



Parish Church of
Chorley, St. Laurence
2022 Annual Report



St. Laurence's Chorley is a
Registered Charity
no. 1175130



Rector's Report

Frank Sinatra sang "it was a very good year" and 2022 has been just that. Whilst 2021 saw an overall decline in attendance all over the diocese of some - 30%, at St. Laurence's we saw some 26% growth in service attendances. 2022 continued the trend with a further growth of around 12% (we don't want too much more than that each year or it becomes unsustainable). In addition, at the end of November, we celebrated the growth in our volunteer team and at the time of writing we have over 100 volunteers on the books (though the real number is much more than that!).

This shows that we have a very solid base for moving forward. Year of endless discussion about money, with no particular vision or plan in place to halt the financial decline over the ten years before I came, have given way to a plan to develop our church building for greater community use and worship.

I want to place on record my sadness at the deaths of Joyce Deakin, Hilda Rouse, Matthew Klemm, Joan Gent, Eric Crompton, Brian Ditchfield and Marion Rawnsley who passed away in 2022. We thank God for their lives and for what they have given to this community. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

2022 saw us say goodbye to Ruth Fowler as Parish Administrator and we appointed Natalie Print to take over from her. We said farewell to Rev. Mo whose curacy here came to an end and we continue to hold her in our prayers. We welcomed Cornelius who is on a two-year placement as part of his training for priesthood and we also welcomed Fiona Pattison to a new (and much needed role) of Volunteer Coordinator and Alex Barrack as Tower Captain. At the end of 2022, thanks to a grant from the diocese, we were able to appoint Jill Smith as project administrator to help us take our plans for the future forward.

We continue to be a Church which is open 24/7 which is just what a Town Centre Church should be. Our Taste Café, Art Exhibition, lunchtime services and Gift Shop continue to draw many people into St. Laurence's Church.

The war in Ukraine has dominated the headlines, and our prayers, for the last year. It was good that St. Laurence's could play an active part in the early formation of a group designed to help send aid to Ukraine as well as support Ukrainians who have made their home in Chorley.

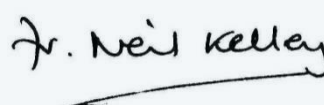
Of course, without doubt, the most profound occurrence was the death of our Late Queen Elizabeth II. Opening our doors from dawn to dusk each day we saw hundreds of people coming in to sign books of condolence as well as light candles and sit to reflect. Thanks to detailed plans drawn up earlier in the year, the moment the Queen's death was announced St. Laurence's moved into action to offer support to the parish and town. This included a special Civic Service of Thanksgiving for the Queen's life a few days before her funeral. May she now enjoy the heavenly reward of her labours.

Friendship is part of life and we all need friends. St. Laurence's is fortunate to have the Friends of St. Laurence's (FOSL) who have worked so hard throughout the year and successfully completed a project to repair part of the roof over the organ chamber. This paves the way for long-overdue work on the organ to begin, again thanks to FOSL and its support which is second to none.

2022 saw a new Pastoral Team formed which aims to meet weekly and helps us to care for young and old alike. 2023 will see the official launch of a Wellness Hub at St. Laurence's, something that has come about as a result of the Rector's mini-sabbatical in the Autumn. It was also good to reinstate our regular Healing Services, the pattern of which had been interrupted by Covid and the related restrictions.

On 17 October 2022 I gave thanks to God for the five years of having the privilege to be your Rector and Parish Priest. May God continue to guide us over the next five years too!

For the past, thanks. To the future – yes!



Fr. Neil Kelley
PCC Chairman
Lent 2023

The 2022 Vestry Meeting and APCM (The 2021 Annual Report)

Vestry meeting

There were two candidates who had proposers and seconders:

- Bernard Oakley
- Darren Nicholson

These were duly elected. The Rector thanked them for serving in the previous year.

Minutes of the APCM held on 05 May at 18.15 (within the context of the Eucharist)

Chair: Fr Neil Kelley

There were 32 members present and 12 apologies.

All those elected were eligible to stand for their various positions and had been proposed and seconded by members of the Electoral Roll.

The 2021 Annual Report

- The Electoral Roll Report
- The PCC Report
- The Financial Statements of the PCC
- The Church Fabric (Buildings Group)
- The Deanery Synod

James spoke to the Financial report.

The Annual Report was proposed by Darren Nicholson and seconded by Rob Kelly, unanimously approved.

Appointment of Independent Examiner

James Laidler proposed John Schofield. Seconded Tony Checker, unanimously approved.

Chairman's Remarks

Fr. Neil outlined the two options that had been previously shared with the congregation, the consequences being an exciting future or managing decline and closure. Despite requests, no one had come forward with any alternative proposals to what the Rector had outlined in both the February congregational meeting and the APCM itself.

After reflecting on the two options as illustrated, during a time of prayer those present were asked to indicate which option they preferred. The unanimous outcome was to explore an exciting new future for St. Laurence's.

Fr. Neil said that, if we claimed we loved St. Laurence's, the mature response to saying that is to do something about it! Saying we loved the church but allowing it to be neglected and to fall into disrepair, is not a mature response to the love of God. Neither is allowing it to decline and close. These are matters of spiritual life or spiritual death.

Election of PCC members and Deputy Wardens

Michelle Wareham and Elle Greenhough were re-elected as Deputy Wardens. James Laidler, Betty Kelly and Joyce Fielding were elected to join the PCC.

A vote of thanks for offered to the Chairman and the evening concluded with the singing of a final hymn and the blessing.

Administrative Information

The Parish of Chorley St Laurence is a Registered Charity number 1175130

The Parish is part of the Diocese of Blackburn within the Church of England

The correspondence address is: St Laurence Parish Office, Union Street, Chorley, PR7 1EB

Website:	www.stlaurencechorley.co.uk
Rector:	Fr Neil Kelley (PCC Chairman)
Ordinand in Training:	Cornelius Aghar (from October 2022)
Assisting Clergy:	Canon Ken Barrett, Rev David Ward, Fr Edmund Straszak, Fr Robert Moore, Rev Mike Hatton
LLM:	Joan Hayward (ex-officio PCC)
ALMs:	Phil Hall, Tony Checker and Neal Bennet-Williams (from October 2022)
Parish Administrator:	Ruth Fowler (until December 2022)
Rector's PA:	Jackie Gemson
Kitchen Manager:	Rachel Gilkes
CAP Debt Centre Manager:	Rachel Gilkes
PCC Treasurer:	James Laidler
PCC Secretary:	Michelle Wareham
Church Wardens:	Bernard Oakley (ex-officio PCC) and Darren Nicholson (ex-officio PCC)
Deputy Church Wardens:	Elle Greenhough and Michelle Wareham
Deanery Synod Reps:	Alan Winstanley (2023), Chris Pryor (2023), Karen Pemberton (2023)
Elected PCC members:	Tony Checker (2023), Phil Hall (2023), Fiona Pattison (2023), Caroline Walmsley (2023), Fay Winstanley (2023), Andrew Walkden (2024), Dan Hubberstey (2024), James Laidler (2025), Joyce Fielding (2025), Betty Kelly (2025)
Co-opted PCC members:	Alex Barrack (2025)
Chair of Parish Fabric Group:	Chris Pryor
Chair of the Finance Group:	James Laidler
Health and Safety Officers:	Neal Bennett- Williams, John Handforth
Parish Safeguarding Officer:	Nicola Pilkington
Parish Bankers:	Yorkshire Bank, Preston
Independent Examiner:	Mr John Schofield, BA (Oxon). ACA, 126 Deerfold, Chorley, PR7 1UH
Architect:	John Coward Architects Ltd, No 3 Unsworth's Yard, Ford Road, Cartmel, LA11 6PG

Day to day management control of the church is exercised by the Incumbent, Fr Neil Kelley and the Churchwardens, Bernard Oakley and Darren Nicholson, contactable through St Laurence Parish Office, Union Street, Chorley PR7 1EB Tel: 01257 231360

Structure, Management and Governance

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a body corporate established by the Church of England.

The Ecclesiastical Parish of Chorley St Laurence operates under the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956.

The PCC is registered with the Charity Commission, number 1175130.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All those who attend our services are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to stand for election to the PCC. The PCC held regular meetings during the year.

Reports from PCC sub committees have been received and considered regularly at PCC meetings.

The PCC has a Safeguarding Policy in place.

In 2022 the PCC operated the following sub-committees that report back to it as necessary and their deliberations are discussed.

Parish Fabric Committee:

Rector (ex-officio), Chris Pryor (Chair), David Thistlethwaite, Julian Garstang, Bernard Oakley, Tony Checker, David Jones

Hospitality Group:

Rachel Gilkes (Chair), Phil Hall (until October 2022), Alan Winstanley, Joan Hayward, Margaret Shackleton, Karen Pemberton, John Handforth, Chris Hedges (from October 2022)

Parish Finance Group:

Rector (ex-officio), James Laidler (Chair), Phil Hall, Alan Fishwick, Joy Barrack

Safeguarding Group:

Rector (ex-officio), Parish Safeguarding Officer, Joan Hayward, Fiona Pattison, Michelle Wareham

Church Attendance

The average weekend service attendances in 2022 were **208** (2021 = 170)

The average weekday service attendances in 2021 were **54** (2021 = 50)

Electoral Roll - there are currently **224** people on the Electoral Roll

Funerals

22

Weddings

02

Baptisms

37

Burial of Ashes

02

Statement of Public Benefit

The Parish of Chorley St. Laurence demonstrates public benefit with the following activities

- Regular public worship open to all
- The provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation
- Pastoral work, including visiting the sick, frail and bereaved
- Teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups
- Taking of religious assemblies in schools
- Promotion of Christianity through staging of events and meetings and the distribution of literature
- Promotion of the whole mission of the church through provision of activities for senior citizens, parents, toddlers, young people and other special needs groups
- Teaching and discussion of Christian Ethics
- Environmental/Ethical issues e.g. supporting other charities in the UK and overseas
- Community involvement, including the support of local cultural events (music, artistic, Chorley Live etc.) and social action (CAP, Open Table, Taste, foodbank, supporting the homeless and street pastors)

Objectives and Activities

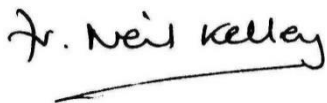
- The Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956 states that the PCC: is to co-operate with the Minister in providing in the ecclesiastical parish the whole Mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.
- We continue to develop within the Diocesan Vision 2026 programme which focusses on making disciples of Jesus Christ, being witnesses to Jesus Christ and growing leaders for Jesus Christ.
- Our mission continues to be to proclaim the Gospel according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and assists in the involvement of the many groups that live within the parish.

Achievements and Performance

See Churchwardens Report.

Approved by the PCC at the meeting on 13 March 2023.

Signed on their behalf by

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Neil Kelley". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal stroke.

Fr. Neil Kelley, Rector and PCC Chair

‘Healthy churches transforming communities’

Deanery Synod

The Chorley Deanery Synod has met twice since the last Annual Report. The first meeting was held in October 2022 at All Saints' Church, Chorley. The main item was given to introducing members to The Vine Community.

Archdeacon Mark Ireland was the speaker and he spoke about his hope that it would be something all churches in the Diocese will aim to promote and encourage individuals to join in order to deepen our discipleship and prayer life across our County and in our churches and communities. Here are some of the points he made:

The Vine Community : A flexible framework for the Christian life

- It is a simple and flexible framework for living out a Christian life; sometimes called a 'rule of life'.
- We want as many as possible to sign up and pledge to be part of The Vine Community.
- There was a service of commitment in Blackburn Cathedral in June 2022 but there will be other events beyond then as this is a long-term commitment.
- Whatever your situation, there are three questions to help you explore what faith means to you already, and how to make the most of it.
- This isn't necessarily about doing something 'extra', but about giving yourself the space to be the person God has made, and to grow in your relationship with Him, with an active, practical response to the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Deanery Mission

Fr Mike Print gave us provisional details of a Deanery Mission to take place in May 2023. (More details will be provided early in 2024 because of the Coronation of King Charles III this event has been postponed by twelve months.)

Our second meeting took place at St. Laurence's on Shrove Tuesday. Karen Pemberton and I made over 50 pancakes for deanery members which were well received. Fr Neil and Bishop Philip having seconds!

It was good to welcome Bishop Philip as our principal speaker not long after being officially named the next and tenth Bishop of Blackburn.

He used the occasion to outline his vision for the Diocese. Here are the three things Bishop Philip says he will be labouring tirelessly in the years to come:

Firstly, "I am committed to continuing the growth of the church in Lancashire, helping to build joyful Christian communities.

Secondly, I would love to see the Church of England in Lancashire being an ever-stronger voice for justice, especially for the poorest.

And thirdly, I believe children and young people need to be at the very heart of all that we do. The current generation of young people is such an impressive one, with a real desire to build a better world.

Bishop Philip cited good practice across the Diocese to when he expanded on the three points above. On two occasions he commented on the good work undertaken here in the community and the flexible approach we adopt to services over the weekend.

At both meetings Rosemary Lyon (St Mary's Rufford and Holy Trinity Tarleton) and a member of the General Synod brought us up to date with developments at the General Synod, some of the issues being more controversial than others.

Alan Winstanley
Deanery Synod Rep

Churchwardens

This report is made available to the PCC and all members of the Parish Church of St Laurence's, Chorley, under section 5 of the Care of Churches and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1991.

I can open my report by stating that Bishop Julian has now retired and that Bishop Philip has taken over his role, so a big welcome to him.

St Laurence's Church is steadily getting back on its feet with a 26% growth in attendance from the previous year which was still affected by the Coronavirus. There is also an 8% increase in stewardship.

The church volunteers who come to help us has now reached 100 people, helping to carry our church forward.

The church shop continues to do well selling many items of interest, supplied sometimes by the Standish Stitchers, who meet once a month making things for the shop.

The Taste Café opens four days per week from Tuesday until Friday and is thriving, only restricted by the space available which will improve in the near future when pews are to be removed.

Open Table is open on Monday evenings and is also doing well giving out on average 50 meals to people who are in need, some of whom are now attending the 18.15 service.

The Christians Against Poverty service has assisted several people and continues to function, so thank you to all the people who help to keep these things going.

The emergency food parcel service also needs to be remembered for all of the work that is carried out including deliveries to people's houses etc.

I will briefly touch on the subject of the church building; it is no secret that we need something in the region of £1,000,000 to repair the roof, starting

with the North Aisle and West Window which alone will need approximately £470,000. As I go to print people are already doing things to raise money; we have a marathon runner and a three peaks challenge walk on the go, plus Bishop Philip offering to do an abseil, so thank you to them.

The Friends of St Laurence's have also done well managing to raise money for the organ roof and are now in the process of money raising for repairs to the organ, our thanks go to them also.

Helping us to keep the forward momentum we have some additional help with Becky Gilbert-Rule, an architect who has offered her services for free, also Jill Smith who is our part time Projects Administrator with us for 18 months to assist in organising our Community Uplift Programme. We also welcome our new Parish Administrator, Natalie Print, and Trainee Cornelius Aghar and his wife, Mona.

The Walk of Witness went ahead this year on 18 June and was well supported by churches from the surrounding area.

I am pleased to say that the church bells are ringing again with new ropes being fitted and Alex Barrack has taken on the role of Bell Tower Captain. They had a Bell Tower Open Day on 13 August to encourage people to have a go.

I must say thank you to James Laidler, the church treasurer, who has a difficult job to do, particularly in the present climate.

Chris Pryor, who oversees the Fabric Group, has done some sterling work to the inside of the church and also David Jones has done some important clearing of the church grounds and drains; thank you both.

Report

The Alpha course is due to start lasting for 12 weeks, so our thoughts and prayers will be given for all those taking part.

Chorley Live took place and was very well attended over the two nights on 7 and 8 October. It was so busy that more wrist bands had to be sent for. I would like to thank all of the people who assisted myself and Darren to put this on.

The church attendance now stands on average at 200 for the combined Saturday and Sunday services, with new faces showing up most weeks.

The Christmas services were split into two crib services to avoid overcrowding with a candle walk to the crib.

The church cleaning, mostly done by Alex Barrack and his wife, Joy, is a never ending task. I know others help too, so thank you all.

On 26 November we had a volunteers night at the school to show our appreciation for their invaluable contribution over the last 12 months. Another will be held as this was a well-attended night enjoyed by all.

Finally, the Wardens would like to thank all our volunteers who help to keep the church running, not to mention our thanks to Fr Neil and all of the retired priests who have kept our services running throughout the year.

Prayers and blessings for you all from the Wardens.

Bernard Oakley and Darren Nicholson
Church Wardens

Michelle Wareham and Elle Greenough
Deputy Wardens

Points of Interest

16 April	Easter Vigil took place
26 May	St George's Church Ascension Day service
18 June	Procession of Witness Walk
05 July	Bishop Julian's farewell service
17 July	Sunday Garden Party at the Rectory
27 July	Church walk and BBQ
13 August	Bell Tower Open Day
05 September	Scaffolding erected for work to start
10 October	Scaffolding taken down
26 November	Volunteers night
5 December	Gutters cleaned



Parish Walk



Preparing for the afternoon tea



Welcome and Thank You evening

Fabric Report

Events, work done, work to be done

There is a deal of work to be done next year - much of this be done by external contractors, funds permitting. There is also a Quinquennial report due. This is likely to bring other matters to our attention.

Break in

Sadly just before Christmas 2022 we had a break in. Access was gained by breaking one of the refectory windows at the front of Church. The thieves broke some interior glazing and gathered items to take later. The alarm was raised before they were able to remove what they had stashed away. The windows have since been repaired.

Following the break in it was realised that the bushes at the front of Church allowed windows to be broken, people climb through and not be seen. It was decided that it would be best if they were removed and so expose the windows and front of Church.

This has caused an unforeseen problem - drivers not seeing the edge (not noticing they've driven up the kerb) and going over the edge. There are now some small white posts there but a better solution needs putting in place and will be soon.

Car park

The markings will need to be looked at in the near future as the space markings are now near invisible. Car parking in general is being looked at as space is at a premium, the gradient and layout makes parking difficult and potentially dangerous for all users both in cars and pedestrians.

Internal plaster

Plaster on the North side of the Chancel, an area to the front (East end) of this wall had been affected by damp in the past. This has resulted in some areas

looking precarious. We consulted the DEC and asked if we could remove a section so that:

- a) it could be removed before it fell and
- b) we could allow the wall to dry out/see if and where water was coming in.

The condition of us doing this is that it will be re-plastered in an approved and traditional manner. No date was given for completion of this.

Internal flooding

The extensive foliage around the South windows has caused some problems. Leaves from these, plus others, have collected in the gutter hoppers causing them to overflow. The water has leaked in through the windows collecting on the floor inside. The foliage's presence has also made it hard for the wall, and internal plaster, to dry out. It is likely that their roots are damaging the foundations. Clearing this area should help this area.

Gutters

It's a long climb up to the roof and once up there movement isn't easy/safe. We therefore paid for contractors to come and do this from the ground. One of the downspouts needed additional clearing by us as it was blocked and causing damp inside on the South wall.

Notice board

In recent bad weather the noticeboard suffered damage. Thanks to David Jones for mending the board he made some years ago.

Boilers

We have had work done on the central heating boilers (a previous leak had damaged a circuit board) as well as their annual service.

The hot water taps are fed by local, under counter boilers. One of these was replaced as it had broken and was unrepairable.

The water boiler in the refectory now works reliably as it has been descaled.

Benches

Two of the memorial benches, at the front of Church, have been repaired and have been revarnished. Another new one has been installed. To do this some greenery was removed and the ground levelled and paved. (When doing this we were caught by a google camera car and have been immortalised on google street view.) Two will need oiling over the next year. The chains and their posts marking the consecrated ground need a little attention.

Parquet Flooring

The area near the rear kitchen is getting more wear. Quite a few were reglued last year and others need to be looked at. It is likely that the removal of some pews will reveal more that need to be looked at.

Pews

When some of the pews are removed it is likely that their absence will reveal work to be done such as filling in screw holes, repairing the floor previously beneath them etc.

West end kitchen

There have been a number of small jobs and repairs in the back kitchen and cupboards.

Upper room

This has changed its use a number of times recently. The back storeroom is now has a lockable door.

57 Park Road and its hedge

This was getting out of control and beyond a DIY remedy. Contractors were hired and the hedge reduced to a more acceptable size.

Organ roof

One of the bigger jobs this year was the repair/renovation of part of the roof over the organ. This was in a poor state and any leaks would have severely damaged the organ. The work was financed by the Friends of St Laurence. A faculty was applied for and approved contractors did the work. As the work was round the back of Church apart from the polythene sheet over the organ few saw what was being done.

Organ bellows

The organ currently works but during loud and/or prolonged notes it runs out of steam. Inside there is a large accumulator that supplies air for such musical events. These are like bellows and have folded leather sheets to give an airtight flexible seal. This is nearing the end of its life and needs replacement. The replacement is being funded by the Friends of St Laurence.

With thanks to Alex Barrack, David Jones, David Thistlethwaite, Bernard Oakley, Tony Checker, Rob Kelly, Alan Winstanley and many more.

Chris Pryor
Fabric Chair for 2022



Treasurers Report

Statement of Financial Activities 2022

Summary

The accounts for the year show a deficit on the general fund of £19,893. This sum is however reduced by the transfer of restricted funds to general funds used to partially finance the CAP project of £6,968 giving a true deficit of £11,340.

Total income for the year was £147,906 an increase of £14,086 on 2021.

Highlights

Planned giving through STO, green envelopes and PGS increased by 8.2%. We have 44 parishioners using PGS out of around 80 regular givers.

Loose plate collections and card donation in church rose by 87% to £9,300.

We received a one-off grant of £1,683 from the Church Commissioners towards utility costs.

Recurring grants from the Diocese supported CAP costs.

We received two legacies during the year.

Immemorial included £1,000 in memory of Matthew Klemm. A use for these monies has not yet been identified.

Shop sales - the figure includes gross art sales. After stock take and purchases net contribution from the shop to Church funds is £5,191

Our costs totalled £167,799. An increase of £11,182

Highlights

Parish share payments fell £16,056 short of the assessment. The Diocese have recommended to the Board of Finance that the shortfall be supported by a grant in view of growth in the Parish.

The costs of the CAP project were met through the Diocese grant (see above) and funds drawn from a restricted deposit account held at the Diocese.

Church maintenance costs include £1,200 of electrical repairs to lighting through water ingress.

Utility costs are 57% up on the previous year. Invoices however run one month in arrears and therefore include one month of 'winter' usage. The full effect of the increases will be felt in the first half of 2023.

Fees have been paid the architect totalling £2,536 in respect of planning for re-ordering the Church.

Other funds

1. Community fund (previously Hardship fund) is in place to finance Taste Café, Monday Open table, Christmas lunch and the provision of emergency food parcels. The fund has also been used to grant emergency funds to those in critical need through the Rector's discretionary fund.

Grants received during the year

Chorley BC – four grants totalling £13,500

Lancashire CC – two grants totalling £5,700

ASDA - £1,000

Arnold Clark - £2,500

Grants have been granted for specific uses and payments are monitored to ensure funds are correctly applied.

We continue to receive generous individual donations and where possible gift aid has been claimed.

2. The CAP fund was established to start a fund towards the continuation of CAP services.

Annual Report of the Finance Group 2022

The Finance Group held one formal and three informal quarterly meetings over the past 12 months. The guidelines, below, agreed by the PCC, were met with quarterly accounts reviewed and submitted to PCC. The finance function of the PCC was maintained over the year namely:

- Oversee the work of the Treasurer and review financial information on a quarterly basis
- Oversee the arrangements for cash handling and banking
- Oversee the arrangements for gift aid claims from HMRC
- Review quotations for significant expenditure.
- Be permitted to agree expenditure outside to normal day to day running expenses of up to £500 without reference to the PCC
- Advise the PCC on the Churches financial position both short and long term
- Prepare and recommend an annual budget to the PCC
- Prepare and recommend communications to the Parishioners and Diocese in matters relating to Parish finances.
- Oversee stewardship and agree action required.

My thanks go to all members of the Group for their contribution to the work of the Church and especially to Alan, Jean and Joy for undertaking cash reconciliation and banking during the year.

James Laidler
Parish Treasurer
April 2023

3. The talents fund was established following the generous gift of a parishioner to fund project in line with the Parable of the Talents. £3,000 of the fund was used in 2020 to purchase computer equipment to improve online productions through the St Laurence YouTube channel and Facebook channel.
4. The Park Road fund simply shows the value of the Curates House as a noncash asset. The property is not designated.

Provision has been made in the accounts for the following:

- £618 of funeral fees payable to the Diocese
- £160 Walsingham 2023 deposits
- £5.00 due to the Friends of St Laurence

Balance sheet

The revaluation of investments (restricted funds) has produced a deficit of £21,883 as at the year end.

With the agreement of the Charity Commission investments with a value of £30,000 were sold and placed in the restricted CAP deposit account to be used to finance costs associated with the Christians against Poverty Debt Centre.

Appreciation

I would like to record my thanks to John Schofield, Hon Examiner of our accounts for his work and continued commitment to this task over many years. John has also given valuable advice with regarding the structure of the accounts going forward.

James Laidler
Parish Treasurer
April 2023

£22,700

Received
in Grants

8.2%

Planned
Giving

87%

Loose
Plate

57%

Utility
Costs

£11k

Increased
Costs

PCC St Laurence Chorley
Receipts and payments
Selected period: 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

<i>Note</i>	From To	01 January 2022 31 December 2022	01 January 2021 31 December 2021
EFP - Emergency Food Parcels (Designated) Fund			
Brought forward balance		—	—
Total carried forward balance		—	—
HF - Community Fund (Designated) Fund			
Income and endowments			
Donations and legacies			
Donations appeals etc		10,651	12,139
Taste Cafe donations		6,486	2,730
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid		1,550	500
Non-recurring one-off grants		22,400	12,580
<i>Total Donations and legacies</i>		<i>41,087</i>	<i>27,950</i>
Total income and endowments		41,087	27,950
Expenditure			
Expenditure on charitable activities			
Giving - relief and development agencies		100	575
Taste Co-ordinator		4,594	1,409
Rector's Discretionary Fund		3,404	2,811
Church equipment and office purchases		1,023	2,426
Education		410	—
Parish training and mission		—	288
Church office - telephone and internet		81	24
Church maintenance		—	120
Cleaning		449	—
Hospitality and Gifts of thanks		134	34
Monday Open Kitchen		2,828	1,275
Taste Cafe expenses		4,106	4,673
Emergency Food parcels		8,350	2,775
Church running Health & Safety		82	—
<i>Total Expenditure on charitable activities</i>		<i>25,566</i>	<i>16,414</i>
Other expenditure			
Contribution to Church overheads		2,600	3,620
<i>Total Other expenditure</i>		<i>2,600</i>	<i>3,620</i>
Total expenditure		28,166	20,034
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		12,921	7,916
Brought forward balance		13,853	5,937
Total carried forward balance		26,775	13,853

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<i>Note</i>	From To	01 January 2022 31 December 2022	01 January 2021 31 December 2021
General - General fund (Unrestricted) Fund			
Income and endowments			
Donations and legacies			
Gift Aid - Stewardship STOS		30,195	51,732
Gift Aid - Stewardship Green Envelopes		7,467	7,124
Gift Aid - Parish Giving Scheme		31,804	5,344
Loose plate collections		3,910	3,353
Card donations via sum up		5,466	1,663
Gift Aid - Pink Envelopes		50	—
Donations appeals etc		3,939	11,377
Fund Raising - other activities		1,574	535
Fund Raising Sunday Recitals		1,944	469
Fund Raising Church Fayres		175	—
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid		17,694	17,350
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid (Prior year)		34	97
Legacies		750	—
Recurring grants		6,292	7,196
Non-recurring one-off grants		1,824	500
Other funds generated		872	282
Flower donations		30	90
Photocopier receipts		17	—
Fees for weddings		1,542	1,165
In Memorium		2,716	589
Wedding Banns Fees		97	96
	<i>Total Donations and legacies</i>	118,397	108,967
Income from charitable activities			
Fees for funerals		1,932	1,381
	<i>Total Income from charitable activities</i>	1,932	1,381
Other trading activities			
Merchandise sales and art commission		11,363	4,827
Church room lettings - fund raising		2,002	5,792
Church main area lettings - fund raising		2,250	402
Parish magazine sales		—	30
	<i>Total Other trading activities</i>	15,616	11,051
Investments			
Investment Income		4,558	4,838
Bank and building society interest		218	43
Rent from lands or buildings		7,183	7,539
	<i>Total Investments</i>	11,961	12,420
Total income and endowments		147,906	133,820
Expenditure			
Raising funds			
Costs of fetes & other events		1,066	42
	<i>Total Raising funds</i>	1,066	42
Expenditure on charitable activities			
Giving to missionary societies		—	86
Giving - relief and development agencies		450	300
Ministry parish share etc		79,686	87,468
Youth Ministry		131	—
CAP Salary		7,175	10,547
CAP expenses		4,591	7,416
Administrator		4,636	4,617
Rectors Personal Assistant		8,338	3,315
Pension costs		65	1,121

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<i>Note</i>	From To	01 January 2022 31 December 2022	01 January 2021 31 December 2021
		1,399	—
		2,433	1,643
		107	490
		2,184	2,101
		2,353	1,911
		822	728
		1,416	1,394
		267	44
		170	—
		5,440	5,148
		1,124	1,300
		897	75
		1,141	580
		781	601
		—	880
		3,104	2,550
		2,707	693
		91	330
		2,793	5,637
		1,761	1,099
		333	43
		89	28
		—	21
		4,552	2,424
		1,815	1,694
		1,055	955
		8,603	5,332
		1,108	411
		670	142
		1,100	555
		496	165
		61	—
		6,291	2,090
		786	—
		1,752	—
		1,940	624
	<i>Total Expenditure on charitable activities</i>	<i>166,733</i>	<i>156,574</i>
Total expenditure		167,799	156,617
		(19,893)	(22,797)
		53,455	25,424
		—	50,827
Total carried forward balance		33,562	53,455

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<i>Note</i>	From To	01 January 2022 31 December 2022	01 January 2021 31 December 2021
Restric - Restricted Fund (Restricted) Fund			
Income and endowments			
Investments			
Bank Interest - Restricted deposit		—	0
<i>Total Investments</i>		<u>—</u>	<u>0</u>
Total income and endowments		—	0
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		<u>—</u>	<u>0</u>
Brought forward balance		173,111	167,282
Transfers to/(from)		—	(18,106)
Gains & losses		(21,883)	23,934
Total carried forward balance		<u>151,228</u>	<u>173,111</u>
ZReval - Revaluation reserves (Restricted) Fund			
Brought forward balance		30,633	30,633
Total carried forward balance		<u>30,633</u>	<u>30,633</u>
TF - Talents Fund (Designated) Fund			
Brought forward balance		1,700	1,700
Total carried forward balance		<u>1,700</u>	<u>1,700</u>
PRF - Park Road Fund (Designated) Fund			
Brought forward balance		210,000	210,000
Total carried forward balance		<u>210,000</u>	<u>210,000</u>
CAP - CAP Fund (Designated) Fund			
Income and endowments			
Donations and legacies			
Donations appeals etc		—	20
<i>Total Donations and legacies</i>		<u>—</u>	<u>20</u>
Total income and endowments		—	20
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		<u>—</u>	<u>20</u>
Brought forward balance		730	710
Total carried forward balance		<u>730</u>	<u>730</u>

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<i>Note</i>	From To	01 January 2022 31 December 2022	01 January 2021 31 December 2021
Fabric - Fabric Fund (Designated) Fund			
Expenditure			
Expenditure on charitable activities			
Church maintenance		—	240
Church major repairs - installation		—	1,910
<i>Total Expenditure on charitable activities</i>		<u>—</u>	<u>2,150</u>
Total expenditure		—	2,150
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		<u>—</u>	<u>(2,150)</u>
Brought forward balance		—	34,871
Transfers to/(from)		—	(32,721)
Total carried forward balance		—	—

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PCC St Laurence Chorley

Balance Sheet detailed

		As at 31/12/2022	As at 31/12/2021
Fixed assets			
	6435: Curate's House	210,000.00	210,000.00
	6440: Investments held at Diocese	138,511.00	190,394.63
	Total Fixed assets	348,511.00	400,394.63
Current assets			
	1510: HMRC	3,050.00	4,375.00
	6501: Current Account - Yorkshire Bank	67,443.85	66,925.83
	6510: CCLA (CBF) deposit account restricted fu	—	—
	6511: Short Term Deposits - Diocese	0.37	0.37
	6512: CAP Deposit a/c - restricted	36,382.64	13,350.74
	6590: Cash in hand and in transit to bank	24.37	43.39
	Total Current assets	106,901.23	84,695.33
Liabilities			
	6699: Agency collections	783.00	1,605.50
	Z04: Accounts Payable	—	—
	Total Liabilities	783.00	1,605.50
	Net Asset surplus (deficit)	454,629.23	483,484.46
Reserves			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	(6,971.60)	(17,010.72)
	Z01: Starting balances	483,484.46	476,560.20
	Z02: Other gains/(losses)	(21,883.63)	23,934.98
	Total Reserves	454,629.23	483,484.46

Represented by Funds		
Unrestricted	33,562.23	53,455.30
Designated	239,205.26	226,283.79
Restricted	181,861.74	203,745.37
Endowment	—	—
Total	454,629.23	483,484.46

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. LAURENCE CHORLEY

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PCC OF ST. LAURENCE'S

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2022 as set out in the Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144 (22) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is required.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in 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 statements below.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

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

- 1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements to
 - Keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

Have not been met; or

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



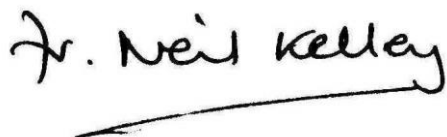
Mr John Schofield BA (Oxon) ACA

126 Deerfold
Chorley

02 March 2023

Approved by the APCM on 22nd May 2022

and signed on their behalf by

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Fr. Neil Kelley, Rector and PCC Chairman

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Laidler". The signature is written in a cursive style.

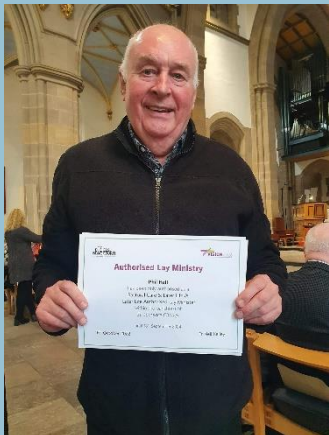
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James Laidler, Treasurer



Walking Day 2022



Baptisms, First Communions and Confirmation



Licensing of our LLMs, Phil and Neal



Death of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II





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