 December 2022

RECONCILIATION OF CASH FLOWS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	2021 £
Total receipts	57,206	30,007	87,213	48,834
Total payments	<u>46,605</u>	<u>8,900</u>	<u>55,505</u>	<u>49,874</u>
Net receipts / (payments)	<u>10,601</u>	<u>21,107</u>	<u>31,708</u>	<u>(1,040)</u>
Cash funds at 1 January	<u>44,938</u>	<u>28,997</u>	<u>73,935</u>	<u>74,975</u>
Cash funds at 31 December	<u><u>55,539</u></u>	<u><u>50,104</u></u>	<u><u>105,643</u></u>	<u><u>73,935</u></u>


STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	2021 £
CASH FUNDS				
Barclays Bank Plc				
Community account	3,646	8,000	11,646	2,260
Money Held for Agencies	-	447	447	614
Active Saver account	60	-	60	60
Virgin Money Plc	<u>51,833</u>	<u>41,657</u>	<u>93,490</u>	<u>71,001</u>
	<u><u>55,539</u></u>	<u><u>50,104</u></u>	<u><u>105,643</u></u>	<u><u>73,935</u></u>
MONETARY LIABILITY				
Agency collections	-	447	447	614
Independent examiner's fee	<u>546</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>460</u>	<u>528</u>
	<u><u>546</u></u>	<u><u>447</u></u>	<u><u>907</u></u>	<u><u>1,142</u></u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council and signed on its behalf on 23rd APRIL by: 2023



Mrs Margaret Beardshaw
 (Chairman)



Robert Gibbard
 (Treasurer)

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND

Notes to the Accounts

for the year ended 31 December 2022

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the exemptions applicable under section 133 of the Charities Act 2011.

The statements of financial activities has been prepared on a receipts and payments basis which is a consistent basis to previous years.

The Statements of Assets shows the assets of the charity and any amounts due to or owed by the charity. The statement will not include any provisions for liabilities and charges. The trustees are of the opinion that should any significant matters arise prior to the year end, they will disclose them within the notes to the financial statements.

The Financial Statements 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, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

(b) Funds

Restricted funds represent:

- (i) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and
- (ii) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object.

The funds may only be expended on the purpose for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds represent:

- (iii) general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.
- (iv) designated funds which are used for a purpose specified by the trustees.

(c) Resources Used

- (i) Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over.
- (ii) The diocesan parish share is accounted for when paid.
- (iii) Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds.

(d) Fixed Assets

- (i) Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.
- (ii) Moveable church furnishings held by the priest and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the Church's inventory which can be inspected at any reasonable time.
- (iii) For items acquired prior to 2000, there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

for the year ended 31 December 2022

2 FUND MOVEMENTS

	Year ended 31 December 2022				
	Balance 1 Jan £	Funds Added £	Funds Used £	Funds Transferred £	Balance 31 Dec £
(a) Unrestricted Funds					
General PCC Fund	<u>44,938</u>	<u>57,206</u>	<u>(46,605)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>55,539</u>
	Year ended 30 December 2021				
	Balance 1 Jan £	Funds Added £	Funds Used £	Funds Transferred £	Balance 31 Dec £
General PCC Fund	<u>49,313</u>	<u>39,040</u>	<u>(43,415)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>44,938</u>
	Year ended 31 December 2022				
	Balance 1 Jan £	Funds Added £	Funds Used £	Funds Transferred £	Balance 31 Dec £
(b) Restricted Funds					
Window restoration fund	21,255	9,499	-	482	31,236
Path restoration fund	4,491	-	-	-	4,491
Fabric fund	-	-	-	-	-
Bell fund	341	300	-	348	989
Visitors' Centre	1,682	-	(955)	108	835
Agency collections	1,228	7,520	(7,687)	-	1,061
Music fund	-	11,750	(258)	-	11,492
	<u>28,997</u>	<u>29,069</u>	<u>(8,900)</u>	<u>938</u>	<u>50,104</u>
	Year ended 30 December 2021				
	Balance 1 Jan £	Funds Added £	Funds Used £	Funds Transferred £	Balance 31 Dec £
Window restoration fund	17,955	3,300	-	-	21,255
Path restoration fund	4,491	-	-	-	4,491
Fabric fund	40	-	(40)	-	-
Bell fund	293	300	(252)	-	341
Visitors' Centre	2,680	-	(998)	-	1,682
Agency collections	203	6,194	(5,169)	-	1,228
	<u>25,662</u>	<u>9,794</u>	<u>(6,459)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,997</u>

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

for the year ended 31 December 2022

3 FUND COMPARATIVES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
RECEIPTS			
Voluntary Income			
Gift Aid Donations	8,633	540	9,173
Income tax recovered	2,553	-	2,553
Open plate collections at all services	3,111	310	3,421
Donations	3,329	-	3,329
Legacies	-	500	500
Collections for other causes	-	6,194	6,194
	<u>17,626</u>	<u>7,544</u>	<u>25,170</u>
Fundraising			
Bookstall	2,366	-	2,366
Other fundraising activities	5,068	2,250	7,318
	<u>7,434</u>	<u>2,250</u>	<u>9,684</u>
Income from investments			
Dividends and interest	867	-	867
Income from church activities			
Fees	12,649	-	12,649
Other income	464	-	464
	<u>13,113</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,113</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u><u>39,040</u></u>	<u><u>9,794</u></u>	<u><u>48,834</u></u>
PAYMENTS			
Church Activities			
Ministry: Diocesan parish share	20,000	-	20,000
Church running and maintenance	6,801	292	7,093
Power	2,909	-	2,909
Insurance	6,631	-	6,631
Fees for organist, choir bell ringers, etc	39	-	39
Major restoration work	4,117	-	4,117
Visitor's Centre	-	998	998
Administration costs	359	-	359
Independent examiner fees	528	-	528
	<u>41,384</u>	<u>1,290</u>	<u>42,674</u>
Fundraising Costs			
Fundraising Costs	20	-	20
Bookstall Costs	2,011	-	2,011
	<u>2,031</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,031</u>
Other outgoings			
Collections for other causes	-	5,169	5,169
	<u>-</u>	<u>5,169</u>	<u>5,169</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u><u>43,415</u></u>	<u><u>6,459</u></u>	<u><u>49,874</u></u>

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND

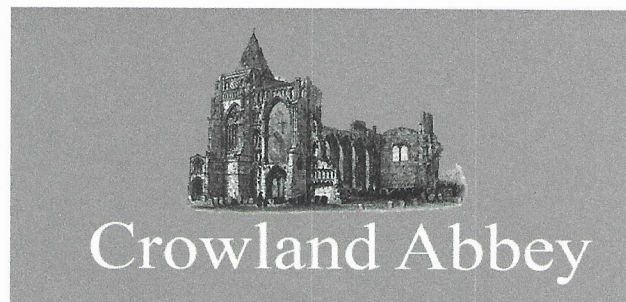
England & Wales - Charity number 1153258

Accounts

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND
CHARITY COMMISSION REGISTERED NO. 1153258
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

for the year ended

31 December 2021



THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND

Index

- 1 - 3 Annual Report
- 4 Independent Examiners Report
- 5 Receipts and Payments Account
- 6 Reconciliation of Cash Flows and Statement of Net Assets
- 7 - 9 Notes to the Accounts

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND

Annual Report

for the year ended 31 December 2021

The trustees present their report with the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021. The trustees have adopted the presentation of financial statements which complies with Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and the charity's constitution.

Administrative Information

The Parish of Crowland is situated in the market town of Crowland, Lincolnshire. It is part of the Deanery of Elloe West within the Church of England's Diocese of Lincoln. Crowland Parochial Church Council is registered as a charity with the Charities Commission.

Correspondence Address:	The Revd. Charles Brown The Abbey Rectory 46 East Street Crowland PE6 0EN
Priest in Charge	The Revd. Charles Brown*
Associate Priest (OLM)	The Revd. Annie Billson* (retired September 2021)
Churchwardens:	Mrs Val Capes* Mrs Beryl Morton*
Deanery Synod Representatives:	Mrs Margaret Beardshaw* Mr. David Searle *
Elected members of the PCC:	Mr. Peter Armstrong (2020)** (resigned) Mr. Michael Atkinson (2021) Mrs. Laura Beeken (2020) Mrs. Janet Brown (2019) Mrs. Linda Fox (2020) Mrs. Valerie Heil (2019) Mrs. Jane Kisbee (2021) Mr. Martin Pattenden (2020) Mrs. Freda Sanderson (2021)
Co-opted Member:	Mr Robert Gibbard
Officers:	The Revd Charles Brown (Chair) Mrs Margaret Beardshaw (Vice-Chair) Mrs Janet Brown (Secretary) Mr Robert Gibbard (Treasurer) Mrs Valerie Heil (Electoral Roll Officer)
Standing committee:	The Revd. Charles Brown Mrs Margaret Beardshaw Mrs Janet Brown Mrs Val Capes Mr Robert Gibbard Mrs Beryl Morton

* Indicates ex officio membership of the PCC

** Indicates year of election to the PCC

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND

Annual Report (continued)

for the year ended 31 December 2021

Structure, Governance, and Management

The parochial church council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers' Measure. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the book Church Representation Rules.

Between PCC meetings the Standing Committee of the PCC, which includes the PCC's chair, vice-chair, secretary, treasurer, and the two churchwardens, meets when required to transact PCC business.

Church Life

The PCC seeks to promote the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the ecclesiastical Parish of Crowland. It does so in accordance with the traditions of the universal Church as accepted and practised by the Church of England. The PCC works with members of other Christian communities represented in Crowland through Christians Together in Crowland. The PCC has the responsibility of maintaining the parish church, the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Bartholomew, and Saint Guthlac, popularly known as Crowland Abbey. This grade-one listed building is adjoined by the ruins of the nave of what was the church of the medieval Crowland Abbey, a Benedictine foundation. The maintenance of these ruins, which are both a consecrated space and a scheduled ancient monument, is also the responsibility of the PCC. Although the maintenance of the magnificent church building and the strikingly beautiful ruined nave are a great responsibility for the congregation, our parish life centres, not around fundraising for the maintenance of these structures or around the tourism that their architecture attracts, but around the prayer that knits us together as a community of faith.

Owing to the pandemic in the first three months of 2021 we had one Sunday service at 11 a.m. via Zoom. Attendance at these Zoom services averaged 35 persons each Sunday. On Easter Day, 4 April 2021, we began having Sunday services in the Abbey at 7.45 a.m. and 11 a.m. If we look at the combined attendance for both of these Sunday services, from April 2021 to the end of February 2022 we averaged 23 persons coming to church on a weekly basis. From 4 April 2021 we have had evening prayer almost every Sunday at 8 p.m. via Zoom. Attendance at these services from April 2021 to the end of February 2022 has averaged 14 per week. Our electoral roll contains 70 persons. In 2021 we had 9 baptisms, 6 weddings, and 36 funerals. Zoom has proved useful for study groups.

As our numbers at Sunday services have decreased we have begun worshipping in a more intimate way in the nave, using a small nave altar.

On account of the pandemic we had no spring craft fair, flower festival, or concerts in 2021, although in October we did have an autumn fair, which was well attended, and in November a Spalding theatre group put on *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* with children as the actors.

We are pleased that we now have diocesan approval for making the parvise into an Orthodox chapel, work which will take place in 2022. As we now have permission to repair and guard the last three windows in need of work, we hope this work can take place in 2022.

We hope to resume having concerts and other events here in the summer of 2022.

Challenges

As is true for most Christian congregations in the U.K., we face the challenge of making new disciples. But we are heartened by what has been happening as a result of the work of the Methodist-Anglican Partnership, whose work is detailed in the next section.

Owing to the pandemic, 2021, like 2020, was a challenging year when it came to our church's finances. Income from collections made at worship services as well as donations from visitors dropped significantly. We were also unable to host two of our traditional fundraising events.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND

Annual Report (continued)

for the year ended 31 December 2021

Blessings

The formation of the Methodist-Anglican Partnership, better known as MAP, plays the key role in our mission outreach. MAP is essentially our partnership in mission with Crowland Methodist Church. I have enjoyed working in partnership with Reverend Langley Mackrell-Hey, who acts as both the minister-in-charge of Crowland Methodist Church and the superintendent of the Peterborough Methodist Circuit, as well as lay colleagues both Anglican and Methodist to make MAP an effective instrument of Christian mission here in Crowland. Oversight for MAP and its activities lies with a committee composed of three Methodist laypersons and three Anglican laypersons, plus myself and Mr. Mackrell-Hey.

In the autumn of 2021 our two congregations, Anglican and Methodist, met together twice in a café church setting to discuss the way forward for our mission. It was decided that we would re-start Messy Church and try a new initiative aimed at fathers and their children called 'Who Let the Dads Out?' We also spoke of re-starting our youth group and setting up a men's shed. As the pandemic appears to be waning, we are now hoping to realize these initiatives. MAP's Explorers Group of about 7 people continues to meet via Zoom. In 2021 MAP organized a Lent course via Zoom. The course was based on a book by our archdeacon, Justine Allain-Chapman. I am pleased to report that the mother and son living in the Crowland home provided for them by the Peterborough charity, Hope into Action, have found their feet and are now looking for a home of their own. In 2021 the Crowland Larder has supported an average of between 15 and 20 families once every two weeks. At Christmas 2021 they distributed 22 food hampers to families in need. The Family Eats programme, aimed especially at families in need, continued in 2021. This programme provides a meal and activities for families and their children during the school holidays.


An important development over the past year has been the decision, taken by the church councils of both the Methodists and the Anglicans, that we should worship together once a month instead of just once a quarter. This means that six times a year we shall go to Crowland Methodist Church for our main act of Sunday worship, and six times a year Crowland Methodists will come to the Abbey for their Sunday

As the Abbey lacks a church hall, the facilities at Crowland Methodist Church have made up for this lack by providing both congregations with a space that is well suited for children's activities, socializing, and more informal worship. Our relationship with our Methodist sisters and brothers is a real source of hope and blessing for us.

We are blessed by a congregation that encompasses people with many gifts. Their prayers and faithful service to God, both within the Abbey community and beyond it, are the heartbeat of our faith community.

May God guide us as we seek to serve Christ's Church and to find new disciples for him.

On behalf of Crowland PCC,



The Revd. Charles Brown
Priest-in-charge, Crowland Parish
and Chair, Crowland PCC

Date: 29 March 2022

**Independent Examiner's Report to
the Trustees of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Crowland**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021 which are set out on pages 5 to 9 .

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

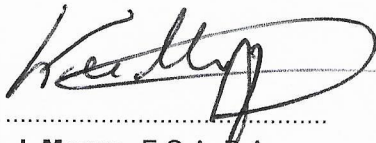
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records

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



.....
K. J. Maggs F.C.A., B.A.
Moore Thompson
Chartered Accountants

Dated: 4 April 2022

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND

Receipts and Payments Account

for the year ended 31 December 2021

RECEIPTS	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	
	Funds	Funds	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Voluntary Income				
Gift Aid donations	8,633	540	9,173	8,495
Income tax recovered	2,553	-	2,553	4,048
Open plate collections at all services	3,111	310	3,421	3,642
Donations	3,329	-	3,329	2,330
Legacies	-	500	500	10,153
Collections for other causes	-	5,580	5,580	3,908
	<u>17,626</u>	<u>6,930</u>	<u>24,556</u>	<u>32,576</u>
Fundraising				
Flower Festival	-	-	-	-
Bookstall	2,366	-	2,366	430
Other fundraising activities	5,068	2,250	7,318	7,321
	<u>7,434</u>	<u>2,250</u>	<u>9,684</u>	<u>7,751</u>
Income from investments				
Dividends and interest	867	-	867	1,193
Income from church activities				
Fees	12,649	-	12,649	8,289
Other income	464	-	464	135
	<u>13,113</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,113</u>	<u>8,424</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u><u>39,040</u></u>	<u><u>9,180</u></u>	<u><u>48,220</u></u>	<u><u>49,944</u></u>
PAYMENTS				
Church Activities and Governance				
Ministry: Diocesan parish share	20,000	-	20,000	30,199
Church running and maintenance	6,801	292	7,093	3,898
Power	2,909	-	2,909	4,860
Insurance	6,631	-	6,631	6,860
Fees for organist, choir, bell ringers, etc	39	-	39	307
Major restoration work	4,117	-	4,117	-
Visitor's Centre	-	998	998	2,803
Administration costs	359	-	359	51
Independent examination fees	528	-	528	510
	<u>41,384</u>	<u>1,290</u>	<u>42,674</u>	<u>49,488</u>
Fundraising Costs				
Fundraising Costs	20	-	20	1,117
Bookstall Costs	2,011	-	2,011	602
	<u>2,031</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,031</u>	<u>1,719</u>
Other outgoings				
Collections for other causes	-	5,169	5,169	3,705
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u><u>43,415</u></u>	<u><u>6,459</u></u>	<u><u>49,874</u></u>	<u><u>54,912</u></u>

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND

Reconciliation of Cash Flows and Statement of Net Assets

At 31 December 2021

RECONCILIATION OF CASH FLOWS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	2020 £
Total receipts	39,040	9,180	48,220	49,944
Total payments	43,415	6,459	49,874	54,912
Net (payments) / receipts	<u>(4,375)</u>	<u>2,721</u>	<u>(1,654)</u>	<u>(4,968)</u>
Cash funds at 1 January	49,313	25,662	74,975	79,943
Cash funds at 31 December	<u>44,938</u>	<u>28,383</u>	<u>73,321</u>	<u>74,975</u>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	2020 £
CASH FUNDS				
Barclays Bank Plc				
Community account	1,456	804	1,646	903
Money held for agencies	-	614	614	203
Active Saver account	60	-	60	60
Virgin Money Plc	36,180	34,821	71,001	41,220
Shawbrook Bank Ltd	-	-	-	32,589
	<u>37,696</u>	<u>36,239</u>	<u>73,321</u>	<u>74,975</u>
MONETARY LIABILITY				
Agency collections	-	614	614	203
Independent examiner's fee	528	-	546	528
	<u>528</u>	<u>614</u>	<u>1,160</u>	<u>2,020</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council and signed on its behalf on by:

29th MARCH 2022

C. H. Brown
.....
The Revd. Charles Brown
(Chairman)

R. J. Gibbard
.....
Robert Gibbard
(Treasurer)

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND

Notes to the Accounts

for the year ended 31 December 2021

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the exemptions applicable under section 133 of the Charities Act 2011.

The statements of financial activities has been prepared on a receipts and payments basis which is a consistent basis to previous years.

The Statements of Assets shows the assets of the charity and any amounts due to or owed by the charity. The statement will not include any provisions for liabilities and charges. The trustees are of the opinion that should any significant matters arise prior to the year end, they will disclose them within the notes to the financial statements.

The Financial Statements 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, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

(b) Funds

Restricted funds represent:

- (i) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and
- (ii) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object.

The funds may only be expended on the purpose for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds represent:

- (iii) general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.
- (iv) designated funds which are used for a purpose specified by the trustees.

(c) Resources Used

- (i) Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over.
- (ii) The diocesan parish share is accounted for when paid.
- (iii) Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds.

(d) Fixed Assets

- (i) Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.
- (ii) Moveable church furnishings held by the priest and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the Church's inventory which can be inspected at any reasonable time.
- (iii) For items acquired prior to 2000, there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

for the year ended 31 December 2021

2 FUND MOVEMENTS

	Year ended 31 December 2021				
	Balance 1 Jan £	Funds Added £	Funds Used £	Funds Transferred £	Balance 31 Dec £
(a) Unrestricted Funds					
General PCC Fund	<u>49,313</u>	<u>39,040</u>	<u>(43,415)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>44,938</u>
	Year ended 30 December 2020				
	Balance 1 Jan £	Funds Added £	Funds Used £	Funds Transferred £	Balance 31 Dec £
General PCC Fund	<u>63,405</u>	<u>34,312</u>	<u>(48,404)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>49,313</u>
	Year ended 31 December 2021				
	Balance 1 Jan £	Funds Added £	Funds Used £	Funds Transferred £	Balance 31 Dec £
(b) Restricted Funds					
Window restoration fund	17,955	3,300	-	-	21,255
Path restoration fund	4,491	-	-	-	4,491
Fabric fund	40		(40)	-	-
Bell fund	293	300	(252)	-	341
Visitors' Centre	2,680	-	(998)	-	1,682
Agency collections	203	5,580	(5,169)	-	614
	<u>25,662</u>	<u>9,180</u>	<u>(6,459)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,383</u>
	Year ended 30 December 2020				
	Balance 1 Jan £	Funds Added £	Funds Used £	Funds Transferred £	Balance 31 Dec £
Window restoration fund	6,231	11,724		-	17,955
Path restoration fund	4,491	-	-	-	4,491
Fabric fund	40	-	-	-	40
Bell fund	293			-	293
Visitors' Centre	5,483	-	(2,803)	-	2,680
Agency collections	-	3,908	(3,705)	-	203
	<u>16,538</u>	<u>15,632</u>	<u>(6,508)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,662</u>

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

for the year ended 31 December 2021

3 FUND COMPARATIVES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
RECEIPTS			
Voluntary Income			
Gift Aid Donations	8,495	-	8,495
Income tax recovered	4,048	-	4,048
Open plate collections at all services	3,642	-	3,642
Donations	2,330	-	2,330
Legacies	-	10,153	10,153
Collections for other causes	-	3,908	3,908
	<u>18,515</u>	<u>14,061</u>	<u>32,576</u>
Fundraising			
Flower Festival	-	-	-
Bookstall	430	-	430
Other fundraising activities	5,750	1,571	7,321
	<u>6,180</u>	<u>1,571</u>	<u>7,751</u>
Income from investments			
Dividends and interest	1,193	-	1,193
Income from church activities			
Fees	8,289	-	8,289
Other income	135	-	135
	<u>8,424</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,424</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>34,312</u>	<u>15,632</u>	<u>49,944</u>
PAYMENTS			
Church Activities			
Ministry: Diocesan parish share	30,199	-	30,199
Church running and maintenance	3,898	-	3,898
Power	4,860	-	4,860
Insurance	6,860	-	6,860
Fees for organist, choir bell ringers, etc	307	-	307
Visitor's Centre	-	2,803	2,803
Administration costs	51	-	51
Independent examiner fees	510	-	510
	<u>46,685</u>	<u>2,803</u>	<u>49,488</u>
Fundraising Costs			
Fundraising Costs	3,267	-	1,117
Bookstall Costs	1,493	-	602
	<u>4,760</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,719</u>
Other outgoings			
Gift Aid Donations	-	3,705	3,705
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>51,445</u>	<u>6,508</u>	<u>54,912</u>

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND

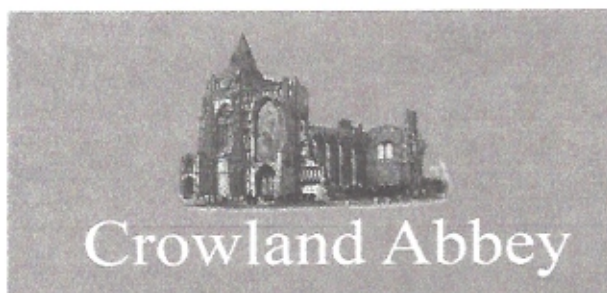
England & Wales - Charity number 1153258

Accounts

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND
CHARITY COMMISSION REGISTERED NO. 1153258
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

for the year ended

31 December 2020



THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND

Index

- 1 - 4 Annual Report
- 5 Independent Examiners Report
- 6 Receipts and Payments Account
- 7 Reconciliation of Cash Flows and Statement of Net Assets
- 8 - 10 Notes to the Accounts

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND

Annual Report

for the year ended 31 December 2020

The trustees present their report with the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020. The trustees have adopted the presentation of financial statements which complies with Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and the charity's constitution.

Administrative Information

The Parish of Crowland is situated in the market town of Crowland, Lincolnshire. It is part of the Deanery of Elloe West within the Church of England's Diocese of Lincoln. Crowland Parochial Church Council is registered as a charity with the Charities Commission.

Correspondence Address:	The Revd. Charles Brown The Abbey Rectory 46 East Street Crowland PE6 0EN
Priest in Charge	The Revd. Charles Brown*
Associate Priest	The Revd. Annie Billson*
Churchwardens:	Mrs Val Capes* Mrs Beryl Morton*
Deanery Synod Representatives:	Mrs Margaret Beardshaw* Mr. David Searle *
Elected members of the PCC:	Mr. Peter Armstrong (2020) ** Mr Michael Atkinson (2018) Mrs Val Batterbee (2016) Mrs. Laura Beeken (2020) Mrs Janet Brown (2016) Mrs. Linda Fox (2020) Mrs Valerie Heil (2016) Mrs Jane Kisbee (2018) Mr Peter Godfrey (2018 - Deceased 2020) Mr. Martin Pattenden (2020) Mrs Lynette Cook (2017 - Resigned 2020) Mrs Lyn Ongyerth (2017 - Resigned 2020)
Co-opted Member:	Mr Robert Gibbard
Officers:	The Revd Charles Brown (Chair) Mrs Margaret Beardshaw (Vice-Chair) Mrs Janet Brown (Secretary) Mr Robert Gibbard (Treasurer) Mrs Valerie Heil (Electoral Roll Officer)
Standing committee:	The Revd. Charles Brown Mrs Margaret Beardshaw Mrs Janet Brown Mrs Val Capes Mr Robert Gibbard Mrs Beryl Morton

* Indicates ex officio membership of the PCC

** Indicates year of election to the PCC

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND

Annual Report (continued)

for the year ended 31 December 2020

Structure, Governance, and Management

The parochial church council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers' Measure. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the book *Church Representation Rules*.

Between PCC meetings the Standing Committee of the PCC, which includes the PCC's chair, vice-chair, secretary, treasurer, and the two churchwardens, meets when required to transact PCC business.

Church Life

The PCC seeks to promote the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the ecclesiastical Parish of Crowland. It does so in accordance with the traditions of the universal Church as accepted and practised by the Church of England. The PCC works with members of other Christian communities represented in Crowland through Christians Together in Crowland. The PCC has the responsibility of maintaining the parish church, the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Bartholomew, and Saint Guthlac, popularly known as Crowland Abbey. This grade-one listed building is adjoined by the ruins of the nave of what was the church of the medieval Crowland Abbey, a Benedictine foundation. The maintenance of these ruins, which are both a consecrated space and a scheduled ancient monument, is also the responsibility of the PCC. Although the maintenance of the magnificent church building and the strikingly beautiful ruined nave are a great responsibility for the congregation, our parish life centres, not around fundraising for the maintenance of these structures or around the tourism that their architecture attracts, but around the prayer that knits us together as a community of faith.

Until the lockdown began in late March 2020 we had two services of Holy Communion each Sunday, plus evening prayer, and one service of Holy Communion each Wednesday. Morning prayer was said in the church building on Mondays through Saturdays. During the lockdowns we held one Sunday service on Zoom at 11 a.m. When we were able to resume services in the church building we continued to have evening prayer on Zoom each Sunday. Zoom has also proved useful for meetings of smaller groups such as a Bible study group and our parochial church council. Our electoral roll for 2020 stood at 71 persons, and our average Sunday attendance for 2020 was 34 persons, a decrease that can be attributed to the pandemic. In 2020 we had 4 baptisms and 29 funerals. The churchyard is used for burials, and in 2020 we were able to begin interring cremated remains in a new area within the churchyard, as the old cremated remains area had become full. Apart from our common prayer, our community is knit together by our individual prayers, both those of our congregation and those of the visitors who come to the Abbey.

Owing to restrictions necessitated by the pandemic we were unable to have singing by our choir or ringing by our bellringers for most of 2020. Apart from one concert in February, in 2020, we were unable to have any social events, concerts, plays, or fundraising events such as our spring craft fair, summer flower festival, autumn art exhibition, or Saint Nicholas fair.

Every year we host a group of Eastern Orthodox Christians who come to celebrate their liturgy either within the church or in the ruined nave, although we were not able to do this in 2020. In partnership with these Orthodox we are hoping that our Parvise Chapel, which houses the skull of Theodore, the abbot of Crowland who was martyred by the Vikings, may be adapted to suit the needs of Orthodox worship. As the Orthodox venerate this skull as a holy relic, this work of adaptation would mean that the skull could be housed in a manner befitting that of a saint and martyr. This chapel, which presently functions as a storage area, might then be a place for private prayer, as well as a place of pilgrimage for Orthodox Christians. It would also allow other Christians to become better acquainted with Orthodoxy. Needless to say, it would be a good example of ecumenical friendship.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND

Annual Report (continued)

for the year ended 31 December 2020

Challenges

As it is with most Christian congregations in the U.K., we face the challenge of making new disciples. But we are heartened by what has been happening as a result of the work of the Methodist-Anglican Partnership, whose work is detailed in the next section.

Owing to the pandemic, 2020 was a challenging year when it came to our church's finances. Income from collections made at worship services as well as donations from visitors dropped significantly. We were also unable to host our traditional fundraising events.

Blessings

The formation of the Methodist-Anglican Partnership, better known as MAP, plays the key role in our mission outreach. MAP is essentially our partnership in mission with Crowland Methodist Church. I have enjoyed working in partnership with Reverend Langley Mackrell-Hey, who acts as both the minister-in-charge of Crowland Methodist Church and the superintendent of the Peterborough Methodist Circuit, as well as lay colleagues both Anglican and Methodist to make MAP an effective instrument of Christian mission here in Crowland. Oversight for MAP and its activities lies with a committee composed of three Methodist laypersons and three Anglican laypersons, plus myself and Mr. Mackrell-Hey.

Before the pandemic MAP's mums and tots group met at Crowland Methodist Church on Thursdays from 9.30 a.m. until 11 a.m. It provided an occasion for parents or carers and their young charges to socialize as well as an opportunity for those Christians who coordinate the group to get to know the parents or carers and their children. This group attracted an average attendance of between 12 and 15 adults and children. For most of 2020 this group was unable to meet, owing to the pandemic.

Before the pandemic, MAP also had a group for young people that met at Crowland Methodist Church on Fridays in term time between 5.30 p.m. and 7 p.m. This group gave the young people who attended a space in which they could not only socialize, but also have some Christian teaching, engage in craft activities, and enjoy various games and refreshments. The group numbered between five and six teenagers, who were fairly regular in their attendance. As with the mums and tots group, the pandemic has meant that this group has been unable to meet.

MAP's Explorers Group is for adults interested in learning about the Christian faith. The group is made up of those who are new to the faith, as well as some regular churchgoers who value the discussion that takes place in the group. Before the pandemic this group met fortnightly on Wednesday evenings in Crowland Library. Since the pandemic this group, numbering about eight people has met fortnightly on Zoom.

Before the pandemic, MAP's trimonthly Messy Church events attracted anywhere from 35 to 40 parents and children. We held these on Saturdays from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. Each Messy Church included a variety of crafts for adults and children to do together, a child-friendly worship session, and supper for everyone at the end. No charge was made for the supper, although donations were welcome. Owing to the pandemic our Messy Church events, which were held at Crowland Methodist Church, have been on hold.

MAP and Hope into Action, a Peterborough charity that seeks to help marginalized people, oversee a house here in Crowland that is used as a home for clients of Hope into Action. Members of the Anglican and Methodist congregations in Crowland, together with some other Christians, provide friendship and support to those who live there, currently a mother and her six-year-old son. The Crowland house is the fiftieth such house that Hope into Action has acquired, and we are also the smallest community in which Hope into Action has a house.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND

Annual Report (continued)

for the year ended 31 December 2020

Blessings (continued)

MAP also has a food bank, which is now known as the Crowland Larder. The Larder is essentially a satellite of a much larger food bank located in the nearby town of Spalding. The Spalding food bank, which is run by the Lighthouse Church in Spalding, can assist our branch, if our food donations are inadequate. It has to be said, however, that the Crowland community are very generous in their support. As a result all the food distributed by the Larder is food donated by Crowland folk. The Larder has proved to be of great importance to many in the Crowland community during the pandemic, so much so that it outgrew its original quarters in the Abbey and has been moved to rooms at Crowland Methodist Church. In 2020 the Larder supported around thirty families on a fortnightly basis with both perishable and non-perishable food. At Christmas the Larder distributed forty-four hampers to families in need.

In the first week of the first lockdown, MAP ran a night shelter for homeless people from Peterborough. This was done in conjunction with the Light Project, a charity that works with the homeless in Peterborough. The charity bussed the guests to Crowland each evening. Our volunteers gave them a cooked dinner, warm beds for the night, and a cooked breakfast the next morning before they returned to Peterborough. The shelter was located in Crowland Methodist Church.

Another pre-pandemic aspect of MAP was our worshipping together with Crowland Methodists twice a quarter, once in the Abbey and once at Crowland Methodist Church, which both congregations found to be a heartening experience. This joint worship only happened twice in 2020 before the pandemic brought it to a temporary end.

As the Abbey lacks a church hall, the facilities at Crowland Methodist Church have made up for this lack by providing both congregations with a space that is well suited for children's activities, socializing, and more informal worship. Our relationship with our Methodist sisters and brothers is a real source of hope and blessing for us.

A member of the Abbey congregation has set up a programme called Family Eats, the aim of which is to provide a meal and some activities for parents and children in need during the termly and half-termly holidays. Family Eats met once for a meal at Crowland Methodist Church in February 2020. Although the pandemic put an end to the hosting of meals in the church, Family Eats did provide take-away picnic parcels and craft packs for families in the summer and fruit hampers with some gifts for the children at Christmas.

We are blessed by a congregation that encompasses people with many gifts. Their prayers and faithful service to God, both within the Abbey community and beyond it, are the heartbeat of our faith community.

May God guide us as we seek to serve Christ's Church and to find new disciples for him.

On behalf of Crowland PCC,



The Revd. Charles Brown
Priest-in-charge, Crowland Parish
and Chair, Crowland PCC

Date: 23.3.21

**Independent Examiner's Report to
the Trustees of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Crowland**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020 which are set out on pages 6 to 10.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

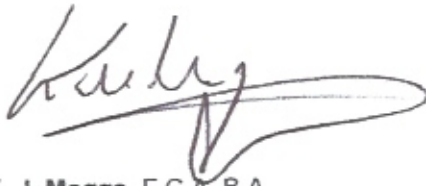
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records

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



K. J. Maggs F.C.A., B.A.
Moore Thompson
Chartered Accountants

Dated: 23 March 2021

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND

Receipts and Payments Account

for the year ended 31 December 2020

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	
	Funds	Funds	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Voluntary Income				
Gift Aid donations	8,495	-	8,495	9,649
Income tax recovered	4,048	-	4,048	4,535
Open plate collections at all services	3,642	-	3,642	4,660
Donations	2,330	-	2,330	7,379
Legacies	-	10,153	10,153	300
Grants	-	-	-	1,338
	<u>18,515</u>	<u>10,153</u>	<u>28,668</u>	<u>27,861</u>
Fundraising				
Flower Festival	-	-	-	5,404
Bookstall	430	-	430	2,824
Other fundraising activities	5,750	1,571	7,321	16,793
	<u>6,180</u>	<u>1,571</u>	<u>7,751</u>	<u>25,021</u>
Income from investments				
Dividends and interest	1,193	-	1,193	1,330
Income from church activities				
Fees	8,289	-	8,289	12,739
Other income	135	-	135	2,747
	<u>8,424</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,424</u>	<u>15,486</u>
Other income				
VAT recovered	-	-	-	10,549
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>34,312</u>	<u>11,724</u>	<u>46,036</u>	<u>80,247</u>
PAYMENTS				
Church Activities and Governance				
Ministry: Diocesan parish share	30,199	-	30,199	30,504
Church running and maintenance	3,898	-	3,898	13,635
Power	4,860	-	4,860	6,276
Insurance	6,860	-	6,860	6,656
Fees for organist, choir, bell ringers, etc	307	-	307	3,220
Major restoration work	-	-	-	11,789
Visitor's Centre	-	2,803	2,803	1,035
Administration costs	51	-	51	1,049
Independent examination fees	510	-	510	494
	<u>46,685</u>	<u>2,803</u>	<u>49,488</u>	<u>74,658</u>
Fundraising Costs				
Fundraising Costs	1,117	-	1,117	3,267
Bookstall Costs	602	-	602	1,493
	<u>1,719</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,719</u>	<u>4,760</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>48,404</u>	<u>2,803</u>	<u>51,207</u>	<u>79,418</u>

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND

Reconciliation of Cash Flows and Statement of Net Assets

At 31 December 2020

RECONCILIATION OF CASH FLOWS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	2019 £
Total receipts	34,312	11,724	46,036	80,247
Total payments	48,404	2,803	51,207	79,418
Net (payments) / receipts	<u>(14,092)</u>	<u>8,921</u>	<u>(5,171)</u>	<u>829</u>
Cash funds at 1 January	63,608	16,538	80,146	79,317
Cash funds at 31 December	<u>49,516</u>	<u>25,459</u>	<u>74,975</u>	<u>80,146</u>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	2019 £
CASH FUNDS				
Barclays Bank Plc				
Community account	1,106	-	1,106	921
Active Saver account	60	-	60	1,259
Virgin Money Plc	32,299	8,921	41,220	45,714
Shawbrook Bank Ltd	16,051	16,538	32,589	32,252
	<u>49,516</u>	<u>25,459</u>	<u>74,975</u>	<u>80,146</u>
MONETARY LIABILITY				
Independent examiner's fee	<u>528</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>528</u>	<u>509</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council and signed on its behalf on 23.3.21 by:



The Revd. Charles Brown
 (Chairman)



Robert Gibbard
 (Treasurer)

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND

Notes to the Accounts

for the year ended 31 December 2020

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the exemptions applicable under section 133 of the Charities Act 2011.

The statements of financial activities has been prepared on a receipts and payments basis which is a consistent basis to previous years.

The Statements of Assets shows the assets of the charity and any amounts due to or owed by the charity. The statement will not include any provisions for liabilities and charges. The trustees are of the opinion that should any significant matters arise prior to the year end, they will disclose them within the notes to the financial statements.

The Financial Statements 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, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

(b) Funds

Restricted funds represent:

- (i) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and
- (ii) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object.

The funds may only be expended on the purpose for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds represent:

- (iii) general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.
- (iv) designated funds which are used for a purpose specified by the trustees.

(c) Resources Used

- (i) Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over.
- (ii) The diocesan parish share is accounted for when paid.
- (iii) Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds.

(d) Fixed Assets

- (i) Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.
- (ii) Moveable church furnishings held by the priest and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the Church's inventory which can be inspected at any reasonable time.
- (iii) For items acquired prior to 2000, there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

for the year ended 31 December 2020

2 FUND MOVEMENTS

	Year ended 31 December 2020				
	Balance 1 Jan £	Funds Added £	Funds Used £	Funds Transferred £	Balance 31 Dec £
(a) Unrestricted Funds					
General PCC Fund	<u>63,608</u>	<u>34,312</u>	<u>(48,404)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>49,516</u>
	Year ended 31 December 2019				
	Balance 1 Jan £	Funds Added £	Funds Used £	Funds Transferred £	Balance 31 Dec £
General PCC Fund	<u>66,798</u>	<u>58,678</u>	<u>(61,868)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>63,608</u>
	Year ended 31 December 2020				
	Balance 1 Jan £	Funds Added £	Funds Used £	Funds Transferred £	Balance 31 Dec £
(b) Restricted Funds					
Window restoration fund	6,231	11,724	-	-	17,955
Path restoration fund	4,491	-	-	-	4,491
Fabric fund	40	-	-	-	40
Bell fund	293	-	-	-	293
Visitors' Centre	<u>5,483</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,803)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,680</u>
	<u>16,538</u>	<u>11,724</u>	<u>(2,803)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,459</u>
	Year ended 31 December 2019				
	Balance 1 Jan £	Funds Added £	Funds Used £	Funds Transferred £	Balance 31 Dec £
Window restoration fund	1,218	21,253	(16,240)	-	6,231
Path restoration fund	4,491	-	-	-	4,491
Fabric fund	40	-	-	-	40
Bell fund	229	316	(252)	-	293
Visitors' Centre	<u>6,541</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,058)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,483</u>
	<u>12,519</u>	<u>21,569</u>	<u>(17,550)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,538</u>

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CROWLAND

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

for the year ended 31 December 2020

3 FUND COMPARATIVES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £
RECEIPTS			
Voluntary Income			
Gift Aid Donations	8,949	700	9,649
Income tax recovered	4,535	-	4,535
Open plate collections at all services	4,587	73	4,660
Donations	7,379	-	7,379
Legacies	-	300	300
Grants	38	1,300	1,338
	<u>25,488</u>	<u>2,373</u>	<u>27,861</u>
Fundraising			
Flower Festival	5,404	-	5,404
Bookstall	2,824	-	2,824
Other fundraising activities	7,288	9,505	16,793
	<u>15,516</u>	<u>9,505</u>	<u>25,021</u>
Income from investments			
Dividends and interest	1,330	-	1,330
Income from church activities			
Fees	12,739	-	12,739
Other income	2,747	-	2,747
	<u>15,486</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,486</u>
Other income			
VAT recovered	858	9,691	10,549
	<u>58,678</u>	<u>21,569</u>	<u>80,247</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS			
PAYMENTS			
Church Activities			
Ministry: Diocesan parish share	30,504	-	30,504
Church running and maintenance	8,909	4,726	13,635
Power	6,276	-	6,276
Insurance	6,656	-	6,656
Fees for organist, choir bell ringers, etc	3,220	-	3,220
Major restoration work	-	11,789	11,789
Visitor's Centre	-	1,035	1,035
Administration costs	1,049	-	1,049
Independent examiner fees	494	-	494
	<u>57,108</u>	<u>17,550</u>	<u>74,658</u>
Fundraising Costs			
Fundraising Costs	3,267	-	3,267
Bookstall Costs	1,493	-	1,493
	<u>4,760</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,760</u>
	<u>61,868</u>	<u>17,550</u>	<u>79,418</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS			