



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 Revue 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.



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Financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022

Receipts and Payments Account	Unrestricted Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Voluntary receipts:					
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
Total	51,652		53,158	104,810	125,813
Activities for generating funds					
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
Total receipts	60,659		55,479	116,138	130,671
Payments					
Church activities:					
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					
Total payments	52,570		56,349	108,919	108,994
Excess of receipts over payments	8,090		(870)	7,219	21,677
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
Total cash held at 1st January	17,411	6,000	243,020	266,430	244,753
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
Total cash held at 31st December	25,500	6,000	242,149	273,651	266,431

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

Investment assets 0 10276

Approved by the PCC on

Signed on their behalf by

24/08/24

 PETE HUXHALL
 TRUSTEE

24/8/24

 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

Designated & restricted funds £	Type	01 Jan 22	Income	Spend	31 Dec 22	Status
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
Total		249,020	55,479	56,349	248,150	
Unrestricted fund £	Unrestricted	17,411	60,659	52,570	25,500	
Total		266,430	116,138	108,919	273,651	

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 31st 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.

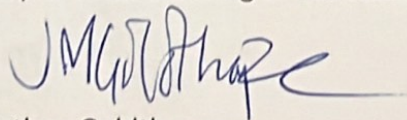
Independent examiner's statement

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

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