



Registered Charity No. 1175403



**Financial Statements
for the year ended
31 December 2022
and
Annual Report**

St Mary the Virgin Prestwich Parochial Church Council

Name & Address

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical parish of St Mary the Virgin,
Prestwich
Church Lane
Prestwich
Greater Manchester
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Legal Status

The PCC is registered with the Charity Commissioners of England and Wales
under charity registration number 1175403

Bank Details & Accounts

Current Account:

St Mary's Prestwich PCC Club and Society current account.
01-07-20
49036955

Reserve account:

St Mary's Prestwich PCC Club and Society reserve account.
01-07-20
49036963

Nat West Bank
Prestwich Branch
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Manchester
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Independent Examiner

Mr Roger Morley
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Administrative information

St Mary's Church is situated in Prestwich, Greater Manchester, in the
Metropolitan Borough of Bury. It is part of the Anglican Diocese of Manchester.
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Members of the Parochial Church Council March 2022 - March 2023

The Rev'd Shaun Conlon – ex-officio (Priest-in-Charge)
The Rev'd Adele McKie – ex-officio (Assistant Curate)
The Rev'd Carole Barnet – ex-officio (Associate Priest)
The Rev'd Gary Anderton – ex-officio (Assistant Curate)
Mr Stewart Barnet – ex-officio (Churchwarden)
Mrs Helen Hicks – ex-officio (Deanery Synod Representative)
Mrs Hazel Froggatt – *Honorary Treasurer*
Mrs Pauline Jones – *Honorary Secretary*
Mr William Max-McCarthy
Mr Anthony Smith*
Mrs Jill Hughson
Mrs Lindsay Broxap

* = Resigned as a member 15th November 2022

Objectives and activities of the PCC

St Mary's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Priest-in-Charge, The Rev'd Shaun Conlon in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of parochial Church Council members is set out in Church Representation Rules. The PCC looks after the general running of the church and oversees finance.

St Mary's PCC consists of the Priest-in-charge (Incumbent), all licensed clergy in the parish (currently 3), 2 Churchwardens, 3 Deanery Synod representatives, and 12 lay members (there are currently vacancies for 1 Churchwarden, 2 Deanery Synod Representative and 7 other lay members). Deanery Synod representatives (in addition to their general PCC responsibilities) attend meetings with clergy and laity of other churches in the Bury and Rossendale Deanery to discuss, support and further the mission of the Anglican churches within the deanery and the wider Diocese. All members, except those who are ex-officio, and any who are legally co-opted onto the committee, must be nominated and elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting before they can serve on the PCC. All PCC members are required to be on the church electoral roll, and must be actual communicant members. Each year, it is encouraged as widely as possible that all members consider standing for election.

There is also a statutory standing committee of the PCC, which consists of the Priest-in-Charge, Churchwardens, PCC Secretary and Treasurer (and one other PCC member when all elected positions are filled). The Standing Committee deals with emergency issues that arise between meetings and considers the agenda for upcoming PCC meetings. The PCC normally meets six times a year.

St Mary the Virgin Parish Church, Prestwich

St Mary the Virgin, Prestwich, is an historic Grade 1 listed Anglican Parish Church, currently part of the Diocese of Manchester. The earliest record of a priest serving Prestwich dates from around 1200 and the name Prestwich (derived from the Saxon words for 'priest's dwelling') suggests an even earlier church existed here. It seems likely that Christian worship has been offered on this site for more than 800 years. The parish is a mix of owner-occupied and rented residential accommodation, retail and office premises, schools and community buildings and open spaces. There is a sizeable Jewish population locally. A parish primary school (St Mary's voluntary aided CE school) has strong links with the church community and a very rooted Christian ethos. St Mary's Church has been, for a number of years, part of the Prestwich Mission Partnership, which includes the parishes of St Gabriel, Prestwich, St Margaret, Prestwich and St George, Simister: the partnership has sought to bring the life of these churches closer together. Towards the end of 2021 the Diocese of Manchester formalised the boundaries of new Mission Communities, which sees an end of Mission Partnerships and ushers in a new pattern for working together with neighbouring churches and their parishes: as well as those mentioned above we are now connected with the parishes of St Hilda, Prestwich and St Paul, Kersal Moor with St Andrew, Carr Clough. St Mary's church is registered with *Inclusive Church* and aims to align its Christian life and vision in ways which are welcoming of all people.

Objectives and achievements

The aims and objectives of St Mary's Church, Prestwich, and members of the Christian community there, include:

- Regular public worship
- Provision of accessible public sacred space for prayer and reflection
- The promotion and teaching of Christianity
- Engagement with the local community
- Provision of pastoral care and support within the parish and to members of the church
- Working with local organisations and schools, in particular St Mary's CE primary school
- Provision of a safe and welcoming churchyard, open for interments (in accordance with the Diocesan Chancellor's regulations) and visits by the general population
- Support of other charities at home and abroad

These aims and objectives were fulfilled in the following ways during 2022: Throughout the year, the church was open to the public for both the conduct of acts of worship and to provide a still, peaceful and beautiful place for reflection, prayer and exploration. Throughout the year the church was open for public worship every Sunday and Wednesday of the year, as well as on other days and occasions, including major Christian Festivals, Breathing Space monthly on a Wednesday evening, Holy hour and Eucharist monthly on a Saturday morning, an experiential teaching course (Connecting with God) monthly on a Friday evening.) A heritage open day was held in September which included special displays detailing elements of the church's history locally as well as leaflets being available about both the church building and its contents and the churchyard.

Over the course of the year a number of St Mary's CE Primary School visits and services happened in the church and churchyard, including a Year 6 Leavers' service in July, a visit by Y4 near Remembrance Sunday to explore war graves in the churchyard and make poppies (jointly helped by members of the church and school communities; the poppies were then displayed in church on Remembrance Sunday), a School Easter Eucharist and a Christmas Carol Service. Children from each of the eight classes (reception – Year 6) jointly led worship with the clergy on four Sundays during the year, with two classes attending each time.

A number of individuals visited the church by appointment, and others simply came in to look around or enjoy the silence and prayerful atmosphere *during times when the church was open*. A small group of pre-school children came to church in December to learn about Christingles and make their own, as did a group of cub scouts.

A number of occasional offices were held in St Mary's during the year, including weddings, baptisms and funerals, and a number of people were buried, or had their cremated remains interred, in the churchyard. A service of remembrance for the many hundreds of former Prestwich Hospital patients who are buried in the churchyard was held in October. In September some members of the church took part in the 'Seven Churches' Walk, which had been established a number of years previously as a joint annual activity of the five churches making up the Prestwich Mission Partnership and is now being continued by all seven churches comprising the Prestwich & Kersal Mission Community.

St Mary's is signed up to the 'Inclusive Church' network and endeavours to offer a welcoming and safe space to all who want to visit the church or worship there. Although the risks of contracting Covid-19 became less than they were as the year moved on, support continues to be given to those attending church to be able to worship as safely as possible, with sanitiser and masks available for any who would prefer to use them. Toilet facilities for the disabled continue to be provided, as well as large print service and hymn books and audio amplification equipment and a Loop system.

Pastoral care by both clergy and lay visitors was offered in various ways during the year. Housebound members of the Christian community of the church continued to be offered communion at home or in hospital and general pastoral visits and phone calls were made to many members of the community. Other pastoral visits to those who were ill, dying and bereaved, and to those preparing for baptism and marriage were conducted

The churchyard provided people with green space to enjoy and a number of tours were arranged by members of the Churchyard Action Group. Outdoor toilets were also opened for a local council-originated ecological group for their day's meeting in the adjacent Clough. A number of people contacted the church during the year exploring their family history and making enquiries about burial records etc.

The PCC and wider congregation continued to support local community activities in a number of ways: on-going collections of foodstuffs and other items were donated to the local 'Porch Boxes' charity and also a new food bank opened in a local Methodist church; the PCC paid the annual insurance on the neighbouring Church Lane Community Centre which provides meeting space for local groups,

organisations and individuals, conversations were made with the producers of TV's 'Coronation Street' series about the possibility of filming at St Mary's again and a few conversations were held with local choirs and individuals about using the space of the church for concerts, which will happen in 2023. Collecting Boxes for The Children's Society are held by a number of members of the congregation and local people to support the work of this charity across the country.

A number of social events happened throughout the year, some of them with religious elements. A family afternoon entitled 'Rooted in God, growing in faith' explored Christianity and environment issues, and a Posada (travelling Crib) connected households during the weeks of Advent. A Christmas Fayre, organised and run jointly with the Church School, helped to strengthen the bonds between the church and school communities, and an evening of carol singing in one area of the parish brought new connections within the community and also between the community and the church.

A number of Christian Nurture courses were organised during the year, including a daytime and evening Lent Course, and a monthly 'Connecting with God' evening. Confirmation preparation for both children and adults in the early summer and again in the late autumn

St Mary's hosted two prospective ordinands on placement over the Spring and Summer months, as they explored further their sense of God calling them to be priests.

Links with the Church school remained strong and continued to develop over the year. The Chair of governors and four other governors are regular members of St Mary's Church, including two of the clergy. Weekly worship was provided by members of the clergy team in school, and a number of clergy visits were made to classrooms and to staff for a range of reasons (wellbeing support, prayer, encouraging the school Ethos Group, teaching and general pastoral care.) Children from the school also visited the church to learn about prayer and different ways of praying.

The Church choir met weekly for practises during the year and welcomed a returning member after an absence of three years. The full choir was able again to assist in leading the Sunday worship fully again and also held an Advent Carol Service and a Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols in December in church for the local community. The level of ability is high and there is an open-door policy for new members, with training and support offered for those who need it.

Current Priorities and Future Developments

The move back to a three-yearly appointment of new PCC members in 2022 has begun to bring more stability and continuity to the proceedings of the Church Council and, although the church council now carries a number of vacancies, there has been a deepening of common purpose and vision during the year. The three priorities agreed by members of the council at the November meeting should help guide us into better planning for activities and events to build up the community of the church and strengthen people's faith and commitment. A putative plan has already begun to be drawn up with a timetable of events (both one-off and ongoing) for 2023 and beyond.

Despite the hope to restart a number of activities for children and young people, this has not been possible to realise this year as there was still a lack of volunteers. New conversations are now proving more hopeful that we might be able to provide some worship/activities for both pre-school age children and primary age children in 2023. It is anticipated that some of the events during the year will help create a new cohesions and commitment to furnish volunteers to take on the roles needed to underpin this work.

The creation of the new Prestwich & Kersal Mission Community by the diocese has begun to bring new opportunities for working in partnership with our Anglican neighbours and a plan for a number of joint activities, including study courses, attending the Prestwich Clough Day and organising an eco-Christmas Tree festival, has been agreed.

Numerically, attendances have begun to increase again as the year moved on and a large number of new families and individuals have become part of the congregation. Many of these are already becoming involved in a variety of ways with the activities and mission of the church and are bringing new skills, insights and energy to the life of the church community. There is a recognised need to have someone who will co-ordinate communications, so that the church and what it is doing is more visible in a regular way both on social media and in other ways – this is something that is planned be addressed in the coming months.

A resolution of the difficult legal situation regarding the legal ownership and usage of the CLCC (Church Lane Community Centre) will help in planning for the mission of the church in the wider community and also its financial situation.

Continued exploration of how the creation of a plan for environmental issues being part of the church's life and mission will hopefully lead to stronger links with other churches and with local community groups and organisations.

The Statutory Quinquennial inspection of the Church building was undertaken in 2022 and the results of this are still awaited. When the report is received it will form the basis of helping the PCC plan for the next five years in terms of any work which will need to be carried out on the church building.

One of the most pressing priorities facing the whole church community continues to be the poor streams of financial support. For many years a range of issues have not been addressed as fully, practically or forcefully as they might and this has resulted in historic reserves being depleted, little enthusiasm being generated for sustained regular fund-raising, low numbers of those giving by standing order and too much reliance on irregular streams of finance (facility fees from ITV when filming, lots of occasional offices (fees and collections), donations, legacies etc). The gulf between income and expenditure is rising and needs to be addressed holistically. Whilst this is not an uncommon situation in other churches, it needs to be much more at the forefront of the planning St Mary's PCC does for the future. In 2022 a number of strategies were discussed and these will begin to be deployed during 2023.

Risk and its management

Potential adversities may be categorised according to their combined risk/impact potential. Those with a high risk but low impact are set at one end of the scale,

with low risk/high impact at the other end. Both parameters are important and both risk and impact should be minimised.

Financial risks are a reduction in income and/or an increase in costs. Both have the potential to have major impact upon the capacity of St Mary's Church to continue all her present activities and functions and limit any future development.

As the Treasurer's report (below) makes clear, St Mary's is currently in a very difficult situation financially, with no substantial reserves and a long way from being able to meet parish share payments. As noted in the previous section (above) this is as a result of a combination of long and medium term factors and decisions and the impact of Covid closure/restrictions. This will be addressed across the congregation in the coming year, with efforts being made to produce information which will apprise the membership of the church (and the wider community) of the fragility of St Mary's financial position and the need for action across a number of areas to improve this situation and raise more funds and build up sustainable sources of income.

Rapidly rising energy costs, and the general high rises in the cost of living, will not make such movement forward easy, as both church bills and people's bills at home are increasing. Efforts have been made to ensure that St Mary's energy tariff is as reasonable as it can be and other costs have been cut back as far as possible. Grant funding for projects will become more actively sought beyond just large fabric repair costs. Increased scrutiny of budgets is a priority of the church treasurer.

Physical risks, to people, are judged to be low, but would have a high impact if they materialised. St Mary's carries an appropriate level of insurance. Other risks are also recognised: the protection of children and vulnerable adults is taken seriously and St Mary's complies with the relevant Church of England and Diocesan policies. The PCC is working towards a lower risk/impact potential, not just financial, but across all areas.

Audited Accounts January - December 2022

These are printed separately.

Treasurer's Report FOR FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2022.

Income

The church's operation relies solely on income generated from donations and fundraising, and the Christmas fayre at the end of 2022 is a promising sign that the years of COVID restrictions and reduced income are slowly being put behind us. The Christmas Fayre in December raised £4,200 and was shared between St Mary's and the school, and I hope this partnership continues to grow throughout 2023.

Total income for 2022 was **£57,624**; this is slightly more than in 2021, largely thanks to the Christmas Fayre fundraising event. Our primary source of income continues to be donations at services, £22,485; compared with 2021 this was a reduction of over £4,000 (-15%). £10,012 came from weddings and funeral fees, an increase of over 13%.

Expenditure

The total spent in 2022 was **£56,685**.

Expenditure was kept to a bare minimum, and only essential repairs were made to the clock, alarm and lightning conductor in the year. Unfortunately, repairs to the church clock have not been permanent, and a further, more in-depth repair will be required at an approximate cost of £4,000.

The Parish share paid was £15,330, representing 31% of the total assessment of £49,419. All the gift aid raised from donations (£6,330) was added to contributions from the congregation and is included in the £15,330. The congregation's generosity enables the diocese to sustain an effective ministry funded mainly through the parish share by not fulfilling our commitment to pay the parish share in full means that our church relies on other congregations to finance the mission and ministry across our diocese.

Reserves

At the end of 2022, the reserves and the current account total **£36,331**. (an increase of £3,382 from 2021): Of this amount, £14,842 are funds with specific spending purposes and therefore restricted from general day-to-day use. Leaving an available balance of **£21,489**.

Conclusion

The numbers in our congregation and their declared household income indicate that we should raise much more revenue than we receive. In 2022, not only was it necessary to use our reserves to keep the church open and running, but we relied on the generosity of other churches to fund the ministry that we all benefit from here at St Mary's through their payment of the parish share.

Should income levels remain the same in 2023, we shall have to use what little reserves we have and make more cuts in essential expenditures, including church and churchyard maintenance, heating, and organists at services.

May I appeal to those who enjoy our church to consider how you can support the church financially. Please consider committing to regular giving through a standing order, direct debit, internet banking, or other means.

And please would you complete a Gift Aid form if you are a UK taxpayer, which enables the church to claim back an extra 25% from HMRC on all donations which you give. Forms are available at the back of the church, and it only takes a couple of minutes to complete.

Our bank details are as follows:

Nat West Bank

Account number: 49036955

Sort Code: 01-07-20

"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God can bless you abundantly so that in all things at

all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written:

They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever."

(2 Corinthians 9:6-9, NIV)

To give generously is to be caught up in the overflow of God's grace, for when we give, we reflect the nature of God himself.

Hazel Froggatt -Treasurer

Proceedings of the Parochial Church Council

Purpose

The purpose of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) is to set the strategic direction and vision for the life of the parish. Its main focus is on:

- Mission & outreach
- Finance & Governance
- Discipleship & Pastoral care
- Worship & Spirituality

PCC membership is now following a new pattern of three-year terms of service, following the amendment by motion carried at the previous year's APCM. The number of places filled at the APCM in 2022 fell far short of the allotted places: four 3-year term spaces, and two 2-year term spaces were filled, although one of the 2-year spaces members resigned in November 2022, leaving the PCC short of 7 elected members, as well as there being three ex-officio spaces (one Churchwarden space and two deanery synod spaces). This has resulted in a PCC which is less effective than it could be and has raised a couple of issues about being legally able to hold meetings when some members have been unable to attend, partly because of the need to be quorate and partly because laity must outnumber clergy, and with 4 clergy and only 7 laity as members, this has been a real problem. These issues will be noted in public announcements in church services ahead of the 2023 APCM

The PCC have continued to meet bi-monthly, with standing committee meetings happening in the months inbetween.

Over the year, the inclusion of The Prestwich & Kersal Mission Community was agreed as a standing item on the agenda, so that we can regularly be updated on, and reminded about, the forging of new links across the churches of the Mission Community. Discussions were held about having official war grave signage near the entrance to the churchyard, the PCC supporting immediate family members who make applications to the diocese for faculties to reserve the right to burial in a particular plot in the churchyard, and a review of the Church Organist's contract and remuneration. New missional/fundraising activities were discussed and affirmed, including a summer all-age faith and Fun event, community carol singing, a Christmas fayre in conjunction with the church school and the posada (travelling crib) during Advent.

As part of our move back towards having a mission plan for the short and mid-term future three key strands were proposed and agreed by the meeting as the primary points of focus for 2023/24:

- o Community Building – in light of the changed/changing demographic of congregation/church attendances
- o Growing and Deepening Faith with both adults and children
- o Giving/Fund Raising, linked to the Gospel and to people's spiritual growth

Following his ordination as deacon in July, Fr Gary Anderton was welcomed as an ex-officio member of the council. A number of discussions over the year centred on our poor financial situation and how we might approach this to improve giving, increase a sense of community and belonging amongst those who are newer members of the congregation, and raise awareness of the realities of how the church is - and isn't - funded. It was agreed that we would bid for a new electronic giving terminal (a number of which are being made available via the diocese).

Pauline Jones - PCC Secretary

Electoral Roll Report

The Church Electoral Roll has undergone the annual revision, which has resulted in a number of additions (14). There have been a number of deletions, two because of death, and 12 because of non-residency and non-attendance for a period of more than six months. It is important that the electoral roll represents the actual current congregation and doesn't carry names of people who have moved away, or are worshipping elsewhere, from one full revision to another (a six-year period). If this happens then there is often a huge drop in numbers on the roll following the next full revision (which will be in 2025)

The number of those currently on the roll is 129.

Mrs Helen Hicks remains the Electoral Roll Officer for the parish.

Fr Shaun Conlon

Deanery Synod report 2022 Meetings

During the year there were 3 meetings of the Bury & Rossendale Deanery Synod on Tuesday 22nd February, via Zoom, Wednesday 1st June at Bury Parish Church and Wednesday 12th October at St John & St Mark, Sunny Avenue, Bury.

Proceedings of the Church of England's General Synod were reported to members over the year, and finance reports were given at each meeting. Eco Church & Environment was agreed to be a standing item on each agenda at the June meeting so that members could be both up-to-date with diocesan and

national church news and information as well as to allow us to consider our response as a deanery and as individual parishes.

There was some discussion around the shaping of the new **Deanery Mission Action Plan** (MAP) and updates during the year, especially at the October meeting. The Area Dean, Rev'd Dr Rachel Mann, shared the draft and later the finished document which she has drawn up together with the Lay Chair of the Deanery using various information and data from parishes and the diocese. Each of the five Mission Communities in the deanery will connect with its various areas for growth and development around the areas of Growing, Nurturing and Serving. It is intended that this becomes a live working document and not simply a paper exercise.

In February Mike Starkey, the Head of Church Growth in Manchester Diocese, gave a presentation around **strategies for growing churches**, with a particular focus on using the *Stepping Stones for Growth* programme (this can be found on the Diocesan website). He emphasised that, for churches where congregations might be suspicious about the idea of 'evangelism', this programme offered ideas for outreach and growth which most congregations who've used it found non-threatening and easy to connect with.

At the June meeting there was a presentation about eco-church matters from the Rev'd Clive Hamilton, one of the two Diocesan Environment Officers. Clive spoke about the Eco-church project, run by AROCHA and the energy footprint tool which the Church of England is developing and for which all parishes are asked to participate in supplying information about our energy consumption. This needs to be completed by the end of July 2022. Members were reminded that both Diocesan and General Synod had agreed to seek to become net zero carbon by 2030. Clive also outlined a number of other helpful links and resources, including a wealth of Church of England webinars.

Fr Shaun Conlon

Child Protection/Safeguarding

St Mary's takes the protection of children and vulnerable adults seriously and complies with the Church of England's guidelines in these areas. At a Parochial Church Council meeting on 22nd May 2018 the following policy statement was agreed and continues to be in place

Policy Statement on Children, Young People and the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Prestwich

As members of this church, we commit ourselves to the nurturing, protection and safekeeping of all, especially children and young people.

It is the responsibility of each one of us to prevent the physical, sexual and emotional abuse of children and young people and to report any abuse discovered or suspected.

We recognise that our work with children and young people is the responsibility of the whole church.

Our church is committed to supporting, resourcing and training those who work with children and young people and to providing supervision.

Our church is committed to following the policy and procedures published by the Diocese.

The parish will adopt good practice guidelines.

Each worker with children and young people must undertake diocesan Safeguarding training, know the guidelines and undertake to follow them. Each shall be given a copy of the Parish's agreed procedures and good practice guidelines.

As part of our commitment to children and young people, the PCC has appointed SUSIE MAPLEDORAM to be the Safeguarding Officer and EMMA CHADWICK to be the Deputy Safeguarding Officer.

Children and young people are an important part of our Church today

They have much to give as well as to receive

We will listen to them

As we nurture them in worship, learning, and in community life, we will respect the wishes and feelings of children and young people.

The Parochial Church Council has also adopted a [Safe Church Policy](#).

Claire Almond and Sandra Phelan are our named safeguarding officers at St Mary's, and as they take on their new roles they will begin to update all relevant people with appropriate checks and training in the coming year.

Fr Shaun Conlon

Adult Ministry Report

This report outlines the key aspects of adult ministry for the calendar year 2022.

Since church began to re-open fully following the pandemic, we have seen, certainly at St Mary's, a change in the profile of our congregation with a number of new people starting to attend worship on a regular basis. We have therefore continued to develop opportunities for both new and existing disciples to deepen their faith and spirituality. These included the continuation of our monthly (third Wednesday of each month) Breathing Space group - to enable people to take time out from the busyness of life to spend with God through reflective music, a short bible passage, followed by space for silent prayer.

Our adult Lent Group was offered both on Wednesday Mornings in Church after the mid-week Eucharist, and on Tuesday Evenings. The theme each week was the same providing the opportunity for people to attend either session, or even a mixture of some mornings and some evenings, as worked best for them. The Group looked at various 'events' in Jesus' life helping us to think about our own journey of faith in the context of God's faithful love and companionship with us. These included Jesus, the Wilderness and me: Isolation and Temptation; Jesus, Palm Sunday and me: Excitement and Expectation; Jesus, Maundy Thursday and me: Service and Sharing; Jesus, Good Friday and me: Suffering and Faithfulness; and Jesus, Easter and me: Triumph and New.

We also introduced a new monthly group (first Friday evening of each month) Connecting with God involving interactive discussion and providing practical guidance to prayer for those seeking to deepen their personal relationship with God. During 2022, we explored together a number of different ways to connect

with God through prayer, including meditation, praying with the imagination, lectio divina, The Jesus Prayer, the Eucharistic prayer, praying with hands, praying with icons, and praying with music.

In June, we held an all-age event in and around the Church and church grounds entitled Growing Together, Rooted in God with the aim of bringing community together around the theme of Creation including making bees, nature videos, painting on canvas, planting flowers and a new tree at the church gate entrance, tree quizzes, making biscuits, and enjoying packed lunches and mid-afternoon refreshments together.

We were delighted that three adults were prepared for Confirmation during the year with 'classes' taking place both before and after the Confirmation Service in November. It is wonderful to walk together as we grow in faith and we have been amazed by the depth of the questions raised along the way.

During 2023 we will continue to offer similar opportunities for us to grow together in our faith. All are welcome to join us. In particular, our Connecting with God group will be exploring a variety of tried and tested ways reading the Bible, enabling us to experiment along the way and, hopefully, to be nourished by the results. We have also set up a Mission Committee with the aim of discerning where God is leading us, drawing more people to Him by following the example of Christ, and re-building community as the Body of Christ. A timetable has been put together for the rest of the year and events will be advertised shortly.

My sincere prayer is that as many people as possible will join us and, as we move forward together, we will grow in love for God and for one another. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

The Rev'd Carole Barnet

Choir Report

During the past twelve months the Choir has gone about its work with ever increasing efficiency, and has continued to help in the leadership of Public Worship in this place.

Services have been enhanced with an ever increasing repertoire of Anthems sung by the choir, and these are beginning to include some of the very finest examples of English Church Music, some of which is usually the exclusive preserve of Cathedral and Collegiate Choirs.

We are indeed fortunate in our Choir – a group of people who meet regularly to rehearse on Thursday evenings for 44 or so weeks of the year, as well as turning out on Sundays, and for weekday services as required – all of this is done voluntarily – though the standard of singing attained is quite professional. (Remember, if you are interested in joining us, the prerequisites

are simply a reasonable singing voice, a keen “ear”, a willingness to be *moulded*, and most importantly of all, a sense of humour! If you can commit to Thursdays 7.30pm – 9pm, and Sunday morning Service, then please speak to the Organist).

Sadly, the death of Helen Mashedar last Autumn, brought to an end a connection of over 60 years as a member of the Choir. Helen first joined in 1960 as a young teenager, encouraged along by then Organist, Mr. F.J. Pye. However, it is surprising how a happening of a sad nature is so often followed by a happier one, and following our Service of Nine Lessons and Carols in December, we were delighted that Justine Thomas has rejoined the Choir after an absence of two years or so.

Numbers, therefore remain the same, and produce the following statistics: 7 Sopranos; 4 Altos; 1.5 Tenors; 3 Basses (The Rector and Rev'd Carole are extra to these figures).

On Advent Sunday, we held an Advent Carol Service – the first time this has been done since 1992. The Choir worked hard in the Autumn to produce the Music for this Service alongside the Music for the Annual Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, held on the 4th Sunday in Advent – once again, my good friend Simon Mercer, ARCO, accompanied us at the Organ. Many favourable comments were made by grateful parishioners following both of these Seasonal Services.

As I have said in the past, the enthusiasm generated by these Festival Services should not detract from the all-important round of weekly rehearsals and Sung Services; and it is quite clear, that the work of the Choir in this respect, is very much appreciated by our Congregation and visitors.

I will end this report by expressing my sincere thanks to all the members of the Choir for their continued loyalty and hard work. Also, to Rev'd Carole, for her attendance and singing in rehearsals, and Services as and when she is available; to Rev'd Adele and Rev'd Gary for their obvious appreciation of the music and the Choir. Above all however, sincere thanks are due to the Rector who, despite his ever-increasing workload, rarely misses a rehearsal, and is extremely appreciative of the work done by the Choir and myself.

Gary Hulme, ARCO, LTCL - Organist & Choirmaster

Churchyard Action Group

A brief outline of the activities of our group during the last year – which has been a very busy one with many ups and downs.

The wall in the bottom part of the church yard had fallen down – a fence was erected around the area and all the stones from the wall were removed for safekeeping into the hearse house.

Storm Arwen brought down several large trees (and damaged headstones) – nearly all the tree trunks have been removed (together with others that came down later in the year).

We have spread many tonnes of gravel chippings on the paths. Also, planted several new trees. Three new wooden benches have been erected. Work on the Demetriadi grave needed a block and tackle to lift two of the fallen curb stones. We paid contractors for repairs to the fallen headstones damaged by vandals. As part of the June 'Growing together, rooted in God' event we helped to plant a beech tree. The following week we held a bird box making day which was advertised to the public and a number of children and adults came along.

The local Council made a short video of our members erecting two of the bird boxes.

This Winter has seen more than a usual amount of fallen leaves which needed removing.

Regular work has continued tidying graves/collecting litter/maintaining the gardens around the Church and at the moment we are removing the old roof material from the toilet block/hearse house following repairs. (It saves money if we do it!!!)

Many thanks to all our volunteers – join us on a Tuesday morning if you can or join the team who give guided tours of the churchyard during the Summer.

Bill Cottam

Fabric Report January to December 2022

I can report that the "Terrier's" contents, which were photographed and catalogued in 2015 is up to date. Choir Music copies for use at the Nine Lessons and Carols service have been added.

Sanctuary Items (Candles, Wafers etc.) have been replenished.

The "Logbook" is up to date updated with the inclusion of historic alterations from Faculty records. All modern changes have been recorded.

Silver & Brasses – As mentioned in previous reports several items are showing signs of wear and tear and will require attention and repair.

Altarware – Again, as in previous reports, the Altar frontals and fabric for the high altar, are in a poor condition and in need of repair.

General Building –

1. The Quinquennial report which gives a snapshot of the condition of the building, has taken place by Buttress Architects in Manchester and we await the report.
2. All scheduled annual servicing and maintenance of essential equipment continues to be done. All statutory inspections, (fire extinguishers, alarm, gas, electricity), are up to date and the Gas Boilers and Organ are regularly serviced.
3. The 5-year Electrical Inspection was carried out in 2022.
4. A fault in the electrical circuit for the Fan Heaters in the Porch and Tower Room requires attention.
5. Minor Organ console repairs were undertaken by York Organ Builders during the year.

6. The Bell Striking equipment installed in 1997 was repaired this year (2022) but functioned only for a short time. It is estimated that the cost of upgrading the system to a modern-day equivalent would be £4000 and a service charge of £800 (2021). The system is currently out of action.

7. Movement of the South Aisle flooring, which has been present for several years requires investigation of the supporting brickwork. The stone flooring in the Nave requires some minor repair. The carpeted steps in the nave are awaiting the fitting of edging strips to reduce the potential trip hazard.

8. The restoration of the Lady Chapel, begun in 2019/20, is completed.

9. The condition of the outbuildings gives me great concern. With no money in the pot for restoration of these buildings and other repairs. I would recommend the PCC discuss their future use and the repair and restoration of the fabric. Plans are in hand for making the leaking roofs water-tight.

10. The condition of the choir vestry floor and the cause of damp under the vestry stairs will need investigation.

Churchyard -

1. The section of the retaining wall of one of the older sections of the churchyard, adjacent to the footpath on the southside which gave way last year, is still not reinstated. The rebuild cost estimated to be £16,000 (2022). This work is on hold till finances permit.

Stewart Barnet - Church Warden

APCM AGENDA

Sunday 26th March 2023 at 12.00noon in St Mary's Church

Annual Meeting of Parishioners

1. Welcome & Opening Prayer
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes from the previous meeting (13th March 2022)
4. Election of Churchwardens

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Opening Prayers
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the previous annual parochial church meeting (13th March 2022)
4. Matters Arising Those items which are not covered by the reports
5. The reports (*please note: most of these can be found in this booklet*)
 - (i) The electoral roll report 2023
 - (ii) Annual report - what the PCC has done since the last APCM
 - (iii) Financial report, including 2022 audited accounts
 - (iv) Annual fabric report
 - (v) Deanery Synod report
 - (vi) Churchwarden's Report

6. The elections and appointments

- (i) Election of PCC members (8 vacancies: 4 x 3 years & 4 X 1 year)
- (ii) Election of Deanery Synod Members (3 vacancies for three-year term)
- (iii) Appointment of independent examiner

7. Chairman's Report *(to be given verbally at the meeting)*

8. Any other business

9. Closing prayers

Followed by a short PCC meeting to elect officers (PCC Vice Chair, Hon Secretary & Hon Treasurer)

Minutes of last year's meetings

ST MARY'S PRESTWICH - ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS **Minutes of the Meeting held on Sunday 13th March at 12.00noon in St Mary's Church**

Annual Meeting of Parishioners

1. Welcome and Opening Prayer - Fr. Shaun Conlon (Chair) welcomed all those present (21) and opened the meeting in prayer.
2. Apologies for absence - Hazel Froggatt and Max McCarthy
3. Minutes from the previous meeting accepted with no abstentions. Proposer - Hazel Froggatt, Secunder - Anne Parkinson.
4. Election of Churchwardens - Stewart Barnet elected for the coming year. Proposer - Hazel Froggatt, Secunder - Anne Parkinson. The aim is to try to obtain another Churchwarden as there should be two.

ST MARY'S PRESTWICH - ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING **Minutes of the Meeting held on Sunday 13th March at 12.10pm in St Mary's Church**

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Opening Prayers - led by Fr Shaun Conlon
2. Apologies for absence - Hazel Froggatt, Gary Hulme and Max McCarthy
3. Minutes of the previous annual parochial church meeting (25th April 2021) accepted with no abstentions. Proposer - Tony Smith, Secunder - Sandra Merrill
4. There were no matters arising from the items which are not covered by the reports
5. The reports (most contained in booklet)
 - (i) The Electoral roll report 2022 (There has been increase of names, with one removal due to death).

- (ii) Annual report - what the PCC has done since the last APCM
 - (iii) Financial report, including 2021 audited accounts has been approved by PCC and auditors. Report has been prepared by Treasurer. Church's finances are dire for a number of reasons covered in report. Accounts and reports accepted with no abstentions. Proposer - Irene Burwin, Secunder - Emma Chadwick
 - (iv) Annual fabric report
 - (v) Deanery Synod report
 - (vi) Churchwarden's report - Question was raised regarding an update on the bells. Inspection due towards the end of March, however there are no funds available. A parishioner has stated she is prepared to contribute to the cost of repair.
 - (vii) Choir report - congregation not joining in with responses and this is because service booklets need to be updated._
6. The elections and appointments
- (i) Election of PCC members

<u>Candidates name</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Secunder</u>
Max McCarthy	Lindsay Broxap	Alice Terry
Hazel Froggatt	Anne Parkinson	Anne Pickavance
Pauline Jones	Gary Hulme	Stewart Barnet
Lindsay Broxap	Irene Burwin	Sandra Merrill
Tony Smith	Sandra Merrill	Emma Chadwick

At last APCM it was agreed the appointment of PCC members would revert back to regular pattern of serving for up to three years (can resign before this time if necessary) and this comes into effect from this year. PCC made up of clergy, Deanery Synod member, Churchwarden and lay persons. PCC currently carrying vacancies for lay person and it was explained need to be quorate to pass any legal decisions. At next PCC there will be a drawing of straws to determine who serves, one, two or three year period.

- (ii) Appointment of independent examiner - Roger Morley: proposer - Fr Shaun Conlon, secunder - Stewart Barnet; carried unanimously

7. Chairman's report (made by Fr Shaun Conlon)

When I first arrived at St Mary's in the late autumn of 2020 there were a number of occurrences in the first few weeks of me being here that kept pointing me to the East Window above the high altar. Therein is depicted, alongside the crucifixion of Our Lord, illustrations from one of his parables in the Gospels - specifically, one found only in Matthew's Gospel, chapter 25: 31-45, sometimes called *the Judgement of the Nations*.

At the time I felt that God was drawing my attention to the window as it had some significance in what my ministry here might be about.

Let me read the first few verses of the passage to you:

31 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him,

and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." 37 Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" 40 And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." *(41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; 42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." 44 Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" 45 Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." 46 And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.)*

I still ponder, quite regularly, what it is in this passage, displayed so prominently for all to see who come into this church building, that God is calling to my – to our – attention.

Is it something to do with building up our work for God's kingdom in the area of pastoral care – visiting the sick and those imprisoned, whether in physical, mental or spiritual ways?

Or maybe it's about responding to people's physical needs – feeding those who are hungry and providing clothes, through things like porch boxes or responding to the Ukrainian crisis and all who are fleeing that country.

Perhaps it's about welcome – about how we as a church welcome those who come here, whatever draws them or leads them through the doors, or even only as far as the churchyard.

I feel there is certainly scope for our prayerful engagement with all these areas of potential (and actual) ministry here.

But increasingly of late I have been wondering if it's not specifically about any of these things at the moment that God wants us to think and pray about. Maybe it's about that sentence in verse 40:

And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

How deeply do we consider that the things we do are done for Jesus Christ? Indeed, that the things we say and do are said and done to those who carry in them the image of Jesus Christ?

How different, I wonder, would our Christian community here be if we REALLY considered this deeply and regularly?

Do we give donations of food to porch boxes because we genuinely think about the people we are helping, and their situation, or do we just unthinkingly add a few extra tins in our trollies from time to time? If we genuinely think of their need, then surely that would lead us to further action, in prayer and in practice – writing to MPs about landlords who leave their tenants in squalid conditions, finding out if there are ways skills we have might help people who perhaps need cookery lessons or budgeting skills to assist in their needs.

Do we think about the people on our prayer lists? Asking how they are if we know them and haven't seen them for a long time? Offering support or companionship through phone calls or visits?

If people truly bear the image of Jesus, then ignoring them is the same as ignoring Jesus.

And what about our relationships with one another? When we are angry or annoyed with each other do we humbly look at how we move on into a better place where that is dealt with lovingly rather than leaving it to fester and become bitter? And when we know someone is ill or bereaved, do we approach them in loving support – even if it's hard because we don't know what to say, or how to say it – or do we avoid any engagement?

If people truly bear the image of Jesus, then ignoring them is the same as ignoring Jesus.

And do we come to worship because we want to be in the presence of Christ himself, and in the presence of Christ found in his body, the Church, with all its members, and be with Christ in the sacrament of the Eucharist, even when services seem a bit pedestrian and people are a bit frustrating? Or do we come because we have nothing better to do on a particular Sunday? Is our worship habit or is it something which provides a bedrock and backbone to our very life?

Do we come because we want to find and hear Christ speaking in Word, and in sacrament, and in the messy lives of each other, or because we're focused solely on ourselves?

These are questions for all of us to ask of ourselves and to carefully consider both the questions and answers as we ponder prayerfully.

(iii)

[Certainly it would be easy for a visitor, looking for evidence of a vibrant community at St Mary's, to be left in uncertainty.

The parish registers wouldn't provide much evidence of people seeming committed: Other than clergy and choir, numbers of people attending at many major festivals have been very low – 7 two weeks ago on Ash Wednesday, 6 last year on Good Friday.

(iv)

Out of 16 children confirmed last summer only 3 or 4 have been in St Mary's to receive communion since then and then only sporadically.]

At the most recent meeting of the PCC I said that it's going to be one of our main pieces of work this year, as a community of Christians in this place, to wait upon God and consider what his vision for us is at this stage of our life in this place. This is not just a piece of work for the clergy to do, or just the PCC, but for us all.

Yes, we are moving into a changed world after Covid-19 and we might not be able to do all the things we did immediately before Covid gripped the world. But it is a world in which people still bear the image of Christ, and a church where we still bear the image of Christ.

How do we do things for Christ?

How is God calling us to be not only citizens of his kingdom but also agents of his love and saving power?

The diocese of Manchester is going through a huge time of change structurally, but is still focused on making new disciples, nurturing existing disciples and caring for the world and all its peoples as God's treasure. It's wonderful to hear children in the church school speaking of the idea that they are God's treasure, an idea that is part of the school vision but which they connect with in a real way. *We are all* God's treasure.

Part of what we must rediscover in our life here is how we treasure each other and how we treasure the gifts and skills God gives us by using them in his service generously and joyously. This will be both by building up our spiritual, practical and financial life as a church; and through doing this in love, together, we will also be led into rediscovering what it is God is calling us to missionally in this parish and in the wider mission community of Prestwich and Kersal.

The key to this happening well, and indeed, happening at all, is us being rooted in Christ's love, forgiveness and joy, and seeing all that we do as being in and for Christ. You don't have to be a Christian to support the foodbank or visit the sick or write to your MP about slum landlords – atheists and agnostics can do these things just as much as Christians can. So we need to be clear about what drives us, about what is distinctive about why and how we do these things.

We need to see Christ and love Christ, and we need others to know we are doing these things because we see Christ and love Christ.

8. There was no other business.

9. A thank you from the Chair for people attending and what people do individually and/or collectively. The meeting then closed in prayer.

THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

OF THE PARISH OF ST MARY, PRESTWICH

for the Year ended

31 December 2022

PARISH OF ST MARY, PRESTWICH

31 DECEMBER 2022

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Statement of Council's Responsibilities

31 December 2022

The Charities Act 2011 and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 requires the Council to prepare Financial Statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Parochial Church Council for that period. In preparing those Financial Statements, the Council are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- and prepare the Financial Statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to do so.

The Council are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the Parochial Church Council and to enable them to ensure that the Financial Statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Parochial Church Council and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention of fraud and other irregularities.

On Behalf of the Trust



Trustee



Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARY'S CHURCH, PRESTWICH

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 5 and 6, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and s.145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirements of the Regulations and s.145(1) of the Act does not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report of those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.


Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under s.145(5)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements 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 I do not express an opinion on the view given by the accounts.

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 Act; and
 - to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations 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.



Signed:

Mr R Morley, 127 Turton Rd, Tottington, Bury

Date: Sunday 12 March 2023

PARISH OF ST MARY, PRESTWICH
Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ending 31 December 2022

		Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
INCOMING RESOURCES							
	Note:						
Voluntary income	2a	33,235	—	—	—	33,235	38,281
Investment income	2b	9,539	—	626	—	10,165	8,719
Xmas fayre		4,211	—	—	—	4,211	—
Church Fees		10,012	—	—	—	10,012	8,811
Insurance claims		—	—	—	—	—	3,466
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		56,998	—	626	—	57,624	59,277
RESOURCES EXPENDED							
	Note:						
Xmas Fayre donation to school		2,100	—	—	—	2,100	—
Church Activities	3a	50,060	—	—	—	50,060	60,873
Other resources used	3b	4,525	—	—	—	4,525	7,706
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		56,685	—	—	—	56,685	68,580
NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES		313	—	626	—	939	-9,303
Transfers between funds							
Gross transfers between funds - in		1,035	91,225	—	—	92,260	15,278
Gross transfers between funds - out		-91,225	—	-1,035	—	-92,260	-15,278
Net incoming / outgoing before other gains / losses		-89,876	91,225	-408	—	939	-9,303
Other recognised gains / losses							
Gains / losses on investment assets		1	—	2,935	—	2,936	1,326
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS:		-89,875	91,225	2,526	—	3,876	-7,976
Reconciliation of funds							
Total funds brought forward		105,689	-88,141	310,296	755	328,600	336,576
Total funds carried forward		15,814	3,084	312,822	755	332,476	328,600

PARISH OF ST MARY, PRESTWICH

Balance Sheet

As at: 31 December 2022

		General Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
Fixed assets							
	Note:						
Tangible	4	—	—	260,000	—	260,000	260,000
Investments	5	-907	3,084	37,722	755	40,654	37,718
Fixed assets		-907	3,084	297,722	755	300,654	297,718
Current assets							
Cash at bank and in hand		21,489	—	14,842	—	36,331	32,949
Current assets		21,489	—	14,842	—	36,331	32,949
Liabilities							
	Note:						
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	6	4,767	—	-257	—	4,510	2,066
Net current assets less current liabilities		16,722	—	15,099	—	31,821	30,882
Total assets less current liabilities		15,815	3,084	312,821	755	332,475	328,600
Represented by							
Unrestricted General fund		15,815	—	—	—	15,815	105,689
Designated Funds		—	3,084	—	—	3,084	-88,141
Restricted funds		—	—	312,821	—	312,821	310,295
Endowment Funds		—	—	—	755	755	755
Funds of the church		15,815	3,084	312,821	755	332,475	328,598

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 12th March 2023 and signed by its behalf by

Sharon Conlon

(PCC Chairman)

[Signature]

(PCC Member)

The notes on pages 7 to 10 form part of these accounts

PARISH OF ST MARY, PRESTWICH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP 2005.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of such members.

Funds

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from investment of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established.

Restricted funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resources to which they are related is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources Expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything required prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than £1,000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over four years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired. There are no assets presently undergoing depreciation of their value.

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 December 2022 (contd)

2. INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL 2022	TOTAL 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
2a. Voluntary income						
Donations	22,485	—	—	—	22,485	26,626
Collections	2,850	—	—	—	2,850	3,904
Miscellaneous	1,570	—	—	—	1,570	2,923
Gift Aid Received	6,330	—	—	—	6,330	4,828
	33,235	—	—	—	33,235	38,281
2b. Investment Income						
Interest received	47	—	626	—	673	610
Rent - 25 Rectory	9,492	—	—	—	9,492	8,109
	9,539	—	626	—	10,165	8,719

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 December 2022 (contd)

3. RESOURCES USED

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
3a. Church Activities						
Parish Share	15,330	—	—	—	15,330	20,000
Utility Costs	10,058	—	—	—	10,058	6,565
Church Insurance	7,249	—	—	—	7,249	6,824
Clergy & Vicarage	6,587	—	—	—	6,587	6,715
Fees for services	6,515	—	—	—	6,515	6,781
Upkeep of Services	3,041	—	—	—	3,041	2,330
Church Maintenance	2,794	—	—	—	2,794	1,644
25 Rectory Lane	124	—	—	—	124	6,509
Fun, Faith, Food	63	—	—	—	63	—
Churchyard Maintenance	-1,701	—	—	—	-1,701	3,505
	50,060	—	—	—	50,060	60,873
3b. Other Resources used						
Community Centre	958	—	—	—	958	930
Major Repairs	—	—	—	—	—	3,579
Fees paid to diocese	3,567	—	—	—	3,567	3,197
	4,525	—	—	—	4,525	7,706

PARISH OF ST MARY, PRESTWICH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 December 2022 (contd)

4. FIXED ASSETS

Fixed assets comprise of properties:

1. 25 Rectory Lane, with a market value at 31st December £210,000

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OF THE PARISH OF ST MARY, PRESTWICH

for the Year ended

31 December 2022

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Statement of Council's Responsibilities

31 December 2022

The Charities Act 2011 and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 requires the Council to prepare Financial Statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Parochial Church Council for that period. In preparing those Financial Statements, the Council are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- and prepare the Financial Statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to do so.

The Council are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the Parochial Church Council and to enable them to ensure that the Financial Statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Parochial Church Council and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention of fraud and other irregularities.

On Behalf of the Trust



Trustee



Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARY'S CHURCH, PRESTWICH

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 5 and 6, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and s.145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirements of the Regulations and s.145(1) of the Act does not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report of those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.


Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under s.145(5)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements 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 I do not express an opinion on the view given by the accounts.

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 Act; and
 - to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations 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.



Signed:

Mr R Morley, 127 Turton Rd, Tottington, Bury

Date: Sunday 12 March 2023

PARISH OF ST MARY, PRESTWICH
Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ending 31 December 2022

		Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
<u>INCOMING RESOURCES</u>							
	Note:						
Voluntary income	2a	33,235	—	—	—	33,235	38,281
Investment income	2b	9,539	—	626	—	10,165	8,719
Xmas fayre		4,211	—	—	—	4,211	—
Church Fees		10,012	—	—	—	10,012	8,811
Insurance claims		—	—	—	—	—	3,466
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		56,998	—	626	—	57,624	59,277
<u>RESOURCES EXPENDED</u>							
	Note:						
Xmas Fayre donation to school		2,100	—	—	—	2,100	—
Church Activities	3a	50,060	—	—	—	50,060	60,873
Other resources used	3b	4,525	—	—	—	4,525	7,706
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		56,685	—	—	—	56,685	68,580
NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES		313	—	626	—	939	-9,303
<u>Transfers between funds</u>							
Gross transfers between funds - in		1,035	91,225	—	—	92,260	15,278
Gross transfers between funds - out		-91,225	—	-1,035	—	-92,260	-15,278
Net incoming / outgoing before other gains / losses		-89,876	91,225	-408	—	939	-9,303
<u>Other recognised gains / losses</u>							
Gains / losses on investment assets		1	—	2,935	—	2,936	1,326
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS:		-89,875	91,225	2,526	—	3,876	-7,976
<u>Reconciliation of funds</u>							
Total funds brought forward		105,689	-88,141	310,296	755	328,600	336,576
Total funds carried forward		15,814	3,084	312,822	755	332,476	328,600

PARISH OF ST MARY, PRESTWICH

Balance Sheet

As at: 31 December 2022

		General Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
Fixed assets							
	Note:						
Tangible	4	—	—	260,000	—	260,000	260,000
Investments	5	-907	3,084	37,722	755	40,654	37,718
Fixed assets		-907	3,084	297,722	755	300,654	297,718
Current assets							
Cash at bank and in hand		21,489	—	14,842	—	36,331	32,949
Current assets		21,489	—	14,842	—	36,331	32,949
Liabilities							
	Note:						
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	6	4,767	—	-257	—	4,510	2,066
Net current assets less current liabilities		16,722	—	15,099	—	31,821	30,882
Total assets less current liabilities		15,815	3,084	312,821	755	332,475	328,600
Represented by							
Unrestricted General fund		15,815	—	—	—	15,815	105,689
Designated Funds		—	3,084	—	—	3,084	-88,141
Restricted funds		—	—	312,821	—	312,821	310,295
Endowment Funds		—	—	—	755	755	755
Funds of the church		15,815	3,084	312,821	755	332,475	328,598

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 12th March 2023 and signed by its behalf by

Shawn Conlon
(PCC Chairman)

[Signature]
(PCC Member)

The notes on pages 7 to 10 form part of these accounts

PARISH OF ST MARY, PRESTWICH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP 2005.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of such members.

Funds

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from investment of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established.

Restricted funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resources to which they are related is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources Expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything required prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than £1,000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over four years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired. There are no assets presently undergoing depreciation of their value.

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December.

PARISH OF ST MARY, PRESTWICH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 December 2022 (contd)

2. INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL 2022	TOTAL 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
2a. Voluntary income						
Donations	22,485	—	—	—	22,485	26,626
Collections	2,850	—	—	—	2,850	3,904
Miscellaneous	1,570	—	—	—	1,570	2,923
Gift Aid Received	6,330	—	—	—	6,330	4,828
	33,235	—	—	—	33,235	38,281
2b. Investment Income						
Interest received	47	—	626	—	673	610
Rent - 25 Rectory	9,492	—	—	—	9,492	8,109
	9,539	—	626	—	10,165	8,719

PARISH OF ST MARY, PRESTWICH

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3. RESOURCES USED

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
3a. Church Activities						
Parish Share	15,330	—	—	—	15,330	20,000
Utility Costs	10,058	—	—	—	10,058	6,565
Church Insurance	7,249	—	—	—	7,249	6,824
Clergy & Vicarage	6,587	—	—	—	6,587	6,715
Fees for services	6,515	—	—	—	6,515	6,781
Upkeep of Services	3,041	—	—	—	3,041	2,330
Church Maintenance	2,794	—	—	—	2,794	1,644
25 Rectory Lane	124	—	—	—	124	6,509
Fun, Faith, Food	63	—	—	—	63	—
Churchyard Maintenance	-1,701	—	—	—	-1,701	3,505
	50,060	—	—	—	50,060	60,873
3b. Other Resources used						
Community Centre	958	—	—	—	958	930
Major Repairs	—	—	—	—	—	3,579
Fees paid to diocese	3,567	—	—	—	3,567	3,197
	4,525	—	—	—	4,525	7,706

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