

# THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CHRIST CHURCH WITH ALL SAINTS, BLACKPOOL

England & Wales - Charity number 1163354

## Details

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**Other names** Beacon Church Blackpool, CCAS

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Previously excepted

**Registered** 2015-09-01

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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

**Activities:** Beacon Church Blackpool is a parish church in central Blackpool. For us church is more about family than just Sundays - We meet together regularly for different activities, such as stay & play, park runs, meals, small groups and fun - alongside our Sunday services The 11, and Families at Four. We are a home for restless souls and a beacon to shed forth Gods light in Blackpool and beyond.

## Classification

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

## Geography

- Blackpool

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£125,550	£113,615	-	-
2024-12-31	£109,466	£129,318	-	-
2023-12-31	£108,116	£281,650	-	-
2022-12-31	£116,138	£108,919	-	-
2021-12-31	£130,671	£108,994	-	-
2020-12-31	£84,616	£83,637	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Matthew John Lockwood</b>	Chair	2024-05-05
Danielle Muir		2024-05-05
Darren Muir		2025-05-11
Diana Morrison		2021-05-18
Erin Grace SORSBIE		2021-05-18
HANNAH BETHANY LOCKWOOD		2023-09-01
Katrina Howard-Prince		2025-05-11
Matthew Aaron WILSON		2022-04-05
Peter Hayball		2024-05-05
SANDRA JENNIFER PATRICK		2005-04-10
Victoria Kelshaw		2025-05-11

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# Accounts

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## Financial Report

It has been a very positive year within the financial life of Beacon Church. We have been blessed by an increase in planned giving to the work of the church, from people within the church as well as external givers. As a church we have been incredibly blessed by the generosity of 20 external givers and 5 partner churches who have all given financial support and prayer over the last year. As of the end of 2025, just over 50% of the planned giving continues to come from external givers.

As a church this year we have positively benefited from grant income. This has included money towards wages, money towards new windows, money from Love your Neighbour for Love Christmas and a one off grant from Revitalise Trust towards setting up a youth group.

After discussion with Blackburn Diocese, 2025 saw a modest increase in the parish share to £23760 from £21600. Most of the other expenses were in line with last year with the exception of:

- o Building work which was just over £18k which was mainly due to replacing 16 external windows and a set of external doors. We plan to spend more money from the building fund in 2026 with work starting in March for a new accessible entrance way and ramp.
- o Mission and Evangelism jumped from £14k to £21.5k in the year with this spend covered by income received. This jump included a much larger spend in Love Christmas as we received a large grant towards this, a larger spend for the annual Illuminate event which other churches then gave money towards and the setting up of a youth group. We continue to provide meals at the majority of mission and evangelism projects and events that we run throughout the year. We budget £40-£45 a week for food for families at four and feed anywhere from 30-70 people.

Overall, in both unrestricted and restricted funds we have ended the year with a surplus. The unrestricted fund was over £30k with designated reserves, a buffer of money on top of that of £6k. The PCC have agreed to use some of the unrestricted surplus to increase the church reserves.

This has left the Church with a bank balance at the end of the year of just over £92k (2024, £80k) with the majority of that balance, £56k relating to restricted funds, which is where we expect the spend to be again in 2026.

We are most grateful to the sacrificial giving of those within the Church and plan to continue teaching on the importance of generosity being a



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central part of our worship, as well as being very grateful for the many partners we have outside of the parish who have continued to be generous.

**Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31 December 2025**

Receipts and Payments Account	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<b>Receipts</b>					
<b>Voluntary receipts:</b>					
Planned giving	49,728			49,728	35,361
Collections at services	1,083		100	1,183	1,770
All other giving/voluntary receipts	7,288		143	7,431	29,888
Grant Income			35,180	35,180	22,531
Gift Aid recovered	6,904		13,529	20,433	6,063
<b>Total</b>	65,002		48,952	113,954	95,613
<b>Activities for generating funds</b>					
Investment income	10			10	16
Sale of shares					
Church fees & activities			109	109	4,075
Other Income			11,477	11,477	9,762
<b>Total receipts</b>	65,012		60,538	125,550	109,466
<b>Payments</b>					
Church activities:					
Parish share	23,760			23,760	21,600
Salaries / Honoraria	10,314		22,608	32,922	38,987
Clergy and Staffing costs	2,571		3,119	5,690	4,012
Church running expenses	7,187			7,187	6,540
Mission and Evangelism	7,595		13,985	21,580	14,776
Mission giving and donations	3,741			3,741	2,600
Building work and repairs	548		17,656	18,204	39,677
Other expenditure	532			532	1,126
<b>Total Payments</b>	56,248		57,367	113,615	129,318
<b>Excess of receipts over payments</b>	8,764		3,171	11,935	(19,853)
Cash held in Bank Account as at 1st January	21,266	6,000	53,000	80,265	100,118
Cash held in Bank Account as at 31st December	30,030	6000	56,171	92,201	80,265
<b>Statement of Assets and Liabilities</b>					
	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<b>Cash funds</b>					
Bank current account	30,030	6,000	56,171	92,201	80,265
<b>Assets retained for Church use (note 2)</b>					
42 Reads Avenue			179,455	179,455	179,455

Approved by the PCC on

Signed on their behalf by

The notes below form part of these financial statements

**Note 1** The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

**Note 2** During 2023 42 Reads Avenue was purchased using restricted funds for £179,455 including transaction costs. Reads Avenue is retained for Church use and its upkeep funded by the Church and is held in trust by the Diocese.

**Note 3**

**Designated & Restricted Funds**

	<b>1 Jan 2025</b>	<b>Received</b>	<b>Spent</b>	<b>31 Dec 2025</b>
Henry Smith Parish Grants	6,839	10,000	8,247	8,591
Eden Team	29,615	12,680	13,054	29,241
Childrens and Families Worker and Youth	4,963	1,500	4,891	1,572
Building fund - Church & Diocese accounts	10,372	21,516	17,253	14,636
Warm space	88		34	54
XCC/Arise	410	109	58	461
Adminstration and worship	714	11,477	11,075	1,116
Other		3,256	2,755	501
Church Reserves	6,000			6,000
Restricted funds	59,000	60,538	57,367	62,171
Unrestricted fund	21,265	65,012	56,248	30,029
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>80,265</b>	<b>125,550</b>	<b>113,615</b>	<b>92,201</b>

## **Independent examiner's report on the accounts**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of** Beacon Church Blackpool, formerly Christ Church with All Saints Blackpool

**On accounts for the year ended** 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025 **Charity no** 1163354

**Set out on pages** 3 and 4

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2025

**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 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 or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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.

**Signed:** 

**Date:** 7<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Name:** Jonathan Goldthorpe

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body (if any):** Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants England and Wales

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Suffolk

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# Accounts

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# FAMILY MEETING RESOURCES

Sunday 11th May  
12 noon - 1pm

42 Reads Ave.

# APM & APCM AGENDAS

Sunday 11th May 2025, 12:00 - 13:00 — Beacon Church Blackpool  
Blackpool: Christ Church with All Saints

## Annual Parishioner's Meeting

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Nominations of Church Wardens
4. Close

## Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Welcome (ML)
  2. Apologies for absence (ML)
  3. Minutes of previous Annual Parochial Church Meeting (ML)
  4. Matters arising (ML)
  5. Reports
    - Church Leaders' report (HL)
    - Electoral Role report (HL)
    - Annual PCC report (ML)
    - Financial Report (HL)
    - Fabric Report (ML)
    - Deanery Synod Report (MW)
  6. Elections and Appointments (ML)
    - Election of Deanery Synod Representatives
    - Election of PCC members
    - Appointment of Independent Examiner (Mr Jonathon Goldthorpe) (ML)
  7. Coming Up (ML & HL)
  8. Any other business (ML)
- Please notify the Lay-Chair by email prior to the meeting —  
[matt@beaconblackpool.co.uk](mailto:matt@beaconblackpool.co.uk)
9. Closing Prayer (ML)



***APCM Minutes***  
***April 2023--May 2024***

Beacon Church Blackpool (The Parish of Christ Church with All Saints )  
42 Reads Avenue, Blackpool

5<sup>th</sup> May 2024 11:00 am and 12:20pm Beacon Church

Chair                Adrian Wolton  
Secretary        Sandra Patrick

Adrian welcomed everyone to the meeting . The meeting this year will be in 3 parts with a break for a light lunch

**A Beacon Family meeting and APCM Part 1**

- After a short time of praise, we were reminded of Acts 2 v 42-47 The Fellowship of the Believers.  
Beacon is a family / community but it's also more than that. We have a purpose devoted to teaching, fellowship, breaking bread together and prayer. Brought together by our love of God we share ups and downs together. It's powerful to do life together. Faith is about community and people.
- **Where has God been at work ?** The meeting was asked for their response to this question.

The presence of the Spirit in worship and people changing their lives.  
God is in our worship.  
We are family and support one another. As a family we can be honest about life and find support.  
Support is always there for new Christians , providing strength..  
Beacon Kids are learning thoughtfulness and honesty.  
During prayer walks it can be seen how God is working in the area.

**What do you love about Beacon?**

New people are progressing in their walk with God- asking questions.  
Baptisms and hearing people's life stories.  
People feel welcomed, loved and not judged.  
It's a place to find peace and help when having a bad time.  
Church is family and welcomes all.  
A real feeling of God's presence in our Worship  
We are a family working together as shown in whole families helping in the preparation for Families @4  
Beacon Kids were asked what they liked- activities, friendship, crafts etc and toast.

**God has been at work at Beacon and now is a time of transition-** the meeting was played a video from Bishop Jill

She has been encouraged by all that has been happening at Beacon and wants us to thrive. She is grateful to God that he has provided Matt and Hannah to continue the work as they take over from Adrian. Andy Dykes, from Blackpool Church will be Priest in Charge, but just working in the background. This is a legal requirement and he will provide support for Matt and Hannah who will be moving into the Vicarage. Matt will continue as our curate in charge when he is ordained in 2026

Jesus shines in the darkness and the darkness never lasts-Beacon shines in Blackpool and there have been and will be more lights lit around Revue and Blackpool.

The Bishops will be holding a commissioning party for Matt and Hannah as our leaders

- Matt and Hannah spoke to the meeting: They had done much thinking and praying about the situation and feel called to take on the leader roles. After two years Matt will be ordained Curate in charge and will be leading us into the future. Prayers needed? They are aware that changes will happen and ask for prayers for the support of our church and for our church. We must all fix our eyes on God. It's unusual in the C of E that they are not ordained leaders in charge, but they have the support of the Diocese and the Bishops. Prayers were said for Matt and Hannah as they lead us into the next chapter in the story of Beacon

## **B. Parish Meeting APCM contd 12:20pm**

1. Election of Churchwarden. There are two vacancies.  
Di Morrison is to continue as a warden, leaving one vacancy which hopefully may be filled over the coming year. Adrian thanked Di for all her invaluable work

Proposed that Di Morrison be re-elected as Church warden:

Proposed Jen Greaves      Seconded Matt Wilson -- meeting approved

## **C. APCM Part 2**

1. Apologies for absence -----none
2. Minutes of the 2023 APCM had been passed by the PCC .  
  
Prop Brian Howe    Sec Jen Greaves - meeting approved

### **3. Elections and appointments**

- a) PCC    The function of the PCC is to promote the whole mission of the church. Vision, mission and accountability. Also responsibility for legal matters ie Finances, and Safeguarding etc  
There are currently 3 groups within the PCC

Ex officio- Vicar ( Adrian Wolton),

Diocesan Synod rep ( Hannah Lockwood ) ,  
Deanery Synod rep ( Matt Wilson)

PCC members There are currently 5 spaces on the PCC as 3 members have stepped down because of finishing their allotted time on the PCC or moving away. The only remaining member is Erin Serraima

Standing for election to the PCC are :

Jennifer Greaves	Prop. Hannah Lockwood	Sec Di Morrison
Joss Wright	Prop Heather Walters	Sec Lynne Wilson
Peter Hayball	Prop Di Morrison	Sec Erin Serraima
Danielle Muir	Prop Fran Wolton	Sec Caroline Hayball

Meeting approved unanimously

There is now 1 space on the PCC and 1 Warden's vacancy

(Wardens can serve for a maximum of 6 years and are elected annually)

PCC members can serve 2x 3 year terms and then stand down

If anybody is interested in the place on the PCC they should consult Adrian. They can be seconded onto the PCC pending election

Sandra Patrick has stood down from the PCC this year but is returning to continue her role as PCC secretary .

Prop Pete Hayball Sec Erin Serraima

#### 4) Reports -

**a) PCC** report for 2023-4 was presented to the meeting. The meeting was reminded that if they want to read the PCC minutes they can request to see them at any time provided they have already been approved by the PCC There were no questions

#### **b) Electoral Roll**

There are currently 49 adults on role ( 9 have been removed from last year as they have not attended regularly) and 43 children under 16 attend regularly

The Electoral role can be viewed on request as it is no longer available on display

The meeting was asked if there were any questions about Electoral role and attendance etc?

#### **c) Financial Statement**

A copy of the year end Dec 2023 was distributed . The meeting was reminded that the church members pay for the church, not the diocese. Our giving has increased, but so have our expenses including the Parish share that we pay to the Diocese. As already mentioned, our giving has increased and the meeting was reminded of our role in the family of Beacon, to Worship , Serve and Give regularly. We are however looking for futher sources of funding at the moment.

Questions ?

How to access the Parish giving scheme? Information is in the Beacon WhatsApp group for both regular and one off gifting. By using this scheme, gift aid from contributions is available regularly.

Fuel costs are due to reduce as all our heating is now electric and we have solar panels.

We do need to keep an amount of money in reserve for emergencies

**d) Fabric and Buildings – report attached**

**Old Church Palatine Rd**-the Diocese are now in charge. We still pay some minor costs. The future is uncertain

**Reads Avenue** - see report

**e) Safeguarding-** see report

Matt Lockwood is the current PSO but because of his new church role, another person is required to become PSO.

Currently Fran and Sandra are DBS checkers but as Fran is leaving, another person is required to take on her role.

**5) AOB**

Adran asked if there were any question arising from the meeting.

He thanked the Warden and everyone for their support and hard work.

Adrian thanked the meeting for all the help that they have given him. It's impossible to do everything by himself. He encourages all to help Hannah and Matt in their new responsibilities and roles. Can you help in any role that is needed?

Changes to worship? Continuity?

There will be some natural adaptations. Andy Dyke will be helping with worship occasionally, as our priest in charge, in particular with the sacraments

Matt was asked if there would be additional services , eg in the evening?

What will happen to XCC –it's useful in the community. We have seen the impact on men and the blessings it has brought. It will continue as we want to bring in new people and grow as a church. XCC is one way to do this along with MPower etc.

The meeting was reminded that that what Beacon achieves is up to the generosity of our time and love and that we all work together as a family

**6)Worship and close**

The meeting closed with Prayer

# APCM REPORTS

## Church Leaders' Report

Over the last eleven months we have had the joy of leading Beacon Church and seeing what God is continuing to do in our community and church family. Back in September we were commissioned by Bishop Jill and it was a day of great encouragement for us as leaders but also for the church. Bishop Jill commissioned us all to light Beacons in our neighbourhoods, a church on a mission. We have been incredibly grateful for many people's support as we have adjusted to this new role. Thank you all for your patience and grace. It is a privilege to be the leaders of Beacon Church.

There are many highlights of the last year but here are just a few:

- Love Christmas. It has been amazing to take part in the national movement of Love Christmas each year for the past four years, but this year felt particularly special. Just under 500 boxes of chocolates were purchased and given to people in Revoe and Foxhall as well as prayer offered at each house. We were blown away by how many people wanted to be prayed for, either in the moment or at a distance and it has stirred our hearts as we process how this can be something that we do as a church, not just at Christmas. A particular highlight of Love Christmas was witnessing people in our church from the local community offering to pray for others in the local community.
- Prayer Days. A theme is forming - prayer! Over the past year we have been intentionally planning in prayer days; whole days centred around different opportunities and ways of praying both individually and as a church family. It has been so encouraging to see so many people engage in the different aspects of the prayer days. Family Kingdom Come (or Kingdom Come for Everyone...the name will stick eventually!) Has been a particular highlight. Watching couples, friends, parents and kids come together to take part in prayer has been beautiful to witness and we pray that these days will be a source of encouragement for you all to weave prayer more and more into our daily lives.

We have spent a fair amount of time in these past months beginning to look forward to our vision Sunday in June. If you've missed it, Beacon turns five at the beginning of June. Yes there will be a party (obviously) but more than that it feels like a real landmark opportunity to look back, praise God for what He has done in the last five years, and look forward to what He is doing and going to do. We are grateful for everyone who filled in the survey as we gathered people's thoughts. At every step our hope is that this will be God's vision for our church gathered by the church people.

It has become clear, even more so than before, how many of you describe Beacon as Family and we have been processing what that means for us as a church in both

spiritual and practical terms. We are proud of the welcoming place that Beacon is and long for that sense of warmth, welcome and hospitality to grow in this next season. As we pray and process, we have been looking at what it means for us as a church to grow both as a family and also grow outward, a family on a mission. More to come next month!

We are so excited for what God has in store for 2025 - 2026 and look forward to journeying the next twelve months with many of you.

## **Electoral Roll Report**

The Electoral Roll is the official register for the church. Anyone who is baptised, aged over sixteen years old and regularly attends Beacon can be on the Electoral Roll. Every six years the Electoral Roll is wiped and restarted which was the case this year. Between the dates of Sunday 30th March and Sunday 20th April there was the opportunity given for people to join the Electoral Roll.

There are 56 people on the Electoral Roll. 29 live in the parish and 27 live outside of the parish.

A copy of the people (just names) on the Electoral Roll is available on request from the Church Leaders.

# Annual PCC Report

Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council of Beacon Church Blackpool

## Administrative Information

**Address:** Beacon Church Blackpool 42 Reads Avenue Blackpool FY1 4DE

**PCC Correspondence Address:** 9 Ridgwood Ave. Blackpool FY3 8EL

### **PCC Members for the year 2024-2025 are as follows:**

**Priest-in-charge:** Rev. Andy Dykes

**PCC Lay Chair / Ordinand:** Matt Lockwood

**Lay Focal Lead:** Hannah Lockwood

**Church Warden:** Diane Morrison

**PCC Secretary:** Sandra Patrick

**Treasurer:** *Vacant*

### **Elected Members:**

Matthew Wilson

Erin Serraima

Danielle Muir

Jennifer Greaves

Joshua Wright

Peter Hayball

### **Co-opted Members:**

Katrina Prince

### **Deanery Synod Representative(s):**

Matthew Wilson

### **Diocesan Synod Representative:**

Hannah Lockwood

## Report from the PCC

The PCC has held 8 full PCC meetings during the year May 2024-2025 and 3 Extraordinary meetings, the full meetings were held at the Vicarage. There is currently 1 Church Warden, 6 elected members of the PCC and 1 co-opted.

Deanery and Diocesan synod Reps are also represented on the PCC

This May there are 7 vacancies on the PCC as 3 members resign or retire, and 1 co-opted member is seeking full membership.

There is a vacancy for a Church warden. The main areas concerning the PCC this year will be covered in other reports, but the job of the PCC is to be presented with proposals to move forward whether to do with buildings or the development of our outreach ministry. These are discussed extensively and then approval given or modifications made.

At every meeting areas discussed involve, considering:

Action points ie. Tasks identified to be completed or taken forward,  
Standing Committee report,  
Ministry and Mission updates,  
Finance,  
Parish Matters,  
Fabric and Facilities (building maintenance, alterations and repairs)  
Operations which involves Human Resources, Health and Safety and Administration,  
Safeguarding.  
National, Diocesan and Deanery matters  
AOB where other matters can be presented to the meeting and questions asked

The main areas concerning us this year in our meetings have been with:

a) A new standing committee has been formed to take care of emergency decisions between PCC meetings e.g. approval of emergency repairs. There has been one meeting this year to discuss our Parish share. There are 5 members agreed by the PCC.

b) Finance

Monthly financial reports are presented to the meetings and discussed. It has been noted there has been an increase in regular contributions through the Parish giving scheme. *See the finance report for more information.*

c) Fabric

*See the fabric report for more information.*

#### d) Safeguarding

The 'Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable Adults' is a Gospel issue and one that we take very seriously at Beacon Church. We strive to make Beacon a safe place for all those who engage with our community, both regular members and anyone with whom we have contact. This is an area under constant review and development to further make Beacon 'A Safer Church'.

- There are currently 16 people with a DBS certificate of which 5 have been renewed this year.
- Basic Safeguarding and Food Safety courses have been, or are, in the process of being completed.
- We now have a new Parish Safeguarding Officer, Amy Obiri, who is working alongside Matt Lockwood, Rev. Andy Dykes and the Diocesan Safeguarding Team.

As a PCC we have adopted the Church of England 'A Safer Church' policy and continue to work within it. In light of this we are presently undertaking work to further develop our 'Safer Recruitment' processes.

#### e) Ministry and Mission

Outreach projects including Families at Four, Stay and Play, XCC, Pop Up Choir, MOB, Summer and Holiday time cafés have continued and this year a Youth Alpha course has been held with a new youth meeting room being created at the Vicarage. Love Christmas saw the distribution of chocolates around the Revoe/Foxhall areas of our parish by a large group of our congregation, both young and old.

Following on from a PCC 'away day' in August when we discussed and prayed about our strategy and vision to take Beacon forward in mission, it was proposed to have a survey to see what the other Beacon family members saw as the needs of our community and way forward

A questionnaire /survey was completed by a large number of our regular Beacon family members to find out about what Beacon means to them and what God might be saying to them about our future mission. The findings were reviewed by the PCC and bible references mentioned in the responses, discussed in reference to God's plan for Beacon and how we can implement them. Some PCC members went on a prayer retreat to Whalley Abbey in February and others are to attend the Proximity conference in Manchester where they will be guided in their thinking about our work as an urban church.

This year has seen the beginning of the ministries of Matt and Hannah in their joint role as 'Church Leaders'. Matt is an ordinand as he continues with his training and Hannah as the Lay Focal lead. Both having been commissioned in September 2024. Hannah will be on maternity leave from August. Matt is to be ordained Deacon on June 28th at Blackburn Cathedral and licensed as Curate of the parish.

The PCC are committed to taking radical steps of faith and we look to the Lord as He continues to lead us forward.

## **Financial Report**

*See supplementary document.*

## **Fabric Report**

It has been a joy over the last twelve months to put our fully functioning kitchen and dishwasher to good use!

The Solar Panels have been a welcome addition to the building, which we hope over time will reduce our energy bills as well as reducing our carbon footprint as a church.

There are many plans in motion for our church building. We have recently had a grant secured for £8000 to help towards replacing all the external windows as well as one set of external doors. This will improve insulation, give us windows that can be open and shut and make the entrance to the church more secure. We have one year to get the work done within the grant timeframe. We are currently in the process of applying for a faculty for this work and once that is in place we will be beginning.

There is currently planning permission in place for a disability ramp to be built and the main entrance of the church to be adjusted. We are in the process of trying to secure grant money to make this a viable project. Thanks to our friends at Basingstoke Church we have some restricted money towards building work which may be dipped into as of this.

We have big plans and dreams for our building on Reads Avenue. We are so excited that the church is growing in number and regularly are short of space, particularly on a Sunday afternoon. This has meant that there have been many conversations about how we can utilise space better and create a more welcoming space and home for our community with the resources we have. One thing we are exploring is the wall! At present, PCC have approved a structural survey to be undertaken on the main wall separating the two rooms. Once we know more and have a better idea of structure, budgets and feasibility, more conversations will begin on whether doing something with this wall would be a viable option to create a bigger more open space. We'll let you know in due course!

We are incredibly grateful for all the people who have given up time to clean the building. This is something that we are planning on making more concrete with a cleaning rota so that the building is kept cleaner more consistently. Do let us know if this is something you'd be like to part of.

# Deanery Synod Report

The focus of Deanery Synod meetings have been Strategic Mission and Ministry.

## Vision 2026

National funding has been focussed in the following areas:

### Church to reflect the community it serves

- A younger church - employing 30 full time children and youth workers.
- The real challenge in church is from age 11.
- M:Power programme to train and equip lay pioneers
- A culturally diverse church

### Parishes for mission – looking outward

- Parish renewal
- Administration
- Investment in Accrington and Burnley areas

### Leadership

- Clergy wellbeing (sabbatical, retreat, education)
- Feasibility for younger leadership
- 18 Lay pioneers over time - whatever urban parishes need for local ministry.
- Curates

## Vision 2033

Bishop Philip and his team have been listening and consulting across the diocese to give all a voice as we look to form a new vision.

Although faith doesn't need a vision beyond Jesus, setting goals can help build unity and focus throughout the diocese.

Purpose of the Vision:

- Unity
- Growth
- Resource
- Recruit

Consultation so far has brought forward the following themes:

- A vibrant, Christ centred, growing family
- All-age: relevant and accessible for children and young people but also working aged people and older people too

- Giving and receiving between churches, diocese and deaneries
- Missional and outward-focussed (building the confidence of people to share faith, developing mature Christians)
- At the hearty of our communities and central to the whole community (embracing social media and using our building for community outreach)
- A voice for justice
- Liberated and enabled: reduced bureaucracy and administration

Consultations also bought out that people felt it was important to:

- Celebrate what we do
- Lose 'that's the way we've always done it'
- Have hope! 'Hope' came through time and time again

## **Financial Report**

It has been a very positive year within the financial life of Beacon Church. We entered the year apprehensive due to knowing the leadership of the Church was changing and unsure of what the financial outlook would be. With this in mind, the regular giving dropped for a couple of months in June but overall, throughout the year the church saw its planned giving increase a healthy amount from £29k to £35k. The main reason for this increase was due to focus from the Lockwood's on securing partner churches and partners across the country. As a church we have been incredibly blessed by the generosity of 16 external givers and 5 partner churches who have all given financial support and prayer over the last year. As of the end of 2024, just over 50% of the planned giving came from external givers.

As a church we positively benefit from grant income for both wages and our Love your neighbour grant programme. Grant income for the year was high at £22k which included money for Hannah Brear's salary from Blackburn Diocese, money towards the Eden Team Leader salary and £10k from Henry Smith for the Love your Neighbour grant project.

After discussion with Blackburn Diocese, 2024 saw a modest increase in the parish share to £21.6k from just under £20k. Most of the other expenses were in line with last year with the exception of:

- o Building work which was just under £40k (2023, £11k) and this is an area where we expect to be spending material sums in 2025.
- o As part of that £40k, it was agreed by the PCC that, the church would invest in solar panels. This was a long term investment with the expectation being that the majority of this cost would come out of money not within the budget and partially covered by expected Gift Aid money. As it happened, the Gift Aid wasn't claimed for in 2024 and due to the rise in planned giving, almost all of the cost was covered within the years budget. We are hopeful that over time the solar panels will help reduce our energy bills as well as improving the church's carbon footprint.
- o Mission and Evangelism jumped from £5k to £14k in the year with this spend covered by income received. This meant that we were able to reduce our spend from the Eden Mission restricted fund as we increased our unrestricted general mission giving.



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Overall the unrestricted fund was slightly down for the year and the restricted funds were in deficit by nearly £20k, largely reflecting the work done on the building affecting both funds.

This has left the Church with a bank balance at the end of the year of just over £80k (2023, £100k) with the majority of that balance, £57k relating to restricted funds, which is where we expect the spend to be again in 2025.

We are most grateful to the sacrificial giving of those within the Church as well and will continue teaching on the importance of generosity being a central part of our worship, as well as being very grateful for the many partners we have outside of the parish who have been generous.

**Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

<b>Receipts and Payments Account</b>	<b>Unrestricted Fund £</b>	<b>Designated Fund £</b>	<b>Restricted Fund £</b>	<b>Total 2024 £</b>	<b>Total 2023 £</b>
<b>Receipts</b>					
<b>Voluntary receipts:</b>					
Planned giving	35,361		0	35,361	28,691
Collections at services	1,670		100	1,770	755
All other giving/voluntary receipts	10,035		19,853	29,888	16,720
Grant Income	0		22,531	22,531	57,410
Gift Aid recovered	5,480		583	6,063	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>52,546</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>43,067</b>	<b>95,613</b>	<b>103,576</b>
<b>Activities for generating funds</b>					
Investment income	16		0	16	635
Sale of shares	0		0	0	
Church fees & activities	1,587		2,488	4,075	3,752
Other Income	4,150		5,612	9,762	154
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>58,298</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>51,167</b>	<b>109,466</b>	<b>108,116</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
<b>Church activities:</b>					
Parish share	21,600		0	21,600	19,920
Salaries / Honoraria	9,079		29,908	38,987	38,024
Clergy and Staffing costs	1,739		2,273	4,012	4,261
Church running expenses	6,540		0	6,540	11,365
Mission and Evangelism	3,840		10,936	14,776	5,332
Mission giving and donations	2,600		0	2,600	8,862
Building work and repairs	12,465		27,212	39,677	10,981
Other expenditure	1,126		0	1,126	3,450
<b>Total</b>	<b>58,990</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>70,329</b>	<b>129,318</b>	<b>102,195</b>
Purchase of 42 Reads Avenue				0	179,455
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>58,990</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>70,329</b>	<b>129,318</b>	<b>281,650</b>
<b>Excess of receipts over payments</b>	<b>(691)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(19,161)</b>	<b>(19,853)</b>	<b>(173,533)</b>
Cash held in Diocesan Accounts as at 1 January	0	0	0	0	180,031
Cash held in Bank Account as at 1st January	21,957	6,000	72,162	100,118	93,620
<b>Total cash held as at 1st January</b>	<b>21,957</b>	<b>6,000</b>	<b>72,162</b>	<b>100,118</b>	<b>273,651</b>
Cash held in Diocesan Accounts as at 31st December	0	0	0	0	0
Cash held in Bank Account as at 31st December	21,266	6,000	53,000	80,265	100,118
<b>Total cash held as at 31st December</b>	<b>21,266</b>	<b>6,000</b>	<b>53,000</b>	<b>80,265</b>	<b>100,118</b>
<b>Statement of Assets and Liabilities</b>					
	<b>Unrestricted Fund £</b>	<b>Designated Fund £</b>	<b>Restricted Fund £</b>	<b>Total 2024 £</b>	<b>Total 2023 £</b>
<b>Cash funds</b>					
Bank current account	21,266	6,000	53,000	80,265	100,118
Diocesan account	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,266</b>	<b>6,000</b>	<b>53,000</b>	<b>80,265</b>	<b>100,118</b>
<b>Investment assets</b>					
<b>Assets retained for Church use (note 2)</b>					
42 Reads Avenue			179,455	179,455	179,455

**Approved by the PCC on**

**Signed on their behalf by**

The notes below form part of these financial statements

**Note 1** The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

**Note 2** During 2023 42 Reads Avenue was purchased using restricted funds for £179,455 including transaction costs. Reads Avenue is retained for Church use and its upkeep funded by the Church and is held in trust by the Diocese and recorded at cost.

**Note 3** Analysis of movement by fund

<b>Designated &amp; Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>1 Jan 2024</b>	<b>Received</b>	<b>Spent</b>	<b>31 Dec 2024</b>
Henry Smith Parish Grants	Restricted	4,248	10,000	7,409	6,839
Eden Team	Restricted	42,074	12,531	24,990	29,615
Childrens and Families Worker	Restricted	7,775	273	3,085	4,963
Building fund - Church & Diocese accounts	Restricted	17,207	21,090	27,925	10,372
Warm space	Restricted	88	0	0	88
Love Christmas / Love Your Neighbour	Restricted	0	0	0	0
XCC/Arise	Restricted	770	1,661	2,021	410
Administration and worship	Restricted	0	5,612	4,898	714
Church Reserves	Designated	6,000	0	0	6,000
		<u>78,162</u>	<u>51,167</u>	<u>70,329</u>	<u>59,000</u>
Unrestricted fund	Unrestricted	21,956	58,298	58,989	21,265
Total funds		<u>100,118</u>	<u>109,466</u>	<u>129,318</u>	<u>80,265</u>

## **Independent examiner's report on the accounts**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of** Beacon Church Blackpool, formerly Christ Church with All Saints Blackpool

**On accounts for the year ended** 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 **Charity no** 1163354

**Set out on pages** 5 and 6

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 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 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 or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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.

**Signed:**



**Date:** 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025

**Name:** Jonathan Goldthorpe

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

Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants England and Wales

**Address:** 2 Constitution Hill  
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## Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council of Beacon Church Blackpool

May 2024

### Administrative Information

Address: Beacon Church Blackpool 42 Reads Avenue Blackpool FY1 4DE

PCC Correspondence Address: 9 Ridgwood Ave. Blackpool FY3 8EL

### PCC Members for the year 2023-2024 are as follows:

Incumbent- Adrian Wolton

Warden- Diane Morrison

Secretary- Sandra Patrick

Treasurer- Vacant

Elected Members

- Sandra Patrick
- Brian Howe
- Heather Walters
- Matthew Wilson
- Fran Wolton
- Erin Seraima

Co-opted members

- Joss Wright
- Jen Greaves

Extra Contributions

- Hannah Brear

Deanery Synod rep.

- Matt Wilson

Diocesan Synod Rep

- Hannah Lockwood

### Report from the PCC

The PCC has held 5 full PCC meetings during the year May 2023-2024 ,

The meetings were held at the Vicarage.

There is currently 1 Church Warden, 6 elected members of the PCC and 2 co-opted.

Heather Walters stood down as a member earlier in the year.



This May there are 3 vacancies on the PCC as 3 members retire, and the 2 co-opted members are seeking full membership.

There is a vacancy for a Churchwarden

The main areas concerning the PCC this year are covered in other reports, but the job of the PCC is to be presented with proposals to move forward whether to do with buildings or the development of our outreach ministry. These are discussed extensively and then approval given or modifications made.

At every meeting areas discussed involve, considering :

- Action points ie. Tasks identified to be completed or taken forward,
- Standing Committee report,
- Ministry and Mission updates,
- Finance,
- Parish Matters,
- Fabric and Facilities ( concerning both the Palatine rd and Reads Ave sites )
- Operations which involves Human Resources, Health and Safety and Administration,
- Safeguarding.
- National , Diocesan and Deanery matters
- AOB where other matters can be presented to the meeting and questions asked

The main areas concerning us this year in our meetings have been with:

#### **Finance**

Monthly financial reports are presented to the meetings and discussed. This year, the introduction of the Parish Giving Scheme and the increased generosity of Beacon family members has seen an increase in our regular income. The aim is for Beacon Church to be completely self-funding. As our giving has increased, so have our expenses including the Parish share that we pay to the Diocese. We are however looking for further sources of funding at the moment.

#### **The renovation of 42 Reads Avenue**

The purchase of 42 Reads Avenue after a year of uncertainty and considerable discussion and negotiations with both the previous owner of the property and the diocese completed in April 2023, and is reflected in the report and accounts for 2023. It is common practice for the Diocese to hold the deeds on behalf of the PCC even though the economic interest remains with the PCC who are responsible for repairs and upkeep.

Having enough funds to start our first phase, this year saw the installation of solar panels, a new heating system , new kitchen and toilets.

The full responsibility for the future of the old church building on Palatine Road has now been taken over by the Diocese

#### **Safeguarding –Child protection and working with vulnerable adults**



This is an ongoing mission to make Beacon Church a safe environment and that our Beacon family members are cared for. There are currently 19 people with a DBS certificate of which 6 people have been DBS checked this year so they can contribute safely to our activities. Also Basic Safeguarding and Food Safety courses have been completed. We use all the guidance provided by the Diocese and complete an annual Safeguarding audit.

#### **Mission and Outreach**

Projects including Families at 4, Stay and Play, XCC, Pop Up Choir, MOB, Summer and Holiday time cafés have continued and this year, during the church renovations, Families @4 continued at Blackpool church and Stay and Play at the Play barn at the Zoo.

#### **Ministry**

September saw Matt Lockwood start his ministry training in Liverpool and Hannah becoming the full time leader of Eden as well as being the Diocesan MPower hub leader in Blackpool. Preparing them for the future major role that they will be taking on at Beacon.

The year started with Adrian having a serious operation and is ending with him and the family relocating to Norfolk after a very hectic, demanding, exciting and successful four years at Beacon church.

The PCC are committed to taking radical steps of faith and we look to the Lord as He continues to lead us forward.

#### **Electoral Roll**

There are currently 49 adults on role ( 9 have been removed from last year as they have not attended regularly) and 43 children under 16 attend regularly

The Electoral role can be viewed on request as it is no longer available on display

The meeting was asked if there were any questions about Electoral role and attendance etc

#### **Volunteers**

Adrian thanks the Warden and everyone for their support and hard work.



**BEACON CHURCH**  
BLACKPOOL  
Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31 December 2023  
Receipts and Payments Account

	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<b>Receipts</b>					
<b>Voluntary receipts:</b>	27,611		1,080	28,691	34,928
Planned giving	755			755	1,200
Collections at services			16,720	16,720	4,501
All other giving/voluntary receipts	4,410		53,000	57,410	49,288
Grant Income					14,893
Gift Aid recovered					
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,776</b>		<b>70,800</b>	<b>103,576</b>	<b>104,810</b>
<b>Activities for generating funds</b>	113		522	635	2,477
Investment income					8,736
Sale of shares	3,752			3,752	48
Church fees & activities	154			154	67
Other income					
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>36,795</b>		<b>71,322</b>	<b>108,116</b>	<b>116,138</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Church activities:	19,920			19,920	19,536
Parish share	4,794		33,230	38,024	38,056
Salaries / Honoraria	1,797		2,463	4,261	4,228
Clergy and Staffing costs	10,036		1,329	11,365	25,153
Church running expenses	1,443		3,889	5,332	13,608
Mission and Evangelism	100		8,762	8,862	2,400
Mission giving and donations			10,981	10,981	5,938
Building work and repairs	2,250		1,200	3,450	
Other expenditure	40,340		61,855	102,195	108,919
<b>Total</b>			<b>179,455</b>	<b>179,455</b>	
Purchase of 42 Reads Avenue	40,340		241,310	281,650	108,919
<b>Total Payments</b>			<b>(169,988)</b>	<b>(173,533)</b>	<b>7,219</b>
<b>Excess of receipts over payments</b>	<b>(3,545)</b>				
Cash held in Diocesan Accounts as at 1 January	25,500	6,000	180,031	180,031	179,128
Cash held in Bank Account as at 1st January	25,500	6,000	62,118	93,620	87,303
<b>Total cash held as at 1st January</b>			<b>242,149</b>	<b>273,651</b>	<b>266,431</b>
Cash held in Diocesan Accounts as at 31st December	21,957	6,000	72,162	100,118	0
Cash held in Bank Account as at 31st December	21,957	6,000	72,162	100,118	93,620
<b>Total cash held as at 31st December</b>			<b>144,324</b>	<b>193,736</b>	<b>273,651</b>
<b>Statement of Assets and Liabilities</b>					
	Unrestricted Fund £	Designated Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<b>Cash funds</b>	21,957	6,000	72,162	100,118	93,620
Bank current account	0	0	0	0	180,031
Diocesan account	21,957	6,000	72,162	100,118	273,651
<b>Total</b>				0	0
<b>Investment assets</b>					
<b>Assets retained for Church use (note 2)</b>				179,455	179,455
42 Reads Avenue					0

Approved by the PCC on  
Signed on their behalf by

24/08/24  
*[Signature]*  
PETE HAYBACC  
TRUSTEE

24/8/24  
*[Signature]*  
DIANA MORRISON  
TRUSTEE

The notes below form part of these financial statements



**Note 1**

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

**Note 2**

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**Note 3**

**Analysis of movement by fund**

**Designated & Restricted Funds**

	Type	1 Jan 2023	Received	Spent	31 Dec 2023
Henry Smith Parish Grants	Restricted	2,560	10,000	8,312	4,248
Eden Team	Restricted	31,030	46,580	35,536	42,074
Childrens and Families Worker	Restricted	11,909	0	4,134	7,775
Building fund - Church & Diocese accounts	Restricted	194,121	13,522	190,436	17,207
Warm space	Restricted	2,529	0	2,442	88
Love Christmas / Love Your Neighbour	Restricted	0	450	450	0
XCC/Arise	Restricted	0	770		770
Church Reserves	Designated	6,000	0		6,000
		<u>248,149</u>	<u>71,322</u>	<u>241,310</u>	<u>78,162</u>
Unrestricted fund	Unrestricted	25,500	36,795	40,340	21,957
Total funds		<u>273,650</u>	<u>108,116</u>	<u>281,650</u>	<u>100,118</u>



## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees/  
members of Beacon Church Blackpool, formerly Christ Church with All Saints Blackpool

On accounts for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 Charity no 1163354

Set out on pages Pages 4 to 5

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2023

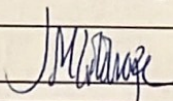
Responsibilities and basis of report As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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 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 or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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.

Signed:  Date: 24 August 2024

Name: Jonathan Goldthorpe

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body : Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants England and Wales

Address: 2 Constitution Hill  
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Suffolk

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## Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council of Beacon Church Blackpool

May 2023

### Administrative Information

Address: Beacon Church Blackpool, 42 Reads Avenue, Blackpool FY1 4DE

PCC Correspondence Address: 9 Ridgwood Avenue, Blackpool FY3 8EL

PCC Members for the year 2022-2023 were as follows:

- Incumbent- Adrian Wolton
- Warden - Diane Morrison
- Licensed lay worker - Fran Wolton
- Secretary - Sandra Patrick
- Treasurer - Vacant

### Elected Members

- Sandra Patrick
- Brian Howe
- Alex Serraima
- Heather Walters
- Matthew Wilson

### Extra Contributions

- Deanery Rep - Erin Serraima

### Report from the PCC

The PCC held 6 full PCC meetings during the year April 2022-2023 , 2 extra-ordinary meetings, 1 community meeting, 1 joint meeting with the PCC from Blackpool Church (St. John's) and 1 Away day.

The meetings were held via Zoom and in person. There are currently 6 elected members, including the licenced lay worker, of the PCC and 1 co-opted. This May there are 3 vacancies on the PCC.

The main areas concerning the PCC this year were to do with buildings and the development of our outreach ministry. These were discussed extensively and then approval given or modifications made.

At every meeting areas discussed involve:

- Standing Committee report,

- Ministry and Mission updates,
- Finance,
- Parish Matters,
- Fabric and Facilities (concerning both the Palatine Road and Reads Avenue sites )  
Operations which involves
- Human Resources, Health and Safety and Administration,
- Safeguarding
- National , Diocesan and Deanery matters
- AOB where other matters can be presented to the meeting and questions asked

The main areas concerning us this year in our meetings have been with the decision to purchase 42 Reads Avenue after all other options had been explored. It is pleasing to announce that we are finally the owners of 42 Reads Avenue after a year of uncertainty and considerable discussion and negotiations with both the previous owner of the property and the diocese. The transaction completed in April 2023 and will be reflected in the report and accounts for the year to December 2023.

### **Safeguarding**

Child protection and working with vulnerable adults- this is an ongoing mission to make Beacon Church a safe environment and that our Beacon family members are cared for. There are currently 18 people with a DBS certificate of which 10 people have been DBS checked this year so they can contribute safely to our activities.

Also Basic Safeguarding and Food Safety courses have been completed. We use all the guidance provided by the Diocese and complete an annual Safeguarding audit.

### **Mission and Outreach**

Projects including Families at 4, Stay and Play, Holiday Clubs and youth activities have continued and this year a Warm Space Café, Summer Café, and a weekly group for Mums have been established.

### **Finance**

Monthly financial reports are presented to the meetings and discussed. Due to changes in circumstances our monthly giving has reduced considerably and we are pursuing other areas to continue our work including how to include the community in regular giving.

The PCC are committed to taking radical steps of faith and we look to the Lord to lead us forward.

A draft copy of the year end December 2022 accounts has been reviewed by the PCC. The figures show that planned giving through the banking scheme has reduced.

Grants of £49,000 have been received from the Henry Smith Charity and grant money towards the Eden Team Leader role have been received from The Message Trust.

The Parish Share was explained and is based on our average Sunday and Wednesday attendance. The more people, the more money we have to pay assuming that more money is being gifted.

### **Fabric and Buildings**

The Reads Avenue site was purchased after the balance sheet date of 31 December 2022 in April 2023.

The old building on Palatine Road is still in the process of being made redundant and we have ongoing problems with drug taking etc being reported to the police by local residents. The building will probably be sold and we may receive some money which could be used for Mission etc, but we are still not sure. We still have a responsibility to keep the site tidy and a needle sweep is needed. We still pay a public liability insurance for this building.

### **Mission**

The Eden Team leaders are Hannah and Matt Lockwood, who share the leadership role. Their focus is to reach out into the community and work with Beacon church. Eden and Beacon church are intrinsically linked. Together, Beacon and Eden have introduced Families @4 where families explore faith together. These families bring along other families, sharing their highs and lows and hopefully eventually coming to faith. Families @4, Stay and Play and MOB (mothers of Beacon) are an entrance to our church, bringing people into a relationship with God.

### **The Year Ahead**

Mission-What we need to further our Mission

- a) how can we improve our building? We need a new heater/boiler, dish washer, disabled ramp, larger kitchen, safer toilets etc
- b) Staffing- money needed as the funds for our children and families worker has now run out.
- c) The PCC needs to be more representative of the area of Revoe where most of our new families come from.
- d) Finances- we are about £700 down this year, but next it is predicted that we will be £15,000 down on this years income. We have lost some regular givers and need to make this up.
- e) Grants-Our building really needs about £100,000 spent on it to bring it to the standard we would like. How much can we afford to contribute? What grants are available to us? We don't need everything to be done at once.



- f) We have had money for the dishwasher gifted to us and we do have some money left from our building purchasing fund
- g) Working with St John's Blackpool -exploring the possibility of closer working links with them. We are already working in similar areas of mission and could share resources including personnel , administration etc. We could make one large parish with 2 churches. The Diocese are committed to Beacon Church continuing to have its own leader, but areas like Safeguarding and Finance (Treasurer) could be centralized. We will retain our identity

**Volunteers**

Adrian thanked the Warden and everyone for their support and hard work.

20/10/20  
P. [Signature]  
D. [Signature]



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Financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022

Receipts and Payments Account	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	2022	2021
	Fund	Fund	Fund	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Voluntary receipts:</b>					
Planned giving	33,248		1,680	34,928	45,374
Collections at services	1,200			1,200	1,581
All other giving/voluntary receipts	3,501		1,000	4,501	46,859
Grant Income			49,288	49,288	16,503
Gift Aid recovered	13,703		1,190	14,893	15,496
<b>Total</b>	<b>51,652</b>		<b>53,158</b>	<b>104,810</b>	<b>125,813</b>
<b>Activities for generating funds</b>					
Investment income	156		2,321	2,477	408
Sale of shares	8,736			8,736	
Fund raising					3,940
Church fees & activities	48			48	330
Sale of assets					
Other Income	67			67	180
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>60,659</b>		<b>55,479</b>	<b>116,138</b>	<b>130,671</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
<b>Church activities:</b>					
Parish share	19,536			19,536	19,536
Salaries / Honoraria	756		37,300	38,056	20,541
Clergy and Staffing costs	2,483		1,745	4,228	14,732
Church running expenses	25,153			25,153	28,220
Mission and Evangelism	2,242		11,366	13,608	11,496
Mission giving and donations	2,400			2,400	6,295
Building work and repairs			5,938	5,938	8,174
Other expenditure					
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>52,570</b>		<b>56,349</b>	<b>108,919</b>	<b>108,994</b>
<b>Excess of receipts over payments</b>	<b>8,090</b>		<b>(870)</b>	<b>7,219</b>	<b>21,677</b>
Cash held in Diocesan accounts at 1 January	1,418		177,710	179,128	178,754
Cash held in bank account at 1st January	15,993	6,000	65,309	87,302	65,999
<b>Total cash held at 1st January</b>	<b>17,411</b>	<b>6,000</b>	<b>243,020</b>	<b>266,430</b>	<b>244,753</b>
Cash held in Diocesan accounts at 31st December			180,031	180,031	179,128
Cash held in bank account at 31st December	25,500	6,000	62,118	93,620	87,303
<b>Total cash held at 31st December</b>	<b>25,500</b>	<b>6,000</b>	<b>242,149</b>	<b>273,651</b>	<b>266,431</b>

Statement of assets and liabilities

Statement of assets and liabilities	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	2022	2021
	Fund	Fund	Fund	£	£
<b>Cash funds</b>	£	£	£	£	£
Bank current account	25,500	6,000	62,118	93,620	87,303
Diocesan account	0	0	180,031	180,031	179,128
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,500</b>	<b>6,000</b>	<b>242,149</b>	<b>273,651</b>	<b>266,431</b>

Investment assets

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Approved by the PCC on

24/08/24

24/8/24

Signed on their behalf by

*[Signature]*

*[Signature]*

PETE HAYBALL  
TRUSTEE

DIANA MORRISON  
TRUSTEE

The notes below form part of these financial statements

**Note 1**

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

**Note 2**

Analysis of movements by fund

<b>Designated &amp; restricted funds £</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>01 Jan 22</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Spend</b>	<b>31 Dec 22</b>	<b>Status</b>
Henry Smith parish grants	Restricted	902	10,000	8,342	2,560	Open
Eden team	Restricted	23,662	38,570	31,202	31,031	Open
Childrens and families worker	Restricted	21,444	1,000	10,535	11,909	Open
Building fund - church bank account	Restricted	14,523	800	1,233	14,090	Open
Warm space	Restricted		2,788	259	2,529	Open
Vicarage renovation	Restricted	4,705	0	4,705	0	Closed
Love Christmas / Love your neighbour	Restricted	73	0	73	0	Open
Building fund - diocese account	Restricted	177,710	2,321		180,031	Open
Church reserves	Designated	6,000		0	6,000	Open
<b>Total</b>		<b>249,020</b>	<b>55,479</b>	<b>56,349</b>	<b>248,150</b>	
<b>Unrestricted fund £</b>	Unrestricted	17,411	60,659	52,570	25,500	
<b>Total</b>		<b>266,430</b>	<b>116,138</b>	<b>108,919</b>	<b>273,651</b>	



### Independent examiner's report on the accounts

**Report to the trustees/ members of** Beacon Church Blackpool, formerly Christ Church with All Saints Blackpool

**On accounts for the year ended** 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 **Charity no** 1163354

**Set out on pages** 5 and 6

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2022

**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 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 or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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.

**Signed:**

**Date:** 24 August 2024

**Name:** Jonathan Goldthorpe

**Relevant professional qualification(s) or body:** Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants England and Wales

**Address:** 2 Constitution Hill  
Ipswich IP1 3RQ, Suffolk

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# Accounts

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## Financial Statements for the Year ended 31 December 2021

Receipts and Payments Accounts	Unrestricted fund	Unregistered Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Endowment Fund	Total 2021	Total 2020
Receipts and Payments Accounts	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Voluntary receipts:</b>						
Planned giving	45,374				45,374	42,294
Collections at services	1,581				1,581	1,958
All other giving/voluntary receipts	4,067		42,793		46,859	12,175
Gift Aid recovered	12,773		3,730		16,503	11,965
Grants	0		15,496		15,496	11,500
	63,794	-	62,019	0	125,813	79,892
<b>Activities for generating funds</b>						
Investment income	316		92.52		408	1,140
Fund Raising			3,940		3,940	1,230
Church activities	330				330	460
Sale of fixed assets					-	1,200
Other receipts	180				180	694
<b>Total receipts</b>	64,620	0	66,051	0	130,671	84,616
<b>Payments</b>						
<b>Church activities</b>						
Parish Share	19,536					17,548
Salaries /honoraria	215		20,326		20,541	9,626
Clergy and staffing costs	4,612		10,121		14,732	4,253
Church running expenses	25,763		495.98		26,259	22,048
Mission and Evangelism costs	835		10,661		11,496	13,119
Mission giving and donations	4,145		2,150		6,295	11,099
Church utility Bills	1,961				1,961	1,799
	57,067		43,753		81,284	79,493
<b>Major Capital Expenditure</b>						
Repairs to church hall or other PCC building including decoration	1,626		6,545		8,171	-
New building work relating to church/vicarage			3		3	4,144
<b>Total payments</b>	58,693		50,301		108,994	100,632
<b>Excess of receipts over payments</b>	<b>5,927</b>		<b>15,750</b>		<b>21,677</b>	<b>- 13,366</b>
Cash in Diocesan Accounts as at 1 Jan	499		178,255		178,754	186,142
Cash at bank and in hand at 1 Jan	13,848	10,000	42,151		65,999	57,635
<b>Total cash in all accounts as at 1 Jan</b>	14,347	10,000	220,406		244,753	243,777
Cash in Diocesan Accounts as at 31 Dec	1,418		177,710		179,128	178,755
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 Dec	15,993	6,000	65,310		87,303	65,999
<b>Total cash in all accounts as at 31 Dec</b>	16,982	6,000	243,020		266,002	244,754
<b>Investment fund Shares at Market Value</b>						
	<b>No of shares</b>		<b>Price per share</b>		<b>Market Value</b>	
Fixed interenst securities (Account No 1)	2863		1.57	£	4,500	2863
Fixed interenst securities (Account No 2)	3427		1.69	£	5,776	3427
<b>Church Reserve</b>						
	<b>Designated</b>		<b>Restricted</b>			
Church Reserve	£	6,000				
Eden Team			£	23,662		
Vicarage			£	4,705		
Parish Grant Surplus (Henry Smith)			£	902		
Love Christmas			£	73		
Building fund			£	14,523		
Families Worker			£	21,444		
<b>Total Reserved</b>	£	6,000.00	£	65,309.92		

**Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Beacon Church Blackpool  
Formerly Christ Church with All Saints, Blackpool**

I report on the accounts of Christ Church with All Saints, Blackpool for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021.

**Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner**

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act)
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the project and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements  
• to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and  
• to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
- (2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed.....  
Date.....

28/2/22

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