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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 2024**

Incumbent:

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Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St John Leyland

Annual Report

For the year ended 31 December 2024

(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 2024 until the date this report was approved are:

Ex officio

Rev Andy Meeson
Rev Mark Wooding
Audrey Waring
Dave Champness

Incumbent
Assistant Curate
Church Warden
Church Warden
/Data Protection Officer/
Gift Aid Secretary
Licensed Lay Minister

Appointment started/ended

Ended April 2024
Re - elected May 2024
Re - elected May 2024

Sue Champness

Elected members

Tracey Johnson
Alison Moore
Chrissy Gynes
Liz Beaver
Mel Stafford
Sarah Stirzaker
Pat Brown
Judith Watson
Clare Pope
Stella Weaver
Peter Hainsworth
Keith Waring

Treasurer
PCC Secretary

Safeguarding Officer
Vision Champion

Term ended May 2024
Term ended May 2024
Term ended May 2024

Elected May 2024
Elected May 2024
Elected May 2024
Elected May 2024

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 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 86 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, 50 of whom are not resident in the parish. The average weekly in person attendance in October 2024 was 65 adults plus 17 children under 16. In addition, an average of 37 people accessed the services via Youtube each week.

Carbon emissions

Our calculated carbon emissions for 2024 were 10.6 tonnes, up slightly from 9.9 tonnes in 2023.

Incumbent's Review of the year

Twenty twenty-four was quite a turbulent year, both generally and specifically for the Church of England (CoE). The CoE remains deeply divided over synod's agreement to the House of Bishop's plans to redefine the church's teaching and practice on sexual morality and marriage. We wait to see fully how these wider divisions and uncertainty will impact on our local ministry and church relationships. We have also been dismayed at the stream of revelations of safeguarding abuses and failures within the CoE – ultimately leading to the resignation of the Archbishop of Canterbury in November. We have sought to respond locally by re-doubling our efforts to ensure good safeguarding practice here at St John's, as well as seeking to respond pastorally and prophetically – most notably perhaps with marking Safeguarding Sunday for the first time last year.

However, amidst the grief and uncertainty of the wider CoE, there has been much to celebrate and give thanks for here at St John's. First, thanks to the incredible generosity of God through the sacrificial giving of his people, we finished the year with a financial surplus (having budgeted for a significant shortfall). This has meant we can invest our Low Income Community Funding (LICF) grant into exciting projects rather than merely covering our day to day costs.

At Easter we said goodbye to our curate, Mark Wooding as he moved on to take up an Assistant Minister role at All Hallows Bisham. It was such a blessing to have Mark with us and it has been encouraging to see how some of the areas of ministry he invested in have continued to thrive this year (e.g. Music and YouthDOTcom). The loss of Mark has obviously left the leadership team feeling more stretched. However, we have also seen new people step into leadership and ministry roles. In September, Clare Pope was commissioned as an Authorised Lay Minister (ALM) in Children, Youth, and Community Ministry. We have also recruited two new helpers in Acorns over the past year. Our music ministry has also continued to be shared between more people than previously. We continue to seek to help one another discern God's call for all of us into various spheres of ministry at St John's and more widely.

The PCC had a day away on 27th April, in which we reviewed our vision and discerned God's priorities for St John's over the next 18 months. Overall, we felt a renewed call to focus upon knowing Jesus through deeper discipleship. Our Goals for 2024-2025 are:

1. Grow more mature disciples – especially men
2. Increase our outreach & discipleship of young people – particularly through recruitment of CYF coordinator
3. Engage more with our community and world by nurturing a holistic understanding of the Christian life – incl. Frontlines vocations, evangelism, creation & justice issues
4. Improve our external communication to the parish – especially social media and signage

Our Longer-Term Goals (2025-2030) are:

- A more balanced age and gender demographic in our worshipping community and leadership
- A number of people from our church called to serve elsewhere in full-time paid gospel ministry/mission
- For our buildings to enable excellent accessibility, functionality, ambiance, and health and safety standards within the worshipping life of the church

We continued **Sharing Jesus** last year using our *Rhythm of Life* approach – i.e. waves of mission consisting of a season of prayer, outreach initiative, and follow up. This year, we had two waves of mission. Wave 1 began with the *Thy Kingdom Come* global prayer initiative. We then welcomed many of our community to our free Community Fun Day, including bouncy castles, climbing walls, splash the vicar(!), refreshments, and a stall with Christian literature. We then had a great turn out (including about 60% guests) for our evangelistic pudding evening where we heard a powerful testimony of faith, suffering, and healing from Rachel Shelley. This was followed up by guest services and a Hope Explored course which were less well attended.

Our second wave of mission also began with a season of prayer and then focussed on our Harvest celebrations. We enjoyed welcoming many to a Harvest Ceilidh and Hotpot Supper and then a special 2pm guest service the next day. The second aspect of Wave 2 was a new initiative: St John's Community Choir. A wonderful group of people both from within church and without began singing together in October, ably led by Ellen Fergusson. It was a joy to have them sing at our Christmas Carol Service, alongside the Lostock Hall Memorial Band. We welcomed 180 people, many of whom were new visitors from the local community, to sing and hear the good news of Jesus. Overall, it felt like a year where we grew in our culture of invitation and where more people than ever were happy to accept an invitation to explore what Jesus is all about.

As we look to the year ahead, we will continue to invest in discipleship and commitment to prayer, with 2025 designated as a year of prayer for growth and renewal. We also hope to apply to the diocesan Ignite Project to fund someone to lead our ministry to young people. Finally, we have some significant plans to ensure our buildings are safe, accessible, and enable (rather than hinder) worship, ministry, and mission. These include improving the accessibility of our foyer, upgrading our emergency lighting and the installation of new TV screens in church.

On a personal note, I was delighted to successfully defend my PhD thesis during my viva in November, and to eventually be awarded my PhD in December, having made minor corrections. I am so grateful for the support I have received from the leadership and congregation during my research.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several vertical strokes followed by a horizontal line and a small flourish.

Revd Andrew Scott Meeson

February 2025

Financial Review

Summary

We are extremely grateful for the provision of financial resources during 2024. The church generated a surplus on unrestricted funds of £3,544 (2023: deficit £3,847), after transfers of £3,000 from our outreach groups.

Total unrestricted fund balances, including designations, at the yearend increased to £65,791 (2023: £50,348) and restricted fund balances increased to £78,268 (2023: £62,901). Explanations for these changes are provided below.

Unrestricted income

Total unrestricted income for 2024 was £84,085 (2023: £70,832). 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 £51,223 (2023: £44,187), whilst weekly cash/contactless collections decreased to £1,890 (2023: £5,708) as more individuals changed to regular planned giving. £12,230 (2023: £11,927) was recovered from HMRC in respect of tax deducted from Gift Aided income. Contributions for the use of premises from community groups increased to £6,912 (2023: £4,039).

Unrestricted expenditure

Total unrestricted expenditure for the year was £83,542 (2023: £79,465). 74% (2023: 75%) of this expenditure (£61,978) was in respect of the parish share and vicarage costs, which increased in total by £2,518. The cost of running the church, lounge and grounds, including maintenance, increased to £19,276 (2023: £17,181), primarily due to higher energy costs.

Unrestricted funds

As referred to above, the total of unrestricted funds at 31 December 2024 was £65,791. This included designated funds £40,959 (2023: £29,060) and unrestricted free reserves of £24,832 (2023: £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 £21,000. The total of undesignated free reserves at 31 December 2024 is broadly in line with this policy

The closing balances on all designated funds are shown on page 14. The most significant designated funds were as follows:

Lower Income Communities Fund (LICF)

We were again extremely fortunate to be awarded £21,987 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 £19,024 giving total available funds of £41,011. During 2024, £5,450 was paid to our mission partners, £447 funded property costs for the curate's house, £1,305 was used for outreach activities, £2,742 funded a new boiler and £1,000 was set aside for the next quinquennial report. The unspent balance of £30,067 is carried forward to 2025 to fund future planned expenditure.

Other

Other Designated Funds comprise the combined income, expenditure and closing funds for all of our outreach groups.

Restricted funds

Building Fund

Donations of £11,804, Gift Aid income of £163 and interest of £548 was received in the year. The closing balance of £22,709 will be used towards the remodelling of the foyer and other planned projects.

Children and Families' Worker Funds

The balance held on this account at the end of the year of £40,667 is being carried forward and a project plan for future children's and youth work is currently being developed.

Nefyn Camp Fund

Income of £120 was received in the year and subsidies of £220 were paid to assist young people who attended the summer camps. £302 was carried forward at the year end.

Welfare Fund

Income of £273, including Gift Aid, was received and £500 was donated to the Leyland Foodbank. A balance of £468 was held at the year end.

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 £538 was added in the year, bringing the balance to £10,859.

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 10 March 2025 and signed on its behalf by Andrew Meeson (PCC Chair).



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Financial Statements for the Year ended 31 December 2024

Receipts and Payments Account

	2024		2024		2023		2023	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts								
<i>Voluntary receipts</i>								
Regular giving								
Planned giving: gift aided	44,413	-	11,070	55,483	38,305	-	360	38,665
Planned giving: not gift aided	6,810	-	120	6,930	5,882	-	120	6,002
Collections	1,890	-	-	1,890	5,708	-	-	5,708
Other voluntary income and donations	8,421	7,373	3,698	19,492	399	8,659	4,841	13,899
Income tax recovered	12,230	1,412	345	13,986	11,927	1,195	3,038	16,160
	73,763	8,785	15,233	97,781	62,221	9,854	8,359	80,434
Other voluntary receipts								
Donations and appeals	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,767	5,767
Grants	-	22,329	-	22,329	-	20,971	-	20,971
	-	22,329	-	22,329	-	20,971	5,767	26,738
<i>Receipts from church activities</i>								
Fees	2,130	-	-	2,130	2,229	-	-	2,229
Contributions from church groups	81	-	-	81	100	-	-	100
Contributions from non-church group	6,912	-	-	6,912	4,039	-	-	4,039
	9,123	-	-	9,123	6,368	-	-	6,368
<i>Income from investments</i>								
Bank interest	1,199	-	3,077	4,276	643	-	1,763	2,406
<i>Non-recurring income</i>								
Lecturer fees	-	-	-	-	1,600	-	-	1,600
Grants	-	-	400	400	-	1,366	-	1,366
	-	-	400	400	1,600	1,366	-	2,966
Total receipts	84,085	31,114	18,710	133,909	70,832	32,191	15,889	118,912

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Receipts and Payments Account

Payments	2024	2024	2024	2024	2023	2023	2023	2023
<i>Church activities</i>	<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>Designated</i>	<i>Restricted</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>Designated</i>	<i>Restricted</i>	<i>Total</i>
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Overseas mission	-	4,450	1,219	5,669	50	3,148	1,863	5,061
Home mission	709	7,583	771	9,063	894	6,829	1,736	9,459
Parish share	59,544	-	-	59,544	57,344	-	-	57,344
Clergy expenses	234	447	-	681	168	2,777	-	2,945
Parsnorage expenses	2,434	-	-	2,434	2,116	-	-	2,116
Church running expenses	14,448	-	-	14,448	10,422	-	-	10,422
Cost of services	1,093	674	199	1,967	1,104	-	202	1,306
Refreshments	228	-	-	228	288	-	-	288
Support costs	182	-	-	182	213	-	-	213
Church buildings and maintenance	2,155	-	-	2,155	4,234	1,194	2,274	7,702
Churches Together in Leyland	-	-	-	-	150	-	-	150
Fees to diocese/verger/organist	1,345	-	-	1,345	1,562	-	-	1,562
Fixtures and equipment	-	3,060	400	3,460	-	-	-	-
	82,372	16,215	2,588	101,176	76,545	13,948	6,075	96,568
<i>Church management and administration</i>								
Quinquennial survey	-	-	-	-	-	1,080	-	1,080
Miscellaneous	1,170	-	755	1,925	920	-	1,518	2,438
	1,170	-	755	1,925	920	1,080	1,518	3,518
Total payments	83,542	16,215	3,343	103,100	79,465	15,028	7,593	102,086
Excess of receipts over payments	544	14,899	15,367	30,810	(8,633)	17,163	8,296	16,826
Transfers between designated and restricted funds	-	-	-	-	-	130	(130)	-
Transfers from designated funds	3,000	(3,000)	-	-	8,633	(8,633)	-	-
Net movement in year	3,544	11,899	15,367	30,810	-	8,660	8,166	16,826
Balances at 1 January	21,288	29,060	62,901	113,249	21,288	20,400	54,735	96,423
Balances at 31 December	24,832	40,959	78,268	144,059	21,288	29,060	62,901	113,249

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Statement of Assets as at 31 December 2024

Monetary assets

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Co-operative current account	31,966	10,235	42,201	35,638
CBF deposit account	33,710	68,033	101,743	77,466
Cash	115	-	115	145
	<u>65,791</u>	<u>78,268</u>	<u>144,059</u>	<u>113,249</u>
Designated	40,959			
Undesignated	<u>24,832</u>			
	<u><u>65,791</u></u>			

Approved by the PCC on 10 March 2025

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	Car Park	Designated	LACP	Legacy and Memorial	Gift Day	Mission Giving	Other	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward	21,288	520	408		19,024	2,777	3,949	-	2,382	50,348
Excess/(deficit) of receipts and payments	544	-	-	-	13,643	(623)	-	(1,000)	2,879	15,443
Transfer from/(to) restricted funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers (to) /from designated funds	3,000	1,000	-	-	(2,600)	-	-	1,000	(2,400)	-
Balance carried forward	24,832	1,520	408		30,067	2,154	3,949	-	2,861	65,791

Restricted Funds

	Welfare Fund	Buildings Fund	Children's and Families Worker Fund	Other Funds	Netys Camp Fund	Communications Fund	Vicar and Warden's Fund	Parish Share Support Fund	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward	695	10,195	38,376	478	402	1,568	866	10,321	62,901
<i>Income</i>									
<i>Voluntary receipts</i>									
Regular planned giving	180	10,650	240	-	120	-	-	-	11,190
Other voluntary donations	-	1,154	-	521	-	-	-	-	1,675
Income tax recovered	93	163	60	30	-	-	-	-	345
Donations and appeals	-	-	-	2,023	-	-	-	-	2,023
Grant income	-	-	-	400	-	-	-	-	400
Interest	-	548	1,991	-	-	-	-	538	3,077
<i>Expenditure</i>									
Overseas mission	-	-	-	(1,219)	-	-	-	-	(1,219)
Home mission	(500)	-	-	(51)	(220)	-	-	-	(771)
Cost of services	-	-	-	(199)	-	-	-	-	(199)
Fixtures and equipment	-	-	-	(400)	-	-	-	-	(400)
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	(755)	-	-	-	-	(755)
<i>Transfers from General Fund</i>									
<i>Transfers between Restricted Funds</i>									
<i>Transfers to Designated Funds</i>									
Balance carried forward	463	22,709	40,667	829	302	1,568	866	10,859	78,268

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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 core expenditure £	Designated Mission related Expenditure £	Total Mission/Charitable Giving/Expenditure £
Overseas mission				
African Inland Mission	-	-	600	600
Platform 67	-	-	700	700
OMF	-	-	1,200	1,200
MAF	-	-	750	750
Open Doors	-	-	600	600
Tearfund	184	-	600	784
Leprosy Mission	65	-	-	65
Bishop's Harvest	792	-	-	792
Friends of the Holyland	178	-	-	178
	<u>1,219</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,450</u>	<u>5,669</u>
Home mission				
CAP	21	-	1,100	1,121
SLEAP	30	-	-	30
Mission related materials	-	114	-	114
Evangelical Alliance	-	90	-	90
Church outreach groups	-	-	5,778	5,778
Welfare fund	500	-	-	500
Mission events	-	505	705	1,210
Nefyn camps	220	-	-	220
	<u>771</u>	<u>709</u>	<u>7,583</u>	<u>9,063</u>
Total mission related giving/ expenditure	<u>1,990</u>	<u>709</u>	<u>12,033</u>	<u>14,732</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 2024 were £27,144. £26,278 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 2024.

Charity no. 1175098

Set out on pages 11-15.

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.

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