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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 2023**

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Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John Leyland

Annual Report

For the year ended 31 December 2023

(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 2023 until the date this report was approved are:

Ex officio		Appointment started/ended
Rev Andy Meeson	Incumbent	
Rev Mark Wooding	Assistant Curate	
Audrey Waring	Church Warden	Re - elected May 2023
Dave Champness	Church Warden	Re - elected May 2023
	/Data Protection Officer/ Gift Aid Secretary	
Sue Champness	Licensed Lay Minister	
Caroline Waring	PCC Secretary	To May 2023
	Vision Champion	
Philip Morgan	Deanery Synod Rep	To May 2023
Tracey Johnson	Treasurer	Co-opted to May 2023

Elected members

Mark Smith		Term ended May 2023
Tracey Johnson	Treasurer	Elected May 2023
Alison Moore	PCC Secretary	Elected May 2023
Chrissy Gynes		
Liz Beaver		
Mel Stafford		
Sarah Stirzaker		
Pat Brown		
Judith Watson	Safeguarding Officer	
Sue Rhodes		Died April 2023

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, A Waring, D Champness, C Waring S Stirzaker and T Johnson. From May to December they were A Meeson, A Waring, D Champness, A Moore, 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 92 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, 53 of whom are not resident in the parish. The average weekly in person attendance in October 2023 was 64 adults plus 18 children under 16. In addition, an average of 30 people accessed the services via Youtube each week.

Incumbent's Review of the year

St John's Leyland exists to **Live** life to the full in Jesus Christ. This means serving those living, working, and learning in North-West Leyland by **Loving Jesus**, **Knowing Jesus**, and **Sharing Jesus**. Our vision priorities are:

1. **Sharing Jesus:** Reaching the unreached peoples of our parish and the world with the good news of Jesus
2. **Knowing Jesus:** Growing mature disciples by developing a more intentional and strategic discipleship process
3. **Loving Jesus:** Offering a more varied, accessible and contemporary pattern of worship – including an all-age service on a Sunday afternoon
4. **Children & Families:** Seeing an increasing number of young families who have a vibrant committed Christian faith

As we reflect on our **Life** together, last year was another year marked with sadness as more longstanding and much-loved members of the church family were called home to glory. However, there was also much to rejoice about – especially welcoming more new people into the life of St John's.

As I reflect on the year, it is clear we chose to focus on vision priorities 1 and 4. Therefore, in this review of the year, I will draw out some of the encouragements and challenges surrounding our mission to **share Jesus** – especially with **children and young people**.

We began 2023 with a year-long plan for **Sharing Jesus** called *Rhythm of Life*. The rhythm comprised three 'Waves of Mission' all following the same three-fold pattern: (1) a season of prayer preparing for (2) an outreach activity and (3) followed up with something that interested people could continue to engage with.

Wave One began with 10 days of prayer (20-30th March) leading up to an Easter Mission Weekend called *Life that Lasts*. We had a good number of visitors to our Hotpot & Quiz on 31st March where we heard a powerful testimony of a life transformed by Jesus. The next day we had our Easter Family Fun Day where we welcomed 88 adults and 89 children. On Sunday we had two guest services with a guest speaker. Afterwards we ran *Hope Explored* over three weeks. Although few

newcomers took up this opportunity, those already connected with St John's who attended enjoyed the material.

Wave Two began with the world-wide prayer initiative *Thy Kingdom Come* (18th-28th May). We then spent time out and about in our parish and discussing how we can have more meaningful and intentional *Creative Conversations* (led by Colin Briffa). This coincided with a sermon series on Ecclesiastes addressing some of the important questions people ask in life. We sought to put this focus into practice out in our parish by encouraging those we met to complete a quality-of-life survey as a conversation starter. It is fair to say the interest and/or willingness of the congregation to participate in this outreach was small. However, those who did take up the opportunity had some good conversations with those who didn't yet come to church. We also sought to follow up with individuals by inviting them to our Summer Sundays (informal 2pm joint service).

Finally, Wave Three focussed on *Life Matters*. A season of prayer lasted between 23rd Oct-3rd Nov. We then invited our community to a Service of Light (a memorial service especially focussed on those who had lost loved ones) and a Light Party (a celebration of Christ's light to coincide with Bonfire night and coming hot on the heels of Halloween). The following week visitors were invited to our Remembrance Sunday services. This was followed up by the *Omega Course* which sought to provide space and opportunity to discuss death and dying.

All of this has, of course, been integrated into our existing patterns of ministry and mission which seek to share Jesus, as well as build us up in love and knowledge of Jesus. The continuing ministry of Wednesday Hub illustrates this well by welcoming many older adults with no other church connections into the life and worship of the church. This year our Wednesday Hub fundraiser supported Admiral Nurses (Dementia UK).

Christmas is always a great opportunity to share the good news of Jesus and it was a real joy to welcome more visitors of all ages to our services than in previous years. Some of these are now worshipping with us (more) regularly in 2024.

2023 was also a year when we strengthened relationships with our mission partners as we enjoyed visits from Lydia; James, Juliette, and Family; Paul Robinson; Helen Neville from the Leyland CAP centre; Fiona Stevenson (MAF); and Andrew and Pamela Dudgeon from Platform 67 (twice).

The number of **children and young people** exploring faith in Jesus at St John's has continued to increase this year. By God's grace, the major changes we made to our ministries as we unlocked from Covid – especially 4 o'clock Live, Acorns, and YouthDOTcom – continue to bear fruit. Since 2020 the percentage of children in our worshipping community has risen from 7% to 27% and our Sunday attendance of under 16-year-olds has more than doubled to 24%. This equates to an increase from 7 to 33 children in our worshipping community and we now have an average of 18 children attending on a Sunday (increased from 5 children in 2020). Seeing more young people and their families grow in faith and seek to live out a life following Jesus continues to be a great joy.

In July a film crew from the Church of England spent three days with us to create a video about our work with children, youth, and families. It has been a real encouragement to hear of the film (released in November) inspiring others towards a vision which prioritises ministry to children, youth, and families.

One of our goals this year was to explore the recruitment of a paid worker in children, youth and/or families ministry. A recruitment team met during the year and discerned (in conversation with the PCC) that we should focus the role on coordinating our outreach and discipleship of young people (≈ 11-18 years). We developed an ambitious and exciting job description and budget. The vision was to secure funding for 3-5 years before advertising the role. This would amount to approx. £122,000-128,000. Whilst we have a potential £50,765 set aside for this project that still left a large shortfall. Unfortunately, we were unsuccessful with a bid to the Parish Vision Fund for £20,000. We plan to regroup in 2024 and discern the most appropriate next steps.

On a more personal note, I continued in my seconded role as Visiting Lecturer at Oak Hill College during the first half of 2023. However, I declined the request to continue this role into the next academic year. This was partly because I was appointed as Area Dean of Leyland by the Bishop of Blackburn and took up the post at Easter. With this role comes additional administrative support so it has been a joy to welcome my PA, Mandy Stanton, to the ministry of St John's this year. Finally, I was very thankful to be granted study leave (4th September to 3rd December) as I began the final year of my PhD research. I am immeasurably grateful to all those who took on additional responsibilities during my period of leave to enable this to happen.



Rev A. S. Meeson

February 2024

Financial Review

Summary

The church suffered a deficit on unrestricted funds of £3,847 in 2023 (2022: deficit £5,991), after transfers of £4,787 from our outreach groups and other designated funds. This deficit was funded from the LICF designated fund (see page 9).

Total unrestricted fund balances, including designations, at the yearend increased to £50,348 (2022: £41,688) and restricted fund balances increased to £62,901 (2022: £54,735). Explanations for these changes are provided below.

Unrestricted income

Total unrestricted income for 2023 was £70,832 (2022: £67,935). We were again blessed by the fact that many regular donors donated by standing order and others switched to the Parish Giving Scheme and contactless giving. Planned giving increased to £44,187 (2022: £40,740), and weekly cash/contactless collections increased to £5,708 (2022: £5,642). £11,927 (2022: £11,160) was recovered from HMRC in respect of tax deducted from Gift Aided income. Contributions for the use of premises from community groups increased to £4,039 (2022: £3,311) and we received £1,600 (2022: £1,500) in fees from Oakhill College as Andy Meeson did a second year of lecturing.

Unrestricted expenditure

Total unrestricted expenditure for the year was £79,465 (2022: £75,596). 75% (2022: 74%) of this expenditure (£59,460) was in respect of the parish share and vicarage costs, which increased in total by £3,222. The cost of running the church, lounge and grounds, including maintenance, increased to £17,181 (2022: £15,345), primarily due to higher energy costs and general maintenance, as the PCC catches up with ongoing maintenance delayed in recent years.

Unrestricted designated funds

As referred to above, the total of unrestricted funds at 31 December 2023 was £50,348. This included designated funds of £29,060 (2022: £20,400) and unrestricted free reserves of £21,288 (2022: £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 £20,000. The total of unrestricted, undesignated, free reserves at 31 December 2023 remained at £21,288 (2022: £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 £20,972 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 £8,774, giving total available funds of £29,745. During 2023, £3,648 was paid to our mission partners, £2,777 funded property costs for the curate's house, £451 was used to setup a new office and £3,847 was used to fund the unrestricted deficit. The unspent balance of £19,024 is carried forward to 2024.

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

Donations of £5,650 and Gift Aid income of £2,858 was received in the year and costs of £2,273 were incurred in respect of repairs to the hall ceiling and architect designs for remodelling the steps from the church foyer to the hall to make them more accessible. The closing balance of £10,195 will be used towards this and other projects in 2024.

Children and Families' Worker Funds

The balance held on this account at the end of the year of £38,377 is being carried forward following the death of Barbara Lang, our Children's and Families' Worker, at the end of 2021. 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 £435 was received in the year and subsidies of £120 were paid to assist young people who attended the summer camps. £402 was carried forward at the year end.

Welfare Fund

Income of £1,038, including Gift Aid, was received and £1,031 was expended to help those in need in our community. A balance of £695 was held at the year end.

Communications Fund

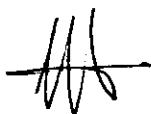
£1,197 was spent in the year on the final payment for the new church sign and a new printer. The balance at the yearend was £1,568.

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. Interest of £321 was added in the year, bringing the balance to £10,321.

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 5 -7.



Report approved by the PCC on 11 March 2024 and signed on its behalf by Andrew Meeson (PCC Chair).

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Financial Statements for the Year ended 31 December 2023

Receipts and Payments Account

	2023	2023	2023	2023	2022	2022	2022	2022
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts								
<i>Voluntary receipts</i>								
<i>Regular giving</i>								
Planned giving: covenanted	38,305	-	360	38,665	35,800	-	410	36,210
Planned giving: uncovenanted	5,882	-	120	6,002	4,940	-	210	5,150
Collections	5,708	-	-	5,708	5,642	-	-	5,642
Other voluntary income and donations	399	8,659	4,841	13,899	2,042	5,885	1,899	9,826
Income tax recovered	11,927	1,195	3,038	16,159	11,160	551	3,711	15,432
	<u>62,221</u>	<u>9,854</u>	<u>8,358</u>	<u>80,433</u>	<u>59,584</u>	<u>6,446</u>	<u>6,230</u>	<u>72,260</u>
<i>Other voluntary receipts</i>								
Donations and appeals	-	-	5,767	5,767	-	-	33,371	33,371
Grants	-	20,971	-	20,971	-	17,708	-	17,708
	<u>-</u>	<u>20,971</u>	<u>5,767</u>	<u>26,738</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,708</u>	<u>33,371</u>	<u>51,079</u>
<i>Receipts from church activities</i>								
Fees	2,229	-	-	2,229	3,120	-	-	3,120
Contributions from church groups	100	-	-	100	-	-	-	-
Contributions from non-church groups	4,039	-	-	4,039	3,311	-	-	3,311
	<u>6,368</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,368</u>	<u>6,431</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,431</u>
<i>Income from investments</i>								
Bank interest	643	-	1,763	2,406	420	-	-	420
<i>Non-recurring income</i>								
Lecturer fees	1,600	-	-	1,600	1,500	-	-	1,500
Energy/Warm Space grants	-	1,366	-	1,366	-	1,787	-	1,787
	<u>1,600</u>	<u>1,366</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,966</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,787</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,287</u>
Total receipts	<u>70,832</u>	<u>32,191</u>	<u>15,888</u>	<u>118,911</u>	<u>67,935</u>	<u>25,941</u>	<u>39,601</u>	<u>133,477</u>

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Receipts and Payments Account

	2023 Unrestricted £	2023 Designated £	2023 Restricted £	2023 Total £	2022 Unrestricted £	2022 Designated £	2022 Restricted £	2022 Total £
Payments								
<i>Church activities</i>								
Overseas mission	50	3,148	1,863	5,061	-	2,908	1,063	3,971
Home mission	894	6,829	1,736	9,458	292	5,063	1,324	6,679
Parish share	57,344	-	-	57,344	54,396	-	-	54,396
Clergy expenses	168	2,777	-	2,945	400	2,578	-	2,978
Parsonage expenses	2,116	-	-	2,116	1,842	-	-	1,842
Church running expenses	10,422	-	-	10,422	10,582	-	-	10,582
Cost of services	1,104	-	202	1,306	1,109	-	268	1,377
Refreshments	288	-	-	288	241	-	-	241
Support costs	213	-	-	213	530	-	-	530
Church buildings and maintenance	4,235	1,195	2,273	7,703	2,483	9,862	26,932	39,277
Churches Together in Leyland	150	-	-	150	150	-	-	150
Fees to diocese/verger/organist	1,563	-	-	1,563	2,225	-	-	2,225
Pictures and equipment	-	-	-	-	-	13,676	5,277	18,953
	78,545	13,948	6,074	98,567	74,250	34,087	34,864	143,201
<i>Church management and administration</i>								
Quinquennial survey	-	1,080	-	1,080	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	920	-	1,518	2,438	1,346	-	876	2,222
	920	1,080	1,518	3,518	1,346	-	876	2,222
Total payments	79,465	15,028	7,592	102,085	75,596	34,087	35,740	145,423
Excess of receipts over payments	(8,633)	17,163	8,296	16,826	(7,661)	(8,146)	3,861	(11,946)
Transfers between designated and restricted funds	-	130	(130)	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers from designated funds	8,633	(8,633)	-	-	7,661	(7,661)	-	-
Net movement in year	0	8,660	8,166	16,826	-	(15,807)	3,861	(11,946)
Balances at 1 January	21,288	20,400	54,735	96,423	21,288	36,207	50,874	108,369
Balances at 31 December	21,288	29,060	62,901	113,249	21,288	20,400	54,735	96,423

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Statement of Assets as at 31 December 2023

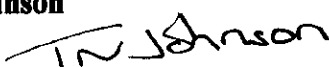
Monetary assets

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Co-operative current account	27,737	7,901	35,638	21,101
CBF deposit account	22,466	55,000	77,466	75,060
Cash	145	-	145	262
	<u>50,348</u>	<u>62,901</u>	<u>113,249</u>	<u>96,423</u>
Designated	29,060			
Undesignated	<u>21,288</u>			
	<u>50,348</u>			

Approved by the PCC on 11 March 2024

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	Energy grant	Other	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward	21,288	1,600	1,152	8,776	883	3,770	1,786	2,433	41,688
Excess/ (deficit) of receipts and payments	(8,633)	(1,080)	(744)	14,055	1,894	179		2,819	8,530
Transfer from/(to) restricted funds	-	-	-	-	-			130	130
Transfers (to)/from designated funds	8,633	-	-	(3,847)	-	-	(1,786)	(3,000)	-
Balance carried forward	21,288	520	408	19,024	2,777	3,949	-	2,382	50,343

Restricted Funds

	Welfare Fund £	Buildings Fund £	Children's and Families Worker Fund £	Other Funds £	Nefyn Camp Fund £	Communications Fund £	Vicar and Warden's Fund £	Parish Share Support Fund £	Total £
Balance brought forward	688	3,704	36,991	404	87	2,765	96	10,000	54,735
Income									
Voluntary receipts									
Regular planned giving	-	-	240	120	120	-	-	-	480
Other voluntary donations	988	-	-	1,460	300	-	2,092	-	4,840
Income tax recovered	50	2,858	60	55	15	-	-	-	3,037
Donations and appeals	-	5,650	-	117	-	-	-	-	5,767
Grant income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest	-	256	1,186	-	-	-	-	321	1,763
Expenditure									
Overseas mission	-	-	-	(863)	-	-	(1,000)	-	(1,863)
Home mission	(1,031)	-	-	(292)	(120)	-	(292)	-	(1,736)
Cost of services	-	-	-	(202)	-	-	-	-	(202)
Church maintenance	-	(2,273)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(2,273)
Fixtures and equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	(320)	-	(1,157)	-	-	(1,517)
Transfers from General Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers between Restricted Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers to Designated Funds	-	-	(100)	-	-	-	(30)	-	(130)
Balance carried forward	695	10,195	38,377	479	402	1,568	866	10,321	62,901

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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 14.

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	296	-	440	736
OMF	1,000	50	996	2,046
MAF	-	-	200	200
Open Doors	-	-	504	504
Tearfund	117	-	504	621
Leprosy Mission	30	-	-	30
Bishop's Harvest	420	-	-	420
	<u>1,863</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>3,148</u>	<u>5,061</u>
Home mission				
CAP	292	-	300	592
Urban Saints	-	-	200	200
Mission related materials	-	158	-	158
Evangelical Alliance	-	90	-	90
Children's and Families Work	100	-	-	100
Church outreach groups	-	-	6,329	6,329
Welfare fund	1,031	-	-	1,031
Mission events	192	646	-	838
Nefyn camps	120	-	-	120
	<u>1,735</u>	<u>894</u>	<u>6,829</u>	<u>9,458</u>
Total mission related giving/ expenditure	<u>3,598</u>	<u>944</u>	<u>9,977</u>	<u>14,519</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 2023 were £25,820. £24,954 was held in a separate CCLA deposit account. The remaining funds of £866 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 2023.

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Set out on pages 11 – 13.

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 *12th March 2024*

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Relevant professional qualification.

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