



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

Receipts

Voluntary receipts:

| | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|--|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| Planned giving | 27,611 | | 1,080 | 28,691 | 34,928 |
| Collections at services | 755 | | | 755 | 1,200 |
| All other giving/voluntary receipts | | | 16,720 | 16,720 | 4,501 |
| Grant Income | 4,410 | | 53,000 | 57,410 | 49,288 |
| Gift Aid recovered | | | | | 14,893 |
| Total | 32,776 | | 70,800 | 103,576 | 104,810 |

Activities for generating funds

| | | | | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|--|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| Investment income | 113 | | 522 | 635 | 2,477 |
| Sale of shares | 3,752 | | | 3,752 | 8,736 |
| Church fees & activities | 154 | | | 154 | 48 |
| Other income | | | | | 67 |
| Total receipts | 36,795 | | 71,322 | 108,116 | 116,138 |

Payments

| | | | | | |
|------------------------------|--------|--|--------|----------------|----------------|
| 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 |
| Total | | | | 179,455 | 179,455 |

Purchase of 42 Reads Avenue

| | | | | | |
|-----------------------|---------------|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Total Payments | 40,340 | | 241,310 | 281,650 | 108,919 |
|-----------------------|---------------|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|

Excess of receipts over payments

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|--|---------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Cash held in Diocesan Accounts as at 1 January | | | 179,455 | 179,455 | 7,219 |
| Cash held in Bank Account as at 1st January | 25,500 | 6,000 | 180,031 | 180,031 | 179,128 |
| Total cash held as at 1st January | 25,500 | 6,000 | 242,149 | 273,651 | 87,303 |

Cash held in Diocesan Accounts as at 31st December
Cash held in Bank Account as at 31st December
Total cash held as at 31st December

| | | | | | |
|--|---------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 21,957 | 6,000 | 72,162 | 100,118 | 180,031 |
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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Cash funds

| | | | | | |
|----------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| Bank current account | 21,957 | 6,000 | 72,162 | 100,118 | 93,620 |
| Diocesan account | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 180,031 |
| Total | 21,957 | 6,000 | 72,162 | 100,118 | 273,651 |

Investment assets

Assets retained for Church use (note 2)
42 Reads Avenue

Approved by the PCC on

Signed on their behalf by

The notes below form part of these financial statements

24/08/24
PETE HAYBAC
TRUSTEE

24/8/24
D. Morrison
DIANA MORRISON
TRUSTEE



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 the year 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

Analysis of movement by fund

Designated & Restricted Funds

Henry Smith Parish Grants
Eden Team
Childrens and Families Worker
Building fund - Church & Diocese accounts
Warm space
Love Christmas / Love Your Neighbour
XCC/Arise
Church Reserves

| Type | 1 Jan 2023 | Received | Spent | 31 Dec 2023 |
|--------------|------------|----------|---------|-------------|
| Restricted | 2,560 | 10,000 | 8,312 | 4,248 |
| Restricted | 31,030 | 46,580 | 35,536 | 42,074 |
| Restricted | 11,909 | 0 | 4,134 | 7,775 |
| Restricted | 194,121 | 13,522 | 190,436 | 17,207 |
| Restricted | 2,529 | 0 | 2,442 | 88 |
| Restricted | 0 | 450 | 450 | 0 |
| Restricted | 0 | 770 | | 770 |
| Designated | 6,000 | 0 | | 6,000 |
| | 248,149 | 71,322 | 241,310 | 78,162 |
| Unrestricted | 25,500 | 36,795 | 40,340 | 21,957 |
| Total funds | 273,650 | 108,116 | 281,650 | 100,118 |



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

31st 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

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