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**The Parochial Church Council of the
Ecclesiastical Parish of St. John Leyland.
Diocese of Blackburn.**

Registered Charity Number: 1175098

**Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2021**

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Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John Leyland

Annual Report

For the year ended 31 December 2021

(This report is made in accordance with the Church Representation Rules 2020 and is separate from any statement or address that the incumbent may wish to make or any reports that any other individual or parish group may present at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.)

Administrative information

St John's Church is situated in Leyland Lane, Leyland. It is part of the Diocese of Blackburn within the Church of England. The correspondence address is St John's Vicarage, Leyland Lane, Leyland PR25 1XB. Under the terms of section 3 of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 the Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a body corporate and became a registered charity on 11 November 2017.

PCC members who have served from 1 January 2021 until the date this report was approved are:

Ex officio		Appointment started/ended
Rev Andy Meeson	Incumbent	
Rev Barbara Wilson	Assistant Minister	
Rev Mark Wooding		Appointed July 2021
Audrey Waring	Church Warden	Elected May 2021
Russ Waring	Church Warden	Re-elected May 2021
Dave Champness	Deanery Synod Rep /Data Protection Officer/ Gift Aid Secretary PCC Secretary	From June 2021
Sue Champness	Licensed Lay Minister	
David Spencer	Licensed Lay Minister	Resigned July 2021
Sue Rhodes	PCC Secretary	Resigned May 2021
Tracey Johnson	Treasurer	Coopted

Elected members

Tom Wilson		Term ended May 2021
Audrey Waring		Term ended May 2021
Pat Briffa		Deceased January 2021
Keith Waring	Health and Safety Officer	
Caroline Waring	Vision Champion	
Mark Smith		
Chrissy Gynes		Elected May 2021
Liz Beaver		Elected May 2021
Mel Stafford		Elected May 2021

It is considered that all PCC. members and any others who could be understood as 'managers' in the activities and affairs of St. John's Church, Leyland are deemed to be 'fit and proper' persons under the terms of the Finance Act 2010. All PCC member elected for the first time and any others who have been re - elected after an absence of some time are provided with a copy of "What is the PCC?" a document which summarises the purpose of the PCC and expectations of its members and they are invited to meet with the PCC Treasurer, Wardens and/or Incumbent for further explanation of the role and to be briefed on the present situation of the Parish.

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules 2020. All church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The Standing Committee is the only committee to be in place by law. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between meetings, subject to ratification by the PCC. Its members from January to April were A Meeson, R Waring, A Waring, S Rhodes, and T Johnson. From May to December they were A Meeson, R Waring, A Waring, D Champness, and T Johnson.

Objectives and activities

The PCC is aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in 'The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit' and have regard to it in their administration of the Parish. The PCC believes that, by fulfilling its responsibility to work together with the incumbent and to co-operate in all matters of concern and importance for the promotion of the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, it provides a benefit to the public by:

- providing resources and facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for its members and for anyone who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers;
- promoting Christian values, and service by members of the Church in the Parish to its community, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

Risk assessment

The PCC recognises that in relation to 'Risk Assessment', risk is defined as 'the threat of any action or event which will adversely affect an organisation's ability to achieve its objectives and execute its strategies'. It also accepts that the term 'risk' can include any circumstances that may, or do, have an adverse effect, and is wider than financial matters. 'Risks' relate not only to the negative consequences of a threat, but also to the impact of not taking advantage of opportunities.

The PCC recognises it requires a practical Health and Safety Policy covering activities for both the church, its surrounding grounds, the church hall and lounge. This is reviewed on a regular basis. An Accident Book is maintained. During 2021 Covid Risk Assessments were produced and regularly reviewed in response to the Covid 19 pandemic.

The contents and obligations of the Equality Act 2010 and the Data Protection Act 2018 are known and complied with to the best of the PCC's ability. The PCC is aware of its responsibilities in respect of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 in its requirement to carry out a fire assessment to identify any possible dangers and risks, to take action to minimise the risks and to create a plan to deal with any emergencies, and also to write up and keep a record of its findings and to review its assessment annually. The PCC has appointed Keith Waring as Health and Safety Officer and Dave Champness as Data Protection Officer

There is a Protection Policy in place in respect of children and vulnerable adults. Checks have been made with the Disclosure and Barring Service (formerly the CRB) in respect of persons dealing regularly with young people and vulnerable adults. The PCC appointed officer for this is Tom Wilson. Whilst it is impossible to eliminate all risks and their consequences, efforts are constantly made to minimise such occurrences. The Safeguarding Officer is Judith Watson.

During the past year the Wardens and the PCC have considered the major strategic and operational risks that the church faces, in particular in relation to the impact of the Covid 19 pandemic and the protection of church members and staff, the use of the buildings and the various groups that are run as part of our ministry. Further details can be found in the Incumbent's Report. Regular reports have been made to the PCC and steps taken to lessen those risks and to deal with any matters arising.

Achievements and performance

Church attendance

There are 91 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, 52 of whom are not resident in the parish. The average weekly in person attendance in October 2021 was 43 adults plus 6 children under 16. In addition, an average of 21 people accessed the services via Youtube each week.

Incumbent's Review of the year

As we emerged from 2020 battered and bruised from the uncertainty and challenges of a global pandemic, little did we know that a third national lockdown would be imposed on us just 6 days into 2021. The gradual, step-wise releasing from that lockdown saw some legal restrictions remain in place until July. Whilst we are very thankful that public worship could continue in person throughout this time, other areas of our ministry were inevitably affected and curtailed.

Of course, we were also unaware as we began 2021 that it would be bookended and punctuated by devastating bereavements and serious illness within the church community. Among those was our Children and Families Coordinator, Barbara Lang, whose ministry was limited as she received treatment for cancer – on and off – throughout the year before her sad death on 31st December 2021. Other key members of various ministry teams have also been prevented from continuing certain responsibilities due to ill health, personal circumstances, Covid-associated risk factors, etc. As such, we were forced to review every aspect of our ministry throughout this year and adapt accordingly. While challenging and painful, this review has also led to some fruitful discussions and opportunities.

The forced cessation of many areas of church life gave us a rare opportunity to think again with 'a blank sheet of paper'. Rather than re-starting the same things in the same way, we decided to spend time re-evaluating and re-focussing on our vision. On 17th April we set aside a day for personal and communal prayer and reflection, entitled 'Recovering our Vision'. This focus on prayer and reflection continued throughout 'Thy Kingdom Come' with opportunities to pray in church. Recovering our Vision and Unlocking new possibilities was also the focus of our APCM on 26th May when I encouraged us to consider the following points:

Be before you do

You cannot give what you do not possess. Therefore, we must prioritise our own discipleship and wellbeing (emotional, spiritual, etc.) if we are going to be able to do good

Embrace God's gift of Limits

Although God is limitless, we are not. Therefore, we must learn to work to our capacity (which is limited, as a church and individuals) not others' needs (which are unlimited)

Prioritise the priorities

There are many good things we could do as a church, but few things that we must do. Therefore, we must use the resources God gives us in prioritising the central aspects of the vision God has set us

Pursue sacrificial love and wholehearted joy

Ministry should be life-giving in both directions. As we sacrificially give ourselves to God and to others, we should find fulfilment and satisfaction.

Numerous gatherings occurred throughout the spring and summer inviting all interesting parties to consider where the Lord may be leading us in our ministry to adults, children, youth, and families. Everyone had the opportunity to contribute and I feel the resulting plans represent the clear consensus and heart of all those who chose to participate.

A real joy was the fact that Barbara Lang was well enough to play an instrumental role in discerning the vision for our ministry to young people and families. We chose to prioritise our time and resources into fewer ministries that more intentionally sought to help children, young people *and their families* to find life in Jesus and grow in loving, knowing and sharing Jesus.

Likewise, with outreach to adults, a collective decision was made to combine the strengths and opportunities of our many existing adult ministries under the umbrella of one new ministry – Wednesday Hub. Wednesday Hub would be a place of welcome and hospitality for all abilities – providing fellowship, food, activities, and accessible worship (for those who wished to participate).

Thus, a new streamlined and strategic pattern of ministries emerged:

Wednesday Hub, Wednesday 10:30am-3pm (outreach to adults)

Acorns, Thursday Mornings (outreach to pre-school aged children and families)

YouthDOTcom, Thursday Evenings (outreach to high-school aged youngsters)

10:30m service (followed by refreshments)

4 o'clock Live (followed by a meal and social time for outreach to primary-aged children and their families)

In summer and early autumn we hosted numerous 'welcome back events' to introduce some of the new ministries and vision to those who had previously attended. Wednesday Hub, YouthDOTcom, and Acorns all started soon after. It has been wonderful to see incredible potential and encouragements in these ministries already. Indeed, we have already seen numerous new people become regular worshippers with us through these initiatives. We were thrilled to be able to run a Christianity Explored Course attended by 8 people. This coincided with the launch of refreshed Growth Groups (replacing the pre-existing Cell Groups).

This new pattern of ministry has encouraged us to use our church building in innovative and inviting ways that facilitate our welcome and ministry to those unfamiliar with traditional church. All of this has only been possible because of the monumental and selfless effort of each and every person at St John's in giving of their time, energy, money, giftings, prayers, etc. Through a very difficult time we have supported and served one another as we have sought to glorify God and reach out to our community with the love of Christ.

Another major highlight of the year was the arrival of Mark Wooding as our Assistant Curate. Mark was ordained deacon in July and soon became heavily involved in various ministries, including the music and YouthDOTcom.

2021 was an incredibly hard and uncomfortable year. The highly selective account above demonstrates just how much change has happened over a short space of time. Along with change comes frustration, fear, unease, discomfort. Under normal circumstances, this amount of sudden change would be unthinkable and unwise. However, this past year has been a far cry from 'normal circumstances' and I wholeheartedly believe the developments and changes over this past year will stand us in good stead for the years to come. I think it is testament to God's grace and provision that while many churches across the country have struggled to bounce back from the ongoing devastating impact of the pandemic, here at St John's we are still seeking to be mission-minded and outward looking. We have not been content to plan to maintain and survive (although at times mere survival has seemed a wonderful victory) but to grow and thrive.



Rev A. S. Meeson

January 2022

Financial Review

Summary

The church suffered a deficit on unrestricted funds of £5,812 in 2021 (2020: deficit £3,142), which was funded from the LICF designated fund (see page 9).

Total unrestricted fund balances, including designations, at the year end increased to £57,494 (2020: £44,590) and restricted fund balances increased to £50,874 (2020: £39,597). Explanations for these increases are provided below.

Unrestricted income

Total unrestricted income for 2021 was £64,430 (2020: £64,980). We were again blessed by the fact that many regular donors already donated by standing order and others switched from cash collections to standing order during the 2020 lockdown; others saved their weekly envelopes or cash donations until the church building was open for worship. Planned giving increased to £46,030 (2020: £41,961), whilst weekly collections decreased to £1,722 (2020: £1,979). £10,568 (2020: £11,641) was recovered from HMRC in respect of tax deducted from Gift Aided income. Contributions for the use of premises from community groups increased to £1,904 (2020: £1,198) as the local dance school was once again able to meet in our premises for part of the year.

Unrestricted expenditure

Total unrestricted expenditure for the year was £70,242 (2020: £68,123). 80% (2020: 82%) of this expenditure (£55,978) was in respect of the parish share, and vicarage costs, which increased in total by £454. The cost of running the church, lounge and grounds, including maintenance, increased to £11,818 (2020: £10,875), primarily due to an increase in maintenance costs as the maintenance plan was resumed in preparation for the unlocking of church activities in the autumn of 2021.

Unrestricted designated funds

As referred to above, the total of unrestricted funds at 31 December 2021 was £57,494. This included designated funds of £36,206 (2020: £24,303) and unrestricted free reserves of £21,288 (2020: £21,288)

The PCC's policy is to try to maintain a level of free, unrestricted funds equal to at least 3 months' expenditure, which currently equates to approximately £17,000. Although the total of unrestricted, undesignated, free reserves at 31 December 2021 remained £21,288 (2020: £21,288), the PCC feels that in the current economic climate it is prudent to continue to hold this level of reserves, which is slightly higher than the stated policy, to make provision for potential future deficits and/or unexpected expenditure.

The closing balances on all designated funds are shown on page 15. The most significant designated funds were as follows:

Lower Income Communities Fund (LICF)

We were extremely fortunate to be awarded £19,719 by the Diocese from the LICF fund and the PCC continued to recognise this funding separately and pay the full parish share request, rather than net the two off. The LICF grant has been allocated to a designated fund to be used to fund mission giving to our agreed mission partners, other mission related expenditure and any unrestricted deficits. During 2021, £3,412 was paid to our mission partners, £1,174 funded property costs for the new curate's house position, £749 was transferred to the designated fund for the costs of the next quinquennial report due on 2022/23 and £5,812 was used to fund the unrestricted deficit. The unspent balance from 2020 and 2021 of £20,318 is carried forward to fund project costs and the forecast unrestricted deficit in 2022.

Gift Day Fund

The Gift Day fund from February 2020, increased by £627 as a consequence of Gift Aid tax received in the year and the closing balance at 31 December 2021 was £9,954. The funds were raised to support our vision and mission and plans for how this will be allocated will be developed in 2022.

Other

When our various outreach groups restarted in the autumn of 2021, the finances for each group were transferred into the main PCC accounts and the Other Designated Funds comprise the combined income, expenditure and closing funds for all of these groups.

Restricted funds

Building Fund

An appeal was held during 2021 to raise funds towards the cost of urgent repairs to the church hall roof, which were estimated to cost between £25,000 and £29,000. £10,790 was raised from church members and Gift Aid tax of £1,019 was recovered. The work was started towards the end of 2021 and a payment on account of £11,300 for the roof, plus £2,200 for pointing work had been paid before the year end. The remaining balance on the fund was £2,040, which will be expended in 2022. The balance of the cost of the work will be funded from the LICF fund, as this work is essential to enable us to keep the buildings safe and open for the purpose of the ongoing mission of the church.

Children and Families' Worker Funds

These funds were used to fund the costs of employing Barbara Lang, our Children and Families Work Coordinator. This was the second year of a new 3 year project.

We received the second of three instalments of £6,667 from the Blackburn Diocesan Board of Finance, together with £11,388 in individual donations and Gift Aid during the year. Continuing lockdown and restrictions meant that we were unable to restart our children's and youth ministries until the autumn of 2021, and during the first 9 months of the year Barbara was on flexible furlough, working just a couple of hours a week keeping in touch with families. During this period we received furlough grant of £9,993.

The costs incurred during the year totalled £22,573 and at the year end £35,797 was held in this fund. Sadly, Barbara passed away on 31 December 2021 and plans for the future of this fund will be considered later in 2022.

Nefyn Camp Fund

Continuing restrictions meant it was still not possible to hold the traditional week long camps in Nefyn Wales, but a series of shorter camps were held in Wroughtington and subsidies of £140 were made towards the cost of children from church families attending

Welfare Fund

Income of £59, including Gift Aid, was received. £50 was expended to help those in need in our community and a donation of £50 was made to the Leyland Foodbank run by Churches Together in Leyland. A balance of £662 was held at the yearend.

Communications Fund

Gift Aid tax of £550 was received in the year to add to the £2,506 brought forward and £1,575 was spent on the new website and on the purchase of a new PC to assist with the streaming of services.

Parish Share Support Fund

A donation of £8,000, together with Gift Aid tax of £2,000, was received in the year. In the event that the church becomes ineligible to receive LICF grant funding, or if this funding is withdrawn for any other reason, this fund can be used towards the payment of the parish share, to the extent that it cannot be funded from in year income.

Future Plans

The PCC is committed to continuing its mission to spread the good news of the gospel and to serve the people of its parish in Leyland and plans for the future are included in the Incumbent's Review on pages 5 to 7.

Report approved by the PCC on 14 March 2022 and signed on its behalf by Andrew Meeson (PCC Chair).



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Financial Statements for the Year ended 31 December 2021

Receipts and Payments Account

	2021 Unrestricted £	2021 Designated £	2021 Restricted £	2021 Total £	2020 Unrestricted £	2020 Designated £	2020 Restricted £	2020 Total £
Receipts								
<i>Voluntary receipts</i>								
Regular giving								
Planned giving: covenanted	38,665	-	7,340	46,005	35,476	-	11,440	46,916
Planned giving: uncovenanted	7,365	-	1,370	8,735	6,485	-	1,546	8,031
Collections	1,722	-	-	1,722	1,979	-	-	1,979
Other voluntary income and donations	857	3,072	8,829	12,758	5,834	-	-	5,834
Income tax recovered	10,568	-	7,248	17,815	11,642	-	3,931	15,573
	59,177	3,072	24,787	87,035	61,416	-	16,917	78,333
Other voluntary receipts								
Donations and appeals	-	628	10,890	11,518	-	10,071	6,335	16,406
Grants	-	19,719	6,668	26,387	-	20,342	14,168	34,510
	-	20,347	17,558	37,904	-	30,413	20,503	50,916
<i>Receipts from church activities</i>								
Fees	2,643	-	-	2,643	1,614	-	-	1,614
Contributions from church groups	-	-	-	-	443	-	-	443
Contributions from non-church groups	1,904	-	-	1,904	755	30	-	785
	4,547	-	-	4,547	2,812	30	-	2,842
<i>Income from investments</i>								
Bank interest	10	-	-	10	104	-	-	104
<i>Non-recurring income</i>								
Legacy and memorial donations	-	-	-	-	-	126	-	126
CJRS grant	696	-	9,993	10,689	648	-	-	648
Other grants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	696	-	9,993	10,689	648	126	-	774
Total receipts	64,430	23,418	52,337	140,186	64,980	30,569	37,420	132,970

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Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John Leyland

Financial Statements for the Year ended 31 December 2021

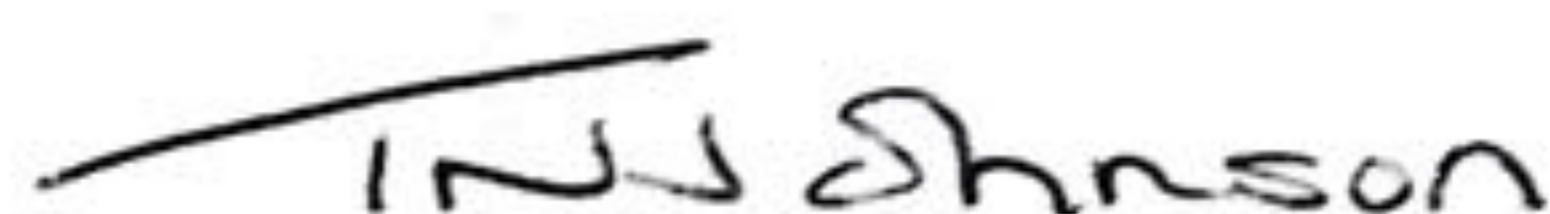
Statement of Assets as at 31 December 2021

Monetary assets

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
HSBC current account	-	7,973	7,973	7,252
Co-operative current account	57,382	18,261	75,643	53,280
CBF deposit account	-	24,640	24,640	24,630
Cash	112	-	112	25
	<u>57,494</u>	<u>50,874</u>	<u>108,368</u>	<u>85,187</u>
Designated	36,206			
Undesignated	<u>21,288</u>			
	<u>57,494</u>			

Approved by the PCC on 14 March 2022

and signed on its behalf by:



Tracey Johnson
Treasurer



Andrew Meeson
Chair

Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John Leyland

Financial Statements for the Year ended 31 December 2021

Analysis of Funds

Unrestricted Funds

	Undesignated General	Quinquennial Survey	Designated Car Park	LICF	Legacy and Memorial	Gift Day	Other	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward	21,288	851	1,533	11,746	883	9,290	-	45,591
Excess/ (deficit) of receipts and payments	(5,812)	-	(381)	15,133	-	627	2,071	11,637
Transfer to restricted funds	-	-	-	-	-	37	229	266
Transfers (to)/from designated funds	5,812	749	-	(6,561)	-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	21,288	1,600	1,152	20,318	883	9,954	2,300	57,494

Restricted Funds

	Welfare Fund	Buildings Fund	Children's and Families Worker Fund	Other Funds	Nefyn Camp Fund	Levellers Fund	Communications Fund	Call to Prayer	Parish Share Support Fund	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward	621	3,731	30,322	545	314	203	2,506	1,355	-	39,597
<i>Income</i>										
Voluntary receipts										
Regular planned giving	120	-	8,470	120	-	-	-	-	-	8,710
Other voluntary donations	-	-	-	762	-	67	-	-	8,000	8,829
Income tax recovered	471	1,019	2,918	33	-	-	550	258	2,000	7,248
Donations and appeals	-	10,790	16,661	100	-	-	-	-	-	10,890
Grant income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16,661
<i>Expenditure</i>										
Overseas mission	-	-	-	(600)	-	-	-	-	-	(600)
Home mission	(550)	-	(22,573)	-	(140)	(42)	-	(1,575)	-	(24,880)
Cost of services	-	-	-	(239)	-	-	-	-	-	(239)
Church maintenance	-	(13,500)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(13,500)
Fixtures and equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,575)	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,575)
<i>Transfers from General Fund</i>										
Transfers between Restricted Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers to Designated Funds	-	-	-	-	-	(228)	-	(38)	-	(266)
Balance carried forward	662	2,040	35,797	720	174	0	1,481	-	-	50,874

See Note
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Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John Leyland

Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2021

Notes to the Accounts

1 Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the receipts and payments basis.

2 Funds policy

Unrestricted funds may be used by the PCC for any of its ordinary purposes. It is the policy of the PCC to maintain unrestricted reserves equal to approximately 3 months expenditure.

Designated funds represent sums set aside out of ordinary unrestricted funds for specific designated purposes, which can be transferred back into general funds at any time.

Restricted funds represent donations or grants received or invited for specific purposes, which may only be spent on the specific purpose for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent must be carried forward as a balance on that fund and cannot be absorbed into general funds without the agreement of the donor/funder.

The movement on major restricted funds is detailed on page 15.

Other restricted funds comprise sundry restricted donations received and wholly expended in the year.

3 Mission

The total spent on overseas and home mission and given to other charities from all sources during the year comprises:

	Restricted Fund donations/expenditure £	PCC expenditure £	Designated Mission Giving £	Total Mission/Charitable Giving/Expenditure £
Overseas mission				
African Inland Mission	-	-	503	503
Platform 67	-	-	503	503
OMF	-	-	1,001	1,001
MAF	-	-	200	200
Open Doors	-	-	503	503
Tearfund	600	-	503	1,103
	600	-	3,213	3,813
Home mission				
Scripture Union	-	-	200	200
Mission related materials	-	19	-	19
Evangelical Alliance	-	90	-	90
Visiting speakers	-	45	-	45
Children's and Families Worker	22,573	-	-	22,573
Church outreach groups	42	-	1,000	1,042
Welfare fund	550	-	-	550
Call to Prayer	1,575	-	-	1,575
Nefyn camps	140	-	-	140
	24,880	154	1,200	26,234
Total mission related giving/ expenditure	25,480	154	4,413	30,047

4 Assets for church use

The following assets are recognised but not necessarily valued in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities:

Moveable church furnishings held by the Church Wardens on special trust for the PCC, which require a faculty for disposal.

5 Trustee expenses

The expenses paid to clergy may include an immaterial proportion which relate to their function as PCC members. No other payments were made to PCC members for their role as members of the PCC.

6 Funds not recognised in PCC accounts

A former member of the church made a bequest into a separate trust fund to be used by the church to support mission and youth work. The trustees of the funds are the Vicar and Wardens of St Johns Church, but the funds are not under the direct control of the PCC. The balances held at 31 December 2021 were £26,398.

**Independent Examiner's unqualified report to the
members of the P.C.C. of the Parish of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John
Leyland, Diocese of Blackburn.**

Financial Statements for the year ended 31st. December 2021 as set out on pages 12 to 16 of this report.

Respective responsibilities of the P.C.C. and the examiner.

The P.C.C. members acting as the charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the Independent Examiner's statement.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission and the guidance published in PCC Accountability (The Charities Act 2011 and the P.C.C.), 5th edition). An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required for an audit, and consequently no opinion is given 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.

Independent examiner's statement.

In connection with my examination, no material matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act, or
the accounts do not accord to the accounting records.

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts is reached.

Signed.

Date 17th. March 2022.

Name Revd. A. A. Clements

Relevant professional qualification Fellow Association of Charity Independent Examiners.

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