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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 2022**

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Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John Leyland

Annual Report

For the year ended 31 December 2022

(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. It is the means by which the PCC gives an account of how it has fulfilled its responsibilities during the year in question and of its future plans.)

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 2022 until the date this report was approved are:

Ex officio

		Appointment started/ended
Rev Andy Meeson	Incumbent	
Rev Barbara Wilson	Assistant Minister	Resigned May 2022
Rev Mark Wooding	Assistant Curate	
Audrey Waring	Church Warden	Re-elected May 2022
Russ Waring	Church Warden	Resigned May 2022
Dave Champness	Church Warden	Elected May 2022
	/Data Protection Officer/	
	Gift Aid Secretary	
	PCC Secretary	To May 2022
Sue Champness	Licensed Lay Minister	
Caroline Waring	PCC Secretary	From May 2022
	Vision Champion	
Philip Morgan	Deanery Synod Rep	From May 2022
Tracey Johnson	Treasurer	Co-opted

Elected members

Keith Waring		Appointment ended May 2022
Mark Smith		
Chrissy Gynes		
Liz Beaver		
Mel Stafford		
Sarah Stirzaker		Elected May 2022
Pat Brown		Elected May 2022
Judith Watson	Safeguarding Officer	Elected May 2022
Sue Rhodes		Elected May 2022

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, D Champness, and T Johnson. From May to December they were A Meeson, A Waring, D Champness, C Waring, S Stirzaker 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.

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

The PCC has complied with its duty to have due regard to the House of Bishops' guidance in relation to safeguarding. There is a Protection Policy in place in respect of children and vulnerable adults and checks have been made with the Disclosure and Barring Service in respect of persons dealing regularly with young people and vulnerable adults. The PCC appointed officer for this is Judith Watson. Whilst it is impossible to eliminate all risks and their consequences, efforts are constantly made to minimise such occurrences. Judith Watson is also the Safeguarding Officer.

During the past year the Wardens and the PCC have considered the major strategic and operational risks that the church faces. 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 93 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, 55 of whom are not resident in the parish. The average weekly in person attendance in October 2022 was 64 adults plus 17 children under 16. In addition, an average of 30 people accessed the services via Youtube each week.

Incumbent's Review of the year

2022 has been another unsettling year of change. We learned to adapt to a 'post-pandemic' phase of life. Russia's invasion of Ukraine brought war to the forefront of European consciousness. Nationally, we had three different Prime Ministers and a new monarch. We are now living through a 'cost of living crisis' and increasingly aware of the plight and presence of asylum seekers and refugees. More locally, Bishop Julian, our diocesan bishop retired, and we are entering a new chapter for Blackburn diocese.

As a local church we have experienced much change and disorientation too. As with the past few years, we have sadly endured serious illness and devastating bereavements within our fellowship in 2022. This has inevitably brought much sorrow and has further stretched our small and fragile ministry teams and volunteers.

Despite so much upheaval and sorrow, God has continued to do amazing things. This year we have consolidated and established some of the big changes we implemented last year. Wednesday Hub, Acorns, YouthDOTcom, and 4 o'clock Live have continued to flourish. As a result, we have had around 20 new regular worshippers join us and we now have three established congregations worshipping on Wednesday at 2pm and Sundays at 10:30am and 4pm. New people have stepped into new roles and responsibilities in service of the church.

Our ministry has adapted to respond to the changing societal needs, such as emphasizing the provision of warm spaces on Wednesdays and Sunday afternoons, increasing our support for the foodbank as well as those from overseas seeking sanctuary in Leyland. We have been overjoyed to welcome many more children and young people into the church. Our 2022 statistics for mission indicate that under 16 year olds now make up 20% of both our worshipping community and Sunday attendance, the highest percentage in at least a decade.

Some particular highlights from the past year include the Easter Family Fun Day in April where we welcomed 250 people from the community into the church for fun, games, donkey rides, evangelistic magic shows, and more. In the summer term we focussed on equipping and empowering one another to personally share Jesus. We spent five weeks teaching and preaching on 'Sharing Jesus' in preparation to 'Go and Tell' (as we joined in community Diamond Jubilee weekend celebrations seeking to be salt and light in the communities God has placed us) and then invite others to 'Come and See' the following weekend with evangelistic pudding evening, invite services, etc. We then spent another five weeks taking a broader look at our outreach by studying the five marks of mission.

Whilst it is difficult to draw a direct line between numerical growth and these activities, it does support the notion that "if you do nothing, nothing happens. If you do something, something happens ... just not necessarily what you expect!" In September we had a PCC day away. During this valuable time together we were able to reflect honestly on what was going well and also where we would love to see growth and change. We dared to dream and seek the Lord's direction and blessing. The week before Bishop Jill had led our 4 o'clock Live service and encouraged us to 'ask big' and to see with the eyes of faith the future St John's Leyland that God was calling into being. This felt like a prophetic word and fuelled our vision and prayer. Out of this time came three sets of priorities for the year ahead which have now been implemented into our Vision Action Plan for 2023:

1. Grow and mature in our emerging identity as one church with three congregations
2. Develop a more consistent, effective and sustainable approach to internal and external communication
3. Explore the recruitment of a paid worker in children, youth, and/or families

The generosity of God and God's people have been evident again this year. We have been able to make significant investment in our fabric with major repairs and renovation of the gable end of the church hall. We have replaced the heavy church pews with 120 lightweight, stackable chairs for a more missional and flexible use of our building. We have also installed new audio equipment to enhance our worship both in the church building and online. We now await the installation of a new church sign early in 2023 to make our presence in the community more prominent.

As a church and a leadership team we have also sought to continue to model generosity in the way we have served within the wider church. Many of our church are involved in different ministries, volunteering roles, including with the wider diocese. Personally, this past year I have continued to be involved in diocesan training for lay ministry as well as fulfilling a role as Visiting Lecturer at Oak Hill College in London.

As is clear from the above, 2022 has been another tough year. However, God has yet again proved faithful and has blessed us in our mission to Live: loving, knowing, and sharing Jesus.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. S. Meeson', with a stylized, overlapping 'A' and 'M'.

Rev A. S. Meeson

February 2023

Financial Review

Summary

The church suffered a deficit on unrestricted funds of £5,911 in 2022 (2021: deficit £5,812), after transfers of £1,750 from our outreach groups. This deficit was funded from the LICF designated fund (see page 9).

Total unrestricted fund balances, including designations, at the year end decreased to £41,688 (2021: £57,494) and restricted fund balances increased to £54,736 (2021: £50,874). Explanations for these changes are provided below.

Unrestricted income

Total unrestricted income for 2022 was £67,935 (2021: £64,430). We were again blessed by the fact that many regular donors already donated by standing order and others switched to the Parish Giving Scheme and contactless giving. Planned giving decreased to £40,740 (2021: £46,030), but this was compensated for by weekly cash/contactless collections increasing to £5,642 (2021: £1,722). £11,160 (2021: £10,568) was recovered from HMRC in respect of tax deducted from Gift Aided income. Contributions for the use of premises from community groups increased to £3,311 (2021: £1,904) as the local dance school was once again able to meet in our premises for the full year.

Unrestricted expenditure

Total unrestricted expenditure for the year was £75,596 (2021: £70,242). 74% (2021: 80%) of this expenditure (£56,238) was in respect of the parish share, and vicarage costs, which increased in total by £260. The cost of running the church, lounge and grounds, including maintenance, increased to £15,345 (2021: £11,818), primarily due to higher energy costs.

Unrestricted designated funds

As referred to above, the total of unrestricted funds at 31 December 2022 was £41,688. This included designated funds of £20,400 (2021: £36,207) and unrestricted free reserves of £21,288 (2021: £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 £19,000. The total of unrestricted, undesignated, free reserves at 31 December 2022 remained at £21,288 (2020: £21,288), which is broadly in line with this policy

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 again extremely fortunate to be awarded £17,708 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. The grant received was added to the balance brought forward at the beginning of the year of £20,318, giving total available funds of £38,026. During 2022, £3,408 was paid to our mission partners, £2,577 funded property costs for the curate's house, £9,862 was contributed to the cost of repairing the roof and gable end on the church hall, £7,491 was contributed to the cost of replacing the pews with chairs and £5,991 was used to fund the unrestricted deficit. The unspent balance of £8,776 is carried forward to 2023.

Gift Day Fund

The Gift Day fund was established in February 2020 to raise funds to support our vision and mission. During 2022 £3,878 was used towards the cost of replacing pews with chairs and £2,305 was used towards the cost of a new sound system, which was also funded by restricted donations received in memory of Tom Wilson of £2,612.

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

Our appeal to raise funds towards the cost of urgent repairs to the church hall roof continued in 2022, when the need for further urgent repairs to the gable end was highlighted. The response to the appeal was incredible and a further £28,598, including gift aid, was raised during the year. The total costs of building related work incurred in the year were £26,932, primarily on the roof and gable end. The balance of £3,703 at the year end is carried forward to fund projects planned for 2023.

Children and Families' Worker Funds

The balance held on this account at the end of the year of £36,991 is being carried forward following the death of Barbara Lang, our Children's and Families' Worker, at the end of 2021. As part of our mission action plan for 2023 a group has been set up to put together a project plan for future children's and youth work and the funds held will be used towards the funding of the resulting project.

Nefyn Camp Fund

Income of £218 was received in the year and subsidies of £305 were paid to assist young people who attended the summer camps.

Welfare Fund

Income of £170, including Gift Aid, was received and £145 was expended to help those in need in our community. A balance of £688 was held at the year end.

Communications Fund

£2,000 was received in the year to add to the £1,481 brought forward, and £714 was paid for a white board in the lounge and £516 for the deposit for a new church sign which will be installed in 2023.

Parish Share Support Fund

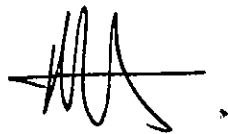
A donation of £8,000, together with Gift Aid tax of £2,000, was received in 2021. In the event that the church becomes ineligible to receive LICF grant funding, or if this funding is withdrawn for any other reason, this fund can be used towards the payment of the parish share, to the extent that it cannot be funded from in year income.

Chair Fund

£2,565 was received in donations towards the new chairs. This was added to the funding from the Gift Day Fund and LICF and new chairs were purchased at a total cost of £14,035.

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 page 6.

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Report approved by the PCC on 13 March 2023 and signed on its behalf by Andrew Meeson (PCC Chair).

Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John Leyland

Financial Statements for the Year ended 31 December 2022

Receipts and Payments Account

	2022 Unrestricted £	2022 Designated £	2022 Restricted £	2022 Total £	2021 Unrestricted £	2021 Designated £	2021 Restricted £	2021 Total £
Receipts								
<i>Voluntary receipts</i>								
Regular giving								
Planned giving: covenanted	35,800	-	410	36,210	38,665	-	7,340	46,005
Planned giving: uncovenanted	4,940	-	210	5,150	7,365	-	1,370	8,735
Collections	5,642	-	-	5,642	1,722	-	-	1,722
Other voluntary income and donations	2,042	5,885	1,899	9,826	857	3,072	8,829	12,758
Income tax recovered	11,160	561	3,711	15,432	10,568	-	7,248	17,816
	59,584	6,446	6,230	72,260	59,177	3,072	24,787	87,036
Other voluntary receipts								
Donations and appeals	-	-	33,371	33,371	-	628	10,890	11,518
Grants	-	17,708	-	17,708	-	19,719	6,668	26,387
	-	17,708	33,371	51,079	-	20,347	17,558	37,905
<i>Receipts from church activities</i>								
Fees	3,120	-	-	3,120	2,643	-	-	2,643
Contributions from church groups	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Contributions from non-church groups	3,311	-	-	3,311	1,904	-	-	1,904
	6,431	-	-	6,431	4,547	-	-	4,547
<i>Income from investments</i>								
Bank interest	420	-	-	420	10	-	-	10
<i>Non-recurring income</i>								
Lecturer fees	1,500	-	-	1,500	-	-	-	-
CJRS grant	-	-	-	-	696	-	9,993	10,689
Energy grant	-	1,787	-	1,787	-	-	-	-
	1,500	1,787	-	3,287	696	-	9,993	10,689
Total receipts	67,935	25,941	39,601	133,477	64,430	23,419	52,338	140,187

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Receipts and Payments Account

	2022 Unrestricted £	2022 Designated £	2022 Restricted £	2022 Total £	2021 Unrestricted £	2021 Designated £	2021 Restricted £	2021 Total £
Payments								
Church activities								
Overseas mission	-	2,908	1,063	3,971	-	3,413	600	4,013
Home mission	292	5,063	1,324	6,679	154	1,000	24,880	26,034
Parish share	54,396	-	-	54,396	54,007	-	-	54,007
Clergy expenses	400	2,578	-	2,977	402	1,175	-	1,577
Parsonage expenses	1,842	-	-	1,842	1,971	-	-	1,971
Church running expenses	10,582	-	-	10,582	7,499	-	-	7,499
Cost of services	1,109	-	268	1,377	919	-	239	1,158
Refreshments	241	-	-	241	321	-	-	321
Support costs	530	-	-	530	69	-	-	69
Church buildings and maintenance	2,483	9,862	26,932	39,277	2,677	381	13,500	16,558
Churches Together in Leyland	150	-	-	150	150	-	-	150
Fees to dioceses/verger/organist	2,225	-	-	2,225	1,392	-	-	1,392
Fixtures and equipment	-	13,676	5,277	18,953	-	-	-	-
	74,250	34,087	34,864	143,201	69,561	5,969	39,219	114,749
Church management and administration								
Electrical survey	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	1,346	-	876	2,222	681	-	1,575	2,256
	1,346	-	876	2,222	681	-	1,575	2,256
Total payments	75,596	34,087	35,740	145,423	70,242	5,969	40,794	117,005
Excess of receipts over payments	(7,661)	(8,146)	3,861	(11,946)	(5,812)	17,450	11,543	23,180
Transfers between unrestricted and restricted funds								
Transfers from unrestricted funds	-	-	-	-	-	266	(266)	-
Transfers from designated funds	7,661	(7,661)	-	-	5,812	(5,812)	-	-
Net movement in year	0	(15,807)	3,861	(11,946)	-	11,904	11,277	23,180
Balances at 1 January	21,288	36,207	50,874	108,368	21,288	24,303	39,597	85,188
Balances at 31 December	21,288	20,400	54,735	96,423	21,288	36,207	50,874	108,368

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Statement of Assets as at 31 December 2022

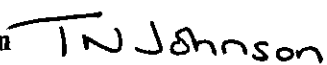
Monetary assets

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
HSBC current account	-	-	-	7,973
Co-operative current account	12,366	8,734	21,101	75,643
CBF deposit account	29,060	46,000	75,060	24,640
Cash	262	-	262	112
	<u>41,688</u>	<u>54,735</u>	<u>96,423</u>	<u>108,368</u>
Designated	20,400			
Undesignated	<u>21,288</u>			
	<u>41,688</u>			

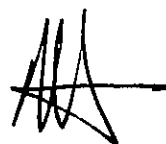
Approved by the PCC on 13 March 2023

and signed on its behalf by:

Tracey Johnson
Treasurer



Andrew Meeson
Chair



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Analysis of Funds

Unrestricted Funds

	Undesignated General	Quinquennial Survey	Designated Car Park	LICF	Legacy and Memorial	Gift Day	Emergency grant	Other	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward	21,288	1,600		20,318	883	9,954	-	2,300	57,495
Excess/ (deficit) of receipts and payments	(7,661)	-		(5,631)	-	(6,184)	1,786	1,883	(15,807)
Transfer to restricted funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers (to /) from designated funds	7,661	-	-	(5,911)	-	-	-	(1,750)	-
Balance carried forward	21,288	1,600	1,152	8,776	883	3,770	1,786	2,433	41,689

Restricted Funds

	Welfare Fund	Buildings Fund	Children's and Families Worker Fund	Other Funds	Nefya Camp Fund	Chair Fund	Communications Fund	Vicar and Warden's Fund	Parish Share Support Fund	Sound System
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward	663	2,038	35,797	621	174	100	1,481	-	10,000	-
Income										
Voluntary receipts	-	-	240	170	210	-	-	-	-	-
Regular planned giving	140	-	-	1,062	-	-	-	697	-	-
Other voluntary donations	30	2,404	1,228	43	8	-	-	-	-	-
Income tax recovered	-	26,194	-	-	-	2,563	2,000	-	-	2,612
Donations and appeals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grant income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditure										
Overseas mission	(145)	-	(273)	(1,063)	(305)	-	-	(601)	-	-
Home mission	-	-	-	(268)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cost of services	-	(26,932)	-	-	-	(2,665)	-	-	-	(2,612)
Church maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	-	(716)	-	-	-
Fixtures and equipment	-	-	-	(160)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers from General Fund										
Transfers between Restricted Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers to Designated Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	698	3,784	36,991	404	87	-	2,765	96	10,000	-

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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 related Expenditure £	Total Mission/Charitable Giving/Expenditure £
Overseas mission				
African Inland Mission	-	-	504	504
Platform 67	140	-	200	340
OMF	-	-	996	996
MAF	-	-	200	200
Open Doors	161	-	504	665
Tearfund	712	-	504	1,216
Leprosy Mission	50	-	-	50
	<u>1,063</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,908</u>	<u>3,971</u>
Home mission				
CAP	-	-	300	300
Urban Saints	-	-	200	200
Mission related materials	-	102	-	102
Evangelical Alliance	-	90	-	90
Visiting speakers	-	100	-	100
Children's and Families Work	273	-	-	273
Church outreach groups	-	-	4,563	4,563
Welfare fund	145	-	-	145
Family Fun Day	601	-	-	601
Nefyn camps	305	-	-	305
	<u>1,324</u>	<u>292</u>	<u>5,063</u>	<u>6,679</u>
Total mission related giving/ expenditure	<u>2,387</u>	<u>292</u>	<u>7,971</u>	<u>10,650</u>

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 2022 were £26,229. £26,131 was held in a separate CCLA deposit account. The remaining funds of £96 were held in the PCC current account as a restricted fund to be used for mission and youth work.

Independent Examiner's unqualified report to the members of the P.C.C. of the Parochial Church Council of St. John Leyland

Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022

Charity no. 1175098

Set out on pages 12 – 16.

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
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- 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. *Alan A Clements*

Date *18th March 2023.*

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