

# THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY MAGDALENE, BELMONT

England & Wales - Charity number 1173193

## Details

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Other names	ÔTHE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MARY MAGDALENE, BELMONT
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2017-05-26
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

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## Activities

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**Objects:** PROMOTING IN THE PARISH THE WHOLE MISSION OF THE CHURCH, PASTORAL, EVANGELISTIC, SOCIAL AND ECUMENICAL.

**Activities:** Church used for public worship

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Durham

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£136,444	£65,853	-	-
2023-12-31	£85,977	£110,497	-	-
2022-12-31	£98,478	£107,189	-	-
2021-12-31	£98,951	£100,834	-	-
2020-12-31	£91,034	£92,592	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ALAN PORT		2016-04-17
Anne Corbett		2017-04-03
CHARLOTTE REYNOLDS		2018-04-15
DOROTHY JANE MOORE		2018-04-15
Diane Jackson		2021-05-23
GEOFFREY MOORE		2017-04-03
GERALD IONS		2018-04-15
JEAN FOULDS		2017-04-03
JULIE WINKLESS		2018-04-15
Judith Holroyd		2023-05-14
KEVIN REYNOLDS		2021-05-23
MEGAN PORT		2018-04-15
PATRICK HOLROYD		2018-04-15
PAUL BEKEN		2018-04-15
Peter Corbett		2023-05-14

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# Accounts

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**St Mary Magdalene  
Belmont**

**End of Year Financial Statements**

**Year ending 2024**

## Receipts and payments

**Total funds 2024**   **Prior year  
Funds 2023**

### General - General fund (Unrestricted)

#### Receipts

01 - Tax-efficient (gift-aid) planned giving	£26,235.05	£29,759.50
02 - Other planned giving (not gift-aided)	£4,726.03	£4,644.41
03 - Collections at services	£3,980.43	£3,854.75
05 - Non-recurring giving. donations, appeals	£1,570.38	£1,586.61
06 - Tax recovered via gift aid	£10,538.39	£11,791.67
<i>Total Voluntary income</i>	£47,050.28	£51,636.94

#### Activities for generating funds

09 - gross income from fund raising	£260.00	£107.00
<i>Total Activities for generating funds</i>	£260.00	£107.00

#### Investment income

10 - Dividends, interest, property income	—	£20.54
<i>Total Investment income</i>	—	£20.54

#### Church Activities

11 - Statutory PCC fees	£1,792.00	£3,235.00
12 - Income from trading (magazine, hall)	£3,112.56	£2,303.30

<i>Total Church Activities</i>	£4,904.56	£5,538.30
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#### Other incoming resources

08 - Income from Trusts or grants (Designated)	£3,455.64	£28,674.46
	£4,513.64	

<i>Total Other incoming resources</i>	£7,969.28	£28,674.46
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### Total Receipts

	<b>£60,184.12</b>	<b>£85,977.24</b>
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### Payments

17 - Costs of generating funds	—	£375.02
<i>Total Cost of generating funds</i>	—	£375.02

18 - Mission giving/Donations to charity	£4,246.50	£5,409.70
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<i>Total Charitable activities</i>	£4,246.50	£5,409.70
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#### Church Activities

19 - Parish share	£33,000.00	£57,000.00
20 - Salaries, wages, honoraria	£7,321.69	£12,012.18
21 - Expenses	£181.69	£32.58
22 - Mission and evangelism projects	—	£2,197.49
23 - Church running expenses (inc governance)	£9,153.20	£9,953.94
24 - Church utility bills	£8,549.62	£12,487.66
25 - Costs of trading (magazine, hall)	£3,203.01	£3,452.80

<i>Total Church Activities</i>	£65,655.71	£97,136.65
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#### Major capital expenditure

27 - Major repairs to church	—	£678.00
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<i>Total Major capital expenditure</i>	—	£678.00
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Other resources used		
REST - Restricted Funds	£198.24	£6,898.38
<i>Total Other resources used</i>	<i>£198.24</i>	<i>£6,898.38</i>
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£65,853.95</b>	<b>£110,497.75</b>
Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used	(£5,669.83)	(£24,520.51)
Brought forward balance	£7,973.06	£32,493.57
<b>Carried forward balance</b>	<b>£2,303.23</b>	<b>£7,973.06</b>

### BBRT – Building Fund (Designated)

#### Receipts

04 - Legacy	76,260.94	
10 - Dividends, interest, property income	427.13	165.13
<i>Total Investment income</i>	<i>76,688.07</i>	<i>165.13</i>
Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used	76,688.07	165.13
Brought forward balance	16,501.56	16,336.43
<b>Carried forward balance</b>	<b>93,189.63</b>	<b>16,501.56</b>

### Statement of assets and liabilities

	Description	This year	Last year
<b>Current assets</b>			
GEN	General account	£3,653.91	£7,973.06
BBRT	Building fund (inc reserves)	£110,120.69	£16,501.56
	Education Trust owing	£4,513.64	
	<b>Total Current assets</b>	<b>£118,288.24</b>	<b>£24,474.62</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
	Gilligate Trust	(£17,278.36)	
	Charitable giving	(£4,000.00)	
	Building fund	(£93,189.63)	
	Agencies	(£1,517.02)	(657.29)
	<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>(£115,985.01)</b>	<b>(£657.29)</b>
	<b>Net Asset surplus(deficit)</b>	<b>£2,303.23</b>	<b>£23,817.33</b>

#### Notes to the accounts

The PCC are saving for a building project to be Carbon Neutral by 2030 (approved by General Synod in 2022) involving funding a new heating system and roof. This will cost approx. £250,000. The designated building fund is the savings so far towards this (thanks to Dave & Anne Drinkwater's large legacy into this fund). All excess goes into this account therefore the general fund is run to balance income and expenditure with a small surplus. The liabilities involve a repayment to Gilligate Trust as PCC decided in May 2024 to try and run the church without having to resort to claiming from this fund and therefore enabling us to make a larger claim (and possibly ask for an interest free loan) in a few years and put it towards the building project. The PCC agreed the parish pledge as £20,000 for 2025. The General fund also holds funds for Café Church (£1217.02) and the choir (£300) which are independent to PCC funds.

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18 March 2025

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# Accounts

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Paul Beken	Peter Corbett	Jean Foulds	Judith Holroyd
Patrick Holroyd	Jane Moore	Alan Port	Megan Port

Elected 2023: Di Jackson

Agreed later in 2023: Angela Stockdale, Authorised Lay Chaplain

Co-opted: Gerald Ions (music), Anna Harvey (Authorised Pastoral Assistant  
 - currently on sabbatical)

## Employees

Church Administrator      Christina White (until April 2024)

Church Cleaner              Deborah Turnbull

Director of Music            Gerald Ions

The PCC also oversees payment of fees to vergers for weddings and funerals.

## Church Statistics

There were 112 people on the 2023 Electoral Roll.

During the year we held 10 baptisms, 2 weddings, and 16 funerals.

Live-streamed services continue to be watched by a small number of people.

An average of 11 adults attended early Sunday service, and an average of 45 adults the later service. Both services saw the occasional under-16. Easter day saw 85 adults and 9 under-16s at the 10.30 service.

An average of 15 adults attended Wednesday Communion. Home Communion was taken to a few individuals as well as to between 7 and 25 people at the local care home.

Up to 27 children and 28 adults attended Messy Church.

The Remembrance Sunday service was attended by 25 children and 120 adults, and 6 people joined in an act of remembrance on 11 November.

In the lead-up to Christmas a total of 380 children and 42 adults attended services held for the local primary schools, 58 children and 62 adults the secondary school carol service and 1 child and 48 adults the carol service for the Fire Service. Four children and 68 adults attended the Christmas Carol Service, and 46 people attended Holy Communion on Christmas Day.

## **PCC Business during the Year**

The PCC has had 6 ordinary meetings since the last APCM and this report highlights the work of the PCC from April 2023 to March 2024.

At each meeting we received an update on safeguarding: DBS checks and training undergone, any incidents, whether any disclosures have been made; and an interim treasurer's report.

### ***May***

We held a brief meeting after the APCM to elect officers, agree co-opted members and agree the composition of the Standing Committee.

### ***June***

We discussed the recent hosting of the Knitted Bible which was well-appreciated. We agreed that our use of publicity needs review.

We agreed the purchase of a replacement strimmer for use in the churchyard.

We accepted a revised Working Agreement for the Lay Pastoral Minister.

We agreed to consult with the Archdeacon on reintroducing Altar Servers.

We heard that Rev Liz Hollis has a new position so will not be returning to us, and agreed a farewell presentation.

We noted that St Hild's School are holding a consultation on their proposed conversion to Academy status, but agreed we have no specific contribution to the discussion.

### ***September***

We heard an initial report from Angela Stockdale on her work as Authorised Lay Chaplain. We heard from the Pastoral Visiting Team and the Messy Church group. We discussed the work of vergers for funerals and agreed to look at alternative options for the bier.

We discussed various changes to the pandemic restrictions (receiving the wine, sharing the Peace, chalice administrators, prayer volunteers). We agreed to continue with the use of Powerpoint screens in the service.

We reviewed Remembrance service arrangements and discussed Christmas events.

We discussed work on the kitchen and toilet facilities in the Narthex.

We considered our Guided Pledge (Parish Share) for 2024 and agreed to keep payments the same as this year, a figure slightly less than that proposed.

The Vacancy Audit Process began this month, with a meeting with the Archdeacon.

### ***November***

We discussed various questions raised by our Parish Safeguarding Dashboard, which had recently been worked almost to completion by Kevin Reynolds.

We elected Patrick Holroyd as Lay Vice Chair of the PCC.

We agreed purchase of a new mobile phone battery for use in streaming services, and a small weekly payment to Harriet Reynolds to run our Social Media. We held our annual Salary Review (organist and cleaner) and agreed an increase in line with inflation. We agreed an 80th birthday gift for Rev Kevin Dunne. We agreed to increase the limit for devolved responsibility to the Standing Committee to £200. We formed a small Working Party to allocate our charitable giving for the year.

### ***January***

We heard that there is another new on-line safeguarding system, HUBS.

We agreed our charitable giving for 2023, and accepted the proposed increase in wedding and funeral fees. In light of our financial situation we agreed a reduction in our Parish Share payments. We held initial discussions on the possible use of an expected legacy, noting both the state of the roof and the expectation to be carbon-neutral by 2030.

We discussed the recent Christmas events and agreed that earlier decisions would improve publicity. For 2024 we agreed an Advent carol service and an event of some kind on 22 December. We discussed our Social Media, now being continuously updated. We agreed a request by the Northumbria Chamber Choir to use the church for a concert, proceeds to church funds.

We continued to discuss alternatives to the current heavy heritage bier. We accepted an addendum to the Health and Safety Policy, relating to the new kitchen area. We noted that we are due a quinquennial inspection in 2025 and gratefully accepted Geoff Moore's willingness to continue to lead on works up to that point.

We agreed in principle (more details to be sought) a request from the Children and Youth worker from Emmanuel Church to use our church as a base for after-school outreach to Belmont School pupils.

We agreed a small group to co-ordinate our Parish Profile.

In January and February we held further meetings with the Archdeacon as part of the Vacancy Process.

### ***March***

We agreed an increase in the cover price of the church magazine.

We noted the forthcoming interview date for potential new incumbents.

We discussed the upcoming APCM and noted a general shortage of volunteers.

We heard that the nestboxes in the churchyard are being used, and noted that we intend to return to Ecochurch considerations when we have an incumbent.

We agreed a gift to Charlotte Reynolds as appreciation for all her work while the administrator has been absent.

During April we heard that there had been no applications for the post of Incumbent and that it will now be re-advertised. We also accepted Christina White's resignation as administrator, following a period of sickness absence.

**St Mary Magdalene Church  
Belmont**

**End of Year Financial Statements**

**Year ending 2023**

## Receipts and Payments Account: General Fund

### Receipts

	Total funds	Prior year funds
Incoming resources from generated funds		
<i>Voluntary income</i>		
01 - Tax-efficient (gift-aid) planned giving	29,759.50	32,262.50
02 - Other planned giving (not gift-aided)	4,644.41	7,020.12
03 - Collections at services	3,854.75	4,052.63
05 - Non-recurring giving, donations, appeals	1,586.61	1,082.19
06 - Tax recovered via gift aid	11,791.67	12,000.00
<i>Total Voluntary income</i>	<u>51,636.94</u>	<u>56,417.44</u>
 <i>Activities for generating funds</i>		
09 - gross income from fund raising	107.00	105.00
<i>Total Activities for generating funds</i>	<u>107.00</u>	<u>105.00</u>
 <i>Investment income</i>		
10 - Dividends, interest, property income	20.54	6.03
<i>Total Investment income</i>	<u>20.54</u>	<u>6.03</u>
 <i>Church Activities</i>		
11 - Statutory PCC fees	3,235.00	2,507.00
12 - Income from trading (magazine, hall)	2,303.30	2,693.80
<i>Total Church Activities</i>	<u>5,538.30</u>	<u>5,200.80</u>
 Other incoming resources		
08 - Income from Trusts or grants (restricted)	28,674.46	36,748.87
RES - Restricted funds	—	22,821.67
<i>Total Other incoming resources</i>	<u>28,674.46</u>	<u>59,570.54</u>
 <b>Total Receipts</b>	<b><u>85,977.24</u></b>	<b><u>121,299.81</u></b>
 <b>Payments</b>		
Cost of generating funds		
17 - Costs of generating funds	375.02	165.37
<i>Total Cost of generating funds</i>	<u>375.02</u>	<u>165.37</u>
 Charitable activities		
18 - Mission giving/Donations to charity	5,409.70	4,839.05
<i>Total Charitable activities</i>	<u>5,409.70</u>	<u>4,839.05</u>
 Church Activities		
19 - Parish share	57,000.00	63,265.00
20 - Salaries, wages, honoraria	12,012.18	11,268.20
21 - Expenses	32.58	507.48
22 - Mission and evangelism projects	2,197.49	3,696.75
23 - Church running expenses	9,435.65	10,191.02
24 - Church utility bills	12,487.66	4,382.95
25 - Costs of trading (magazine, hall)	3,452.80	3,181.50
<i>Total Church Activities</i>	<u>96,618.36</u>	<u>96,492.90</u>
 Governance costs		
26 - Governance costs	518.29	360.00
<i>Total Governance costs</i>	<u>518.29</u>	<u>360.00</u>
 Major capital expenditure		
27 - Major repairs to church	678.00	5,280.41
<i>Total Major capital expenditure</i>	<u>678.00</u>	<u>5,280.41</u>
 Other resources used		
REST - Restricted Funds	6,898.38	10,026.95
<i>Total Other resources used</i>	<u>6,898.38</u>	<u>10,026.95</u>
 <b>Total Payments</b>	<b><u>110,497.75</u></b>	<b><u>117,164.68</u></b>

Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used	(24,520.51)	4,135.13
Brought forward balance	32,493.57	28,408.82
<b>Carried forward balance</b>	<b>7,973.06</b>	<b>32,543.95</b>

#### BBRT - Barclays base rate tracker (Designated)

##### Receipts

Incoming resources from generated funds		
10 - Dividends, interest, property income	165.13	6.26
<i>Total Investment income</i>	<i>165.13</i>	<i>6.26</i>

<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>165.13</b>	<b>6.26</b>
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Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used	165.13	6.26
Brought forward balance	16,336.43	16,330.17
<b>Carried forward balance</b>	<b>16,501.56</b>	<b>16,336.43</b>

#### NR – Virgin money (Designated)

Brought forward balance	0.42	0.42
<b>Carried forward balance</b>	<b>0.42</b>	<b>0.42</b>

#### Balance sheet

	Description	This year	Last year
<b>Current assets</b>			
	Barclays base rate tracker	16,501.56	16,336.43
	Building Fund	—	—
	General account	7,315.77	32,543.95
	Virgin Money	0.42	0.42
	Accounts Receivable	—	—
	<b>Total Current assets</b>	<b>23,817.75</b>	<b>48,880.80</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
	Agency collections	(657.29)	—
	<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>(657.29)</b>	<b>—</b>
	<b>Net Asset surplus(deficit)</b>	<b>24,475.04</b>	<b>48,830.42</b>
<b>Reserves</b>			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	(24,355.38)	449.67
	Starting balances	48,880.80	48,880.80
	<b>Total Reserves</b>	<b>24,525.42</b>	<b>48,880.80</b>

#### Statement of assets and liabilities

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
<b>Current assets - Cash at bank</b>						
Barclays base rate tracker -	—	16,501.56	—	—	16,501.56	16,336.43
General account -	7,973.06	—	(657.29)	—	7,315.77	32,543.95
Virgin Money -	—	0.42	—	—	0.42	0.42
<b>Totals</b>	<b>7,973.06</b>	<b>16,501.98</b>	<b>(657.29)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>23,817.75</b>	<b>48,880.80</b>
<b>Liabilities -</b>						
Agency collections -	—	—	(657.29)	—	(657.29)	—
<b>Totals</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(657.29)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(657.29)</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>7,973.06</b>	<b>16,501.98</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>24,525.42</b>	<b>48,830.42</b>



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Marjory Elliott	Di Jackson	
Jean Foulds	Jane Moore	

Co-opted     Gerald Ions (music), Anna Harvey (Authorised Pastoral Assistant)

## Employees

Church Administrator	Christina White
Church Cleaner	Deborah Reynolds
Director of Music	Gerald Ions

The PCC also oversees payment of fees to vergers for weddings and funerals.

## Church Statistics

There were 116 people on the 2022 Electoral Roll.

During the year we held 11 baptisms and a thanksgiving service, 1 wedding, and 15 funerals.

Live-streamed services continue to be watched by a small number of people.

An average of 11 adults attended early Sunday service, and an average of 37 the later service. Both services saw the occasional under-16. Easter day saw 63 adults and 5 under-16s at the 10.30 service.

An average of 12 adults attended Wednesday Communion.

Up to 17 children and 11 adults attended Messy Church.

An average of 14 adults attended the monthly Sunday afternoon "Time" service.

The Remembrance Sunday service was attended by 22 children and 99 adults, while an act of remembrance on 11 November was attended by 75 children and 20 adults.

In the lead-up to Christmas a total of 48 children and 93 adults attended services for the Fire Service and the local school. 51 people attended the Christmas Carol Service, and 3 children and 53 adults attended Holy Communion on Christmas Day.

## PCC Business during the Year

The PCC has had 7 meetings since the last APCM and this report highlights the work of the PCC from April 2022 to March 2023.

At each meeting we received an update on safeguarding: DBS checks and training undergone, any incidents, whether any disclosures have been made; and an interim treasurer's report.

### *May*

We held a brief meeting after the APCM to elect officers, agree co-opted members and agree the composition of the Standing Committee. We agreed to formally put aside the expectation of face coverings during worship and other church activities.

Later in the month we had a meeting with Archdeacon Libby Wilkinson to discuss the Vacancy. We agreed to use the coming months to consider the Parish Profile that was produced during the last Vacancy.

We discussed administrative arrangements for safeguarding and safer recruitment training. We agreed arrangements for the celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We discussed the best way to use the Prayer Requests list on the pew sheet. Following the latest central church guidance we agreed to offer communion in both kinds by simultaneous administration.

### ***June***

Noting the increase of Covid cases in the area we discussed return to normal practices but kept most things the same for now. We had an initial discussion on fundraising. We agreed to host The Knitted Bible next May or June. We heard from Deanery Synod who have been discussing the Diocesan Priority Care For Creation.

### ***September***

We discussed our Guided Pledge (Parish Share) for 2023 and agreed a figure less than that proposed. We agreed two fundraising events in the next few months. We agreed emergency roof repairs, a Christmas tree in the grounds from the parish council, and to advertise for a replacement cleaner.

We discussed plans for Remembrance Sunday. We heard from Anna Harvey on her Lay Pastoral Ministry in the parish. We agreed to re-introduce singing during communion once the period of national mourning is over.

### ***October***

We noted that the diocesan office are happy to accept our reduced Parish Pledge. We agreed a Reserves Policy for our finances. We formed a small Working Party to allocate our charitable giving for the year.

### ***December***

we discussed Safeguarding Training and the implications for church volunteers. We agreed that volunteers should in all instances be requested to undergo the training, while having regard to individual circumstances such as non-autonomous volunteers.

We agreed salary increases for the administrator and cleaner, noting recent inflation figures and an imminent increase in the Living Wage, and an increase to the organist's honorarium in line with RSCM guidelines. We agreed the charitable giving proposed by the working party.

We agreed Christmas services and heard from the Messy Church and monthly "Time..." groups. In light of the heavy workload on our retired clergy we agreed to take no new bookings for baptisms or weddings until May. We noted that the Eco Church group have arranged that we have a collection point for small electrical goods. We heard from Deanery Synod, including the suggestion to encourage Working Parties to concentrate on the Diocesan Priorities.

### ***January***

We discussed a post-pandemic return to normal communion administration but agreed to continue to intinct. We will revisit this question only when we have a new incumbent. In all other aspects we will return to our usual procedures.

We discussed St Hild's School's proposal to remove the faith requirement from its admissions policy criteria but were unable to reach a firm conclusion on our stance.

We discussed use of a legacy left to improve the church building and facilities.

We heard that Angela Stockdale is returning to her Lay Chaplaincy studies and heard an update from the Pastoral Visiting Team as well as encouraging reports from Messy Church and Cafe Church.

We agreed to remove the requirement for a yearly Fire Drill from the newest edition of the Health and Safety Policy.

### ***March***

We accepted the accounts for 2022.

We agreed to support Patrick Holroyd's return to Licensed Reader status (from Reader Emeritus).

We agreed to allow monthly use of the church building by a small Russian Orthodox group (subject to any necessary diocesan permissions).

We agreed arrangements for the Coronation weekend.

We agreed improvements to the church facilities to be funded by a specific legacy.

We discussed energy costs and decided to make no changes to the heating settings.

**St Mary Magdalene, Belmont**

**End of Year Financial Statements**

**Year ending 2022**

# RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	<b>Total funds</b>	<b>Prior year funds</b>
<b>General - General fund (Unrestricted)</b>		
<b>Receipts</b>		
Incoming resources from generated funds		
<i>Voluntary income</i>		
01 - Tax-efficient (gift-aid) planned giving	32,262.50	34,346.60
02 - Other planned giving (not gift-aided)	7,020.12	7,873.40
03 - Collections at services	4,052.63	4,265.03
05 - Non-recurring giving, donations, appeals	1,082.19	830.61
06 - Tax recovered via gift aid	12,000.00	12,286.75
<i>Total Voluntary income</i>	<u>56,417.44</u>	<u>59,602.39</u>
<i>Activities for generating funds</i>		
09 - gross income from fund raising	105.00	5.85
<i>Total Activities for generating funds</i>	<u>105.00</u>	<u>5.85</u>
<i>Investment income</i>		
10 - Dividends, interest, property income	6.03	—
<i>Total Investment income</i>	<u>6.03</u>	<u>—</u>
<i>Church Activities</i>		
11 - Statutory PCC fees	2,507.00	3,310.00
12 - Income from trading (magazine, hall)	2,693.80	2,834.25
<i>Total Church Activities</i>	<u>5,200.80</u>	<u>6,144.25</u>
Other incoming resources		
08 - Income from Trusts or grants (restricted)	36,748.87	23,137.80
RES - Restricted funds	22,821.67	10,061.41
<i>Total Other incoming resources</i>	<u>59,570.54</u>	<u>33,199.21</u>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b><u>121,299.81</u></b>	<b><u>98,951.70</u></b>
<b>Payments</b>		
Cost of generating funds		
17 - Costs of generating funds	165.37	150.00
<i>Total Cost of generating funds</i>	<u>165.37</u>	<u>150.00</u>
Charitable activities		
18 - Mission giving/Donations to charity	4,839.05	5,284.00
<i>Total Charitable activities</i>	<u>4,839.05</u>	<u>5,284.00</u>
Church Activities		
19 - Parish share	63,265.00	61,728.00
20 - Salaries, wages, honoraria	11,268.20	5,212.14
21 - Expenses	507.48	947.69
22 - Mission and evangelism projects	3,696.75	601.15
23 - Church running expenses	10,191.02	9,311.92
24 - Church utility bills	4,382.95	3,766.72
25 - Costs of trading (magazine, hall)	3,181.50	2,730.00
<i>Total Church Activities</i>	<u>96,492.90</u>	<u>84,297.62</u>
Governance costs		
26 - Governance costs	360.00	460.00
<i>Total Governance costs</i>	<u>360.00</u>	<u>460.00</u>
Major capital expenditure		
27 - Major repairs to church	5,280.41	—
<i>Total Major capital expenditure</i>	<u>5,280.41</u>	<u>—</u>
Other resources used		
CHO - Choir Fund	50.38	202.96
REST - Restricted Funds	10,026.95	10,439.90
<i>Total Other resources used</i>	<u>10,077.33</u>	<u>10,642.86</u>
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b><u>117,215.06</u></b>	<b><u>100,834.48</u></b>
Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used	4,084.75	(1,882.78)

Brought forward balance	28,408.82	30,291.60
<b>Carried forward balance</b>	<b>32,493.57</b>	<b>28,408.82</b>

#### BF - Building Fund (Restricted)

##### Payments

Other resources used		
TFR - Transfers	3,641.34	—
<i>Total Other resources used</i>	<i>3,641.34</i>	<i>—</i>

##### Total Payments

	<b>3,641.34</b>	<b>—</b>
Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used	(3,641.34)	—
Brought forward balance	3,641.34	3,641.34
<b>Carried forward balance</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>3,641.34</b>

#### BBRT - Barclays base rate tracker (Designated)

##### Receipts

Incoming resources from generated funds		
<i>Investment income</i>		
10 - Dividends, interest, property income	15.78	1.64
<i>Total Investment income</i>	<i>15.78</i>	<i>1.64</i>

##### Total Receipts

	<b>15.78</b>	<b>1.64</b>
Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used	15.78	1.64
Brought forward balance	16,330.17	16,328.53
<b>Carried forward balance</b>	<b>16,345.95</b>	<b>16,330.17</b>

#### NR - Northern Rock (Designated)

Brought forward balance	0.42	0.42
<b>Carried forward balance</b>	<b>0.42</b>	<b>0.42</b>

### Statement of assets and liabilities

	This year	Last year
<b>Cash at bank and in hand</b>		
<b>Barclays base rate tracker</b>		
Barclays base rate tracker (Designated) -	16,345.95	16,330.17
	<b>16,345.95</b>	<b>16,330.17</b>
<b>Building Fund</b>		
Building Fund (Restricted) -	—	3,641.34
	<b>—</b>	<b>3,641.34</b>
<b>General account</b>		
General fund (Unrestricted) -	32,493.57	28,408.82
	<b>32,493.57</b>	<b>28,408.82</b>
<b>Virgin Money</b>		
Northern Rock (Designated) -	0.42	0.42
	<b>0.42</b>	<b>0.42</b>
	<b>Total for Cash at bank and in hand</b>	<b>48,380.75</b>
Liabilities (Gilligate Loan)	<b>3,000.00</b>	<b>4,500.00</b>
	<b>Grand total</b>	<b>43,880.75</b>

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PCC OF  
BELMONT ST MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH, DURHAM**

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2022 which are as set out on the attached pages.

**Respective Responsibilities of PCC Members and Examiner**

The PCC members are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The members 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 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act and CBF guidance; 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 and given guidance from the CBF. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC 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 you as members concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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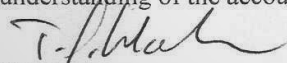
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2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

  
T J Hardman  
CTA

7 Elvet Waterside  
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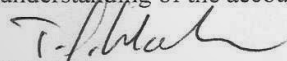
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# Accounts

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# St. Mary Magdalene

## Belmont Parish Church



# Annual Meeting

Sunday 1 May  
2022 11.30am

## **Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council for 2021**

*As the people of St Mary Magdalene Church we seek to:*

**respond** to the grace we receive from God;

**travel** together where Jesus leads;

**provide** from our resources to grow God's church and care for all in need; and we are called by name to share our experiences of God.

St Mary Magdalene, Belmont is part of a United Benefice with St Laurence, Pittington. Rev Canon Heather Murray is the incumbent and Rev Liz Hollis the curate of the United Benefice. Rev Canon Leslie Morley, Rev Kevin Dunne, Rev Canon Di Johnson and Rev Dr Jenny Moberly continue with Permission to Officiate at Sunday morning services at both churches.

The PCC is legally responsible for co-operating with the Minister in promoting in the parish the whole ministry of the church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is responsible for the maintenance and repair of the church buildings and for the moveable items in the church. It has overall charge of all expenditure.

Membership of the PCC is either ex-officio or by election at the Annual Meeting. The parish has between 100 and 200 names on the electoral roll so is entitled to twelve lay representatives to the council. Representatives to Deanery Synod also sit on the PCC: the parish holds three such posts, elected at three-year intervals. Readers licensed to the parish sit on the PCC if the annual meeting decides this. The PCC may also co-opt certain representatives - up to two for a parish of this size electoral roll.

*Due to the particular circumstances of the pandemic 2020-2022 the current PCC members all agreed to remain on the council until the situation was more stable.*

### **Membership of the PCC**

Chair: Minister	Rev Canon Heather Murray	ex officio
Warden	Alan Port	ex officio
Warden	Kevin Reynolds	ex officio
Reader	Patrick Holroyd	ex officio

Geoff Moore  
Charlotte  
Reynolds

Deanery Synod (elected  
2020) Deanery Synod  
(elected 2020)

Elected 2017 Anne Corbett, Jean Foulds (also representing Uniformed Organisations) Elected 2018 (till 2020) Anna Harvey  
Elected 2018 Paul Beken, Jane Moore, Jane Robson  
Elected 2019 (till 2021) Julie Winkless  
Elected 2019 Marjory Elliott, Judith Holroyd, Megan Port  
Co-opted Gerald Ions (music)

## **Employees**

Church Administrator Christina  
White Church Cleaner Rachel  
Whale  
Director of Music Gerald Ions  
The PCC also oversees payment of fees to vergers for weddings and funerals.

## **Church Statistics**

There were 138 people on the 2021 Electoral Roll.

During the year we held 5 baptisms, no weddings, and 22 funerals.

Live-streamed services were relied on for the first 9 weeks of the year and continue to be watched by a small number of people.

After the restrictions were eased an average of 12 adults attended early Sunday service, and an average of 30 the later service. Both services saw the occasional under-16. Easter day saw 33 adults and 2 under-16s at the 10.30 service.

An average of 13 adults attended Wednesday Communion. Up to 17 children and 11 adults attended Messy Church.

An average of 11 adults attended the monthly Sunday afternoon "Time" service. The Remembrance Sunday service was attended by 5 children and 69 adults.

In the lead-up to Christmas a total of 526 children and 39 accompanying adults attended services for local schools. One child and 41 adults attended the Christmas Carol Service and 42 people attended Holy Communion on Christmas Day.

## **PCC Business during the Year**

The PCC has had 6 meetings since the last APCM and this report highlights the work of the PCC from April 2021 to March 2022.

At each meeting we received an update on safeguarding: DBS checks and training undergone, any incidents, whether any disclosures have been made; and an interim treasurer's report.

### ***April***

We held a brief meeting after the APCM to elect officers, agree co-opted members and agree the composition of the Standing Committee.

### ***June*** (held on-line)

We continued to discuss a defibrillator and replacing indoor lighting, and we considered replacement external noticeboards. We approved the installation of two memorial benches in the church grounds. Members were asked for their input on a job description for the church administrator post.

We heard how worship and fellowship were developing within the changing guidelines, and we agreed a new time of 9am for the earlier Sunday service. We agreed the commissioning of Anna Harvey as Authorised Pastoral Assistant to the parish, and agreed to support Angela Stockdale in the Lay Chaplaincy course.

### ***September***

We discussed our Guided Pledge (Parish Share) for 2022 and agreed to meet the proposed figure. We agreed a defibrillator, the indoor lighting work, a second handrail at the chancel step, and a routine check of the lightning conductor. We discussed various options for noticeboards. We agreed to trial switching off the high-level lights outside.

We discussed plans for Remembrance Sunday and initial thoughts for Christmas worship. We appointed two new trustees to the Belmont Educational Trust. We heard an update from the Pastoral Care Team, now moving from being solely telephone-based to including visits.

### ***November***

We welcomed the new Church Administrator Christina White. We agreed a 2% increase in payments to the administrator, cleaner and organist. We discussed the needs for safeguarding training and checks for various volunteers.

We agreed new external noticeboards. We agreed to accept the offer from Belmont Football Club to decorate a Christmas tree in the grounds.

We agreed Christmas services, as well as post-Christmas Sundays without services. We heard from the newly-formed EcoChurch group.

**January** (held on-line)

We received the accounts for 2021 and agreed our charitable donations for the year as proposed by the small working party. We agreed to hear from the EcoChurch group at every PCC meeting. We agreed a small group to steer changes to our website (as the site host will cease in March) and broader on-line presence.

We discussed the diocesan priorities and what developments we would like to see in our church.

**March**

We agreed to bring the cleaner's hourly rate in line with the Living Wage and to increase the working hours of the church administrator.

We discussed covid guidelines and agreed to continue as we are for now. We discussed heating in church in view of the imminent rise in energy costs.

We accepted new policies on safeguarding; lone workers; and domestic abuse. We agreed to accept the proposed suspension of presentation to the benefice.

**Electoral Roll Report**

Unfortunately the number of people on the electoral roll has dropped, from 138 in 2019 to 116. This has happened due to a number of deaths in the area or some families having moved both house and parish.

The roll itself is kept in paper form by Christina, our Church administrator, and by Peter & myself on computer. There is an abridged copy on the notice-board in the narthex which does not give address and telephone details.

Anne Corbett  
Electoral Roll  
Officer

**St Mary Magdalene  
Belmont**

**End of Year Financial Statements**

**Year ending 2021**

# Receipts and Payments Account

	<b>Total funds</b>	<b>Prior year funds</b>
<b>General - General fund (Unrestricted)</b>		
<b>Receipts</b>		
Incoming resources from generated funds		
<i>Voluntary income</i>		
01 - Tax-efficient (gift-aid) planned giving	34,346.60	32,990.80
02 - Other planned giving (not gift-aided)	7,873.40	9,038.12
03 - Collections at services	4,265.03	2,800.82
05 - Non-recurring giving, donations, appeals	830.61	2,741.51
06 - Tax recovered via gift aid	12,286.75	10,534.28
07 - Legacies received	—	500.00
08 - Income from Trusts or grants	23,137.80	25,654.58
<i>Total Voluntary income</i>	<u>82,740.19</u>	<u>84,260.11</u>
<i>Activities for generating funds</i>		
09 - gross income from fund raising	5.85	—
<i>Total Activities for generating funds</i>	<u>5.85</u>	<u>—</u>
<i>Church Activities</i>		
11 - Statutory PCC fees	3,310.00	2,205.00
12 - Income from trading (magazine, hall)	2,834.25	2,824.28
<i>Total Church Activities</i>	<u>6,144.25</u>	<u>5,029.28</u>
Other incoming resources		
CHI - Choir Fund	—	882.00
RES - Restricted funds	10,061.41	12,041.93
<i>Total Other incoming resources</i>	<u>10,061.41</u>	<u>12,923.93</u>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>98,951.70</b>	<b>102,213.32</b>
<b>Payments</b>		
Cost of generating funds		
17 - Costs of generating funds	150.00	—
<i>Total Cost of generating funds</i>	<u>150.00</u>	<u>—</u>
Charitable activities		
18 - Mission giving/Donations to charity	5,284.00	6,789.00
<i>Total Charitable activities</i>	<u>5,284.00</u>	<u>6,789.00</u>
Church Activities		
19 - Parish share	61,728.00	52,074.32
20 - Salaries, wages, honoraria	5,212.14	11,017.99
21 - Expenses	947.69	772.85
22 - Mission and evangelism projects	601.15	436.48
23 - Church running expenses	9,311.92	9,410.82
24 - Church utility bills	3,766.72	4,383.59
25 - Costs of trading (magazine, hall)	2,730.00	2,474.64
<i>Total Church Activities</i>	<u>84,297.62</u>	<u>80,570.69</u>
Governance costs		
26 - Governance costs	460.00	865.46
<i>Total Governance costs</i>	<u>460.00</u>	<u>865.46</u>
Other resources used		
CHO - Choir Fund	202.96	204.62
REST - Restricted Funds	10,439.90	12,807.89
<i>Total Other resources used</i>	<u>10,642.86</u>	<u>13,012.51</u>
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>100,834.48</b>	<b>101,237.66</b>
Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used	(1,882.78)	975.66
Brought forward balance	30,291.60	29,315.94
<b>Carried forward balance</b>	<b><u>28,408.82</u></b>	<b><u>30,291.60</u></b>

**BF - Building Fund (Restricted)****Receipts**

Incoming resources from generated funds

*Activities for generating funds*

09 - gross income from fund raising

	—	863.50
<i>Total Activities for generating funds</i>	—	863.50

**Total Receipts**

	—	<b>863.50</b>
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**Payments**

Church Activities

23 - Church running expenses

	—	1,700.00
<i>Total Church Activities</i>	—	1,700.00

Major capital expenditure

27 - Major repairs to church

	—	2,463.00
<i>Total Major capital expenditure</i>	—	2,463.00

**Total Payments**

	—	<b>4,163.00</b>
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Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used

Brought forward balance

	—	(3,299.50)
	3,641.34	6,940.84
<b>Carried forward balance</b>	<b>3,641.34</b>	<b>3,641.34</b>

**BBRT - Barclays base rate tracker (Designated)****Receipts**

Incoming resources from generated funds

*Investment income*

10 - Dividends, interest, property income

	1.64	12.77
<i>Total Investment income</i>	1.64	12.77

**Total Receipts**

	<b>1.64</b>	<b>12.77</b>
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Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used

Brought forward balance

	1.64	12.77
	16,328.53	16,315.76
<b>Carried forward balance</b>	<b>16,330.17</b>	<b>16,328.53</b>

**NR - Northern Rock (Designated)**

Brought forward balance

	0.42	0.42
<b>Carried forward balance</b>	<b>0.42</b>	<b>0.42</b>

**Statement of assets and liabilities**

	<b>This year</b>	<b>Last year</b>
<b>Cash at bank and in hand</b>		
<b>Barclays base rate tracker</b>		
Barclays base rate tracker (Designated) -	16,330.17	16,328.53
	<b>16,330.17</b>	<b>16,328.53</b>
<b>Building Fund</b>		
Building Fund (Restricted) -	3,641.34	3,641.34
	<b>3,641.34</b>	<b>3,641.34</b>
<b>General account</b>		
General fund (Unrestricted) -	28,408.82	30,291.60
	<b>28,408.82</b>	<b>30,291.60</b>
<b>Virgin Money</b>		
Northern Rock (Designated) -	0.42	0.42
<b>Total for Cash at bank and in hand</b>	<b>48,380.75</b>	<b>50,261.89</b>
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## Charity Donations in 2021

<b>CHARITY</b>	
Durham Christian Partnership (3 projects: foodbank, streetlights, mental health)	300
Heel and Toe	200
Nightstop UK	250
CMS (Church Mission Society)	200
USPG (Now Us)	180
grace house	200
Motor Neurone disease	200
St Cuthberts Hospice	200
Middle East Christian Outreach	200
Butterwick Children's Hospital	200
Mercy Ships	150
Bible Society	200
Camphill Family Trust	150
Church Army	180
Macmillan Nurses	300
Salvation Army	200
British Legion Poppy	100
People's Kitchen	100
Broken Rites (Clergy)	100
(NE) Air ambulance	300
Alzheimers society	200
Marie curie	300
MS (Multiple Sclerosis)	180
RN Mission to deep sea fisherman	180
British Heart Foundation	200
ReFuse (chester-le-street)	200
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# Accounts

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**St. Mary Magdalene Belmont Parish Church - Durham Deanery**

**Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council for 2020**

*As the people of St Mary Magdalene Church we seek to:*

**respond** to the grace we receive from God;

**travel** together where Jesus leads;

**provide** from our resources to grow God's church and care for all in need;

*and we are called by name to share our experiences of God.*

St Mary Magdalene, Belmont is part of a United Benefice with St Laurence, Pitlington. Rev Canon Heather Murray is the incumbent and Rev Liz Hollis the curate of the United Benefice. Rev Canon Leslie Morley, Rev Kevin Dunne, Rev Canon Di Johnson and Rev Dr Jenny Moberly continue with PTO (Permission to Officiate) at Sunday morning services at both churches.

The PCC is legally responsible for co-operating with the Minister in promoting in the parish the whole ministry of the church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is responsible for the maintenance and repair of the church buildings and for the moveable items in the church. It has overall charge of all expenditure.

Membership of the PCC is either ex-officio or by election at the Annual Meeting. The parish has between 100 and 200 names on the electoral roll so is entitled to twelve lay representatives to the council. Representatives to Deanery Synod also sit on the PCC: the parish holds three such posts, elected at three-year intervals. Readers licensed to the parish sit on the PCC if the annual meeting decides this. The PCC may also co-opt certain representatives - up to two for a parish of this size electoral roll.

*PCC members are listed overleaf*

Chair: Minister	Rev Canon Heather Murray Rev Liz Hollis	ex officio ex officio
Warden	Alan Port	ex officio
Warden	Kevin Reynolds	ex officio
Reader	Patrick Holroyd	ex officio
	Geoff Moore	Deanery Synod (elected 2020)
	Charlotte Reynolds	Deanery Synod (elected 2020)
Elected 2017	Anne Corbett*, Jean Foulds* (also representing Uniformed Organisations)	
Elected 2018	(till 2020) Anna Harvey*	
Elected 2018	Paul Beken, Jane Moore, Jane Robson	
Elected 2019	(till 2021) Julie Winkless	
Elected 2019	Marjory Elliott, Judith Holroyd, Megan Port	
* Given the unusual situation in 2020, those members whose term of office was ending agreed to remain on the council until the meeting in 2021.		
Co-opted	Gerald Ions (music)	

### Church Statistics

There are 138 people on the Electoral Roll.

Owing to the pandemic and subsequent restrictions our services since March 2020 have been either wholly or partly on-line, with limits to numbers physically attending.

Since meeting for services was allowed we have had average attendance of 27 at the main Sunday morning service and 10 at an earlier service. Up to 20 people attend mid-week communion.

There were 10 funerals in church during 2020.

## Employees

church administrator	Carol Bloomfield (till January 2021)
director of music	Gerald Ions
church cleaner	Rachel Whale

The PCC also oversees payment of fees to vergers for weddings and funerals.

## PCC Business during the Year

In common with the rest of the world, since March 2020 we have grown accustomed to distanced and on-line worship. Many of our group activities have been stopped or reduced and we have had to comply with new rules and guidelines. The APCM was eventually held in October.

Since the initial lockdown the PCC have met both in-person and virtually.

### **October**

We discussed finances, including the impact of the epidemic and lockdown and our Parish Share contribution. We agreed not to hold a Remembrance Service at the war memorial but to have a brief Act of Remembrance within our church service and to produce prayer resources for individuals. We discussed Christmas service provision. We agreed an updated Safeguarding policy which includes a mention of keeping a record of training undertaken.

### **December** (held on-line)

In light of improved finances and a specific donation we agreed an increase in our 2021 Parish Share offer. We agreed a Working Party to organise our charitable giving. We discussed church heating, new outside lighting and a possible handrail for the chancel step. We discussed safeguarding requirements. We heard encouraging reports from on-line Messy Church and services, and agreed to encourage people to use national provision for the Sunday after Christmas instead of holding our own service. We were sad to hear of the recent death of Maureen Stout who has done so much for the community, particularly the Parish Hall and the Brownies.

### **February** (held on-line)

We approved the end-of-year accounts and agreed our charitable giving. We appointed a new Safeguarding Officer (Children and Young People) and a new administrator for Safeguarding. We agreed our domestic abuse policy. We discussed the Communications Group and the recently-vacated Administrator position, and appointed Alan Port as a representative to the Parish Hall committee. We discussed the possibility of having a defibrillator. We were sad to hear of the recent death of Dave Drinkwater, who has contributed to the church and the PCC for many years.

# **St Mary Magdalene Church, Belmont**

## **End of Year Financial Statements**

**Year ending 2020**

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## Receipts and Payments Account

	Total funds	Prior year funds
<b>General - General fund (Unrestricted)</b>		
<b>Receipts</b>		
Incoming resources from generated funds		
<i>Voluntary income</i>		
01 - Tax-efficient (gift-aid) planned giving	32,990.80	33,626.97
02 - Other planned giving (not gift-aided)	9,038.12	10,185.15
03 - Collections at services	2,800.82	6,203.76
05 - Non-recurring giving, donations, appeals	2,741.51	2,379.30
06 - Tax recovered via gift aid	10,534.28	12,430.32
07 - Legacies received	500.00	—
08 - Income from Trusts or grants	25,654.58	39,204.64
<i>Total Voluntary income</i>	<u>84,260.11</u>	<u>104,030.14</u>
<i>Activities for generating funds</i>		
09 - gross income from fund raising	—	20.00
<i>Total Activities for generating funds</i>	<u>—</u>	<u>20.00</u>
<i>Church Activities</i>		
11 - Statutory PCC fees	2,205.00	3,308.00
12 - Income from trading (magazine, hall)	2,824.28	5,762.78
<i>Total Church Activities</i>	<u>5,029.28</u>	<u>9,070.78</u>
Other incoming resources		
CHI - Choir Fund	882.00	—
RES - Restricted funds	12,041.93	8,412.16
<i>Total Other incoming resources</i>	<u>12,923.93</u>	<u>8,412.16</u>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>102,213.32</b>	<b>121,533.08</b>
<b>Payments</b>		
Cost of generating funds		
17 - Costs of generating funds	—	114.43
<i>Total Cost of generating funds</i>	<u>—</u>	<u>114.43</u>
Charitable activities		
18 - Mission giving/Donations to charity	6,789.00	6,219.00
<i>Total Charitable activities</i>	<u>6,789.00</u>	<u>6,219.00</u>
Church Activities		
19 - Parish share	52,074.32	62,502.70
20 - Salaries, wages, honoraria	11,017.99	12,881.32
21 - Expenses	772.85	894.37
22 - Mission and evangelism projects	436.48	2,680.89
23 - Church running expenses	9,410.82	10,090.58
24 - Church utility bills	4,383.59	4,805.34
25 - Costs of trading (magazine, hall)	2,474.64	3,046.35
<i>Total Church Activities</i>	<u>80,570.69</u>	<u>96,901.55</u>
Governance costs		
26 - Governance costs	865.46	388.00
<i>Total Governance costs</i>	<u>865.46</u>	<u>388.00</u>
Major capital expenditure		
27 - Major repairs to church	—	3,907.31
<i>Total Major capital expenditure</i>	<u>—</u>	<u>3,907.31</u>
Other resources used		
CHO - Choir Fund	204.62	—
REST - Restricted Funds	12,807.89	8,179.48
<i>Total Other resources used</i>	<u>13,012.51</u>	<u>8,179.48</u>

<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>101,237.66</b>	<b>115,709.77</b>
Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used	975.66	5,823.31
Brought forward balance	29,315.94	23,492.63
<b>Carried forward balance</b>	<b>30,291.60</b>	<b>29,315.94</b>

**BF - Building Fund (Restricted)**

**Receipts**

Incoming resources from generated funds

*Voluntary income*

08 - Income from Trusts or grants	—	6,339.13
<i>Total Voluntary income</i>	—	<i>6,339.13</i>

*Activities for generating funds*

09 - gross income from fund raising	863.50	1,567.44
<i>Total Activities for generating funds</i>	<i>863.50</i>	<i>1,567.44</i>

**Total Receipts**

**863.50**      **7,906.57**

**Payments**

Church Activities

23 - Church running expenses	1,700.00	—
<i>Total Church Activities</i>	<i>1,700.00</i>	—

Major capital expenditure

27 - Major repairs to church	2,463.00	1,139.18
<i>Total Major capital expenditure</i>	<i>2,463.00</i>	<i>1,139.18</i>

**Total Payments**

**4,163.00**      **1,139.18**

Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used	(3,299.50)	6,767.39
Brought forward balance	6,940.84	173.45
<b>Carried forward balance</b>	<b>3,641.34</b>	<b>6,940.84</b>

**BBRT - Barclays base rate tracker (Designated)**

**Receipts**

Incoming resources from generated funds

*Voluntary income*

08 - Income from Trusts or grants	—	15,000.00
<i>Total Voluntary income</i>	—	<i>15,000.00</i>

*Investment income*

10 - Dividends, interest, property income	12.77	27.90
<i>Total Investment income</i>	<i>12.77</i>	<i>27.90</i>

**Total Receipts**

**12.77**      **15,027.90**

Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used	12.77	15,027.90
Brought forward balance	16,315.76	1,287.86
<b>Carried forward balance</b>	<b>16,328.53</b>	<b>16,315.76</b>

**VM Virgin Money (was Northern Rock) (Designated)**

Brought forward balance	0.42	0.42
<b>Carried forward balance</b>	<b>0.42</b>	<b>0.42</b>

## Balance sheet

Class and code	Description	This year	Last year
<b>Current assets</b>			
BBRT	Barclays base rate tracker	16,328.53	16,315.76
BF	Building Fund	3,641.34	6,940.84
GEN	General account	30,291.60	29,315.94
VM	Virgin Money	0.42	0.42
Z05	Accounts Receivable	—	—
	<b>Total Current assets</b>	<b>50,261.89</b>	<b>52,572.96</b>
<b>Reserves</b>			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	(2,311.07)	30,836.87
Z01	Starting balances	52,572.96	21,736.09
	<b>Total Reserves</b>	<b>50,261.89</b>	<b>52,572.96</b>
<b>Represented by funds</b>			
	Unrestricted	30,291.60	29,315.94
	Designated	16,328.95	16,316.18
	Restricted	3,641.34	6,940.84
	<b>Total</b>	<b>50,261.89</b>	<b>52,572.96</b>

## Statement of assets and liabilities

	This year	Last year
<b>Cash at bank and in hand</b>		
<b>Barclays base rate tracker</b>		
Barclays base rate tracker (Designated) -	16,328.53	16,315.76
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<b>Building Fund</b>		
Building Fund (Restricted) -	3,641.34	6,940.84
	<b>3,641.34</b>	<b>6,940.84</b>
<b>General account</b>		
General fund (Unrestricted) -	30,291.60	29,315.94
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<b>Virgin Money</b>		
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<b>Current Liabilities (Gilligate Trust Loan)</b>	<b>6,000.00</b>	<b>7,500.00</b>
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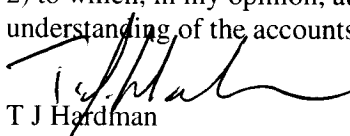
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