

**HOLY CROSS,  
WOODCHURCH PARISH CHURCH**

**ANNUAL REPORT  
AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL  
2021**

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**Growing disciples of Christ**

*Romans 5:5*

*“and hope does not disappoint us,  
because God’s love has been poured into  
our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has  
been given to us”*

## PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS TO SERVE DURING 2021/2022

**RECTOR:** Revd Christine Broad (Chair)

**ASSISTANT CURATE:** Revd Josie Tuplin

**CHURCHWARDENS:** Mr Roy Milne ( from 28.04.19) (Vice Chair)  
Mr Martin Hughes ( from September 2020)

**LAY REPRESENTATIVE ON CHESTER DIOCESAN SYNOD**  
Mr Ian McKenzie

**LAY REPRESENTATIVES ON BIRKENHEAD DEANERY SYNOD:**

Mrs Jenny Davies	(retires 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2023)
Mrs Anne Palmer	(retires 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2023)
Mrs Bernie Gallivan	(retires 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2023)

**ELECTED MEMBERS:** (brackets denote year of expiry of term of office)

Mrs Liz Davies (retires April 2024)  
Mr Paul Mountford (retires April 2024)  
Mrs Sue Mountford (retires April 2024) PCC Secretary  
Vacancy for one additional member (to retire April 2024)

Mrs Diane Adams (retires April 2023)  
Mrs Gill Stott (retires April 2023)  
Mr Duncan Smith (retires April 2023)  
Dr Roy Palmer (retires April 2023)

Mrs Ann Cleary (retires April 2022)  
Mr Pat Cleary (retires April 2022)  
Miss Lucy Dempsey (retires April 2022)  
Mrs Sue Dempsey (retires April 2022)

**CO-OPTED MEMBERS:** *none at present*

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs Pat Clark (Treasurer)  
Mrs Sue Treanor (Parish Administrator)  
Mr Tony Lunam (Adviser re halls and buildings)

## **INTRODUCTION**

This is the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Report of the Woodchurch Parochial Church Council (the PCC) prepared for the purposes of the Church Accounting Regulations 1997.

Holy Cross Church, Woodchurch is part of the Diocese of Chester within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Parish Office c/o 20, Eltham Green, Arrowe Park CH49 5NG. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and is a registered charity, number 1174003.

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Rector in promoting the parish and the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical; it also has responsibilities relating to the maintenance of the parish church and churchyard, and for the Parish Community Hall and other PCC-owned property. Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the annual parochial church meeting; there is also a limited power of co-option. The ex-officio members are the clergy licensed to the parish, the churchwardens, and the lay representatives on the Diocesan and Deanery Synods.

## **OUR VISION STATEMENT**

In July 2019 the PCC adopted "Growing disciples of Christ" as a summary of our core purpose. Our vision is to be a welcoming, growing, all-age Christian community faithfully proclaiming the love of God in word and deed.

## **REPORTS ON THE LIFE OF THE PARISH 2021**

### **ELECTORAL ROLE**

The Roll is closed for additions or alterations for 28 days before the A.P.C.M. and re-opened after the meeting. At the time of the closure there were 137 persons on the Roll with 56 living in the parish and 81 non-resident in the parish. *Ian McKenzie, electoral role officer, April 2022*

### **PROCEEDINGS OF THE PCC AND ACTIVITIES OF THE PARISH GENERALLY**

It has been just over 3 years now since we welcomed Reverend Christine Broad, her husband Nick, and their family and almost 3 years since we welcomed Reverend Josie, her husband Christopher and family to our parish. What a blessing they continue to be! As a PCC we do our best to represent the congregations and the wider community in which we serve and we have, as a team, discussed and voted on things we believe are important aspects of church life in order for us to ultimately spread the Gospel, as well as the more day to day things such as paying bills, maintenance issues, etc. We had our 2021 annual meeting in April filling all the required positions except for one place on the PCC. We have had 5 PCC meetings since then, some on Zoom and some in person. We have been extremely fortunate to be able to deal with matters of church and community business when required. Fundraising has continued despite the pandemic but has been on a much smaller scale. Some of our fundraising activities have restarted for example Christmas Coach trip, Harvest Supper, and Christmas Fayre.

Our verse for 2022 is "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening." (1 Samuel 3.9). May we continue to discern what God is calling us to do in our church and wider community to reach all who we wish to know of the Good News Jesus offers all. *Susan Mountford, PCC Secretary April 2022*

## THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2020

For a number of months in 2020 we were unable to make our usual Parish Share payments so we started 2021 owing Chester £5,852. This we agreed to repay at a rate of £500 extra per month. This money has now been completely repaid.

We have paid out more this year than we took in but most of this was covered by the money donated in 2020 for the Rood Screen. We also had work completed on both the South Aisle Window and the North Aisle Window. The work on the South Aisle Window was paid by a donor and the North Aisle Window was paid for by transferring money from the Haywood Trust Deposit account. Unfortunately we now need to look at repairing the churchyard wall but that is for 2022.

We have been able to do some fund raising in the last year and our halls have started to provide an income. Once again we have managed to keep our heads above water and get through the year. This has been mainly due to the wonderful response of our congregation in their continued support of the church and for so many continuing to pay their weekly/monthly giving by standing order payments. A few of our envelope givers have continued to put their money in their envelopes and pass on the envelopes to Sue Treanor to be paid into our account.

Again we would not have survived this last year without the change to our banking facilities. We are now able to do on-line banking and so people can be paid without resorting to cheques or cash. Nearly all firms want invoices paid in this way and we are cutting to a minimum any payments we make in cash. This has also made it possible for us to keep a close eye on finances in real time rather than only at the end of a month as before. Sue Treanor is now the second signatory for on-line banking with me and it has worked incredible smoothly thanks to Sue's extra input. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all the extra work she has taken on this year. We are extremely fortunate to have Sue as our Parish Administrator and she works many, many more hours than we pay her for.

I have included an extra section this year in the accounts showing monies in the account which are not at our disposal. This is headed restricted funds in current account. I felt people needed to know why all of the money in our account was not always at our disposal.

People may notice that though we have restarted Messy Church in the Parish Community Hall there are no payments under Worship and Young People. This is due to the generous support of all the helpers at Messy Church who donate all the necessary food, stationary and equipment as well as their time and effort, free of charge.

Can I take this opportunity to thank all those people who have helped me over the last 22 years as Treasurer and for the trust you have all placed in me. That has meant a lot to me. I am grateful to be able to hand over the reins to Nick Broad. I will continue to do the wages for the next few months till he finds his feet and of course will be on hand to help in any way I can.

*Pat Clark (Hon. Treasurer) April 2022*

**Please see also accounts and audit certificate available as separate documents**

## THE FABRIC, GOODS AND ORNAMENTS OF THE PARISH CHURCH

### ANNUAL REPORT 2021 – FABRIC COMMITTEE ITEMS

The following is a summary, in chronological order, of work done on the fabric of the church during 2021. It is a mixture of maintenance and improvement works, except from the last item which concerns work in the churchyard. The majority of the jobs were small items. However, two jobs, both carried out by Recclesia and requiring a faculty, were major undertakings.

27/01/21. H G Vess Security Systems Ltd

Church Intruder alarm serviced. £215.00, VAT £43.00, TOTAL £258.00

08/02/21. Recclesia

Repair and restoration of the Stained glass window in west end of the South Aisle. The work was started in December 2020. It included removal of two extremely eroded sandstone mullions and replacement with newly fashioned sandstone. Faculty number 2019-045303.

£4,448, VAT £889.60. Total £5,337.60

22/02/21. Tony Parsons

Investigate dampness of walls in north west corner between North Aisle and Chancel. Clean internal gutters and direct flow into downpipe. £150 (No VAT)

09/04/21. Recclesia

Beetle infestation elimination in Rood Screen, Altar Rail and Chancel Pew was started in December 2020, completed 09/04/21. Invoice dated 30/03/21. Faculty number 2016-004487.

Costs were Rood Screen £14,517, Altar rail £1,699, Chancel Pew £2,231. General items £496.

Total £18,993. VAT total £3,798. TOTAL £22,731.

28/04/21. Celtic Fire Security

Fire extinguisher etc., inspection and service for Church, Parish Hall and Jubilee Rooms.

£260.00, VAT £52.00, TOTAL £312.00

29/04/21. Barlows

Repair of faulty wiring in South Aisle. £83.00, VAT 16.60 for survey plus £385.00, VAT £77.00 for job. Total £468.00, VAT £93.60. GRAND TOTAL £561.60.

30/04/21. E-Bound,

Roof alarm annual service. £288, VAT £57.60, TOTAL £345.60

04/08/21. Pas sound engineering

Supply of new radio microphone. £232.20, VAT 46.44, TOTAL 278.64

13/09/21. Grosvenor Heating.

Boiler service and replacement of oil burner nozzle £122.00, VAT £24.40. TOTAL £146.40

03/10/21. H G Vess Security Systems.

Supplied and fitted new Optex PIR zone 1 church alarm system. TOTAL £96.00

21/10/21. PES Heating and Plumbing.

Fitted a replacement (donated) toilet and sink in the Church Vestry. Supplied and fitted a new doughnut washer, basin waste system and ceramic tap heads. TOTAL £270.

02/11/21. Ron Holden

Removed sections of a large fallen churchyard tree which had come to rest partly on the Jubilee Rooms and had also demolished several grave headstones. Charged £750. Ecclesiastical Insurance paid £500 of this, leaving us to pay £250 excess. This claim is the first of two others (dealing with the damage to the Jubilee Rooms and headstones ) which will be covered by the same excess.

## **BIRKENHEAD DEANERY SYNOD**

Holy Cross is one of the ten parishes that make up the Birkenhead Deanery. Because of the Covid pandemic restrictions the Synod was not able to meet in 2021 (in fact the last meeting was in February 2020) but the Standing Committee was able to make plans to resume meetings from February 2022 with the first one at Holy Cross when His Worship, the Mayor Wirral was to be the guest speaker.

The Birkenhead Church Aid Society which is managed by the Deanery Standing Committee make grants to members of churches in the deanery who are training for ordination, to be Lay Readers or Pastoral Workers. All the parishes in the deanery make annual donations to the work of the society which also receives some interest from earlier investments. In 2020 a total of £ 1350 was given as grants and in 2021 the total was £ 600. *Ian McKenzie April 2022*

## **SAFEGUARDING**

### **SAFEGUARDING CONCERNS**

There have been no safeguarding referrals or concerns raised with the Safeguarding Officer during 2021.

## AGREEMENT WITH OFFENDERS

Offenders who become known to the Church and who pose a risk to children or adults at risk and who wish to take part in activities or Church worship, should enter into an agreement which should be reviewed on a regular basis.

During 2021, the Safeguarding Officer was not informed of any new or recent offenders who require such agreements.

## CURRENT DBS REGISTRATIONS

Eleven lay persons within the Parish currently have Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) certificates in place; details of these certificates are held by Thirtyone:Eight (formerly Churches' Child Protection and Advisory Service), the appointed safeguarding partner for the Diocese of Chester.

One new application for a DBS certificate was received and processed during 2021.

## SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

The PCC continues to comply with its duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults). *Alison Cretney 7 April 2022*

Our thanks go to Alison for serving faithfully as Parish Safeguarding Officer for a number of years. Alison has now handed this role on, and we are grateful to Paul Mountford for agreeing to take on this role. *Christine Broad Rector April 2022*

## FURTHER REPORTS ON THE LIFE OF THE PARISH

### CHURCH WARDENS REPORTS

#### PARISH CHURCH & SURROUNDS.

Work continues to ensure the approaches in and around the Church, Car Park and Parish Hall are kept tidy. Churchwardens also ensure the following.

Attendance during service engineer visits within the Church.

Stewarding duties during 10am Sunday Worship and also Baptisms.

Regular checks on the consumption of heating oil and ordering /delivery as necessary.

Removal and storage of Christmas Trees and assistance with Tower of Light.

Social distancing and hand sanitisation measures are still being recommended.

#### HALLS REPORTS.

1). Parish Community Hall.

Hirings for the Hall are now back to pre-Covid utilisation including two additional hirings, Meadowside School Cafe and one AA Group.

Children's Birthday Parties have also become a regular hirer.

Wirral Borough Council Pest Control have now resumed their regular attendance.

Some minor maintenance has been undertaken over the last year.

The heating system has been serviced and is now fully controlled by the boiler programmer following a period of indiscriminate setting on the room thermostat by hirers.

Hand sanitisation measures are still being recommended.

2). Jubilee Rooms.

This building has very limited usage. At present only the NA Group and a local Housing Residents Group use it on a regular basis, and also a group for parents bereaved of adult children.

The rear of the building, once a room available for hire, with a separate entrance has become a storage area.

The roof is leaking badly and has been inspected by two general contractors who were contacted to assess the damage, but both declined, so I arranged a visit from Furber Roofing. Their estimator undertook quite a detailed examination of the damage but sadly a lot of the timbers are rotting quite badly and this was also reported in a PCC Recommendation dated 2017 but was never acted upon. This is only a light-load bearing roof with fascia timbers.

The future usage of this area needs urgent discussion as to whether it is repaired or demolished.

*Roy Milne. April 2022.*

## **BOUNDARY WALL**

In June, we received an outline report on the boundary wall from Castree Ltd., Civil Engineers, which indicated that two sections of the wall either side of the lych gate were in need of attention.

In order to move the matter forward we consulted the Church Architects but their quotes for designing and overseeing the works were felt to be very expensive so after discussion with the Diocesan Advisory Committee Secretary, it was agreed that we could seek alternative professional oversight. On the recommendation of a retired Chartered Surveyor, we asked Rupert Lowe MRICS of Grantley Lowe to visit the site and discuss the matter. His recommendation was that we employ Formby Surveys to carry out a specialist survey of the entire length of the wall to provide a detailed report highlighting issues and this report is passed to Curtins, Civil and Consulting Engineers to draw up specific plans for repair and reconstruction of the most urgent sections. Quotes from both were received and accepted by the PCC and the preliminary survey has now been carried out. Once plans are available, Rupert Lowe will draw up the necessary tender documents and submit these to suitable companies and, in the fullness of time, oversee the works during progression and sign off stages.

Curtins had already seen the outline report and suggested that, in view of the proximity of the wall to the right of the lych gate we needed to inform the Local Authority. Consultation with them resulted in the purchase and installation of the 3 sections of mesh fencing to contain the wall should a collapse occur.

It is anticipated that we will shortly be in a position to know with some certainty the cost of works needed to make the wall safe, including reinstatement of the collapsed section so that we can decide how to raise funds for the work. *Martin Hughes April 2022*

## **PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM**

The parish leadership team, Rector, Assistant Curate, Reader in training, and Parish Administrator continue to meet via Zoom, usually on Monday mornings to pray together and share in conversation around the life of the parish. Pastoral workers emeriti are also invited to this meeting, and from time to time churchwardens are also invited to join the meeting to discuss particular agenda items. The Parish Leadership Team oversee worship, pastoral care, adult discipleship mission with new generations and outreach. Members of the team work with PCC subcommittees to develop some of these aspects of the life of the parish and the team reports regularly to the PCC. *Christine Broad Rector April 2022*

## **WORSHIP**

Services of Holy Communion at 8am and 4pm or 6pm on Sundays, and 10am on Wednesdays have continued throughout 2021 with appropriate covid security measures in place. The principal 10am Sunday service remained on Zoom until 18<sup>th</sup> July 2021 and then moved back into the church building on 25<sup>th</sup> July with a service of Holy Communion. A service via telephone has also continued during 2021. It is good to report that in spite of various covid restrictions, changing



regulations and lockdowns worship has continued in an unbroken pattern at Holy Cross Church, either in the building or via Zoom or telephone all the way through the Pandemic and the leadership team are grateful for the support of everyone who has participated in worship in any way during this challenging time. Numbers attending worship fluctuate week by week but most weeks around 70 people join in worship at one service or another on Sundays and 10-20 on Wednesday mornings. *Christine Broad Rector April 2022*

## BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS

During 2021 we welcomed many families to church to share in significant life events

**Baptisms - 21 children and 6 adults.** All families bringing children for baptism take part in a one hour session of baptism preparation some weeks before their baptism service, and are encouraged to attend Sunday services and Messy Church. Adults preparing for baptism participated in a 3 session baptism preparation course exploring the teaching of the Christian faith, relationship with God and commitment. During 2021 sessions were offered via Zoom when lockdowns were in place and in church following relaxation of restrictions

**Weddings - 5 plus 1 renewal of vows.** Due to covid restrictions wedding preparation took place on a couple by couple basis via zoom during 2021. The couples enjoyed the marriage preparations and many also comment on how much they enjoyed their wedding services in church.

**Funerals:** Clergy always make contact with families bringing a loved one to church for a funeral, during 2021 some funerals had to be arranged via telephone but visits are always offered where possible.

**Church and burial in churchyard: 4**

**Church and Landican: 7**

**Landican only: 10**

**Graveside funeral only (due to Covid): 1**

**Burial of Ashes: 5**

*Christine Broad Rector and Sue Treanor Parish Administrator April 2022*

## ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

The Holy Cross Bible Study Group has been meeting on Zoom for nearly two years now and we continue to attract new members. We began 2021 by looking at Marks's Gospel together, followed by a Bible Reading Fellowship Lent Course. Other books we've enjoyed reading over the course of the year have included Esther, Hebrews and Ruth. During the Advent and Christmas period we also studied Paula Gooder's excellent book, *Journey to the Manger*. We have been saddened as a group to lose our friend Anne Palmer, a long-term member of the group, whose beautiful prayers at the end of the sessions were much appreciated. The group meets on Tuesdays at 8pm and we are always delighted to welcome visitors and new members.

In addition to the Bible Study group, Revd Christine has prepared six adults for baptism over the course of 2021. *Josie Tuplin April 2022*

## **PASTORAL CARE**

During 2021 our 2 pastoral workers continued to offer pastoral contact, care and visits where appropriate. Our clergy and reader in training also keep in touch with parishioners by telephone and visiting and are willing, by request, to take home communicants to parishioners unable to attend worship. It is hoped during 2022 to develop this ministry by training more people to share in home communion visits. *Christine Broad Rector April 2022*

## **MISSION WITH NEW GENERATIONS**

Holy Cross Woodchurch Parish church continues to have a good relationship with Woodchurch CE Church school with a number of parishioners serving as school governors and clergy making visits to school by invitation as often as possible, We also welcome school into church regularly for special services.

Diane Adams has now taken up the role of leader of the Open the Book team and the team will be taking assemblies in local schools.

Messy Church continued online during the first part of 2021, and in the Autumn returned to the church hall. The team have been delighted to welcome no less than 53 children to different Messy Church sessions- though not all at once. Usually about 12 children attend at any one time with their parents and carers and enjoy craft, songs and stories, and refreshments together.

Although we hope that all of our services are family friendly, and we have a children's colouring table available in church, designated regular 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday all- age services did not take place during 2021 as we navigated the challenge of online worship and the return of the principal service to church, this is an area of church life to which we intend to attend during 2022, and would very much like at some point in the future to have Sunday activities for children during term time alongside the Principal service, and also a toddler group to serve local families.

*Christine Broad Rector April 2022*

## **OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

The Outreach and Community Engagement Team is currently running two projects in the parish, a Community Café and an initiative to welcome people who move onto the Woodchurch estate.

Community Café is a joint venture with our neighbours at Meadowside Special School. We meet in the Parish Hall on Thursday afternoons in term time (or the Jubilee Rooms on the second Thursday in the month) between 1.15 and 2.45. A team of senior students from Meadowside work in the kitchen, serve hot drinks and cake, and clean and tidy the kitchen and hall at the end of the afternoon. Their efficiency, good humour and friendliness are what make the café so special and it is a wonderful opportunity for the rest of us to relax with friends and meet new people. It also provides the young people with valuable work experience and has recently been recognised by *Involve North West* as providing a valuable resource for the local community.

Our scheme to welcome new residents with a potted plant, a card and a leaflet about church activities continues. We have so far welcomed six people who are new to the area and distributed information leaflets about our Christmas services to people living in two new developments in the parish. *Josie Tuplin April 2022*

## READER TRAINING

I am now coming to the end of year 3 of Reader Training. My classes and assignments have finished, providing all my outstanding results come back in the positive. I should know sometime in May. It has continued on-line which has been challenging but the learning has been wonderful. I also did a 6-week placement at Chester Cathedral on a Chaplaincy Essentials course which was wonderful and inspiring, in equal measure. I've received so much encouragement and support from everyone and I am grateful to you all. As many of you will be aware, I have been given opportunities to lead services and to share with you some of my thoughts on our Bible readings and I have been so grateful for those opportunities, and I am thankful for the encouraging phone calls and text messages. I feel even more sure than ever that this is what God is calling me to do and I just hope and pray, with your continued love and prayers, I will be licensed on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2022 so I can continue to grow and serve our congregations and the wider community.

With thanks again for all your prayers and support. *Susan Mountford. April 2022*

## SOCIAL AND FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES

**Social Activities.** Sadly we were only able to arrange two events last year because of the pandemic. In October we held a "Harvest Home Celebration" with supper and entertainment (but no dancing!) led by Alison Schultz and her band. Then at the end of November we had our annual pre-Christmas Shopping coach trip to Boundary Mill at Colne in Lancashire. As usual both events were well supported and enjoyed and we all look forward to arranging more events as soon as circumstances allow. *Ian McKenzie April 2022*

**Fund Raising:** Again because of Covid we were not able to arrange our annual Summer Fair in June and other activities were curtailed. However Sue Treanor, our Parish Administrator, was able to continue with her great fund raising efforts. The '100 Club' Monthly Draw carried on through 2021 raising funds for church. (See Sue if you would like to join!). The "Tower of Light" at the end of the year was hugely successful in terms of the numbers who attended the opening church service and then the switch on of the many lights on the church tower as well as in terms of the amount of money donated. The lights mounted at the top of the tower could be seen in many parts of the parish and as far away as Oxton and Prenton truly a visible sign to the local community that we are here. The Coffee Mornings organised by Beryl Robinson and her friends, and her 20p tube collections were both a boost to parish funds and our link to our parish community. Similarly there was great local community support for the for the annual Coffee Morning run for MacMillan Cancer Support in September. *Ian McKenzie April 2022*

## MOTHERS UNION

Mothers' Union returned back to monthly Tuesday afternoon meetings in September 2021. We have a varied programme throughout the year and all are welcome to join us. At Holy Cross we continue to support the work of the Mothers' Union at home and worldwide with donations and Prayer.

Anne Palmer our Branch leader and Deanery representative for many years sadly passed away on 14th March 2022. Anne was a remarkable person and her Friendship, Leadership and Faith will be greatly missed. *Jenny Davies April 2022.*

## **THE CHAIR'S REPORT- A few words from the Rector**

The reports above describe a parish determined to rise to the challenges which 2021 brought us as the world continued to navigate the global pandemic. We have continued to strive to be true to our core purpose which is to grow in faith, knowledge and love of God and in number. This core purpose is summarised in our statement, "growing disciples of Christ". Our vision is to be a faithful, welcoming, growing, all-age Christian community faithfully proclaiming the love of God in word and deed. We recognise that we have been richly blessed in many ways in 2021, and also that if we are to continue to grow into the fulfilment of the vision described above we need to listen prayerfully and carefully to God. And so we have adopted as our verse for the year for 2022 "Speak Lord for your servant is listening" and as we continue to worship together, to serve one another and endeavour to reach out to the community God has called us to serve, we pray that we will hear God's call and be faithful in discerning how we can work in the power of the Holy Spirit to become all that God is calling us to be. *Christine Broad Rector April 2022*

<b>PAYMENTS</b>	<b>2021</b>		<b>2020</b>	
	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Fund raising and social activities</b>				
Hospitality				1
Expenses: Fund raising	<u>15</u>		15	75
100 Club prizes		<u>1031</u>	<u>1031</u>	997
	<b>15</b>	<b>1031</b>	<b>1046</b>	<b>1073</b>
<b>Missionary and charitable giving</b>				
Overseas missions				
Christian relief and development				
Home mission, church societies	<u>50</u>			360
Secular charities				
	<b>50</b>		<b>50</b>	<b>360</b>
<b>Church activities.</b>				
<b>Ministry:</b>				
Parish Share (Diocese)	41688		41688	29567
Chester Fees		3792	3792	
<b>Salries &amp; Honararia</b>				
Parish secretary	12866		12866	12758
Verger's Fees		1100	1100	
Gravedigger's Fees		3109	3109	
Bell Ringers		240	240	
Organist	<u>2564</u>	<u>912</u>	<u>3476</u>	2188
	<b>57118</b>	<b>9153</b>	<b>66271</b>	<b>44513</b>
<b>Clergy &amp; Staff Expenses</b>				
Rector's expenses				330
Rector Funeral Fees		144	144	
Rectory Utilities	948		948	
Rectory Expenses	<u>2404</u>		<u>2404</u>	3590
Assistant clergy expenses				<u>230</u>
	<b>3352</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>3496</b>	<b>4150</b>
<b>Church expenses</b>				
<b>Mission &amp; evangelism</b>				
Worship & Young People				453
Pastoral				
Outreach				10
Deanery payments				20
Education & Training				
				<b>483</b>
<b>Running Expenses</b>				
Basic expenses	7798		7798	7929
Repairs and maintenance	3404		3404	2522
Services - sacristry, choir, etc.	1004		1004	1830
Flowers		835	835	90
Printing, stationery, etc	2949		2949	3414
Churchyard upkeep & improvements (App.2)	<u>1920</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>1940</u>	
	<b>17075</b>	<b>855</b>	<b>17930</b>	<b>16415</b>
<b>Church Utility Bills</b>				
Church Utilities	2487		2487	3170
Hall Utilities	<u>3212</u>		<u>3212</u>	<u>4188</u>
	<b>5699</b>		<b>5699</b>	<b>7358</b>
<b>Cost of Trading</b>				
PCH & JR	<u>2962</u>	<u>1972</u>	<u>4934</u>	4811
Parish magazine: direct costs				235
	<b>2962</b>	<b>1972</b>	<b>4934</b>	<b>5046</b>
<b>Major Repairs</b>				
<b>Rood Screen</b>		22793	22793	
<b>South Aisle Window</b>		5338	5338	
<b>North Aisle Window</b>		<u>1632</u>	<u>1632</u>	
		<b>29763</b>	<b>29763</b>	
<b>Governance Costs</b>				
Audit fee	<u>250</u>		<u>250</u>	250
	<b>250</b>		<b>250</b>	<b>250</b>
<b>Other outgoing resources payments</b>				
Refunds	<u>970</u>		970	
	<b>970</b>		<b>970</b>	
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>87491</b>	<b>42918</b>	<b>130409</b>	<b>79648</b>

# **HOLY CROSS, WOODCHURCH, P.C.C.**

## **STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

Monetary assets	2021							2020
	General Fund	Hayward Trust	Sanctuary Fund	Youth Fund	Enhancement Fund	Sound Sys Fund	TOTAL	TOTAL
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Current a/c Barclays Bank	19714						19714	38483
CBF Deposit Fund	3818	1239	3880	2269	1861	86	13153	14780
Cash in hand								
Total	23532	1239	3880	2269	1861	86	32867	53263
Debtors								
NIL								
Investments	2021							2020
	Reserve Fund		Churchyard Fund		TOTAL			TOTAL
	Number	Value (£)	Number	Value (£)	VALUE			VALUE
CBF Investment Fund shares	443	25877	1124	26323	52200			44969
Land and Property								
Parish Hall								
(Note 1: The Church and the Rectory are benefice property.								
Note 2: The Jubilee Rooms, car park, Lewis Hall and grassed area are Diocesan glebe,								
but it is intended to transfer them to the PCC when future requirements for the								
Rectory have been determined.)								
Other assets								
Photocopier								
Telephones								
Lawnmower and gardening equipment.								
(Note : Church furnishings are listed in the inventory and are vested in the churchwardens								
on special trusts.)								
Liabilities								
	Amount		Comment					
Church Roof Security			Annual charges					
Church Electrics	?							
Church Wall								

**HOLY CROSS, WOODCHURCH, P.C.C.****DONATIONS TO MISSIONS AND OTHER CHARITIES  
FROM THE P.C.C.'s GENERAL FUND AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

	<b>2021</b>			<b>2020</b>
	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Overseas Missions</b>				
 <b>Christian relief and Development</b>				
Christian Aid				
 <b>Home Mission and Church Societies</b>				
Birkenhead Church Aid	50			50
Chester Clergy Trust				
Ark Project				
Children's Soc				<u>310</u>
 <b>Secular Charities</b>				
Water Aid				
Charles Thompson Mission				
 <b>TOTALS</b>	<b>50</b>			<b>360</b>

# HOLY CROSS, WOODCHURCH, P.C.C.

## CHURCHYARD ACCOUNT for year ending 31st December 2021

Appendix 2

RECEIPTS	2021	2020	PAYMENTS	2021	2020
	£	£		£	£
<b>Restricted</b>					
Investment Interest / dividends		360	Gardening	20	630
Donations	570	270	Petrol, sundries		
			Trees	750	
			Wall	1170	
<b>Unrestricted</b>					
Transfer from Main a/c	1370	0			
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1940</b>	<b>630</b>		<b>1940</b>	<b>630</b>

## RESTRICTED FUNDS DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS for year ended 31st December 2021

Appendix 3

RECEIPTS	2021	2020	PAYMENTS	2021	2020
	£	£		£	£
<b>HAYWARD TRUST (for Church Repairs)</b>					
<b>Donations</b>		0			
Interest	1	12	NA Window	1632	0
[Balance, being excess receipts over payments]					
CBF Deposit a/c balances @ 1/1/21 2870					
CBF Deposit a/c balances @ 31/12/21 1239					
<b>SANCTUARY FUND</b>					
Donations		0	(no expenditure)		0
Interest	2	16			
[Balance, being excess receipts over payments]					
CBF Deposit a/c balances @ 1/1/21 3878					
CBF Deposit a/c balances @ 31/12/21 3880					
<b>YOUTH FUND</b>					
Donations		0	(no expenditure)		0
Interest	1	10			
[ Balance, being excess receipts over payments).					
Barclay's Bk Deposit a/c balances @ 1/1/21 2268					
CBF Deposit a/c balances @ 31/12/21 2269					
<b>CHURCH ENHANCEMENT FUND</b>					
Donations		0			
Interest	1	7	(no expenditure)		0
[Balance, being excess receipts over payments]					
CBF Deposit a/c balances @ 1/1/21 1860					
CBF Deposit a/c balances @ 31/12/21 1861					
<b>SOUND SYSTEM FUND</b>					
Donations		0			
Interest	0	0	(no expenditure)		0
[Balance, being excess receipts over payments]					
CBF Deposit a/c balances @ 1/1/21 86					
CBF Deposit a/c balances @ 31/12/21 86					

## RESTRICTED FUNDS IN CURRENT ACCOUNT for year ended 31st December 2021

Appendix 4

RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS
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## **Independent examiner's report to the PCC of Parish of Holy Cross, Woodchurch**

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2021 which are set out on pages 4 to 9, is in respect of an examination carried out under Regulation 3(3) of the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 and s.43 of the Charities Act 1993.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

As the members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 3(3) of the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 and section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of Regulation 25 of the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 and Regulation 7 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 1995.

### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the guidance from the Central Board of Finance of the Church of England. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts presented in those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

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

(1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements

- To keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
- To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act, as also contained in the Church Accounting Regulations 1997

Have not been met; or

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



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Date 28 March 2022