

ST PHILIP AND ST PAUL WITH WESLEY, SOUTHPORT

England & Wales · Charity number 1155030

Details

Other names SPPW

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2013-12-16

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE PURPOSE OF THE CHARITY IS TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN THE AREA OF BENEFIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES OF THE PARTICIPATING CHURCHES.

Activities: We carry out the celebration of public worship and occasional offices. We teach the Christian faith. We engage in mission and evangelism seeking to share our Christian faith. We engage in pastoral work which includes visiting the sick and bereaved. We provide facilities with a Christian ethos for the local community. We support other charities in the UK and overseas.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

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Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£104,514	£89,946	-	-
2023-12-31	£77,865	£83,823	-	-
2022-12-31	£67,535	£65,978	-	-
2021-12-31	£58,559	£66,154	-	-
2020-12-31	£80,285	£68,509	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Rachel Elizabeth Bray	Chair	2013-12-03
Anne Stewart		2022-04-03
Anthony Richard Allen		2023-04-16
Barry James Stewart		2021-05-16
Beatrice Esther Anne McIntosh		2025-05-11
Beth Matthews		2016-09-15
Christine Moyes		2025-05-11
Gail Karen Rooke		2018-04-29
Gillian Mary Moor		2023-09-01
Janet Ruth Carver		2024-02-28
Joanna Taylor		2024-04-28
MARGARET IRENE HARWOOD		2013-12-03
MARK CHRISTOPHER PATERSON		2013-12-03
Peter Ronald Jones		2025-11-20
Raymond Flanagan		2024-09-01
Rev Christopher C Humble		2025-09-01
Rosemary Patience Paterson		2025-05-11
Valerie Jones		2025-05-11

ST PHILIP AND ST PAUL WITH WESLEY, SOUTHPORT

England & Wales - Charity number 1155030

Accounts

ECUMENICAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
St Philip & St Paul with Wesley
GENERAL FUND Receipts and Payments
at 31 December 2024

Income	2024	2023
Giving and donations		
Tax efficient planned giving	28,534	22,166
Income Tax recovered	9,754	8,718
Other planned giving	1,047	4,393
Plate collections and other giving	<u>12,780</u>	<u>13,392</u>
	52,115	48,668
Donations	<u>3,077</u>	<u>1,104</u>
	3,077	1,104
Other trading activities		
Lettings	9,600	8,478
Fundraising (net)	1,193	2,279
Weddings & Funerals (net)	1,484	2,371
Flat Rent (part)	<u>2,900</u>	<u>3,250</u>
	15,178	16,378
Charitable activities		
Special collections	1,978	3,238
Grants	<u>4,680</u>	<u>3,233</u>
	6,658	6,471
Legacy	<u>26,250</u>	<u>2,603</u>
	26,250	2,603
Other Income		
Other income	<u>1,237</u>	1,210
	1,237	1,431
	<u>1,237</u>	<u>2,641</u>
Total Receipts	<u>104,514</u>	<u>77,865</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Parish Share and Circuit Assessmer	54,814	53,025
Clergy Expenses & Resources	958	1,159
Mission and relief agencies	892	3,290
Utilities	12,035	6,466
Insurance	6,194	4,810
Maintenance and cleaning	8,291	11,588
Assigned Fees	673	498
Equipment	550	200
Tech & WiFi	515	204
Collections Distributed	695	
Trans to restricted		450
Donations Made	1,572	
Training		245
Publicity & communications		58
Admin & stationery	140	98
Upkeep of services	363	203
Governance	567	538
Accounting		79
Sundries	1,661	805
Travel	<u>25</u>	<u>108</u>
Total payments	89,946	83,823
Excess of income over expenditure	14,568	(£5,958)
Balance b/f at 1 January 2024	12,044	18,002
Balance c/f at 31 December 2024	26,612	12,044

ECUMENICAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
St Philip & St Paul with Wesley
BFOF - Flat & Grounds Maintenance A/C
at 31 December 2024

	Opening Balance	18,069.06
Income		
Defib Maintenance Fund	380.00	
Flat Rent (part)	3,875.00	
Total	<u>4,255.00</u>	
Expenditure		
Flat Maintenance	2,890.00	
Grounds maintenance	952.40	
Total	<u>3,842.40</u>	
Excess of income over expenditure	412.60	
	Closing Balance	18,481.66

ECUMENICAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
St Philip & St Paul with Wesley
RESTRICTED FUNDS A/C
at 31 December 2024

	Opening Balance 1st Jan 2024	5,766.09
Income		
Benevolence Fund	35.66	
Bible Notes	122.73	
Flower Fund		
Kintsugi		
Christian Aid		
Church Weekend		
Fair Trade	95.00	
SASWT	298.02	
Rwanda	87.00	
Special Collections	545.00	
Mission Grant	3,317.73	
Sound System	100.00	
Chocco Church	400.00	
Youth Work	300.00	
	5,301.14	
Expenditure		
Benevolence Fund		
Bible Notes	131.94	
Special collection Distrib	537.87	
Rwanda	178.51	
Fair Trade		
Christian Aid	424.72	
Flower Fund		
Sunday Club	237.44	
Sound System	1,945.44	
Youth Work	991.87	
	4,447.79	
	Closing Balance 31st Dec 2024	6,619.44

Balances held in Restricted Funds Account (Barclays)

Benevolence Fund	2,002.48
Bible Notes	33.82
Christian Aid	130.00
Church Weekend	635.00
Flower Fund	88.93
Choco Church	400.00
Special Collections	74.13
Youth Work	-53.16
Sunday Club	786.83
Fair Trade	
SASWT	348.52
Sound System	-1,244.84
Mission	3,317.73
Kintsugi	100.00
	6,619.44

In addition to the closing Balance in this account there is a sum of £3,057.78 held on behalf of the Deanery (the Mission & Growth Fund)

ECUMENICAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
St Philip & St Paul with Wesley
Methodist Central Finance Board Deposit A/c
as at 31 December 2024

Opening balance 01/01/24	13,628.91
Interest received in 2024	694.58
Closing Balane 31/12/24	14,323.49

This account comprises :

Building Designated

Balance 01/01/24	10,515.32	
interest	535.90	
Balance 31/12/24		11,051.22

Sunday Club Restricted

Balance 01/01/24	1,553.11	
Interest	79.15	
Balance 31/12/24		1,632.26

Youth Work Restricted

Balance 01/01/24	1,560.48	
Interest	79.53	
Balance 31/12/24		1,640.01

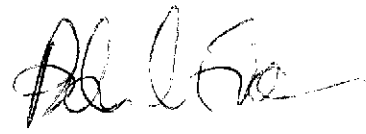
	Total	14,323.49
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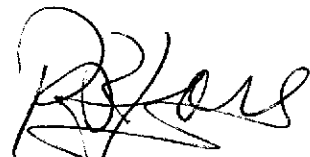
ECUMENICAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
St Philip & St Paul with Wesley
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
at 31 December 2024

Cash Funds	2024		2023
Barclays General Account	26,612.13		12,044.14
Barclays Building For Our Future Account	18,481.66		18,069.06
Barclays Restricted Funds Account	6,619.44		5,766.09
Methodist CFB Account	14,323.49		13,628.91
CCLA Account held by Diocese	82,253.89		78,108.00
Total current and deposit accounts	148,290.61		<u>127,616.20</u>
 This figure represents:			
Unrestricted Funds			
General Fund	26,612.13		12,044.14
Building and Grounds Designated	29,532.88		28,584.38
	TOTAL	56,145.01	TOTAL
			40,628.52
Restricted Funds			
Special Collections	74.13		67.00
Flower Fund	88.93		89.00
Benevolence	2,002.48		1,967.19
Bible Reading Notes	33.82		43.30
Sunday Club	2,419.09		2,623.63
Youth Work	1,586.85		2,213.83
Disability Grant	0.00		59.00
Christian Aid	130.00		130.00
Mission grants	3,717.73		
Rwanda			0.49
Traidcraft	0.00		268.00
Church Weekend	635.00		635.00
SASWT	348.52		
Kintsugi	100.00		100.00
Fair Trade			61.72
Sound System	-1,244.84		541.60
	TOTAL	9,891.71	TOTAL
			8,799.76
Permenant Endowment	82,253.89	82,253.89	78,108.00
		148,290.61	127,536.28

Signed by


Rev Rachel Bray (Vicar)


Rev Patrick Evans (Methodist Minister)


Pete Jones (Treasurer)

ECUMENICAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
St Philip & St Paul with Wesley
RESTRICTED AND DESIGNATED FUNDS STATEMENT
at 31 December 2024

FUND	Bal b/f at 1.1.24	Receipts	Payments	Bal c/f 31.12.24
Special Collections <i>Money given specifically for mission</i>	67.00	0.00	67.00	0.00
Benevolence <i>To relieve poverty</i>	1,966.82	35.66		2,002.48
Bible Reading <i>To encourage the use of Bible reading</i>	43.03	122.73	131.94	33.82
Flowers <i>For flowers in church</i>	88.93			88.93
Disability <i>An RNID grant</i>	59.00		59.00	0.00
Rwanda <i>To build our Rwanda link</i>	91.51	87.00	178.51	0.00
Traidcraft <i>For fairly traded goods</i>	268.00		268.00	0.00
Parish Weekends <i>Church weekends away</i>	635.00	0.00	0.00	635.00
Building Designated <i>Expenditure on Buildings and grounds</i>	27,757.00	2,899.28	2,106.15	29,892.88
Children's Work <i>For Sunday Club and Children</i>	2,665.00	66.36	107.73	2,419.09
Youth Work <i>For work with young people</i>	2,224.00	446.67	456.84	1,586.35
Kintsugi	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
Christian Aid	220.00	130.00	220.00	130.00
Fair Trade	0.00	61.72	61.72	0.00
Sound System	541.60	159.00	1,945.44	-1,244.84
SASWT	50.00	298.02	0.00	348.02
St Paul's Trust	78,108.05	4,145.84	0.00	82,253.89
	114,784.94	8,552.28	5,602.33	118,245.62



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Church of St Philip and St Paul with Wesley

On accounts for the year ended

31st December 2024

Charity no (if any)

1155030

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2024

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

[Signature]

Date:

2.3.25.

Name:

DC BOWLER

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

I.F.A. FPC FINANCIAL SERVICES LTD
AC11 P.T.O.

Address:

88 GREENDALE RD, POSE SWUGHT
CH62 4XD
FCR 10 196444

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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ST PHILIP AND ST PAUL WITH WESLEY, SOUTHPORT

England & Wales - Charity number 1155030

Accounts

ECUMENICAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
St Philip & St Paul with Wesley
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
at 31 December 2023

Cash Funds	2023	2022
Barclays General Current Account	12,044	18,002
Barclays Building For Our Future Account	18,069	17,725
Barclays Restricted Funds Account	5,766	5,263
Methodist CFB Deposit Account	13,629	13,047
CCLA account held by Diocese	78,108	75,683
Total current and deposit accounts	<u>127,616</u>	<u>129,720</u>

This figure represents:

Unrestricted Funds	
General Fund	18,002
Building & grounds designated	<u>27,791</u>

Restricted Funds		40,629
Special collections	67	67
Flower	89	42
Benevolence	1,967	1,974
Bible Reading notes	43	20
Children's work	2,624	2,619
Youth Work	2,214	2,209
Disability Grant	59	59
Christian Aid	130	220
Rwanda	0	92
Special Holding	268	0
Traidcraft	635	268
Church Weekend	0	675
Kintsugi Hope	100	0
Fair Trade	62	0
Sound System	<u>542</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL		8,800

Permanent Endowment	78,108
	<u>127,536</u>

Notes

The financial statements of the ECC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

The following assets are recognised but not necessarily valued in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities:

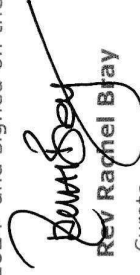
Moveable church furnishings held by the church wardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for their disposal.

Approved by the ECC on 17th July 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



Rev'd Marie-Anne Kent

Methodist Minister



Rev Ragnel Bray

Curate



Mr Peter Jones

Treasurer

ECUMENICAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
St Philip & St Paul with Wesley

GENERAL FUND Receipts and Payments
at 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
INCOME		
Giving and donations		
Tax efficient planned giving	22,166	16,266
Income Tax recovered	8,718	8,061
Other planned giving	4,393	6,593
Plate collections and other giving	<u>13,392</u>	<u>13,937</u>
	48,668	44,858
Donations	<u>1,104</u>	<u>4,114</u>
	1,104	4,114
Other trading activities		
Lettings	8,478	7,154
Fundraising (net)	2,279	3,476
Weddings & Funerals (net)	2,371	<u>2,052</u>
Flat Rent (part)	<u>3,250</u>	12,681
	16,378	
Charitable activities		
Special collections	3,238	
Grants	<u>3,233</u>	<u>4,625</u>
	6,471	4,625
Legacy		
	<u>2,603</u>	
	2,603	
Other Income		
Sale of Pews	1,210	
Other income	<u>1,431</u>	<u>1,257</u>
	2,641	
	<u>77,865</u>	<u>67,535</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Parish Share and Circuit Assessment	53,025	45,501
Clergy and LML expenses	1,159	479
Mission and relief agencies	3,290	1,713
Utilities	6,466	4,727
Insurance	4,810	4,136
Maintenance and cleaning	11,588	6,295
Assigned Fees	498	0
Equipment	200	123
Tech & WiFi	204	0
Transfer to restricted	450	430
Resources for ministry	0	26
Training	245	0
Publicity & communications	58	140
Admin & stationery	98	465
Upkeep of services	203	285
Governance	538	498
Accounting	79	0
Sundries	805	1,160
Travel	<u>108</u>	<u>0</u>
	83,823	65,978
Excess of income/(expenditure) over income	(5,958)	1,556
Balance b/f at 1 January 2023	18,002	B/f 1.1.22 16,446
Balance c/f at 31 December 2023	12,044	C/f 31.12.22 18,002
<i>Bal at 31.12.23 includes £5,562 designated building</i>		p8

ECUMENICAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
 St Philip & St Paul with Wesley
Building for our Future - Flat & Grounds Maintenance A/C
 at 31 December 2023

	£	£
Income		
Flat Rent	5,700	
		17,725
Bal b/f		
Total	5,700	
Expenditure		
Flat Maintenance	315	
Grounds maintenance	1,791	
Transfer to General A/c	3,250	
Total	5,356	
Excess of income over expenditure	344	
Closing Balance		18,069

ECUMENICAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
St Philip & St Paul with Wesley
RESTRICTED FUNDS A/C
at 31 December 2023

Opening Balance **5,263**

Income	
Benevolence Fund	29
Bible Notes	159
Flower Fund	90
Kintsugi	100
Christian Aid	130
Church Weekend	3,970
Fair Trade	62
Schools Worker Trust	51
Sound System	8,790
Youth Work	380
	13,760

Expenditure	
Benevolence Fund	36
Bible Notes	136
Church Weekend	4,010
Christian Aid	220
Flower Fund	43
Sunday Club	108
Sound System	8,248
Youth Work	457
	13,257

Closing Balance 31st Dec 2023 **5,766**

Balances held in Restricted Funds Account (Barclays)

Benevolence Fund	1,967
Bible Notes	43
Christian Aid	130
Church Weekend	635
Flower Fund	89
Rwanda	92
Special Collections	67
Youth Work	639
Sunday Club	1,024
Disability Grant	59
Traidcraft	268
Fair Trade	62
Schools Worker Trust	51
Sound System	542
Kintsugi	100
	5,766

ECUMENICAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
 St Philip & St Paul with Wesley
Methodist Central Finance Board Deposit A/c
 as at 31 December 2023

	£	£
Opening balance 01/01/23	13,047	£
Interest received in 2023	582	
Closing Balance 31/12/23	13,629	

This account comprises :

Building Designated

Balance 01/01/23	10,066	
Interest	449	
		10,515

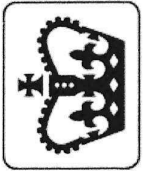
Sunday Club Restricted

Balance 01/01.23	1,487	
Interest	66	
		1,553

Youth Work Restricted

Balance 01/01/23	1,494	
Interest	67	
		1,560

Total **13,629**



Report to the trustees/members of

St Philip & St Paul with Wesley, Southport

On accounts for the year ended

31.12.23

Charity no (if any)

1155030

Set out on pages

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(Remember: Insert in the page numbers of publications)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2023³

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

Independent examiner's statement

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

S. Hardiman

Date:

16/06/2024

Name:

Mr Stephen Hardiman

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

Address:

12 COBDEN RD, SOUTHPORT PR9 7TJ
MERSEYSIDE

ST PHILIP AND ST PAUL WITH WESLEY, SOUTHPORT

England & Wales - Charity number 1155030

Accounts



The Church of
St Philip and St Paul with Wesley

Scarisbrick New Road, Southport, Merseyside PR8 6QF

**Annual Report
and
Accounts**

For the year ended
31 December 2022

THE CHURCH OF ST PHILIP AND ST PAUL WITH WESLEY, SOUTHPORT

ANNUAL REPORT 2022

Reference and Administrative Information

The Church of St Philip and St Paul with Wesley is a charity registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Charity registration number: 1155030

Official correspondence can be sent to:

St Philip and St Paul with Wesley, Scarisbrick New Road, Southport PR8 6QF.

The Joint Council (JC) arises from our Sharing Agreement on the building. In practice the meetings of the JC are very brief and deal with questions of policy regarding expenditure on management, exceptional expenditure, substantial capital expenditure on structural repairs or improvement of the church building. The Ecumenical Church Council (ECC) arises from being a Local Ecumenical Partnership (LEP) and is the joint decision-making body for the church. Those who served on the Ecumenical Church Council during 2022 until the date of approval of this report are:

The Rev'd Marie-Anne Kent (Minister)
Mrs Margaret Harwood (Church Steward till April 2022)
Ms Yvonne Sowood (Church Steward till April 2022)
Mr Peter Jones (Treasurer)
Mrs Val Jones
Mrs Beth Matthews
Mr Barry Stewart
Mrs Anne Stewart (From April 2022)
Mr Mike Swinnerton (From April 2022)
Mrs Carol Newman (From April 2022)
Mrs Shirley Potts (Circuit Steward rep)

The following members of the Ecumenical Church Council also make up the PCC

Rev'd Steve McGanity (Priest-in-Charge)
Rev'd Rachel Bray (Curate)
Miss Gail Rooke (Churchwarden)
Mrs Christine Moyes (Till April 2022)
Miss Margaret Moore
Mr Mark Paterson (Till April 2022)
Miss Samantha Ramsay
Mr Jeremy Hooper
Mrs Annette Swinnerton (Till April 2022)
Mrs Helen Ball

Reader: Mrs Christine Moyes.

Local Preachers: Mr Nigel Mawdsley

Safeguarding Officer: Mrs Bethan Matthews

Bankers: Barclays Bank plc, 265-267 Lord Street, Southport PR8 2HF

Independent Examiner: Mr Stephen Hardiman

Architect: NJSR Chartered Architects, 57-59 Hoghton Street Southport PR9 0PG

The day to day management control of the church is exercised by the Leadership team which is made up of the Methodist Minister, the Curate, Churchwardens, Church Stewards and the Treasurer. It meets in the lead up to all Council meetings, helping to set the agendas and continue to develop vision. Church Council sub-groups covering different areas of church life, and on occasion special task groups, also meet during the year, carry out detailed work and report back to the council.

STRUCTURE, MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE

The Methodist Church Council (MCC) is constituted according to the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church Standing Order 611. The Parochial Church Council (PCC) operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure 1956. All Church members are encouraged to participate fully in the life of the church. The Property sub-group oversees building maintenance and repair and reports back to the Council. Individual members of the church councils receive external training as and when deemed appropriate eg Safeguarding training.

Risk Assessments

The ECC undertakes an ongoing programme of risk assessments to identify their major risks. Procedures are being put in place to manage those risks and minimise their impact on the life of the church. Action in the main areas of risk is taken as follows.

(a) Financial Risk

An annual budget is prepared to ensure short term viability. Actual results compared with budget are reported to every church council meeting (approx. 7 times a year). Investments are only made in approved low risk funds approved for charity use. All assets are insured and levels are reviewed. Best practice is followed for cash handling.

(b) Compliance with Law and Regulation

A procedure for recording accidents is in place and Church Wardens and Church Stewards have been briefed in fire evacuation procedures. We seek to meet the requirements of Health and Safety legislation and the Equality Act 2010. We have a fire safety officer and have continued to carry out regular work in the building to further comply with issued guidance. We have reviewed and risk assessed our emergency procedures. We followed government guidance for Covid-compliance during the pandemic, carrying out regular Risk Assessments, which have helped guide decisions about if and when to close the building for worship.

(c) Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection (Safeguarding Policy)

We are committed to following best practice with regard to safeguarding and child protection. Safeguarding is a standing item on our church council agenda. All church council members are required to undertake up to date safeguarding training. The Methodist Church's annual Safeguarding Audit also ensures that our processes are rigorous and up to date.

(d) Operational Risk

Plans have been agreed with our Church School for services to be held in the school hall in the event of the main worship area of the church becoming unusable for a limited period. The use of the St Paul's Hall would also be an option.

All formal risk assessments are recorded and filed, and reviewed annually.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objective of the church and its councils in formal Church of England terms is “to cooperate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical” (PCC Powers measure 1956). In Methodist Standing Orders it is the local church that exercises the whole ministry of Christ where it is and it is the church council itself which “has authority and oversight over the whole area of the ministry of the church”. In our experience as an LEP, these different ways of stating our objective are complementary. When planning our objectives for the year, the church council gives consideration to the Charity Commission’s guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance to charities concerned with the advancement of religion.

The church’s four key values continue to be: Worship, Belong, Grow and Serve. Our 2022 Verse for the year was Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord. *Psalm 27:14*. We reflected on this at many points during the year.

Our priorities in 2022 were:

- Building on the outcomes of the Church review
- Reflecting on what we have learnt from the pandemic about how we work
- Planning for leadership team changes in April.
- Re-building our connection with families who haven’t returned since the pandemic began.
- Re-establishing groups that have suffered during the pandemic, particularly the Toddler group, and Friends Together (bereavement group) building a strong foundation for future work.
- Connecting with local social prescribers.
- Strengthening our pastoral care system.

Factors relevant to the achievement of our stated objectives.

Feedback from the Church Review.

2022 has been a year of some rebuilding after the major impact of Covid on the life of the church. This will continue into 2023 as the impact has been sustained and significant on many levels, especially in regard to the scale of the pastoral care needs for both congregation and community. We have started to address how we might practically do this better, but it is challenging.

Feedback to the wider church about the outcomes from the Church Review took place early in the year and we continue to work to address some of those. For example, mental health was clearly identified as an area of concern within our community. Two facilitators have now trained to lead Kintsugi Hope well-being groups and they will begin to be rolled out in 2023. We recognized a desire to build stronger links with school and the wider community. In 2022 we launched a Thursday morning Tea & Toast initiative for school families. This developed in focus and action during the year and is being appreciated by children and families. It has been encouraging to receive donations from local supermarkets etc to practically support it.

Church groups such as Tiddlers and Toddlers and the Friends Together groups have built up again and very much valued by all who come and we honour the leadership teams of these missional groups in the life of the church.

Marie-Anne, our Methodist Minister was on sabbatical from May to the end of the summer. Rachel was priested in June 2022. We decided to experiment with Café Church in the Autumn and look forward to developing the model during 2023.

We held Spring and Christmas fairs which helped raise much needed funds, but were excellent events in building community within the congregation and encouraging many from our community to come through the doors.

Achievements and performance including review of charitable achievements against objectives

The following section highlights areas of activity and performance

Methodist Membership and the Electoral Roll

At 31st December 2022, there were 76 members on the Methodist membership roll; 38 Joint Members and 38 Methodist Members. One person had transferred in from another church, 6 people were removed from the roll, 5 become joint members and 4 members had died.

At 31 December, there were 103 on the Church of England electoral roll, 2 people had died and there were 7 new members.

WORSHIP AND CHURCH LIFE

In 2022, average attendance at Sunday Worship has been 57 adults and 7 children. For 10.30 baptism services the average was 79 adults and 9 children. We have continued our monthly midweek communion services and hope to grow attendance at these in 2023. We host a monthly 9am Circuit Communion service. In November, we hosted a Circuit Service which was live-streamed. We also took part in an outdoor act of worship at 11am on 11th November which included some of our school children. During the year we had 10 infant baptisms and 4 weddings. There were 4 church funerals, 1 Memorial service and 2 funeral services at Southport crematorium.

Pastoral care

As mentioned above, the extent of the pastoral care task is enormous and there are no easy answers. We stay in touch monthly with all on our community roll which includes a letter from one of the clergy and details of upcoming events as well as information about regular groups and events. Lyfe groups have continued to support one another in different ways and we hope to strengthen some of the groups in 2023. Links with local nursing and care homes have continued. Our Friends Together group for those who have been bereaved is very much appreciated and the Christmas meal in December, to which other older members of the congregation were invited was once again a highlight. Home Communion is taken out to some who can't get to church.

Youth and children's work.

Our Trekkerz group for the 3-11's continues under the leadership of a committed team and is very much valued by both the children and their families. The Sunday@6 group for the 11+'s has grown and also includes young people from outside of PPW. A group of young people went to the Methodist Youth Assembly 3Generate at the end of September and was enjoyed by both the young people and the team of leaders. We plan to take a group again in 2023. Our Guiding groups have restarted and we hope that Girls Brigade will relaunch in 2023.

Church-School Partnership

Our foundation governors support the work of the school and the Chair of Governors is a member of our Church. His membership on the Church Council continues to be an asset in strengthening church-school links. Marie-Anne and Rachel lead school assemblies both in school and in church and also go into classes from time to time to take part in lessons. They also meet half-termly with the Vision and Values group from school. The excellent Prayer buddies initiative continues and is enjoyed by both school and church. A member of the church also takes part in Sweaty Church. We honour the outstanding commitment and work of all our school staff during another demanding year.

CHURCH PROPERTY.

Internal:

The church has been maintained as necessary and to an adequate standard. We continue to be reliant on paid cleaning contractors to keep the building clean. The boilers and fire extinguishers have been serviced and the fire alarm system was serviced. The lift now functions well and is now subject regular checks under a service contract. We had a major leak in the hall roof during the winter storms. This necessitated an insurance claim due to the scale of the work.

We initiated a faculty for the removal of the remaining nave pews following consultation. This is to enable greater flexibility of use of the nave space for worship and other things.

External:

The repair and redesign of the front entrance has been delayed further throughout the year but it is hoped this work will be completed in Spring 2023. The gutters were cleaned and a number of problem areas were identified which will need addressing further in 2023.

The grounds have been maintained as necessary although the condition of the car park/driveway remains in poor condition in places. The gardening team have continued to maintain the flowerbeds and lawn.

FINANCE

Performance of investments

The return on our investments improved in 2022 due to the rise in interest rates. Interest received increased from £40 in 2021 to £1134 in 2022. The bulk of the interest received was attributed to the St Paul's Trust (£952). The St Paul's Trust is a permanent Endowment fund and the interest is added back to the fund. We are committed to restoring this fund to £100,000 by 2060 as per the agreement with the Charity Commission. Use of these funds is strictly regulated by the terms of the Endowment and cannot currently be freed up. Interest earned on our CFB deposit account (balance £13,000) amounted to £151 in 2022.

Financial Review

The General Account figures were better than expected due to a number of factors:

Income: Giving was maintained at a similar level to 2021 whilst other donations saw a significant increase. Other significant increases in income came from fund raising, weddings and funerals and the transfer of part of the flat rent to the general account.

In addition to the grant we have gratefully received each year from the Broadhurst Trust, we received a fuel grant from the Liverpool Diocese and a grant from Sefton Council to aid our Tea and Toast project. Overall income was up by £9,000.

Expenditure: Whilst expenses in some areas were higher than expected this was offset by assistance from the Southport Circuit and the Liverpool Diocese in the form of reductions in the

overall Assessment and Parish Share for the year. Total expenditure for the year was as expected, resulting a surplus for 2022 of £1,556

Utility bills are a major expense. The dramatic rise in energy costs did not affect the church in 2022. However in 2023 we can expect to see our electric bill increase by 27% and our gas bill increase by 85%. Careful thought must be given to how and when we heat and, to a lesser extent, light the building.

Restricted Funds Account.

The main activity in this account was the long-awaited transfer of the Rwanda funds to Rwanda (£4,525) for the work of the school run by Peace Ruzindana, wife of the former Pastor of St Mark's, Shyira.

Building For Our Future Account.

This account is funded by the rental income from the church flat (48A Hampton Rd, above the school). The income is designated for the flat maintenance and church grounds maintenance. During the year the income was £5,225. The flat maintenance was £789. This surplus enabled us to make the decision to transfer £1,500 to support the general account and to purchase the new chairs for the nave at a cost of £1,140.

Grundy Homes Charity.

The church was approached by the trustees of the Grundy homes Charity asking if the church would take this back on as they were ageing and concerned for the future. This was agreed and five trustees were nominated and this was formally handed over in Autumn 2022.

Reserves Policy

We continue to aspire to hold £20,000 in our general reserve. However our current financial situation makes this impossible to realise at the moment.

Agent Transactions

The Church Council acted as a financial agent for funerals and weddings for the following people/organizations: The Diocese of Liverpool, the Church Ministers, as well as for the vergers and organists for occasional offices. Agent payments were directly passed on to the appropriate individuals.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE:

Areas for focus and development in 2023 are:

- To continue to respond to the outcomes from the 2021 Church Review
- If the faculty is agreed, to remove the remaining nave pews, make good the floor space, put the remaining seats in place and start to explore how we might creatively use the nave space.
- To improve our financial situation
- To continue to look for opportunities to take worship outside the walls of the church

ECUMENICAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
St Philip & St Paul with Wesley
GENERAL FUND Receipts and Payments
at 31 December 2022

Income	2022		2021	
Giving and donations				
Tax efficient planned giving	16,266		22,019	
Income Tax recovered	8,061		8,126	
Other planned giving	6,593		5,935	
Plate collections and other giving	<u>13,937</u>		<u>8,992</u>	
		44,858		45,072
Donations	<u>4,114</u>		<u>2,621</u>	
		4,114		2,621
Other trading activities				
Lettings	7,154		4,312	
Fundraising	3,476		1,618	
Weddings & Funerals (net)	<u>2,052</u>			
		12,681		5,930
Charitable activities				
Fees				
Grants	<u>4,625</u>		<u>2,700</u>	
		4,625		2,700
Receipts from investments				
Bank interest				
Other Income				
Other income	<u>1,257</u>	1,257	<u>2,236</u>	2,236
				2,236
Total Receipts		67,535		58,559
EXPENDITURE				
Charitable activities				
Parish Share and Circuit Assessment	45,501		47,792	
Clergy and LML expenses	479		382	
Mission and relief agencies	1,713		665	
Utilities	4,727		5,604	
Insurance	4,136		4,029	
Maintenance and cleaning	6,295		4,243	
Major capital expenditure			0	
Equipment	123		190	
Salaries			1,184	
Hospitality & outreach	430		0	
Resources for ministry	26		35	
Magazine printing			0	
Publicity & communications	140		252	
Admin & stationery	465		393	
Upkeep of services	285		92	
Governance	498		501	
Accounting			379	
Sundries	<u>1,160</u>		<u>413</u>	
Total payments		65,978		66,154
Excess of income over expenditure		1,556		-7,595
Balance b/f at 1 January 2022		16,446		24,039
Balance c/f at 31 December 2022		<u>18,002</u>		<u>16,446</u>

Balance at 31.12.22 includes £10,000 designated building

ECUMENICAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
St Philip & St Paul with Wesley
RESTRICTED AND DESIGNATED FUNDS STATEMENT
at 31 December 2022

FUND	Bal b/f at 1.1.22	Receipts	Payments	Bal c/f at 31.12.22
Special Collections <i>Money given specifically for mission</i>	0	67	0	67
Benevolence <i>To relieve poverty</i>	2,041	129	196	1,974
Bible Reading <i>To encourage the use of Bible reading</i>	28	162	170	20
Flowers <i>For flowers in the church</i>	114	0	72	42
Disability <i>An RNID grant</i>	59	0	0	59
Special Holding <i>gift</i>	370	0	370	0
Rwanda <i>To build our Rwanda link</i>	4,521	96	4,525	92
Traidcraft <i>For fairly traded goods</i>	268	0	0	268
Christian Aid	20	200	0	220
Parish Weekends <i>Church weekends away</i>	395	1,870	1,590	675
Building Designated <i>Expenditure on building and grounds</i>	25,866	5,342	3,451	27,757
Children's work restricted <i>For children's work</i>	2,648	17	0	2,665
Youth restricted <i>For work with young people</i>	2,215	362	353	2,224
St Paul's Trust *	74,700	983	0	75,683
TOTAL	113,245	9,227	10,727	111,745

* *St Paul's Trust*
Permanent Endowment set up from proceeds from the sale of the land at St Paul's School. Some of the capital was used for the reordering of the church in 2000. The capital is to be recouped by 2060.

Name of Church .. St Philip/Paul with Wesley

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 which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

I have obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner 

Name of independent examiner Stephen Hardiman

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address 12 Cobden Road Southport Merseyside

..... Post Code PR9 7TJ

Date April 14/2023

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ECUMENICAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
St Philip & St Paul with Wesley
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
at 31 December 2022

Cash Funds	2,022	2021
Barclays General Current Account	18,002	16,446
Braclays Building For Our Future Account	17,725	15,952
Barclays Restricted Funds Account	5,263	9,672
Methodist CFB Deposit Account	13,047	12,895
CCLA account held by Diocese	75,683	74,700
Total current and deposit accounts	<u>129,720</u>	<u>129,665</u>
This figure represents:		
Unrestricted Funds		
General Fund	18,002	16,446
Building & grounds des	27,791	25,866
	TOTAL 45,793	42,312
Restricted Funds		
Special collections	67	0
Flower	42	114
Benevolence	1,974	2,014
Bible Reading notes	20	28
Children's work	2,619	2,648
Youth Work	2,209	2,215
Disability Grant	59	59
Christian Aid	220	20
Rwanda	92	4,522
Special Holding	0	370
Traidcraft	268	268
Church Weekend	675	395
	TOTAL 8,244	12,653
Permanent Endowment	75,683	74,700
	<u>129,720</u>	<u>129,665</u>

Notes

The financial statements of the ECC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

The following assets are recognised but not necessarily valued in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities:

Moveable church furnishings held by the church wardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for their disposal.

Approved by the ECC on

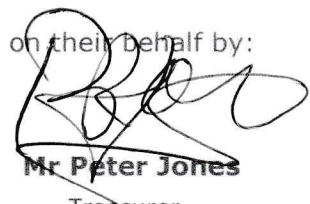
2023 and signed on their behalf by:



Rev'd Marie-Anne Kent
Methodist Minister



Rev Rachel Bray
Curate



Mr Peter Jones
Treasurer

ST PHILIP AND ST PAUL WITH WESLEY, SOUTHPORT

England & Wales - Charity number 1155030

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Name of Church ST PAUL & ST PAUL WITH WESLEY No.....

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2021 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer R. Gray on behalf of Peter Jones Date 28/3/22

Name and address of treasurer PETER JONES, 29 BESCAR LANE,
SCARISBRICK LANCASTIRE Post Code L40 9QR.

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 ~~August~~ ^{December} 2021 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 28th March 2022

Signature of the Chair of the meeting Rachel Gray

Name of the Chair of the meeting REV RACHEL GRAY Date 28/3/22

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

ST PAUL & ST PAUL WITH WESLEY Church

Charity Number 1155030

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above Church for the year ended 31 August 2021 set out on pages 9 to 11. As the Church's 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 Church'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.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Church St Philip St Paul & Wesley No

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 (other than that disclosed below*) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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Signature of independent examiner S. Hardiman

Name of independent examiner Stephen Hardiman

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address 12 Cobden Road Southsea

..... Post Code PO9 7TS

Date 17 March 2022

* delete or circle as appropriate

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ECUMENICAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
St Philip & St Paul with Wesley
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
at 31 December 2021

Cash Funds	2021	2020
Barclays General Current Account	16,446	24,098
Braclays Building For Our Future Account	15,952	15,848
Barclays Restricted Funds Account	9,672	8,178
Methodist CFB Deposit Account	12,895	12,894
CCLA account held by Diocese	74,700	74,661
Total current and deposit accounts	<u>129,665</u>	<u>135,679</u>
This figure represents:		
Unrestricted Funds		
General Fund	16,446	24,039
Building & grounds designated	25,866	25,762
	TOTAL 42,312	49,801
Restricted Funds		
Mission	0	0
Flower	114	271
Benevolence	2,014	955
Bible Reading notes	28	35
Children's work	2,648	2,766
Youth Work	2,215	1,946
Disability Grant	59	59
Christian Aid	20	0
Rwanda	4,522	4,522
Special Holding	370	0
Traidcraft	268	268
Church Weekends	395	395
	TOTAL 12,653	11,217
Permanent Endowment	74,700	74,661
	<u>129,665</u>	<u>135,679</u>

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Approved by the ECC on 28th March 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

Rev'd Marie-Anne Kent
Methodist Minister

Rev Rachel Bray
Curate

Mr Peter Jones
Treasurer

ECUMENICAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
St Philip & St Paul with Wesley
GENERAL FUND Receipts and Payments
at 31 December 2021

RECEIPTS	2021	2020
Giving and donations		
Tax efficient planned giving	22,019	27,996
Income Tax recovered	8,126	10,914
Other planned giving	5,935	7,844
Plate collections and other giving	<u>8,992</u>	<u>4,739</u>
	45,072	51,493
Donations	<u>2,621</u>	<u>11,080</u>
	2,621	11,080
Other trading activities		
Magazine sales		50
Lettings	4,312	5,030
Fundraising	<u>1,618</u>	<u>44</u>
	5,930	5,124
Charitable activities		
Fees		513
Grants	<u>2,700</u>	<u>2,700</u>
	2,700	3,213
Receipts from investments		
Bank interest	<u> </u>	<u>0</u>
		0
Other Income		
Legacies		9,190
Other income	<u>2,236</u>	<u>185</u>
	2,236	9,375
Total Receipts	58,559	80,285
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Parish Share and Circuit Assessment	47,792	51,383
Clergy and LML expenses	382	456
Mission and relief agencies	665	1,359
Utilities	5,604	3,201
Insurance	4,029	3,950
Maintenance and cleaning	4,243	3,245
Major capital expenditure	0	0
Equipment	190	458
Salaries	1,184	2,280
Hospitality & outreach	0	0
Resources for ministry	35	89
Magazine printing	0	168
Publicity & communications	252	136
Admin & stationery	393	513
Upkeep of services	92	131
Governance	501	0
Accounting	379	0
Sundries	<u>413</u>	<u>1,140</u>
Total payments	66,154	68,509
Excess of receipts over payments		
	(7,595)	11,776
Balance b/f at 1 January 2021	24,039	4,367
Adjustments	0	7,896
Balance c/f at 31 December 2021	<u>16,446</u>	<u>24,039</u>

Bal at 31.12.21 includes £10,000 designated building

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ECUMENICAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
St Philip & St Paul with Wesley
RESTRICTED AND DESIGNATED FUNDS STATEMENT
at 31 December 2021

FUND	Bal b/f at 1.1.21	Receipts	Payments	Bal c/f at 31.12.21
Mission <i>Money given specifically for mission</i>	0			0
Benevolence <i>To relieve poverty</i>	954	1,095	8	2,041
Bible Reading <i>To encourage the use of Bible reading</i>	35	218	225	28
Flowers <i>For flowers in the church</i>	271	365	522	114
Disability <i>An RNID grant</i>	59			59
Special Holding <i>gift</i>	0	370		370
Rwanda <i>To build our Rwanda link</i>	4,521			4,521
Traidcraft <i>For fairly traded goods</i>	268	0		268
Christian Aid	0	20		20
Parish Weekends <i>Church weekends away</i>	395	0		395
Building Designated <i>Expenditure on building and grounds</i>	25,762	5,900	5,796	25,866
Children's work restricted <i>For children's work</i>	2,766		118	2,648
Youth restricted <i>For work with young people</i>	1,946	300	31	2,215
St Paul's Trust *	74,661	39	0	74,700
TOTAL	111,638	8,307	6,700	113,245

* St Paul's Trust

Permanent Endowment set up from proceeds from the sale of the land at St Paul's School. Some of the capital was used for the reordering of the church in 2000. The capital is to be recouped by 2060.

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The Church of
St Philip and St Paul with Wesley

Scarisbrick New Road, Southport, Merseyside PR8 6QF

**Annual Report
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For the year ended
31 December 2020

THE CHURCH OF ST PHILIP AND ST PAUL WITH WESLEY, SOUTHPORT

ANNUAL REPORT 2020

Reference and Administrative Information

The Church of St Philip and St Paul with Wesley is a charity registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Charity registration number: 1155030

Official correspondence can be sent to:

St Philip and St Paul with Wesley, Scarisbrick New Road, Southport PR8 6QF.

The Joint Council (JC) arises from our Sharing Agreement on the building. In practice the meetings of the JC are very brief and deal with questions of policy regarding expenditure on management, exceptional expenditure, substantial capital expenditure on structural repairs or improvement of the church building. The Ecumenical Church Council (ECC) arises from being a Local Ecumenical Partnership (LEP) and is the joint decision-making body for the church.

Those who served on the Church Councils during 2020 until the date of approval of this report are:

Church of England (PCC)

Revd Steve McGanity (Priest-in-Charge)
Mrs Rachel Bray (Local Missional Leader)
Mrs Janet Carver (Churchwarden)
Mrs Vanessa Fletcher (Churchwarden till June 2020)
Mrs Christine Moyes
Miss Margaret Moore
Mr Mark Paterson
Miss Gail Rooke
Mrs Carol Holt (Until July 2020)
Miss Samantha Ramsay
Mr Jeremy Hooper
Mrs Annette Swinnerton
Mrs Helen Ball

Methodist (MCC)

(Since April 2018 all members of the ECC are members of the MCC)

The Rev'd Marie-Anne Kent (Minister)
Mrs Judith Thomas (Church Steward)
Mrs Margaret Harwood (Church Steward)
Mr Peter Jones (Treasurer)
Mrs Val Jones
Mrs Beth Matthews
Mrs Pam O'Malley (Circuit Steward)

Reader: Mrs Christine Moyes.

Local Preachers: Mr Derrick Chamberlain, Mr Nigel Mawdsley

Safeguarding Officer: Mrs Bethan Matthews

Bankers – Barclays Bank plc, 265-267 Lord Street, Southport PR8 2HF

Independent Examiner – Mr Steven Hardiman

Architect – NJSR Chartered Architects, 57-59 Hoghton Street Southport PR9 0PG

The day to day management control of the church is exercised by the Leadership team which is made up of the Methodist Minister, the Local Missional Leader, two Churchwardens, two Church Stewards and the Treasurer. It meets in the lead up to all Council meetings, helping to set the agendas and continue to develop vision. Church Council sub-groups covering different areas of church life also meet during the year, carry out detailed work and report back to the council. These are: Finance, Property, Pastoral, Communications, Discipleship, Worship & Prayer, School partnership, Hospitality, Children Young People & Uniformed groups & Overseas links.

STRUCTURE, MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE

The Methodist Church Council (MCC) is constituted according to the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church Standing Order 611. Parochial Church Council (PCC) operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure 1956.

All Church members are encouraged to participate fully in the life of the church.

The Property council sub-group oversees building maintenance and repair and reports back to the Council.

Individual members of the church councils receive external training as and when deemed appropriate eg Safeguarding training.

Risk Assessments

The ECC undertakes an ongoing programme of risk assessments to identify their major risks. Procedures are being put in place to manage those risks and minimise their impact on the life of the church. Action in the main areas of risk is taken as follows.

(a) Financial Risk

An annual budget is prepared to ensure short term viability. Actual results compared with budget are reported to every church council meeting (approx. 7 times a year). Investments are only made in approved low risk funds approved for charity use. All assets are insured and levels are reviewed. Best practice is followed for cash handling.

(b) Compliance with Law and Regulation

A procedure for recording accidents is in place and Church Wardens and Church Stewards have been briefed in fire evacuation procedures. We seek to meet the requirements of Health and Safety legislation and the Equality Act 2010. We have a fire safety officer and have continued to carry out regular work in the building to further comply with issued guidance. We have reviewed and risk assessed our emergency procedures. We have followed government guidance for Covid-compliance during the pandemic, carrying out regular Risk Assessments, which have helped guide decisions about if and when to close the building for worship.

(c) Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection (Safeguarding Policy)

We are committed to following best practice with regard to safeguarding and child protection. Safeguarding is a standing item on our church council agenda. All church council members are required to undertake up to date safeguarding training. The Methodist Church's annual Safeguarding Audit also ensures that our processes are rigorous and up to date.

(d) Operational Risk

Plans have been agreed with our Church School for services to be held in the school hall in the event of the main worship area of the church becoming unusable for a limited period. The use of the St Paul's Hall would also be an option.

All formal risk assessments are recorded and filed, and reviewed annually.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objective of the church and its councils in formal Church of England terms is "to cooperate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical" (PCC Powers measure 1956). In Methodist Standing Orders it is the local church that exercises the whole ministry of Christ where it is and it is the church council itself which "has authority and oversight over the whole area of the ministry of the church". In our experience as an LEP, these different ways of stating our objective are complementary. When planning our objectives for the year, the church council gives consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance to charities concerned with the advancement of religion.

The church's four key values are: Worship, Belong, Grow and Serve.

Our 2020 verse for the year was "Let each generation tell its children of your mighty acts; let them proclaim your power." *Psalm 145:4 (New Living Translation)*

Our priorities in 2020 were:

1. To better equip everyone in the church to grow in confidence to tell their individual faith stories as part of God's much bigger story.
2. To explore the role of grandparents in sharing their faith within the family
3. To consider how to grow the missional opportunities of the Toddler Group
4. To develop how we include our children and young people in Communion Services
5. To explore inter-generational worship further.

Factors relevant to the achievement of our stated objectives.

The worldwide pandemic and its impact on the UK meant we had to adapt to ever-changing circumstances, including not being able to meet in the building for many weeks of the year. As a result priorities for the years had to change. The Church Council delegated the difficult decisions to the Leadership team about when to close and when to reopen the building. They were very grateful for the generous support, prayer and encouragement of the congregation at these times.

The Southport Methodist Circuit quickly established high-quality weekly YouTube online worship which the majority of the PPW community regularly engaged with. Rachel and Marie-Anne produced weekly newsletters, including a reflection to help everyone feel connected as a church community. Pastoral care continued with many making an extra effort to make contact with others. Church Councils and Leadership Team meetings have been held on Zoom. We have used Zoom also for Morning Prayer on a Monday and for a coffee morning on a Wednesday hosted by different members of the leadership Team. We tried to think creatively about connecting with our community despite the building being closed.

Amongst other things, we lit the stained glass windows facing Scarisbrick New Rd at night, from Dec 1st into 2021 as a sign of 'light in the darkness' and hope for our community, we joined in a Circuit Advent Actions initiative and we held a 'Carols in the school grounds' on Christmas Eve which was well attended and appreciated. It has been encouraging that despite all the challenges of the year, that we have had people join us. At the end of the year, we were joined by a group of members of Victoria Methodist Church which had taken the difficult decision to close at the beginning of Advent. We look forward to a time when we can all begin to get to get know each other better when we feel it is right to to reopen the building in 2021, in a way that builds fellowship and community safely.

We were deeply saddened by the death of Derrick Chamberlain on Christmas Eve. As such a faithful member of the church, and a local preacher for so many years, his witness, and ministry will be much missed.

Achievements and performance including review of charitable achievements against objectives

The following section highlights areas of activity and performance

Methodist Membership and the Electoral Roll

At 31st December 2020, we had 64 people on the Methodist membership roll, being 32 Methodist Members and 32 joint members. In that year we had 2 transferred in from another church, 10 removed from the roll and 1 member died. 31 December, there were 97 people on the Electoral Roll. 1 member had died and there were 2 new members.

WORSHIP AND CHURCH LIFE

Until lockdown in March, attendance was on average 67 adults and 8 children. We hosted a Sunday morning Circuit Service in February at which there were 211 adults and 15 children. We continued our pattern of midweek monthly communion before lockdown. When the church was open for Sunday worship under Covid restrictions, we had an average of 33 adults in attendance. This year we only had 1 church wedding and 1 infant baptism. There were 5 church funerals and 6 funeral services at Southport crematorium or the cemetery.

Pastoral care

Pastoral Care has continued and been a priority during the many months of lockdown and restriction. Enabling everyone to have access to the weekly newsletter has been a positive step, especially for those not able to get to church or who have been shielding in 2020. Lyfe groups have continued to support one another in different ways and some have met via Zoom. Links with local nursing and care homes have been maintained. Our Friends Together group for those who have been bereaved, like many groups had to be suspended, but they have been appreciative of the support of the group's leaders.

Youth and children's work.

Our Trekkerz leaders have stayed in touch with our children and their families and the Sunday@6 group for the 11+'s has continued via Zoom. All our uniformed groups as well as our Toddler Group had to suspend meeting.

Church-School Partnership

Rev'd Marie-Anne has continued her involvement in the life of the school with virtual assemblies and supporting the school's senior leadership team. The Prayer buddies

initiative continues and we look forward to that developing. Our foundation governors support the work of the school and the Chair of Governors is a member of our Church. His membership on the Church Council is helping strengthen church-school links. We honour the outstanding commitment and work of all our school staff during such a tumultuous year.

CHURCH PROPERTY.

Internal:

The Church has been maintained as necessary and to a good standard throughout the year. Usage of the building has been sporadic since March. The contract cleaners have been very flexible during the year, fitting in with our needs and the needs of those hiring rooms to keep the building clean. This cleaning has been supplemented by individual church members “doing their bit”. Post-pandemic we will be a need to establish a new rota of cleaning teams, including some younger blood.

Numerous miscellaneous repairs have been carried out by the maintenance team throughout the year. The baptistery porch was cleaned and re-painted in advance of anticipated increased use on Sundays and for funerals. A new lighting system has been installed which displays the stained glass windows to great effect at night when viewed from Scarisbrick New Road. Annual servicing has been carried out to the heating boilers and fire extinguishers. The lift has presented problems during the year and engineers have been unable to complete a repair. There is a real possibility that the lift cannot be repaired.

External:

Plans for the repair and re-design of the main entrance steps are still in hand. We await the granting of the Faculty. Once received it will be a priority in 2021. The grounds have been maintained by a team of volunteers during the year and are looking well cared for. All the lower and mid level gutters have been cleared out prior to wintery weather conditions. Locks to the front (glass) doors have been serviced and locks to the vestry and baptistery doors have been replaced complying with fire regulations and insurance requirements.

FINANCE

Performance of investments

This has continued to be poor with low interest rates. The St Paul's Educational Trust, a permanent Endowment continues to grow as the interest is added back to it year on year in accordance with expectation. We are committed to restoring this to £100,000 by 2060 as per the agreement with the Charity Commission. Use of these funds is strictly regulated by the terms of the Endowment and cannot currently be freed up. We hope to seek legal advice to try to release the capital from this Trust.

Financial Review

Our financial expectations for 2020 were thrown into disarray from March onwards due to Covid19 restrictions on the use of the building for worship and also for other activities. We had hoped to balance the books in 2020 on our general account (day to day running costs) by holding fundraising events to the tune of £10,000 – this has not been possible. In addition to this, income has been severely hit throughout the year with lettings income showing a £5,000 fall from forecast levels. Utility bills for the year have been reduced as the building has been closed for much of the time.

Regular giving by the congregation has been maintained showing a 10% increase above expectations. Many thanks to all concerned for their efforts to make their regular donations. The general account bank balance has been kept in credit due some generous one-off gifts (over £10,000) and two legacies (£9,000). It is hoped that the gifts can be used to fund the repairs to the front entrance and some other necessary repair projects. It is anticipated that the legacy windfalls may be needed to prop up the general account throughout 2021. In addition to the above we were allowed a payment “holiday” on our Parish Share /Methodist Assessment which eased our cash flow to the tune of £4,500.

Our “Building for the Future” account balance increased from £10,800 to £15,800. This account is funded by rental income from the church flat (48^A Hampton Rd) and only minimal repair and maintenance costs were incurred during 2020.

Our “Restricted funds” account raised approximately £1,100 following a Text/Whatsapp appeal for donations to help those affected by the floods in Shyira.

Reserves Policy

We continue to aspire to hold £20,000 in our general reserve. However our current financial situation makes this impossible to realise at the moment.

Agent Transactions

The Church Council acted as a financial agent for funerals and weddings for the following people/organizations: The Diocese of Liverpool, the Church Minister, as well as for the vergers and organists for occasional offices. Agent payments were directly passed on to the appropriate individuals.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE:

At the year end, what when and how restrictions might be lifted is uncertain and this makes anything other than short-term planning difficult. Despite all the challenges that presents us with, ministry and mission will continue. We have chosen Isaiah 43:19 as our verse for 2021, and we look forward in faith and hope to the next chapter of our story as the PPW church family, seeking to be a blessing to each other and to our community.



Report to the trustees/members of

St Philip & St Paul with Wesley, Southport

On accounts for the year ended

31.12.20

Charity no (if any)

1155030

Set out on pages

8-10

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act

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

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

S Hardiman

Date:

25.4.21

Name:

Mr Stephen Hardiman

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

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ECUMENICAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
St Philip & St Paul with Wesley
GENERAL FUND Receipts and Payments
at 31 December 2020

RECEIPTS	2020	2019
Giving and donations		
Tax efficient planned giving	27,996	25,962
Income Tax recovered	10,914	10,307
Other planned giving	7,844	8,783
Plate collections and other giving	<u>4,739</u>	<u>11,548</u>
	51,493	56,600
Donations	<u>11,080</u>	<u>2,742</u>
	11,080	2,742
Other trading activities		
Magazine sales	50	355
Lettings	5,030	12,497
Fundraising	<u>44</u>	<u>4,503</u>
	5,124	17,355
Charitable activities		
Fees	513	1,521
Grants	<u>2,700</u>	<u>0</u>
	3,213	1,521
Receipts from investments		
Bank interest	<u>0</u>	<u>77</u>
	0	77
Other Income		
Legacies	9,190	0
Other income	<u>185</u>	<u>562</u>
	9,375	562
Total Receipts	80,285	78,857
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Parish Share and Circuit Assessment	51,383	55,897
Clergy and LML expenses	456	281
Mission and relief agencies	1,359	550
Utilities	3,201	5,839
Insurance	3,950	3,856
Maintenance and cleaning	3,245	7,962
Major capital expenditure	0	16,126
Equipment	458	949
Salaries	2,280	3,312
Hospitality & outreach	0	458
Resources for ministry	89	179
Magazine printing	168	703
Publicity & communications	136	305
Admin & stationery	513	628
Upkeep of services	131	289
Governance	0	845
Sundries	<u>1,140</u>	<u>351</u>
Total payments	68,509	98,530
Excess of receipts over payments	11,776	(19,673)
Balance b/f at 1 January 2020	4,367	24,039
Adjustments made in 2020	7,896	0
Balance c/f at 31 December 2020	<u>24,039</u>	<u>4,367</u>

ECUMENICAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
St Philip & St Paul with Wesley
RESTRICTED AND DESIGNATED FUNDS STATEMENT
at 31 December 2020

FUND	Bal b/f at 1.1.20	Receipts	Payments	2020 Adjust	Bal c/f at 31.12.20
Mission <i>Money given specifically for mission</i>	436	0	0	(436)	0
Benevolence <i>To relieve poverty</i>	1,001	24	(71)	0	954
Bible Reading <i>To encourage the use of Bible reading</i>	184	78	(227)	0	35
Flowers <i>For flowers in the church</i>	317	0	(46)	0	271
Disability <i>An RNID grant</i>	59	0	0	0	59
Lottery <i>Lottery grant</i>	0	0	0	(0)	0
Rwanda <i>To build our Rwanda link</i>	4,166	1,520	(1,165)	0	4,521
Traidcraft <i>For fairly traded goods</i>	329	0	(61)	0	268
Admin <i>Funds for our administrator</i>	1,350	0	0	(1,350)	0
Parish Weekends <i>Church weekends away</i>	395	0	0	0	395
Building Designated <i>Expenditure on building and grounds</i>	11,973	5,284	(280)	8,785	25,762
Grounds Designated <i>Expenditure on the grounds</i>	8,822			(8,822)	0
Grounds Restricted <i>Restricted to building work</i>	6,000			(6,000)	0
Children's work restricted <i>For children's work</i>	2,498	314		(47)	2,766
Youth restricted <i>For work with young people</i>	2,216	14	(257)	(27)	1,946
St Paul's Trust *	74,345	316	0		74,661
TOTAL	114,092	7,550	(2,107)	(7,896)	111,639

* St Paul's Trust

Permanent Endowment set up from proceeds from the sale of the land at St Paul's School. Some of the capital was used for the reordering of the church in 2000. The capital is to be recouped by 2060.

Note: The adjustments represent a more accurate categorising of funds

ECUMENICAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
St Philip & St Paul with Wesley
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
at 31 December 2020

Cash Funds	2020	2019
Barclays General Current Account	24,098	12,370
Braclays Building For Our Future Account	15,848	10,863
Barclays Restricted Funds Account	8,178	6,273
Methodist CFB Deposit Account	12,894	14,608
CCLA account held by Diocese	74,661	74,345
Total current and deposit accounts	<u>135,679</u>	<u>118,459</u>
This figure represents:		
Unrestricted Funds		
General Fund	24,039	4,367
Building & grounds designated	25,762	11,973
New flat/Grounds fund	0	8,822
TOTAL	49,801	25,162
Restricted Funds		
Restricted Building Fund	0	6,000
Mission	0	436
Flower	271	317
Benevolence	955	1,001
Bible Reading notes	35	184
Children's work	2,766	2,498
Youth Work	1,946	2,216
Disability Grant	59	59
Administrator	0	1,350
Rwanda	4,522	4,166
Traidcraft	268	329
Church Weekends	395	395
TOTAL	11,217	18,951
Permanent Endowment	74,661	74,345
	<u>135,679</u>	<u>118,458</u>

Notes

The adjustments made in 2020 correct the 2019 presentation of unrestricted, designated and restricted funds.

The financial statements of the ECC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

The following assets are recognised but not necessarily valued in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities:

Moveable church furnishings held by the church wardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for their disposal.

Approved by the ECC on 28th April 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

Rev'd Marie-Anne Kent

Methodist Minister

Mrs Rachel Bray

Local Missional Leader

Mr Peter Jones

Treasurer