

**Parochial Church Council of
St Peter Parr**

**Financial Statements
for the year ended
31 December 2023**

Parochial Church Council of St Peter, Parr

Charity Information

Charity Name	Parochial Church Council of St Peter, Parr
Charity Registration Number	1168352 (awarded July 2016)
Governing Document	The Trustees are incorporated as a body c/o PCC St Peter's Vicarage Broad Oak Road Parr St Helens Merseyside
Trustees	The Trustees who served the year are detailed on page 2
Team Vicar	Revd Clive Doran (<i>left 25th February 2024</i>) St Peter's Vicarage Broad Oak Road Parr St Helens Merseyside
Independent Examiner	Michael Nelson FCA Colin Tunstall & Associates Chartered Accountants 296 Clipsley Lane Haydock St Helens WA11 0JQ
Bankers	Santander UK plc Bridle Road Bootle Merseyside L30 4GB Central Board of Finance of the Church of England CCLA One Angel Lane London ECLR 3AB
Architects	Mr W Schafer. DipArch, RIBA Schafer Associates 56 Belvedere Road Ashton in Makerfield, Wigan WN4 8RU

The Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

Trustees

The Trustees who served during the year are as stated below:

Team Vicar	Revd Clive Doran
Reader	Mr Chris Pye
Church Warden	Mr Jim Finney
Deanery Synod Representatives	Mr Chris Pye, Mr Jim Finney
Elected Members	Mr William Roberts (elected April 2017) (Treasurer) Miss Catherine Rowlands (elected April 2018) Mrs Sue Pye (elected April 2018) Mr Jim Finney (elected April 2017) Mrs Carol Littler (elected April 2016) Mr David Williams (elected May 2022)

Structure, Management and Governance

The Parochial Church Council is established under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 and is a body corporate with perpetual succession. The Parochial Church Council is also regulated by, inter alia, the Church Representation Rules. Reference to all this legislation is essential for a full understanding of the Parochial Church Council's legal status and its members' duties and responsibilities.

The Parochial Church Council was awarded charity status in July 2016 by the Charity Commission.

The method of appointment of Parochial Church Council Members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All church members are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the Parochial Church Council.

Appointment of Trustees

The Charity Trustees are known as the Parochial Church Council. Under the requirements of the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956 (as amended), the Trustees are elected by the church members at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

The Trustees can co-opt any duly qualified person to be appointed as a Trustee to fill a vacancy, but a co-opted Trustee will hold office only until the next Annual Parochial Church Meeting. When considering co-option of a Trustee, the Trustees have regard to the requirements of any specialist skills needed.

The Team Vicar with responsibility for St Peters will act as Chair. The Treasurer and other honorary officers will be appointed by the Trustees from among their own number at the next meeting after the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

Trustees' Induction and Training

New Trustees are given a copy of the previous year's accounts and are given a brief outline of Trustees' responsibilities. Trustees are encouraged to attend appropriate external training events where these will facilitate the undertaking of their role.

Organisation

The Parochial Church Council meets regularly throughout the year. In addition there is a Standing Committee (a sub-committee) which consists of the Team Vicar with responsibility for St Peters, Church Warden, and three others (currently the PCC Secretary, the PCC Treasurer and the Health and Safety Officer). This committee meets as and when required between normal Parochial Church Council meetings. As from 2020, as revised Church Representation Rules have been accepted the number on the Standing Committee will be reviewed.

Risk Management

An annual budget is prepared to ensure short-term viability. Actual results compared with the budget are reported to the Parochial Church Council monthly. The investments held by the Parochial Church Council are reviewed every three months. Investments are only made in low-risk funds approved for charity use. All assets are insured, and levels reviewed annually and approved by the Parochial Church Council. The Parochial Church Council has approved internal controls for annual accounts, cash and cheques handling implements with diocesan assistance.

Health and Safety

There is an appointed Health and Safety Officer, and the Parochial Church Council continues to monitor its health and safety responsibilities.

Statement of Safeguarding Principles

This statement has been formally agreed by the PCC:

The Church of England and the Methodist Church work in partnership with other Christian Churches and other agencies in delivering safeguarding. The following statement of principles appears at the head of each safeguarding policy:

We are committed to:

- The care, nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and all adults;
- The safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and all adults;
- The establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where victims of abuse can report or disclose abuse and where they can find support and best practice that contributes to the prevention of abuse.

To this end:

- We will carefully select, support and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with the principles of Safer Recruitment. We will respond without delay to every complaint made, that any adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- We will seek to offer informed pastoral care and support to anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry that recognises the importance of understanding the needs of those who have been abused, including their feelings of alienation and / or isolation.
- We will seek to protect survivors of abuse from the possibility of further harm and abuse.
- We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of respect and responsibility, where they are trusted by others.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision, and referral to the appropriate authorities, to any member of our Church community known to have offended against a child, young person or adult who is vulnerable.

In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice.

Objectives and Activities

The objectives of the charity are:

The Parochial Church Council are required by the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 to co-operate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church - pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. In addition, the Parochial Church Council has responsibility for the maintenance of the church buildings, the churchyard and boundary walls, together with associated parish properties.

At St Peter's we have a mission statement, 'to know Christ better and to make Him better known', which confirms our mission to proclaim the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England, both through the Word and our deeds to love the Lord our God and to love His children - our neighbours - and love each other in fellowship.

When planning activities for the year, the Parochial Church Council gave consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance to charities concerned with the advancement of religion.

To love the Lord our God and be open to Him through -

- regular worship open to all,
- the provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation and helping people who have asked for assistance with prayer,
- to review our services in order to enhance the beauty of our worship, and make our occasional offices more accessible to those with no experience of church.

To love our neighbours and to be open to them through

- pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved,
- provision of activities for children and families with a Christian ethos,
- promotion of Christianity through regular services and activities, both as a church and in collaboration with the Parr Team and the Deanery.
- promoting the whole mission of the church through provision of activities for senior citizens, particularly with communion services at local care homes.

To love each other through fellowship

- teaching of Christianity through sermons


Trustees Responsibilities in Relation to the Financial Statements

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity and of its surplus or deficit for that year. In preparing those financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable Accounting Standards and Statements of Recommended Practice have been followed subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on
and signed on its behalf by

 11/03/2024

James Finney (Vice Chairman)

St Peter's Church Parr

2023 was a year taken up with many meetings and many documents to read regarding Fit for Mission. The PCC and congregation were all of the same mind that St Peter's would need to be a stand alone church – along with six other churches in St Helens Deanery – when Church St Helens (Fit for Mission) came into being. We raised our objections to Fit for Mission in writing several times with the diocese and finally took part in a Zoom meeting with the Church Commissioners and Deanery representatives in December. We still remain one of seven churches in the deanery not joining Church St Helens, which is due to come into being on 1st April 2024.

Services throughout the year were similar to 2022 – Mothering Sunday, Palm Sunday, Good Friday (BCP), Easter Sunday, Gift Day (traditionally held on the closes Sunday to St Peter's Day) where we received an increase in monetary gifts towards the ministry, mission and upkeep of St Peter's. In September we took part in the Heritage Open Days – where for three days we displayed photos etc depicting events in the parish over its life, and information researched about the 200+ servicemen who died during the two wars who are named on our WWI Memorial screen and WWII Memorial plaque, and on the nine war graves in our graveyard. This information was also displayed for our Remembrance Day Service along with a row of British Legion small wooden crosses decorated with poppies by the children from one of our local schools who had visited the church to learn about the act of remembrance.

Other services during the year were held for Harvest – with all donations going to a local food bank. Advent saw us holding a special Memorial Service for all families and friends who had been bereaved during the previous twelve months, and where they could light a candle for their loved one and place a star with their name and message onto our Christmas tree. Once again Christmas brought Parr Brass Band to St Peter's to hold our Service of 9 lessons and carols, and of course we finished the year with all our worship services over the Christmas period.

In February we opened Busy Bees – a mums and tots group – for one morning a week during term time, which has proved very popular. Also during those cold months at the beginning of the year we opened the church as a Warm Space for those who wanted a warm drink, some warm food and a chat, at no cost. In September we opened a Men's Meeting for two hours per week. This is run and funded by the Wellbeing Service of the local Council – and again is very popular, giving support in various ways at no cost to the participants.

Because we live in one of the poorest parts of the country we normally do not charge the individual for activities that are provided at St Peter's Church, such as the Sunday Service at which we do not take the traditional collection (there is a basket for donations at the back of church), for refreshments after the Sunday morning service, for Coffee Mornings (held once a month) where there is a basket for donations which are then forwarded to a chosen charity or are used for local mission with schools, or maintenance of the church and grounds.

We continue to try to raise funds for the rebuilding of our steeple (approx. £500,00). We have a contract with a grant-finder who has managed to get a few small grants,

but we are still struggling to get money for the taking-down of a dangerous steeple and the rebuilding of a new one. Being a Grade II listed building we were told by the local Council that permission would not be given for taking down the steeple to the tower height with a temporary roof whilst we raised money for the rebuilding of a new steeple – both had to be done together. Therefore our steeple at the moment wears a top-hat of scaffolding that costs us £1,900 per month to be safety inspected.

In 2024 we will need to find a minister who is willing to join us on a 0.4 house-for-duty basis as a stand-alone church. At the moment the house is occupied by a minister from the Parr Team (which will no longer be from 1st April 2024) – the minister continuing to be in the house but being the Fit-for-Mission minister with the care of St Philip's Derbyshire Hill, one of the Parr Team churches moving into Church St Helens.

St Peter's PCC



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Parochial Church Council of St. Peter, Parr

On accounts for the year
ended

31 December 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1168352

Set out on pages

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Responsibilities and
basis of report

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

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

I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW – Membership No. 1307113).

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the 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:

Date:

18/03/2024

Name:

Michael Nelson

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

ICAEW – FCA

Address: 296 Clipsley Lane

Haydock

WA11 0JQ

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.

None identified.

Parochial Church Council of St Peter, Parr
Parr St. Peters Refurbishment Fund - CCLA CB3029257-001
Income and Expenditure Account
for the year ended 31 December 2023

Balance Brought Forward at 1 January 2023

£90,320.33

	Per Month 2023 £	TOTAL FUNDS 2023 £
Income:		
January	£0.00	
February	£1,116.60	
March	£818.89	
April	£0.00	
May	£1,092.29	
June	£797.50	
July	£0.00	
August	£1,092.29	
September	£653.18	
October	£0.00	
November	£1,115.88	
December	£0.00	
Other Income	£0.00	
Total income		£6,686.63

Income from 622221001S
Interest

Income from 622221001S
Interest

Income from 622221001S
Interest

Income from 622221001S
Interest

Expenses		
January	£0.00	
February	£19,500.00	
March	£0.00	
April	£0.00	
May	£0.00	
June	£15,000.00	
July	£8,000.00	
August	£0.00	
September	£0.00	
October	£0.00	
November	£1,400.00	
December	£0.00	
Other Expenses		
Total Expenses		£43,900.00

Transfer to Santander 87363848

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Closing Balance at 31 December 2023 per Bank Statement

£53,106.96

Add:
Interest for 31 December 2023 paid 3/1/24

£712.06

Closing Balance at 31 December 2023 per Accounts

£53,819.02

Parochial Church Council of St Peter, Parr
Parr St. Peters General Fund Account - CCLA CB3029255-001
Income and Expenditure Account
for the year ended 31 December 2023

Balance Brought Forward at 1 January 2023 £10,131.40

		Per Month 2023 £	TOTAL FUNDS 2023 £
Income:			
January		£0.00	
February		£0.00	
March		£87.85	
April		£0.00	
May		£0.00	
June		£84.38	
July		£0.00	
August		£0.00	
September		£103.16	
October		£0.00	
November		£0.00	
December		£0.00	
Other Income		£0.00	
Total Income			<u>£275.39</u>

Expenses			
January		£0.00	
February		£0.00	
March		£2,000.00	
April		£0.00	
May		£0.00	
June		£0.00	
July		£0.00	
August		£0.00	
September		£0.00	
October		£0.00	
November		£1,400.00	
December		£1,000.00	
Other Expenses			
Total Expenses			<u>£4,400.00</u>
			<u>£6,006.79</u>

Closing Balance at 31 December 2023 per Bank Statement

Add:
Interest for 31 December 2023 paid 3/1/24 £101.35

Closing Balance at 31 December 2023 per Accounts £6,108.14

Paid to business account 02965483

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Parochial Church Council of St Peter, Parr
Parr St. Peters Refurbishment Account - Santander 87363848
Income and Expenditure Account
for the year ended 31 December 2023

Balance Brought Forward at 1 January 2023

£32,816.39

	Total 2023 £	TOTAL FUNDS 2023 £
Income:		
Cash Deposits	£1,846.50	
Transfers	£43,900.00	
Cheques	£474.00	
Donations	£1,000.00	
Rent	£520.00	
Ground rent	£45.00	
HMRC VAT Returns	£5,884.32	
PCC Retained Fees	£6,278.00	
Mission and charitable givings	£1,183.72	
Gift Day	£1,200.00	
Other income	£1,024.53	
Total income		£63,356.07

Transfer from 622221006D / CB3029255-001

Expenses

Utilities	£6,220.37
Insurance	£5,165.18
Virgin Media	£460.80
Accounts fees	£720.00
Mission Donations	£0.00
Music Licences	£704.28
Annual Maintenance Fees	£62,408.57
Graveyard Maintenance	£275.74
Service costs	£242.62
Mission and charitable givings	£1,183.72
Diocesan Fees	£4,884.00
Transfers	£0.00
Investments	£0.00

Includes £34,074.84 Steeple Work and £19,389.68 Final GAC Construction costs

Total Expenses

£82,265.28

Closing Balance at 31 December 2023 per Accounts

£13,907.18

Add:

Cheque paid in Liverpool Diocesan Fees 3/1/24
Final cheque payment for SWAT Steeple Inspection Charges 14/1/24

£1,550.00
£3,763.20

Closing Balance at 31 December 2023 per Bank Statement

£19,220.38

Parochial Church Council of St Peter, Parr
Parr St. Peters Account - Santander Business Account 02965483
Income and Expenditure Account
for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Total 2023 £	TOTAL FUNDS 2023 £	TOTAL FUNDS 2022 £
Balance Brought Forward at 1 January 2023		£4,840.45	
Income:			
Standing Orders	£9,480.00		£10,480.00
Loose Collections	£3,735.39		£2,104.00
Gift Aid HMRC Reclaim	£7,761.91		£586.00
National Church Healing Grant	£884.00		£2,000.00
Transfers from reserves	£4,400.00		£9,687.09
Other Income	£516.31		£2,460.00
Personal Giving	-		£227.00
Funeral Fees	-		£1,003.00
Gift Day	-		1038

Total Income **£26,577.61** **£29,685.09**

Expenses	
Parish Share	£25,100.26
Parr Team Contribution	£3,000.00
Sundries and Other Costs	£459.70
Transfer - heating and electricity	
Total Expenses	<u>£28,559.96</u>
Closing Balance at 31 December 2023	£2,858.10

Parochial Church Council of St Peter, Parr
Parr St. Peters Account - Shares and Investment Accounts
Income and Expenditure Account
for the year ended 31 December 2023

TOTAL FUNDS		2023
Account		£
CB3029255-001	General Fund	£6,006.79
CB3029256-001	Share Funds	£161,593.99 *
Closing balance at 31 December 2023		<u><u>£167,600.78</u></u>

* Shares held at 31 December 2023 7148.5
Bid market value at 31 December 2023 2260.53 per share
Market value at 31 December 2023 161593.99

25/03/2024 J. Allen. Team Vicar

W. Roberts

PCC TREASURER