

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF GREAT MARSDEN ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST WITH NELSON ST PHILIP

England & Wales - Charity number 1176541

Details

Other names ST JOHN WITH ST PHILIP PCC

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2018-01-05

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: PROMOTING IN THE PARISH THE WHOLE MISSION OF THE CHURCH, PASTORAL, EVANGELISTIC, SOCIAL AND ECUMENICAL

Activities: St John with St Philip provides weekly worship (in person and online), Alpha courses, social events and many other events serving the community of Nelson from its church building St John's Church Centre. It also operates St Philip's Centre (formerly Grassroots) which exists to offer hospitality, help and hope for people on the margins.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Lancashire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£104,793	£102,851	-	-
2023-12-31	£129,480	£105,764	-	-
2022-12-31	£77,329	£64,883	-	-
2021-12-31	£52,261	£63,594	-	-
2020-12-31	£65,086	£70,668	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev LORELLI ALISON HILLIARD	Chair	2010-09-30
ANDREA MCLOUGHLIN		2017-04-30
CHRISTINE ANNE PRICE		2020-10-29
DESMOND MURPHY		2019-04-30
Dilwyn Nicholas		2021-05-29
Emily Louise McLoughlin		2023-05-21
HELEN ANITA SPENCER		2017-04-30
Julie Haynes		2023-05-21
LESLEY ANN WRIGHT		2009-04-30
Saleem YAQUB		2023-05-21
Sheila Anne Spencer		2022-05-30

Accounts

**Parochial Church Council of Great Marsden St John the
Evangelist with Nelson St Philip
2024 Report and Accounts**



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Trustees Annual Report for the Parochial Church Council of Parochial Church Council of Great Marsden St John the Evangelist with Nelson St Philip

Administrative information

St John's Church Centre is situated on Barkerhouse Road, Nelson BB9 9EY and the St Philips Centre is on Leeds Road, Nelson, BB9 9XB. The parish is part of the Diocese of Blackburn within the Church of England. The correspondence address is the Church Office, St John's Church, Barkerhouse Road, Nelson, BB9 9EY. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2011) and is registered with the charity commission, registration number 1176541.

Aims and Purposes

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is responsible for cooperating with the Incumbent, the Revd Lorelli Hilliard, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also responsible for the maintenance and insurance of St John's Church Centre. Blackburn Diocesan Board of Finance Limited presently pay for the insurance and main upkeep of St Philip's Centre on behalf of the PCC.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship in our parish and to become part of our parish community. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many different groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and Scripture, music and sacrament. St John with St Philip Church exists to transform our community in Nelson through changed lives. We seek to do this through helping people to get to know God, to discover the calling of Jesus and to experience the transforming power of the Holy Spirit.

We have services accessible to all and seek to be a resource for the community.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the gospel; developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- Mission and outreach work.
- Support for those in immediate need, especially through the community café, foodbank and drop-in services at St Philip's.

Achievements and performance

Worship and prayer

The PCC is keen to offer a range of services that our community finds both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. Weekly activities at St John's Church Centre include our Sunday service, youth group, Sticky Fingers pre-school group and Cosy Hub which is a warm space for everyone. We also have a monthly Messy Church and monthly Asian service.

From St Philips Centre we operate our foodbank, community café and the Lighthouse Gathering, which is for those battered and bruised by the storms of life, meeting on Monday evenings for a meal followed by a service.

All are welcome to attend our regular services which are held at St John's Church Centre. Following revision of the electoral roll there are 44 on the church electoral roll, 15 of whom are not resident within the parish. The average weekly attendance was 42 but this number increased at during Easter and Christmas, as well as for any special services throughout the church year.

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As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life; in marriage, public vows are exchanged with God's blessing; through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life that is now complete in this world and commend the person into God's keeping. We conducted, three baptisms, seven funerals and two weddings.

Deanery Synod

Currently there are 2 PCC members who sit on the Deanery Synod which provides an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the Church.

St John's Church Centre

Here is the review of the year:

The 'Refuge' (to be renamed Cosy Hub) was facilitated in January at St John's on Thursday afternoons.

Lent Bible study sessions were run at church led by Lorelli and Lesley.

Messy Church was run as a 'Messy Breakfast' event at the start of the year.

ALPHA course ran on Thursday mornings in March/April and was attended by new Christians and those seeking to know more about Christianity.

Dave Fawcett organised a 'Big Sleep Out' to raise awareness and funds for our homeless projects at St Philip's. Several of us were sponsored to sleep in tents 1 night in March outside St John's.

We baptised three adults at the Easter Sunday service.

Lorelli went on the St Cuthbert's Pilgrimage in April with a group organised by Dave Fawcett raising awareness and funds for the 'Homeless Pastors'.

The church was used as a polling station for the May and July elections.

Andrea was commissioned by Church Army in July at Sheffield Cathedral. Family, friends, Lorelli and others from church attended.

In July Lorelli and Andrea took four of the youth group to DTI (Dreaming the Impossible) a Christian youth camp.

The Friends of the Churchyard arranged for a 'Community Payback' team to start clearing/tidying up the graveyard on a weekly basis from August.

Lorelli and Andrea attended the 'Wildfires Festival' in August.

Andrea's licensing service as LLM Lay Evangelist (Church Army) was held at church in September and presided over by Bishop Jill, and was attended by so many friends, family members, and parishioners. Congratulations to Andrea on this wonderful achievement.

The Deanery 'Festival of Health & Wellbeing' took place across Pendle Deanery in September. Lorelli organised a reflective walk up Pendle Hill and there were other events at St Philip's and St John's.

Our newly formed St John's Brownie group held a Beetle Drive social event at church in September.

During October - December, Lorelli ran a weekly Bible study group on Wednesday evenings on the book of Romans.

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St Philip's Centre

At St Philip's Centre our Lighthouse Gathering continued most weeks. We had visits from Bishop Jill, Bishop Joe, and Archdeacon Mark. We fed hundreds of people throughout the year at our Lighthouse meal and Tuesday Community Café. We helped people in food poverty through our food bank which was supported again by the Household Support Fund. We reached out to the homeless and people in crisis with love and food. In our aim to help and better support those homeless, we applied for an ASDA grant for two homeless pods and a container to be used as a food pantry. We were successful in this and received the funding from ASDA in October.

Other groups that support our outreach and use the centre are Christians Against Poverty (CAP) who help people having issues with finance, debt and they also offer benefit advice. This is a drop-in session once a month. BRIC (Building recovery in community) provides a breakfast and lunch facility every Thursday and this group helps to bring people together socially, and supportively. They run a wellbeing group as well as have a walking group and guitar workshop and also help people to set up their own enterprises/businesses.

Inspire hire the majority of the building during the week, Monday – Friday, and work with people in addiction and their families. There is good working relationship between ourselves and *Inspire* in supporting each other and the people who access the centre. Our homeless pastor, David Fawcett, comes weekly on a Tuesday and works alongside us in supporting those that are homeless as well as others that attend the centre. David also runs a Light Group on the Tuesday afternoon where anyone is welcome to attend to discuss and explore issues of life and faith. David has been advising and helping us with fundraising and the vision at St Philip's and is a great asset to the team.

Much of the work at the centre is covered by volunteers, some who have a faith and some who have no faith. Some are people who have received help from us and who want to give back to society because of the help they have received. Some want something to do where they can work alongside people, and those for whom English is not their first language, it is an opportunity to improve their English as they talk with people. This also helps us as they can sometimes translate for us in the centre.

PCC Review of the year

There were five meetings throughout the year including special ones to agree one or two items. Key resolutions made were:

- We spent time in prayer together reflecting on our Vision
- We agreed funding and to advertise for a Families Minister
- We agreed to explore the benefit/cost of using a software package for finance
- New blinds were installed in the main worship area, Dunlop room, and passage
- We agreed to continue to fund Dave Fawcett for consultancy/pastoral work with homeless and those in need at St Philip's
- Julie was appointed safeguarding officer and will keep training records up to date
- We agreed to the installation of a truss to support the new overhead projector, instead of the current unsatisfactory arrangement

Pastoral care

The vicar, aided by the pastoral visiting team, continued to visit and give communion to some members of our parish who are unable to attend church due to sickness or age.

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Mission and evangelism

Mission to those on the margins primarily happens at St Philip's Centre as reported above. Other initiatives are outlined here.

Sticky Fingers toddler group meets on Wednesday morning for babies, toddlers, pre-schoolers and their carers.

The ethos of our group is to reach out to families with the love of Jesus. Carers can bring their little ones in the certain knowledge that everyone is accepted and valued. We don't usually have a Bible story or sing overtly Christian songs apart from at Christmas, Easter and other appropriate festivals. However, we seek to reach people who would normally run a mile from anything like this with love, acceptance, lots of fun activities, and for the adults, a welcoming coffee, a listening ear and if necessary, a shoulder to cry on. We offer to pray with/for people and sometimes we get requests for prayer, and we help practically as well, offering lifts, referring to food banks and giving gifts of children's clothes.

That done, we build up relationships and trust so that we can invite parents and other carers to other church activities so that people can engage with the challenge of exploring faith at their own pace. At Sticky Fingers we get to be involved in a family's journey of faith, enabling and encouraging both little people and their grownups to experience what it is to know the God who loves them.

Recently Sticky Fingers has continued to grow! Last year we moved from the upstairs room to the Dunlop Room to accommodate more children and their parents/carers. Everyone said they preferred being downstairs and we have continued to grow which has resulted in the opening of the adjoining doors into the main church worship area which gives us much more space. We pray that this growth will continue and that more parents and carers would not only find a loving group here but would also experience the love of God.

We have parents who have stayed in touch after their little one has left to start nursery, a number of parents who have accepted our invitation to messy church, and a family who have begun to occasionally attend our Sunday morning services.

In the second week of January 2024 the *Cosy Hub* was started. This was initially called *The Refuge* but was soon afterwards renamed to avoid possible confusion with other similarly named places.

Cosy Hub is a drop-in space at St John's Church on Thursday afternoons running from 1.00pm until 4.00pm. The sessions are open to everyone of any age, but children have to be accompanied by parents/carers.

Light refreshments are available throughout the session, usually tea, coffee and biscuits, and sometimes cakes. We are grateful to those who kindly donate towards this.

The church has been registered with *Places of Welcome* with the *Cosy Hub* as a time and space for anyone to feel welcomed. Being registered means our details are shared on the *Places of Welcome* website and allows for the sharing of experiences and good practices with other similar venues, and to consider possible funding options.

Funding has been received from Lancashire County Council towards the running costs as this facility as a result of us registering with Pendle Borough Council as a 'warm space'. This means we offer a place to come in from the cold, to get a hot drink, to charge mobile phones, and to relax.

During the course of the session people enjoy conversation and playing board games. Sometimes we have engaged in playing parachute games, and chair-based exercises. We look forward to sharing more ideas for other activities, and to enjoy time outdoors when the weather permits.

We continued to offer enquirers courses for those seeking christenings/baptism and Alpha.

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Ecumenical relationships

The vicar meets regularly with leaders of other local churches to pray.

Financial review

Total receipts on unrestricted funds (including designated receipts) were £49,047 (2023 £74,756). Of the undesignated receipts, £15,612 (2023 £18,189) was unrestricted voluntary donations, the remaining income included room hire, income from church activities and some investment income. No gift aid was claimed in 2023 or 2024. Designated receipts from voluntary donations were £1,263 (2023 £27,737), mainly a legacy of £1,023 (2023 £27,637). Planned giving and collections at church services decreased during the year (Note 3a). The PCC remains grateful to all those who give support to the work here in the parish.

Total payments on unrestricted funds (including designated funds) were £71,323 (2023 £63,372) to provide the Christian ministry from the parish. Unrestricted receipts in the year were £22,276 less than payments (2023 £11,384 more than payments, due in part to the receipt of a legacy of £27,637) for which we are grateful.

£18,000 (2023 £18,000) was needed to provide the Christian ministry from our parish through the parish share that largely provides the stipends and housing for the clergy across the diocese with contributions for each parish based on a formula that tries to reflect whether or not the parish has a full-time incumbent, the size of the regular worshipping congregation and the relative deprivation in the parish. The PCC was grateful that our calculated parish share of £52,403 was offset by a grant of £24,880 from the Church of England's Lower Income Communities Fund because the Church ministers in a deprived area and of £9,523 from the Diocesan Board of Finance as transitional relief as we work towards paying our full requested share.

Reserves policy

It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds that equates to between three and six months expenditure so between £18,000 and £36,000, which is needed to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. The cash balance of £29,276 held on unrestricted funds at the year-end was within these boundaries.

Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is. In particular, we want to mention our churchwarden Julie Haynes who worked so tirelessly on our behalf, the support of our Treasurer who has been off sick and all the support the Finance team in the Diocese have given to the PCC.

Structure, governance and management.

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent, churchwardens, Church Army Evangelist, Authorised Lay Minister, Deanery Synod Representatives and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. New members receive initial training in the workings of the PCC.

There were five PCC meetings throughout the year including several special ones to agree one or two items.

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Members who served during 2024-25 are:

Name	Role	Rules of membership	end of term
Lorelli Hilliard	Vicar	ex-officio	-
Lesley Wright	Licensed Lay Minister (LLM)	ex-officio	-
Andrea McLoughlin	LLM Lay Evangelist (Church Army)	ex-officio	-
Christine Price	Deanery synod	ex-officio	May-26
Janet Laycock	Deanery synod	ex-officio	May-26
Julie Haynes	Warden	Elected member	May-25
Des Murphy	Deputy Warden	Elected member	May-25
Dilwyn Nicholas		Elected member	May-27
Rita White		Elected member	May-27
Sheila Spencer		Elected member	May-25
Emily McLoughlin		Elected member	May-26
Helen Spencer	Treasurer	co-opted	May-27
Yvonne Bolton	Secretary	Elected	May-27

Approved by the PCC on 28 Oct 2025 and signed on their behalf by the Reverend Lorelli Hilliard as PCC Chair.



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 Revd L Hilliard
 PCC Chair

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Independent Examiners' Report

Independent Examiner's Report to the members/trustees of the Parochial Church Council of Freedom Church Mereside.

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024 which are set out on pages 10 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

As trustees of the charity, the members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

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 consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention

1. which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or
- to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records 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.



Stephanie Rankin FCA
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28 October 2025

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

For the year ended 31 December 2024

		2024				2023
	Notes	Unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total £	Total £
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	3a	15,612	1,263	53,338	70,213	95,229
Church activities	3b	5,596	-	2,408	8,004	7,283
Other trading activities	3c	-	-	-	-	471
Investments	3d	412	10,735	-	11,147	10,725
Other income	3e	5,245	10,184	-	15,429	15,772
Total Receipts		26,865	22,182	55,746	104,793	129,479
Payments						
Expenditure on charitable activities						
Ministry costs	4a	22,011	-	3,030	25,041	23,276
Church activities	4b	4,747	13,652	28,498	46,897	35,989
Premises costs	4c	19,224	656	-	19,880	35,325
Administration	4d	3,575	7,458	-	11,033	9,958
		49,557	21,766	31,528	102,851	104,548
Other expenditure	4e	0	-	-	-	1,217
Total Payments		49,557	21,766	31,528	102,851	105,764
Surplus/(Shortfall) for the year		-22,692	416	24,218	1,942	23,716
Transfers:		22,692	-22,692	-	-	-
Surplus/(Shortfall) for the year after transfers		-	-22,276	24,218	1,942	23,716
Cash/bank reserves bfwd		-	51,552	36,860	88,412	64,696
Cash/bank reserves cfwd		£-	£29,276	£61,078	£90,354	£88,412

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

As at 31 December 2024

	2024			2023		2023 Total
	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024 Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	
Cash and bank balances						
Unity Bank T1 Current A/c	575	61,078	61,653	28,018	36,860	64,878
Unity Bank Savings A/c	6,695	-	6,695	1,908	-	1,908
Marsden BS A/c	11,410	-	11,410	11,109	-	11,109
CBF deposit A/c CB3001797	10,109	-	10,109	9,600	-	9,600
CBF deposit A/c CB3002156	487	-	487	487	-	487
Cash in hand	-	-	-	431	-	431
Total	E £29,276	£61,078	£90,354	£51,553	£36,860	£88,413

The unrestricted funds comprise both general funds and those designated by the PCC which can be re-designated as the PCC desire or require. A breakdown showing the split between designated and undesignated is shown in Note 3.

Property

18 Helmsdale Road	43,000	-	43,000	43,000	-	43,000
8 Dundonnell Road	48,500	-	48,500	48,500	-	48,500
Total	F £91,500	£-	£91,500	£91,500	£-	£91,500

The two properties were designated to the Mission and Ministry Fund but, as designated funds, these could be undesignated if the PCC wish. A breakdown showing the split between designated and undesignated is shown in Note 3

The notes on pages 12 to 15 form an integral part of these accounts.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Accounting Policies

a. Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

b. Funds

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also not restricted.

Restricted funds are income funds that must be spent on restricted purposes and details of the funds held and restrictions provided are shown in note 2 below.

Designated funds are those that have not been restricted by the donor, but which the PCC has subsequently earmarked for a particular use. Details of the designations are set out in note 2 below. An additional amount of £1,023 was received in the year to add to the legacy of £27,637 received in 2023 which has again been designated to the Mission and Ministry fund.

As the general fund had a negative balance on 31 December 2024 it has been necessary to transfer £22,692 (2023 £18,871) from the designated Mission and Ministry Fund to the General Fund to cover mission and ministry costs paid out from the unrestricted funds (e.g. Parish share, heat light and insurance). The balance on the unrestricted fund on 31 December 2024 was "£nil" and the designated cash funds on 31 December 2023 were still £29,276.

In addition to the cash balance of £29,276 included as designated funds, the parish also has two properties which were last valued at £91,500 and which have also been designated to Mission and Ministry. These could also be undesignated if the PCC decides or requires.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of the church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CONTINUED

For the year ended 31 December 2024

2. Movement in funds during the year

The movements in the different funds can be summarised as follows:

		1 Jan 2024	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	31 Dec 2024
CASH FUNDS						
Designated - Cash and bank						
Insurance Claim		2,976	10,184	-13,160	-	-
Mission & Ministry		44,715	11,758	-8,231	-22,692	25,550
Vicar's Discretionary		3,861	240	-375	-	3,726
	A	51,552	22,182	-21,766	-22,692	29,276
General Fund	B	-	26,865	-49,557	22,692	-
Total Unrestricted Funds (A + B)	C	51,552	49,047	-71,323	-	29,276
Restricted - Cash and Bank						
Charities		250	-	-	-	250
Dishwasher		416	-	-	-	416
Fees		1,235	1,795	-3,030	-	-
Field Project		2,500	-	-	-	2,500
Food Bank		1,505	14,433	-417	-	15,521
Homeless Project		-	5,100	-5100	-	-
Kitchen		792	90	-	-	882
Lighthouse		1,671	-	-1,028	-	643
Messy Church		377	-	-61	-	316
Minibus		104	-	-104	-	-
Scargill		-	180	-500	-	-320
Shower		500	-	-	-	500
St Philips Centre		25,510	34,148	-21,288	-	36,870
Youth Worker		2,000	-	-	-	2,000
Total Restricted Funds (A + B)	D	36,860	55,746	-31,528	£-	61,078
Total Cash/bank balances (C + D)	E	£88,412	£104,793	-£102,851	£-	£90,354
Designated - Properties						
18 Helmsdale Road		43,000	-	-	-	43,000
8 Dundonnell Road		48,500	-	-	-	48,500
Sub-totals	F	£91,500	£-	£-	£-	£91,500

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CONTINUED

For the year ended 31 December 2024

3. Further Analysis of Receipts

	2024			Total	2023
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted		Total
	£	£	£	£	£
3a Donations and legacies					
Planned Giving	9,570	-	-	9,570	10,491
Other giving in services	4,541	-	-	4,541	4,565
Donations	1,501	240	4,338	6,079	4,070
Tax refund	-	-	-	-	-
Legacies	-	1,023	-	1,023	27,637
Grants	-	-	14,000	14,000	2,834
Grants - St Philips	-	-	35,000	35,000	45,633
Donations and legacies	15,612	1,263	53,338	70,213	95,229
3b Church activities					
Fees	1697	-	1,795	3,492	1,235
Church/Hal lettings	2,349	-	-	2,349	1,610
Income from church activities	1,550	-	613	2,163	4,438
Income from charitable activities	5,596	-	2,408	8,004	7,283
3c Other trading activities					
Fundraising	-	-	-	-	471
Other trading activities	-	-	-	-	471
3d Investments					
Interest	412	535	-	947	525
Rent from investment properties	-	10,200	-	10,200	10,200
Investments	412	10,735	-	11,147	10,725
3e Other income					
Insurance Claim	5,245	10,184	-	15,429	15,772
Other income	5,245	10,184	-	15,429	15,772
Total Receipts	£26,865	£22,182	£55,746	£104,793	£129,479

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4. Further Analysis of Payments

	2024				2023 Total
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	
	£	£	£	£	£
4a Ministry costs					
Charity donations	302	-	-	302	178
Parish Share	18,000	-	-	18,000	18,000
DBF Fees paid over	-	-	3,030	3,030	1,020
Clergy housing	3,135	-	-	3,135	3,607
Services	574	-	-	574	471
Ministry costs	22,011	-	3,030	25,041	23,276
4b Church activities					
Church groups - Youth & Children	1,230	-	61	1,291	310
Church groups – Other	-	50	-	50	426
Church activity costs	-	-	1,945	1,945	2,668
Mission & outreach	-	442	5,100	5,100	-
Refreshments	863	-	7	863	328
Minibus	2,654	-	104	2,758	1,733
St Philips	-	13,160	21,288	34,448	30,523
Church activities	4,747	13,652	28,498	46,897	35,989
4c Premises costs					
Insurance	1,740	-	-	1740	1,060
Minor repairs, upkeep, and maintenance	8,238	-	-	8238	6,634
Utilities	5,198	-	-	5198	6,797
Major repairs	4,048	-	-	4048	7,458
Insurance claim expenditure	-	-	-	-	12,796
Upkeep of investment properties	-	656	-	656	580
Premises costs	19,224	656	-	19,880	35,325
4d Administration					
Administrator salary	-	7,458	-	7,458	6,712
Parish Office	2,900	-	-	2,900	2,685
Governance	675	-	-	675	561
Administration	3,575	7,458	-	11,033	9,958
4e Other expenditure					
Other Expenditure	-	-	-	-	1,217
Other expenditure	-	-	-	-	1,217
Total Expenditure	£49,557	£21,766	£31,528	£102,851	£105,764

Accounts

Parochial Church Council of Great Marsden St John the Evangelist with Nelson St Philip 2023 Report and Accounts



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Trustees Annual Report for the Parochial Church Council of Parochial Church Council of Great Marsden St John the Evangelist with Nelson St Philip

Administrative information

St John's Church Centre is situated on Barkerhouse Road, Nelson BB9 9EY and the St Philips Centre is on Leeds Road, Nelson, BB9 9XB. The parish is part of the Diocese of Blackburn within the Church of England. The correspondence address is the Church Office, St John's Church, Barkerhouse Road, Nelson, BB9 9EY. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2011) and is registered with the charity commission, registration number 1176541.

Aims and Purposes

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is responsible for cooperating with the Incumbent, the Revd Lorelli Hilliard, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also responsible for the maintenance and insurance of St John's Church Centre. Blackburn Diocesan Board of Finance Limited presently pay for the insurance and main upkeep of St Philip's Centre on behalf of the PCC.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship in our parish and to become part of our parish community. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many different groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and Scripture, music and sacrament. St John with St Philip Church exists to transform our community in Nelson through changed lives. We seek to do this through helping people to get to know God, to discover the calling of Jesus and to experience the transforming power of the Holy Spirit.

We have services accessible to all and seek to be a resource for the community.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the gospel; developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- Mission and outreach work.
- Support for those in immediate need, especially through the community café, foodbank and drop-in services at St Philip's.

Achievements and performance

Worship and prayer

The PCC is keen to offer a range of services that our community finds both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. Weekly activities at St John's Church Centre include our Sunday service, youth group and Sticky Fingers pre-school group. We also have a monthly Messy Church and monthly Asian service.

From St Philips Centre we operate our foodbank, community café and the Lighthouse Gathering, which is for those battered and bruised by the storms of life, meeting on Monday evenings for a meal followed by a service.

All are welcome to attend our regular services which are held at St John's Church Centre. At present there are 65 parishioners on the church electoral roll, 20 of whom are not resident within the parish. The average weekly attendance was 41 but this number increased at during Easter and Christmas, as well as for any special services throughout the church year.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life; in marriage, public vows are exchanged with

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God's blessing; through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life that is now complete in this world and commend the person into God's keeping. We conducted, two baptisms and seven funerals.

Deanery Synod

Currently there are 2 PCC members who sit on the Deanery Synod which provides an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the Church.

The St John's Church Centre complex

2023 was a challenging year. We moved out of our very smelly and soggy St John's in January and installed ourselves in St Philip's Centre. We had to negotiate with the Romanian Church that meet there to carve out space for our morning service and for Messy Church and our Asian service held on Sunday afternoons. A single drier was put into St John's and more promised. We waited...and waited...and waited... After complaining, another drying company was appointed and driers were put in on Good Friday. We waited... We were told in June that the floors were still damp. They didn't seem damp. We queried it. An expert was called in. The drying company had been using the wrong instruments to test the floors! All in all, there were numerous meetings with builders, electricians, surveyors and the loss adjustor throughout the year. Finally, the contractor started the reinstatement work in September which lasted around 10 weeks. Then the flooring contractor began work. Before and after that there was a massive operation to move furniture and stuff out of the way and back again. That was followed by some additional painting of church that we paid for and painting of the ladies' toilet that we did ourselves and a lot of snagging.

The PCC held six meetings throughout the year including several special ones to agree one or two items. Key resolutions made by the PCC were:

- We agreed tree works and some felling in the churchyard as required by the Council to enable them to consider taking over the churchyard maintenance
- We agreed to replace the remaining lights with LED ones including upstairs and fit better security lights.
- We appointed Nigel Russell as Health and Safety Officer.
- We agreed to employ the decorator appointed by the insurance company to paint the church sanctuary.
- We agreed to submit another application to the Diocesan Vision Fund for part time staff for St Philip's and for a part time Families Minister.

Pastoral care

The vicar, aided by the pastoral visiting team, continued to visit and give communion to some members of our parish who are unable to attend church due to sickness or age.

Mission and evangelism

We have been through a lean year regarding our provision for children. Many families left during Covid and did not return. We offered craft work at the back of church each Sunday (thanks Rebecca and Julie). We were not happy that we couldn't offer more but we did not have the leaders or enough children. PCC and the church leadership are determined that this will change and a kid's service will be launched in July 2024 at first once a month but more frequently as we recruit leaders.

Messy Church continued at St Philip's. The space was not as good and the lack of parking didn't help. Numbers dropped during the year. We moved to a breakfast + Messy Church on a Sunday morning when we arrived back in St John's in December as an experiment.

Youth group continued throughout the year. We had fun placing games at St Philip's – and dislodging the odd tile!!! We did a canal walk with a meal enroute and had an outing to laser quest followed by McDonald's. In July we took four of the group to DTI a Christian youth camp.

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We have just received confirmation that The Diocese have accepted our third application to the Vision Fund made this year (2024) for a Families Minister. We are hoping to be able to advertise in July.

Sticky Fingers toddler group meets on Wednesday mornings for babies, toddlers, pre-schoolers and their carers. The ethos of our group is to reach out to families with the love of Jesus. Carers can bring their little ones in the certain knowledge that everyone is accepted and valued. We don't usually have a Bible story or sing overtly Christian songs apart from Christmas, Easter and other appropriate festivals, but we seek to reach people who would normally run a mile from anything like this with love, acceptance, lots of fun activities and for the adults, a welcoming coffee, a listening ear and if necessary, a shoulder to cry on. We offer to pray with/for people and sometimes we get requests for prayer, and we help practically as well, offering lifts, referring to food bank or giving gifts of children's clothes.

Lighthouse has been busy. We have a small team, that do a lot, and this is made up of people from our Church, volunteers from other churches and also a couple of people who are from the community. We are always in need of people to help, and at the moment we need someone to take a lead on the cooking of food.

The volunteers give up their time to serve others and share God's love for them in action as well as words. We provide a meal for on average 35 people who attend weekly, and who come for different reasons, including for social interaction, financial support, mental health issues and homelessness. Everybody is welcome. The meal is followed by a short service where we worship, share the Gospel in a simple but effective way, and pray together. In December we had our Christmas meal to which we invited Bishop Philip; this enabled him to see what we do as well as talk to people there. We were also joined by Inspire's *Building Recovery in Community Choir* who gave up their time to provide entertainment.

Ecumenical relationships

The vicar meets regularly with leaders of other local churches to pray.

Financial review

Total receipts on unrestricted funds (including designated receipts) were £74,756 (2022 £42,993). Of the undesignated receipts, £18,189 (2022 £22,340) was unrestricted voluntary donations and associated Gift Aid, the remaining income included room hire, income from church activities and some investment income. Designated receipts from voluntary donations were £27,737, mainly a legacy of £27,637. Planned giving and collections at church services decreased during the year (Note 3a). The PCC remains grateful to all those who give support to the work here in the parish.

Total payments on unrestricted funds (including designated funds) were £63,372 (2022 £39,372) to provide the Christian ministry from the parish. Unrestricted receipts in the year were £11,384 more than payments, due in part to a the receipt of a legacy of £27,637 for which we are grateful.

£18,000 (2022 £15,000) was needed to provide the Christian ministry from our parish through the parish share that largely provides the stipends and housing for the clergy across the diocese with contributions for each parish based on a formula that tries to reflect whether or not the parish has a full-time incumbent, the size of the regular worshipping congregation and the relative deprivation in the parish. The PCC was grateful that our calculated parish share of £55,504 was offset by a grant of £20,908 from the Church of England's Lower Income Communities Fund because the Church ministers in a deprived area and of £11,684 from the Diocesan Board of Finance as transitional relief as we work towards paying our full requested share.

Reserves policy

It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds that equates to at least three months' unrestricted payments. Excluding the payments made for the heating system this would have been equivalent to £16,000, which is needed to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. The cash balance of

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£51,553 held on unrestricted funds at the year-end was above this level but further expenditure necessary on the buildings will return the reserves to an appropriate level.

Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is. In particular, we want to mention our churchwardens Julie Haynes and Saleem Gill who have worked so tirelessly on our behalf, and all the support our Treasurer has given to the PCC.

Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent, churchwardens, Church Army Evangelist, Authorised Lay Minister, Deanery Synod Representatives and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. New members receive initial training in the workings of the PCC.

There were six PCC meetings throughout the year including several special ones to agree one or two items.

PCC members who have served at any time from 1 January 2023 until the date this report was approved are:

Name	Role	Rules of membership	end of term
Lorelli Hilliard	Vicar	ex-officio	-
Lesley Wright	Licensed Lay Minister (LLM)	ex-officio	-
Christine Price	Deanery synod	ex-officio	May-23
Janet Laycock	Deanery synod	ex-officio	May-23
Pauline Ashworth	Church Warden	ex-officio	May-23
Saleem Gill	Church Warden	ex-officio	May-23
Anthony May	PCC Secretary	Elected member	May-24
Des Murphy	Deputy Warden	Elected member	May-25
Babu Muzaffar	Deputy Warden	Elected member	May-23
Dilwyn Nicholas		Elected member	May-24
Rita White		Elected member	May-24
Sheila Spencer		Elected member	May-25
Helen Spencer	Treasurer	co-opted	May-24
Andrea McLoughlin	Authorised Lay Minister (ALM) & Evangelist in Training	co-opted	May-24

Approved by the PCC on 1 Oct 2025 and signed on their behalf by the Reverend Lorelli Hilliard as PCC Chair.

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 Revd L Hilliard
 PCC Chair

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Independent Examiners' Report

Independent Examiner's Report to the members/trustees of the Parochial Church Council of Freedom Church Mereside.

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023 which are set out on pages 8 to 13.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

As trustees of the charity, the members of the PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

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 consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention

1. which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or
- to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records 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.



Stephanie Rankin FCA
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12 September 2025

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

For the year ended 31 December 2023

		2023			2022		
		Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total	
		£	£	£	£	£	
Notes							
Receipts							
	Donations and legacies	3a	18,189	27,737	49,303	95,229	55,935
	Church activities	3b	1,863	-	5,420	7,283	10,217
	Other trading activities	3c	471	-	-	471	665
	Investments	3d	8	10,717	-	10,725	10,512
	Other income	3e	-	15,772	-	15,772	-
Total Receipts			20,531	54,225	54,723	129,479	77,329
Payments							
Expenditure on charitable activities							
	Ministry costs	4a	21,874	-	1,402	23,276	20,890
	Church activities	4b	562	-	35,426	35,989	26,590
	Premises costs	4c	16,385	13,376	5,564	35,325	11,146
	Administration	4d	3,246	6,712	-	9,958	6,257
			42,067	20,088	42,392	104,548	64,883
	Other expenditure	4e	1,217	-	-	1,217	-
Total Payments			43,284	20,088	42,392	105,764	64,883
Surplus/(Shortfall) for the year			-22,754	34,137	12,332	23,716	12,446
Transfers:			18,871	-18,871	-	-	-
Surplus/(Shortfall) for the year after transfers			-3,883	15,266	12,332	23,716	12,446
Cash/bank reserves b fwd			3,882	36,286	24,528	64,696	52,250
Cash/bank reserves c fwd			£-	£51,552	£36,860	£88,412	£64,696

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

As at 31 December 2023

	2023			2022		2022 Total
	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023 Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	
Cash and bank balances						
Unity Bank T1 Current A/c	28,018	36,860	64,878	-	-	-
Unity Bank Savings A/c	1,908	-	1,908	-	-	-
Barclays current A/c	-	-	-	18,466	24,528	43,025
Marsden BS A/c	11,109	-	11,109	10,909	-	10,909
CBF deposit A/c CB3001797	9,600	-	9,600	9,302	-	9,302
CBF deposit A/c CB3002156	487	-	487	487	-	487
Cash in hand	431	-	431	974	-	974
Total	E £51,553	£36,860	£88,413	£3,882	£24,528	£64,696

The unrestricted funds comprise both general funds and those designated by the PCC which can be re-designated as the PCC desire or require. A breakdown showing the split between designated and undesignated is shown in Note 3.

Property

18 Helmsdale Road	43,000	-	43,000	43,000	-	43,000
8 Dundonnell Road	48,500	-	48,500	48,500	-	48,500
F	£91,500	£-	£91,500	£91,500	£-	£91,500

The two properties were designated to the Mission and Ministry Fund but, as designated funds, these could be undesignated if the PCC wish. A breakdown showing the split between designated and undesignated is shown in Note 3

The notes on pages 10 to 13 form an integral part of these accounts.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Accounting Policies

a. Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

b. Funds

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also not restricted.

Restricted funds are income funds that must be spent on restricted purposes and details of the funds held and restrictions provided are shown in note 2 below.

Designated funds are those that have not been restricted by the donor, but which the PCC has subsequently earmarked for a particular use. Details of the designations are set out in note 2 below. A legacy of £27,637 was received in the year and this was designated to the Mission and Ministry fund.

As the general fund had a negative balance on 31 December 2023 it has been necessary to transfer £18,871 from the designated Mission and Ministry Fund to the General Fund to cover mission and ministry costs paid out from the unrestricted funds (e.g. Parish share, heat light and insurance). The balance on the unrestricted fund on 31 December 2023 was "£nil and the designated cash funds on 31 December 2023 were still £51,552.

In addition to the cash balance of £51,522 included as designated funds, the parish also has two properties which were last valued at £91,500 and which have also been designated to Mission and Ministry. These could also be undesignated if the PCC decides or requires.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of the church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

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2. Movement in funds during the year

The movements in the different funds can be summarised as follows:

		1 Jan 2023	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	31 Dec 2023
CASH FUNDS						
Designated - Cash and bank						
Insurance Claim		-	15,772	-12,796	-	2,976
Mission & Ministry		32,525	38,353	-7,292	-18,871	44,715
Vicar's Discretionary		3,761	100	-	-	3,861
	A	36,286	54,225	-20,088	-18,871	51,552
General Fund	B	3,882	20,531	-43,284	18,871	-
Total Unrestricted Funds (A + B)	C	40,168	74,756	-63,372	-	51,552
Restricted - Cash and Bank						
Charities		247	181	-178	-	250
Dishwasher		416	-	-	-	416
Fees		1,020	1,235	-1,020	-	1,235
Field Project		2,500	-	-	-	2,500
Food Bank		1,069	652	-217	-	1,504
Kitchen		792	-	-	-	792
Lighthouse		1,751	150	-230	-	1,671
Messy Church		426	-	-49	-	377
Minibus		1,465	372	-1,733	-	104
Scargill		-471	3,011	-2,540	-	-
Shower		500	-	-	-	500
St Philips Centre		6,910	49,122	-30,523	-	25,509
Youth Worker		2,000	-	-	-	2,000
Boiler		5,564	-	-5,564	-	-
Café Hope		7	-	-7	-	-
Mission & Ministry		332	-	-332	-	-
Total Restricted Funds (A + B)	D	24,528	54,723	-42,393	£-	36,858
Total Cash/bank balances (C + D)	E	£64,696	£129,479	-£105,765	£-	£88,410
Designated - Properties						
18 Helmsdale Road		43,000	-	-	-	43,000
8 Dundonnell Road		48,500	-	-	-	48,500
Sub-totals	F	£91,500	£-	£-	£-	£91,500

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CONTINUED

For the year ended 31 December 2023

3. Further Analysis of Receipts

	2023			Total	2022
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted		Total
	£	£	£	£	£
3a Donations and legacies					
Planned Giving	10,491	-	-	10,491	14,050
Other giving in services	4,565	-	-	4,565	5,302
Donations	300	100	3,670	4,070	6,341
Tax refund	-	-	-	-	2,955
Legacies	-	27,637	-	27,637	-
Grants	2,834	-	-	2,834	1,787
Grants - St Philips	-	-	45,633	45,633	25,500
Donations and legacies	18,189	27,737	49,303	95,229	55,935
3b Church activities					
Fees	-	-	1,235	1,235	2,562
Church/Hal lettings	1,610	-	-	1,610	4,986
Income from church activities	253	-	4,185	4,438	2,669
Income from charitable activities	1,863	-	5,420	7,283	10,217
3c Other trading activities					
Fundraising	471	-	-	471	665
Other trading activities	471	-	-	471	665
3d Investments					
Interest	8	517	-	525	312
Rent from investment properties	-	10,200	-	10,200	10,200
Investments	8	10,717	-	10,725	10,512
3e Other income					
Other income	-	15,772	-	15,772	-
Other income	-	15,772	-	15,772	-
Total Receipts	£20,531	£54,225	£54,723	£129,479	£77,329

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CONTINUED

For the year ended 31 December 2023

4. Further Analysis of Payments

	2023				2022 Total
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	
	£	£	£	£	£
4a Ministry costs					
Charity donations	-	-	178	178	620
Parish Share	18,000	-	-	18,000	15,000
DBF Fees paid over	-	-	1,020	1,020	-
Clergy housing	3,607	-	-	3,607	2,645
Services	267	-	204	471	2,625
Ministry costs	21,874	-	1,402	23,276	20,890
4b Church activities					
Church groups - Youth and Children	241	-	70	310	252
Church groups - Other	-	-	426	426	817
Church activity costs	-	-	2,668	2,668	-
Refreshments	321	-	7	328	-
Minibus	-	-	1,733	1,733	2,419
St Philips	-	-	30,523	30,523	23,102
Church activities	562	-	35,426	35,989	26,590
4c Premises costs					
Insurance	1,060	-	-	1,060	948
Minor repairs, upkeep, and maintenance	6,634	-	-	6,634	5,349
Utilities	6,797	-	-	6,797	4,260
Major repairs	1,894	-	5,564	7,458	-
Insurance claim expenditure	-	12,796	-	12,796	-
Upkeep of investment properties	-	580	-	580	589
Premises costs	16,385	13,376	5,564	35,325	11,146
4d Administration					
Administrator salary	-	6,712	-	6,712	3,364
Parish Office	2,685	-	-	2,685	2,852
Governance	561	-	-	561	41
Administration	3,246	6,712	-	9,958	6,257
4e Other expenditure					
Other Expenditure	1,217	-	-	1,217	-
Other expenditure	1,217	-	-	1,217	-
Total Expenditure	£43,284	£20,088	£42,392	£105,764	£64,883

Accounts



**Parish of Great Marsden St John the
Evangelist with Nelson St Philip**

Registered Charity Number 1176541

St John's Church and St Philip's Centre

Annual Report 2022



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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Vicar's Report & Vision – moving forward with Jesus

As I write this PCC is in the middle of a radical rethink of our vision. As I said to them, I have a personal goal at the moment to get fitter so I can fully enjoy upcoming cycling and walking holidays. In order to achieve that I need to put the work in during the week to do exercise. It's hard to fit that round an extremely full workload but trying I am and determined I am! I need to value doing this enough to actually do it! Vision gives us something to aim for, a goal, a place we want to be, the kind of church we believe that God is calling us to be. If the vision is right and it's a place we want to get to then we will be motivated to put the work in to achieve it. We will value the things that help us achieve it. I am valuing an hour grabbed on my bike or the chance to go walking on my day off. I am enjoying the journey that is leading to my goal. My prayer is that as we unpack and continue to develop our vision and the values and actions it generates, we will be excited for the journey. For journey we must if we are to get out of our post covid slump and be the church God calls us to be. That will mean seeing changes and not always getting our own way. We are a diverse community travelling together, different ages, outlooks, backgrounds and ethnicities. But we are **all** family.

The book of Proverbs says:

When people do not accept divine guidance, they run wild. Pr 29:18 NLT

The old King James version says:

Where there is no vision, the people perish.

We need to follow the vision our Lord gives us or we will go nowhere. You will be hearing much more about this in the coming weeks and also about plans to maximise our potential to grow. All this relies on your faithful giving week by week. The fact that we are currently in exile in St Philip's doesn't mean we don't have ongoing costs for St John's and our ministry. Without your giving we cannot serve our Lord. Thank you to all our church members for all you do to support our ministry and mission in the giving of your time, energy and money.

Here is my review of the years highlights:

January

Having opened St Philip's Centre in December we recommenced our Lighthouse ministry on a Monday night. This is a nutritious two course hot meal we offer to people who for various reasons find themselves on the margins whether through homelessness, mental health, loneliness, addiction, learning difficulties or other reasons. In late January we launched a short service afterwards which we called Lighthouse Gathering. People came and now we have a regular congregation, including some of our volunteers, of 12-14 people. Our guests are people who would otherwise never come to Christian worship.

Food bank which Andrea runs started to operate inside the building and we started a café alongside it serving homemade soup.

I attended New Wine Leaders conference in Harrogate. It was the first time I had been to a large gathering of Christians for three years. It was immensely uplifting to worship Jesus with thousands of fellow church leaders and to enjoy fellowship with friends old and new.

The acting Diocesan Secretary (effectively the Managing Director of the Diocese) came to visit St Philip's Centre to see the work we do. The building costs the Diocese money to run and he said they wanted to see fruit in terms of people engaging with the gospel within 18 months or the Diocese may sell the building. We are still in the dark about what they are thinking.

I was involved in interviewing for a new CAP Debt Coach which we needed as I had persuaded the Burnley CAP Debt Centre to expand into Nelson and Colne and I am on the Management Committee. Katy, the wife of the Rector of St Bart's was recruited. She has a surgery once a month at St Philip's Centre. CAP (Christians Against Poverty) is a brilliant Christian charity which deals with people's debts. Debt is a massive stress for people trapped in it. Every client has a befriender from a local church who literally befriends them as appropriate. That might mean taking them out of a coffee and listening to them and inviting them to church events. Many people become Christians through the love of their local church. Our bendifenders are currently Andrea, Christine and Louise. They are already working with clients and we need more from our church to step forward. Could this be YOU?

April

Yvonne our church administrator started ending an extended period of over a year without one through which mainly Andrea covered the essentials in the office aided by Pauline and I. We were mightily relieved! She has been a wonderful gift to us.

We joined with The Mission church one Saturday morning to do an outreach offering candies and Easter service flyers.

We had our first Good Friday service atop Pendle Hill since 2019.

June

We held a big tea party in the church car park for the Queen's Jubilee.

July

We hosted a meeting of the Pakistan Press Club UK of which Saleem is Vice President. It was attended by Christians and Muslims from the local area and Manchester. In addition to talks, Saleem and Javaid organised Christian worship to be part of it.

We started a youth group with 9 young people which is very exciting.

August

We held our first holiday club since 2019. We took the yellow minibus on a trip to Formby beach. It was a great day.

November

We held a fireworks event with pie and peas.

Andrea and I went on the Diocesan Conference which was faith filled and joyful, except that I was ill.

We started to explore green replacements for our boilers. These were to be sadly rejected due to the cost.

Our social committee organised a Christmas Fair.

December

Our social committee organised a South Asian Evening which was well attended.

We joined with The Mission church to do an outreach in the town centre singing carols and handing out invitations to our Christmas services. We even went into the Lord Nelson to sing and agreed we must go again!

The week before Christmas we had a massive flood due to burst pipes. Despite that we still had our Christmas services including mulled wine and mince pies served in church.

Throughout the year we had monthly Messy Church services and our Asian services. I served our schools with weekly worship at St John's and several times a term at St Philip's. I continued to serve as Vice Chair of St Philip's Governing Body.

At St Philip's Centre our Lighthouse Gathering continued most weeks and steadily grew. We fed up to 200 people each month at our Lighthouse meal and Tuesday soup café. We helped people in food poverty through our food bank. We ran a homeless drop in every week with Calico. We hosted a Recovery Café with guitar lessons that all are welcome to join. We reached out to the homeless with love and food. We long to be able to help homeless people more.

I conducted two weddings, a wedding blessing, a memorial service, three baptisms and two funerals and a burial of ashes. The marked lowering in numbers of funerals is a sign of the increasing secularisation of our community. What can we do about that? Ideas welcome.

Thank you to all who made our services and events possible and all those who worked behind the scenes. You know who you are. We can't do this without you.

God bless you all. With my love as a fellow servant of Jesus,



Rev Lorelli Hilliard

Vicar

Administrative information

Parish worship is conducted at St John’s Church Centre situated on Barkerhouse Road in Nelson. The parish is part of the Diocese of Blackburn within the Church of England. The correspondence address is: Church Administrator, St John’s Church Centre, Barkerhouse Road, Nelson, BB9 9EY.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a registered charity number 1176541.

Members who served during 2022 are:

Name	Role	Rules of membership	end of term
Lorelli Hilliard	Vicar	ex-officio	-
Lesley Wright	Licensed Lay Minister (LLM)	ex-officio	-
Christine Price	Deanery synod	ex-officio	May-23
Janet Laycock	Deanery synod	ex-officio	May-23
Pauline Ashworth	Church Warden	ex-officio	May-23
Saleem Gill	Church Warden	ex-officio	May-23
Victor Sohail	Assistant Priest	ex-officio	left June 22
Des Murphy		Elected member	May-22
Mary Rushton		Elected member	May-22
Pam Cork		Elected member	May-22
Babu Muzaffar	Deputy Warden	Elected member	May-23
Anita Leo		Elected member	May-23
Anthony May		Elected member	May-24
Dilwyn Nicholas		Elected member	May-24
Rita White		Elected member	May-24
Des Murphy		Elected member	May-25
Sheila Spencer		Elected member	May-25
Helen Spencer	Treasurer	co-opted	May-23
Andrea McLoughlin	Authorised Lay Minister (ALM) & Evangelist in Training	co-opted	May-23

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Objectives and Activities

St John with St Philip PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the vicar, the Revd Lorelli Hilliard, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Achievements and Performance

Church attendance

There were 61 people on the electoral roll. 19 people are not resident within the parish boundaries and 42 are resident within the parish.

PCC Review of the year

There were four meetings throughout the year. Key resolutions made were:

That Des and Louise Murphy train as Authorised Lay Ministers (ALM's) specialising in preaching and pastoral care respectively.

That this PCC to submit a bid to the Parish Vision Fund Financial Assistance Group and the LICF Fund to employ a Social Justice Coordinator for 3 years at St Philip's Centre.

That we join the Soul Survivor Family of Churches.

That St John's makes a firm commitment to reduce its carbon footprint and do as much as possible and to act responsibly as far as the climate crisis is concerned.

That we change our bank to Unity Trust which is an ethical bank with online facilities and that the cheque book resides in the office.

Churchwardens Report

First of all, we would like to thank everyone for all that has been done to keep our church going and running well whilst we have been meeting at St Philip's this year.

St John's sustained extensive flood damage just prior to Christmas. Thereby commenced a long process with the insurers appointing a loss adjustor.

In November, a *Shove Test* in the Churchyard was carried out but the results were subsequently not collated due to the flood and other difficulties. Hence, a further test was carried out by the *Friends*. As we write this is currently being disputed.

The outside security lighting was still needing attention at the end of the year so an available electrician was being sought.

As we look forward to getting back to St John's on completion of the repairs, let us look at how we can all play our part to reach out and share the Gospel in our Parish.

Churchyard Report

The Friends continued to maintain the churchyard whilst we are applying for the Council to take it over. We are immensely grateful for their hard work over many years.

Ministry Reports

Children and youth

We have run Messy Church throughout the year with attendance around 40 persons (adults and children). Children's work has remained during during the service at the back of church due to low numbers.

Pauline set to over many days organising all our crafts resources that we use for children's work and Messy Church. Thank you Pauline.

Our youth group started in July run by Lorelli and Andrea. We run weekly on a Thursday night. We have lots of fun playing games and include relevant biblical input. We have done various trips including walking up Pendle, a BBQ, trampolining and Laser Quest. We are going on a summer camp in July 2023. If you want to sponsor some of our low income young people to attend we would love to hear from you. Please pray for us.

Sticky Fingers

Sticky Fingers toddler group meets on Wednesday morning for babies, toddlers, pre-schoolers and their carers.

The ethos of our group is to reach out to families with the love of Jesus. Carers can bring their little ones in the certain knowledge that everyone is accepted and valued. We don't usually have a Bible story or sing overtly Christian songs apart from during Christmas, Easter and other appropriate festivals, but we seek to reach people who would normally run a mile from anything like this with love, acceptance, lots of fun activities and for the adults, a welcoming coffee, a listening ear and if necessary, a shoulder to cry on.

That done, we build up relationships and trust so that we can invite parents and other carers to other church activities so that people can engage with the challenge of exploring faith at their own pace. At *Sticky Fingers* we get to be involved in a family's journey of faith, enabling and encouraging both little people and their grownups to experience what it is to know the God who loves them.

Sticky Fingers continues to have busy weeks and less busy weeks. We have parents who have stayed in touch after their little one has left to start nursery and a number of parents who have accepted our invitation to *Messy Church*.

After Christmas, we decamped along with the rest of the Church to St Philip's Church centre and while it has been a pain to get all our equipment out of storage and put it back again each week, (thank you to all those who have helped with this) it has worked and enabled the work to carry on.

Please pray for Christine, Katrina and myself that we will be full of love, compassion and energy so that more families of all shapes and sizes will experience an unconditional welcome, and that each person will have fun playing and learning together, leaving feeling better than when they arrived and that we would be open to the Holy Spirit's promptings whatever they may be.

It is my hope and prayer that *Sticky Fingers* will carry on being a vital part of our community. If that is your prayer too, if you feel called to take up playdough-making, coffee-serving, storytelling, or glue spreader cleaning, why not come and join us?

Lighthouse

Lighthouse is still busy, and we have on average thirty people every Monday evening. People of all ages and backgrounds attend. We provide a welcoming space for people to attend and we serve a hot meal, and connect with people who have *Hurts, Habits and Hangups*. Following provision of a hot meal and fellowship, we hold a short and simple service which is led by either Lorelli or myself. This started with a low number and now we have approximately 13 people attending together with some children. From this service there has been an interest to run a course something like Alpha on another day.

We have a small team of volunteers to help run the event which is made up from people from our Church community, the Inghamite Church, and a foodbank helper. We would welcome more help, and so would encourage those who believe this is something they are called to do, to please speak with Lorelli or myself.

Church Army

2022 has been a busy time. I've been backwards and forwards to and from Sheffield in March, May, July, September and November from Friday until the Sunday on residential training, involving worship, fellowship and fun, and of course excellent food. On my return home from the residential training events, I have six weeks to do my assignments. So far, I have had assignments on Mission and Evangelism, Mission and Evangelism in Church history, Introduction to Christian Worship and Creating new communities. These are all important parts of my training. Alongside this, I have the support of a mentor and a reflector who I meet with monthly, and also Lorelli, who I meet with regularly as she oversees my ministry as well, so I am well supported.

In May, I had my Annual Review with the Church Army which involved a meeting on *zoom*, where I was interviewed by a panel of three people made up of a member of the Church Army board, a member of the Senior Leadership Team and a commissioned Church Army Evangelist. Prior to the meeting, they are sent a report of what I have covered from our learning framework which has reports from my tutor, reflector, mentor and my incumbent. The reason for meeting with them is to check on how my training is going and to check that what I do in my life and ministry meshes with the Vision and Values of the Church Army. The Values are GRACEUP – generous, risk-taking, accountable, collaborative, expectant, unconditional, prayerful. The

Vision is for everyone everywhere to encounter God's love and to be empowered to transform their communities through faith shared in word and action.

During this meeting they asked about what I had been doing at St Philip's centre as well as at St John's and they are very pleased with what is happening. The meeting is a way to check how I am feeling about my training and my welfare whilst training, and also how I am raising awareness of Church Army and any fundraising. If you want to know more about what Church Army does you can look on www.churcharmy.org or you can ask me. If you would like to support the work of Church Army financially, I can give you the information on how to do that, but please do pray for the work that they do and for the Church Army evangelists, and also for my family and myself.

Thank You for your continued support of my training with Church Army.

If you don't yet financially support Church Army, would you prayerfully consider doing so?

If you would like to know more about what I do in training or ministry, please feel free to ask me.

Or, if you want to know more about what Church Army are and do, please visit

www.churcharmy.org.uk or ask me.

WAYS TO DONATE

QUOTE REF: 2021AMC

Online: churcharmy.org/donate

Internet banking:

Barclays Bank

Sort Code 20-49-81

Account 80255459

Quote Ref: 2021AMC

By card: Phone 0300 123 2113

Quote Ref: 2021AMC

**Parochial Church Council of Great Marsden St. John The Evangelist
with Nelson St. Philips**

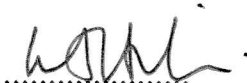
Hargreaves Brown & Benson
Chartered Accountants
1 Bond Street
Colne
Lancashire BB8 9DG

Dear Sirs,

We confirm to the best of our knowledge and belief and having made appropriate enquiries of other members of the Parochial Church Council the following representations given to you in connection with your independent examination of the charity's Receipts And Payments Account and Statement of Assets And Liabilities for the year ended 31st December 2022.

1. We acknowledge as Council our responsibility for the Receipts And Payments Account and Statement of Assets And Liabilities, which we have prepared on behalf of the charity. All the accounting records have been made available to you for the purpose of your examination, and all transactions undertaken by the charity have been properly reflected and recorded in the accounting records. All other records and related information have been made available to you.
2. We confirm that there have been no changes in the accounting policies. In our opinion the accounting policies are appropriate to the charity and conform to generally accepted accounting principles. We confirm that all transactions and balances have been accounted for in accordance with these accounting policies.
3. We confirm that the financial statements have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis. All receipts are included in the Receipts And Payments account; no fraud or error has been discovered; no taxation liabilities are expected to crystallise; and, no grant or donation has been received which could be required to be repaid.
4. We confirm that the charity has title to all investments and all bank and cash balances recorded. All investments and bank and cash balances have been recorded at their full value.
5. We confirm that all receipts and payments been properly recorded and classified in the correct fund.
6. The charity has at no time during the year had any arrangement, transaction or agreement to provide credit facilities, (including loans, quasi-loans or credit transactions) for members of its Council, nor to guarantee or provide security for such matters.
7. There have been no events since the year-end, which necessitate revision of the figures included in the accounts or inclusion of a note thereto. Should any material events occur, which may necessitate revision of the figures included in the financial statements, or inclusion of a note thereto, we will advise you accordingly.

Yours faithfully,



Reverend L. Hilliard
Vicar of the Parish of St. John's with St. Philip's, Nelson



H. Spencer
Treasurer

30th October 2023

For and on behalf of the Parochial Church Council of Great Marsden St. John the Evangelist with Nelson St. Philips

Parish of Great Marsden St John the Evangelist with Nelson St Philip

Receipts and Payments Account Year Ended 31 December 2022

Notes	General Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	This Years Total	Last Years Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Voluntary receipts					
Gift – aided regular giving	13,859			13,859	13,766
Other	191			191	25
Loose Collections	5,302			5,302	6,024
Other donations and legacies	33		3,647	3,680	2,754
St Philips Centre Donations			2,544	2,544	3,036
Total voluntary receipts	19,385	0	6,191	25,576	25,605
Income tax recovered	2,955			2,955	4,533
Grants received					
St Philip's Centre			25,500	25,500	881
BDBoF - Energy grant	1,787			1,787	0
Generated funds					
Ladies Fellowship	8			8	92
Sticky Fingers	132			132	53
Open Doors				0	0
Foodbank			541	541	0
Lighthouse			1,360	1,360	860
Messy Church			45	45	0
Other fund raising	415	250		665	0
Minibus trip receipts			583	583	0
Bank & Trust Interest	103	209		312	101
Other incoming resources					
Property Income		10,200		10,200	10,200
Rent from Church Lettings	4,986			4,986	5,888
Wedding & funeral fees	2,562			2,562	3,297
Vicar's discretionary payments				0	600
Post box			117	117	152
Total Receipts	32,334	10,659	34,337	77,329	52,262
Deduct payments					
Church activities					
Parish share	15,000			15,000	33,897
Church Costs	4 (a) 8,818			8,818	7,269
Church repairs & Church garden	4 (b) 1,718			1,718	1,789
Maintenance of Services	1,318	982	1,226	3,525	1,839
Church Administration	4 (c) 2,014	3,364		5,378	2,752
Independent Examiner's Fee	0			0	800
Parochial expenses of clergy	2,645			2,645	3,272
Vicar's discretionary payments				0	0
Wedding & funeral fees				0	2,887
Activity & Fund Raising Costs 4(d)	4 (d) 667			667	1,210
Minibus expenses	2,258		162	2,419	42
Property		589		589	2,512
Lighthouse			402	402	1,012
St Philip's Centre/Grants			23,102	23,102	4,313
Post box			620	620	0
Total payments	34,438	4,934	25,511	64,883	63,594
Excess of receipts over payments(payments over receipts)					
	(2,104)	5,725	8,826	12,446	(11,332)
CASH & BANK BALANCES held at 1 January 2022					
	6,516	30,562	15,172	52,251	63,752
Re-statement of balances					(169)
CASH & BANK BALANCES held at 31 December 2022					
	4,412	36,286	23,998	64,697	52,251

Parish of Great Marsden St John the Evangelist with Nelson St Philip
Statement of assets and liabilities at 31 December 2022

Investments held at cost

8 Dundonnell Road, Nelson
 18 Helmsdale Road, Nelson

General Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	This Years Total	Last Years Total
£	£	£	£	£
	48,500		48,500	48,500
	43,000		43,000	43,000
0	91,500	0	91,500	91,500

Cash funds

Bank balances
 Cash balances
 Deposit accounts
 held with Blackburn Diocese
 Marsden Building Society account

General Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	This Years Total	Last Years Total
£	£	£	£	£
3,438	15,589	23,998	43,025	30,730
974			974	1,032
	9,789		9,789	9,667
	10,909		10,909	10,821
4,412	36,287	23,998	64,697	52,251

Debtors

Income tax recoverable
 Prepaid expenses
 Firework receipts

3,626			3,626	3,783
453			453	263
			0	742
4,079	0	0	4,079	4,788

Liabilities

Parish share
 Accruals - bills
 HMRC
 Mini bus expenses

874			874	874
1,416		167	1,583	2,331
736			736	
		0	0	2,018
3,027	0	167	3,194	5,223

APPROVED by the Parochial Church Council of St John's with St Philip's and signed on its behalf by:



L Hilliard
 Reverend L Hilliard
 Vicar of the Parish of St John with Nelson St Philip

30th October 2023

Church Warden



Parish of Great Marsden St John the Evangelist with Nelson St Philip
Notes to the financial statements year end 31 December 2022

1. Accounting policies

The Financial Statements have been prepared on the Receipt and Payments basis, both in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Church of England's Accounting Regulations.

2. Analysis of fund movements for the year

- (i) General funds: may be used by the PCC for any of its ordinary purposes, the movement in the funds are shown in the Receipts and Payment Account.
- (ii) Designated funds: represent sums set aside out of the ordinary general funds for specific designated purposes and in particular for the projects to further the growth of the church as agreed by the Parochial Church Council that would otherwise be unaffordable at the current rate of income.

Fund Name	Fund Purpose	Designated 01/01/2022 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Balance 31/12/2022 £
Mission & Ministry	Mission and ministry project				
Mission & Ministry		27,051			27,051
Interest received			209		209
Administrators Salary				3,364	-3,364
Rent from the two properties			10,200		10,200
Expenditure - 18 Helmsdale Road				294	-294
Expenditure - 8 Dundonnell Road				294	-294
Vicars discretionary fund		3,511	250		3,761
Projector				982	-982
Totals (per Receipts & Payments Account)		30,562	10,659	4,934	36,287

- (iii) Restricted funds: represents moneys held for specific activities

Restricted Funds	Balance 01/01/22 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Balance 31/12/2022 £
Grant towards field project	2,500			2,500
St Philips Grants	3,054	25,500	22,202	6,352
St Philips Centre	(1,086)	2,544	900	558
Money raised for mission ministry	166			166
Donations towards new boiler	3722	1842		5,564
Donations received for youth worker	2000			2,000
Lighthouse	793	1360	402	1,751
Others	566	0		566
		31246		
Mini bus funds	1044	583	162	1,465
Messy Church	381	45		426
Café Hope	7			7
Funeral fees	276		185	91
Food Bank	528	541		1,069
Scargill	(116)	80	435	-471
Projector	955	271	1226	0
St Philips Shower	500			500
Dishwasher	(326)	742		416
Kitchen		792		792
Pendleside Hospice	167			167
Tearfund	43	37		80
Totals (per Receipts & Payments Account)	15173	34,337	25,512	23,998

3. Assets for church purposes

Churches, Churchyards and Vicarages are vested in the Church of England and are not Parish Assets. Moveable church contents (plate, furniture etc) are inalienable property and require a faculty for disposal. They are recorded in the Church Terrior log. Many are historic for which no reliable cost base exists. They are not recognised nor listed on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

Parish of Great Marsden St John the Evangelist with Nelson St Philip
Notes to the financial statements year ended 31 December 2022 (continued)

4 Analysis of payments items

General Funds	
This Year £	Last Year £

(a) Church Costs

Church gas, water and electricity	4,260	3,656
Telephone, computer and alarm	583	587
Window and church cleaning	1,948	1,510
Insurance	948	892
Alarm costs	1,079	624
	8,818	7,269

(b) Church repairs & Church garden

Garden /Yard	0	87
Church	1,718	1,702
	1,718	1,789

(c) Church Administration

Bank charges	41	54
Stationery and office supplies	1,369	772
Welfare/hygiene	604	229
	2,014	1,055

(d) Activity and Fund Raising Costs

Sticky fingers	39	72
Minibus running expenses		(30)
Children's activity costs & refreshments etc.	252	276
Café Hope		236
Misc	376	89
	667	642

**PARISH OF GREAT MARSDEN ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST WITH NELSON ST.
PHILIP**

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2022

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE PARISH OF GREAT MARSDEN ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST WITH NELSON ST.
PHILIP**

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31st December 2022, which are set out on pages 1 to 4.

Respective responsibilities of the Parochial Church Council and Examiner

The Parochial Church Council is responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Parochial Church Council considers that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

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 the records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as the Parochial Church Council concerning 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 statement below.

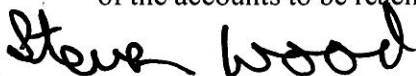
Independent examiner's statement

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; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and 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.



Steven Wood FCA
Hargreaves Brown and Benson,
Chartered Accountants,
1, Bond Street,
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30th October 2023

Accounts

Parish of Great Marsden St John the Evangelist with Nelson St Philip

Registered Charity Number 1176541



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Vicar's Report & Vision – recovering

As I write this in Thy Kingdom Come week, I am reminded of Jesus' teaching on prayer in Matthew where he introduces the Lord's Prayer:

⁶ *But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private. Then your Father, who sees everything, will reward you.*

⁷ *“When you pray, don't babble on and on as the Gentiles do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again. ⁸ Don't be like them, for your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask him! ⁹ Pray like this:*

Our Father in heaven,

may your name be kept holy.

¹⁰ *May your Kingdom come soon.*

*May your will be done on earth,
as it is in heaven.*

¹¹ *Give us today the food we need,*

¹² *and forgive us our sins,*

as we have forgiven those who sin against us.

¹³ *And don't let us yield to temptation,
but rescue us from the evil one.*

Matt 6 (NLT)

For Jesus, prayer, talking to his Father, was the rock on which he operated. When his disciples ask him how to pray he replies not just with a prayer to say but with principles for our prayer lives:

- Remember who we are praying to. He is our Father, infinitely above and beyond us and yet He asks us to call him Father, He calls us into family and intimate relationship with our Creator.
- Pray for His Kingdom to come. Wherever hearts turn to Him as Father, seeking to do what He asks, there is His Kingdom.
- Trust Him with all our needs.
- Remember our frailty. Confess our sins daily and receive His forgiveness so that they no longer burden us with guilt.
- Forgive others even if they don't apologise.
- Prayer for inner strength to overcome all that would pull away from following His ways.

Such prayer strengthens us to become more like Jesus. When we pray God acts. Jesus needed to pray all the time, so do we. As we look to the rest of 2022 and what God wants to do among us we will get nowhere if we do not pray as individuals daily and together. That is why we have started a rhythm of prayer throughout the week at various times both at St John's and at St Philip's. Do join in if you can. It will make a difference.

We started the year going straight into another lockdown.

In **January** we recommenced online services, continued with online prayers and continued with our online Alpha Course. We re-started Lighthouse down at St Philip's as a takeout service. Anthony, Andrea and me enrolled on the LAL level 2 Food Safety Course online. We had been successful in getting grants for St Philip's kitchen and café area and were slowly updating these areas. We were still delivering food parcels to people with Covid in the area through the council hub.

In **February** we had the funeral of one of the members of our Asian service Mr Aslam Ghouri in church, closely followed by the funeral for Mrs Nadra Stordy. Geoff joined our morning congregation afterwards.

In **March** we were able to recommence services in church on Palm Sunday. Our Asian Service also recommenced in church on Palm Sunday. We had a socially distanced Tenebrae service in Holy Week. Renee Harness, a very long standing church member, died.

In **April** we had a Good Friday service in the church garden and were able to hold our dawn Easter service also in the church garden. Since we were still not permitted to sing in church we sang a couple of Easter hymns in the car park on Easter morning.

In **May** St Philip's School governors recruited a fabulous new head teacher at last, Rebecca Moulden and the school did its first church visit for a while. Andrea was accepted by Church Army to train as an Evangelist. The Diocese got on with getting St Philip's building up to scratch which continued to create admin work for me.

In **June/July** work at St Philip's continued to keep us busy. We got a commercial dishwasher with grant funding and our very own Dilwyn fitted the earth tag for us. Two of our church members were admitted to the hospice, Peggy and Stan. I led prayers at a memorial service for Inspire. We started doing refreshments again after the service. Beavers and Cubs started up again at church. The leadership team started to look afresh at our church vision aided by Rev Kamran.

In **August** we had the double sadness of losing Peggy and Stan whilst being confident of the hope of heaven. Enquiries for christenings recommenced. We had our first church BBQ for over two years. Asian, English and vegan BBQ food was served thanks to Bobby, Martin and friends. We bade farewell to Kamran who had been helping us with our Asian Service. He left to become the Vicar of Golders Green in London.

In **September** I started a local minister's monthly prayer meeting together with the pastors from The Mission and Pendle Community Church. Lesley was relicensed as a Licensed Lay

Minister (LLM) instead of Reader at the triannual licensing service at the cathedral. I was invited to preach at The Mission's evening service. I started a monthly online course called Mission, Theology and Ministry on the Margins.

In **October** Victor conducted our only wedding of the year between a Christian and a Sikh. Church looked splendid.

In **November** Andrea and I attended the Soul Survivor Leaders Day. It was the first in person conference for a long while and was really helpful. A group of women attended the first New Wine Women's Day for two years in Manchester. It was a fab day. We had a parish share meeting with the Diocese, always nerve wracking for me. It was immensely affirming however. We agreed a deal for one more year. They agreed that we are not in a position in 2022 to increase our parish share but they will be looking for an increase in 2023. Currently we are paying less than half what we are asked for. At the end of the month I went on my first retreat for ages to St Oswald's in Whitby. Despite work encroaching a bit it was really helpful.

In **December** we restarted Messy Church. We had an Open Day at St Philip's marking the beginning of opening our doors again. Katrina lost her mum and we did the funeral in church. I also conducted the funeral of Michael Brierley who used to attend Lighthouse who was murdered on Berkeley Close. I was able to support his mum and friend. We let our Lighthouse community into St Philip's for the first time for Christmas Dinner. We again did Carols in the Carpark at Morrisons this time in conjunction with The Mission.

We conducted 15 funerals, 1 wedding and 2 baptisms.

Like every organisation the pandemic hit us financially really badly simply because we were closed for in person worship for significant periods and we lost a substantial amount of the giving we would have received. We were £10,000 short at the end of 2020. To make ends meet we had to dip into our mission and ministry fund. We have no reserves. That fund exists to enable us to do outreach and is the only way we can get a much needed Families Minister through applying for matched funding. We are immensely encouraged that there is a generous response to specific appeals. We are aware that some people give to their maximum capacity. We do however need to encourage every member to give generously and regularly according to their means if we are to be able to continue to build the Kingdom of God here and fulfil the vision we believe that God has called us to.

***A beacon of hope
Sharing God's love***

**We are a community growing in God's love;
rooted in prayer and worship;
learning together;
inspired by compassion to action
by bringing hope and working for justice.**

God bless you all.

With my love as a fellow servant of Jesus,



Rev Lorelli Hilliard

Vicar

Administrative information

Parish worship is conducted at St John's Church Centre situated on Barkerhouse Road in Nelson. The parish is part of the Diocese of Blackburn within the Church of England. The correspondence address is: Church Administrator, St John's Church Centre, Barkerhouse Road, Nelson, BB9 9EY.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a registered charity number 1176541.

Members who served from May 2020 until the date this report was approved are:

Ex-officio members

Vicar:	Lorelli Hilliard
Assistant Priest:	Victor Sohail
Wardens:	Pauline Ashworth Andrea McLoughlin (resigned Aug 21)
LLM:	Lesley Wright
Deanery Synod:	Christine Price Janet Laycock

Co-opted members:

Treasurer:	Helen Spencer
Lay Evangelist:	Andrea McLoughlin (from Sep 21)

Elected members:

Anita Leo	Elected member	Apr-23
Anthony May	Elected member	Apr-24
Babu Muzaffar	Elected member	Apr-23

Des Murphy	Elected member	Apr-22
Dilwyn Nicholas	Elected member	Apr-24
Mary Rushton	Elected member	Apr-22
Pam Cork	Elected member	Apr-22
Rita White	Elected member	Apr-24
Saleem Gill	Elected member	Apr-23

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Objectives and Activities

St John with St Philip PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the vicar, the Revd Lorelli Hilliard, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Achievements and Performance

Church attendance

There are 61 people at present on the electoral roll. 19 people are not resident within the parish boundaries and 42 are resident within the parish.

There have been 4 new additions this year.

PCC Review of the year

PCC met twice in 2021 in person. Zoom meetings had not been possible. We discussed our finances at length, Covid precautions and future plans.

Churchwardens Report

I would like to thank everyone for all that has been done to keep our church open and running well during another difficult year due to Covid.

In September, Andrea had to step down from her role as warden. Thanks go to Saleem and Bobby for stepping up with their help and support.

There are still a few projects which need to be carried out. A new boiler, dishwasher, projector, and blinds for the windows, all of which need funds. Many thanks to all who have donated money to help towards these costs.

Our finances have suffered due to Covid so we have had to be careful as we still have bills to pay. We have been renting rooms out at church and this has been helping.

Litter is a regular problem around church so we need help to keep on top of this. Anita has been doing a good job keeping our garden areas tidy but we could do with more help with this too.

As we look forward to getting back to a new normal, let us look at how we can all play our part in reaching out and promoting the Gospel in our parish.

Churchyard Report

An application was made by the PCC to Pendle Borough Council to have the Churchyard closed. It would remain the property of church but the maintenance would be carried out by PBC. The process is slow and ongoing. The PCC would like to express their sincere thanks to The Friends of St John's Churchyard for their sterling work over the years. It's not over yet but hopefully there will be a positive outcome with the council.

Ministry Reports

Children and youth

During 2020 youth group continued over Zoom and in person outside when possible. However the group disbanded due to members becoming over 20 and going off to Uni.

Children's groups had to be suspended in 2020 and 21. We were delighted to recommence Messy Church in December 21.

This is a priority area for us as a church and the PCC have consistently designated the Mission and Ministry Fund primarily to fund the children and youth ministry.

Sticky Fingers

Sticky Fingers meets every Wednesday morning during term time between 9.00am and 12 noon.

The ethos of the group is that we serve the adults and children with God's love; for many young children and their parents and carers, their greatest need is for friendship and companionship. Being at home all day with a young child can be hard. At every

opportunity, we share our faith, offering to pray with or for people and inviting people to other church events and services.

Sticky fingers is where parents or carers can bring their babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers to play and have fun while the adults get to enjoy a brew and some grown up company. We aim to provide a safe, caring and welcoming environment where new mums and dads, grandparents and carers, can get out of the house and find a warm welcome, new friends, and people to support them in the daunting and often lonely challenge of parenting young children. Our aim is that everyone who comes to Sticky Fingers can begin to experience the love and reality of Jesus.

Parents and carers have a safe space to talk with others who understand their experiences and often we can empower them to make positive changes in their lives. We aim to be a place where everyone can be loved and supported, knowing that they and their children are accepted. This allows everyone to feel that they belong and are in an environment where it is safe enough to take risks such as exploring faith or to share their worries and concerns. The children are met with love and acceptance, they have a safe place to play with adults who care and protect them.

Before lockdown, numbers were down with maybe two or three adults coming with their little ones. Now, we regularly have between 8 and 10 little ones with their grownups.

June is the national month of prayer for church-based toddler groups. The theme this year is Luke 5 v1-11 – ‘A Net That Works’. Please remember us in your prayers as we seek to reach into our community.

Lighthouse

Lighthouse is a meal and time of fellowship and fun and runs on a Monday evening at 6.30pm at St Philips centre. During the pandemic, it had to come to a stop due to Covid restrictions. During that time we had to rethink about how we could keep connections with the people that we had built relationships with over the years, with those who come for food, fellowship and fun.

A small team of four, Tony and Sandra from the Inghamite Church who help at Lighthouse, Lorelli and myself took to door knocking at the houses of those that have them, and to the homeless people, we took out bread parcels and biscuits. The reason for visiting them was to check on how they were coping and to see if they needed help, this also gave us an opportunity to pray with them if they wanted us to as well as keeping us connected. As restrictions eased we were able to operate Lighthouse as a takeaway service from the beginning of 2021. We put things in place to protect ourselves and those that attended and food was served from the front door.

We reopened Lighthouse just before Christmas and this allowed us to serve a Christmas Dinner and reconnect with those that attend. We opened again in January 2022 and have 30+ people, adults and children, each week.

The team at the moment is still small, we have three people who are helping us from another church and four from St Johns. I am in the process of visiting other Churches to share the vision of St Philips Centre and as part of those visits the aim of this is to try and get Christian volunteers from other churches in Nelson to come and work alongside us at Lighthouse as well as at the Centre. We have now also been able to start a time of worship after the meal on Mondays where it is optional for people to join with us. Numbers are small at the moment but it is growing.

Can I please ask you to be praying for Lighthouse, also, for the Centre, the finances and all we do.

Church Army

This part of my journey started over 12 months ago now, I can't believe how fast it has gone, and before that I had meetings with the Diocese and Bishop Philip. I had my panel meeting on the 19th May 2021 which took place over a period of two days where I was interviewed by a panel of 4 Church Army members and then had to wait just under 2 weeks before it was confirmed that I would be training with Church Army. My training is slightly different as the Diocese is sponsoring it, and I am the first person to train in this way and if it works well, Blackburn Diocese hope to send more to train. My training is 3 years long and is held at the Wilson Carlisle Centre in Sheffield where I attend residential sessions from Fridays until Sundays every other month, so this is where I am when I'm not in Church. Don't worry it's not all training, I do get to have plenty of fun as well as spending time in community, and the odd glass of wine. At home I have assignments to complete between residentials.

On completion of my training, I will have a Certificate in Ministry, Mission and Theology from Durham University. The rest of my year group will be commissioned by the Church Army. This is different for me, I won't be commissioned, instead I will be licenced as a Diocesan Lay Evangelist at Blackburn Cathedral.

My first residential was September 17th 2021, on my birthday and this won't change for the rest of my training, I will be either there or travelling back on my birthday.

My first residential was to get to know the rest of the members in my training year and other years and to find out what training looked like, this was followed by doing formational work and looking at myself, what my strengths, weaknesses are, what my prayer life looked like, and how I learned about God.

In November, I was asked to write an article for the Church Army Catalyst magazine about what my life and my ministry look like, this you can read on the St John with St Philip Church family Facebook page or on line at www.churcharmy.org.uk, this magazine goes out all over

the world to members of Church Army by post or digitally. After it was published I received an email from a retired member of Church Army who had previously been part of the Northern evangelistic team in the late 1960s, involved in leading a week of mission from a parish church in Nelson. After reading the article he prayed and felt God had called him to connect with me and find out more about what we are doing in Nelson and how he could pray for us. I keep in touch and update him every other month about what is happening and he is praying for Nelson and myself.

My next residential was January 14th 2022, but unfortunately because of Covid this had to take place online via *zoom*, this was hard as it's not the same as being face to face in Sheffield. Following this I had my first assignment, beginning a new journey, this is where we looked at theology and how we learn about God and what other theologians say about it? I also had to look at my spiritual disciplines and I had to create my rule of life. I've received my mark back for this and it was a pass.

I have settled in really well and I look forward to spending time with my Church Army family when I'm on residential. there's just something about being in community that is life giving. During my training I have to produce newsletters and these will be available at Church in the entrance or I can add you to my mailing list. If you would like to added, please send me an email at mcloughlinandrea1@gmail.com and I will add you to the newsletter mailing list. During my training, please pray for me and my family. Please also pray for the ministry I am part of, for St Philips Centre, St Johns and also for Church Army, for the work all of these do in the community.

Church Army's vision is for everyone everywhere to encounter God's love and be empowered to transform their communities through faith shared in words and action. Every year we need to raise approximately £2 million in voluntary donations and legacies to help resource the incredible work we are doing.

Thank You for your continued support of my training with Church Army.

If you don't yet financially support Church Army, would you prayerfully consider doing so?

If you would like to know more about what I do in training or ministry, please feel free to ask me. Or, if you want to know more about what Church Army are and do, please visit www.churcharmy.org.uk or ask me.

WAYS TO DONATE:

QUOTE REF: Andrea Mcloughlin

Online: churcharmy.org/donate

Internet banking:

Barclays Bank

Sort Code 20-49-81

Account 80255459

Quote Ref: Your full name / Andrea McLoughlin

By card: Phone 0300 123 2113

Financial Review

Financial report for year ended 31st December 2021

The accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021, are currently in the process of being audited as we were waiting for some information to complete the accounts. So there will be adjustments to be made. We will circulate the audited accounts as soon as they are available.

On page 1, we have the analysis of the receipts and payments, with some of the payments being further detailed on page 4 of the accounts. For example the church costs include gas, electric etc. which this year is £3,656 compared to £6,640 for 2020.

On the receipts, you will note that both the gift aided regular giving's, others and loose have increased in 2021 compared to 2020, but this could be due to the fact that we had more services. However, the other incomes have decreased

On the receipts, you will notice that rent from use of the property has remained the same, whilst there has been an increase in rent from church lettings. The income tax has increased.

Other payments, cost for church costs, church repairs, administration and activity fund raising costs being further broken down on page 4. I will leave you to look at these and any questions you have just let me know later.

One thing I'd like to mention is the Parish Share, which you will note that this has increased to £33,897 in 2021 from £20,000 in 2020, of which £12,000 came from designated funds. The increase is largely due to the fact that we were paying some of the Parish Share from previous years.

You will note that there has been receipts and payments for the designated and restricted funds. The movements for both of these are shown on page 3 of the accounts.

If we look at the designated funds, there has been an overall decrease of £2,492.

As for the movements for the restricted funds these are also shown on page 3 of the accounts. There has been movements against various specific funds. We also have the movements for the mini bus account, but there are also additions costs that have not yet been paid and these are shown as liabilities on page 2 of £2,018

Basically this year for general funds we had expenditure over income £6,811, that even with £12,000 from designated funds, we can't continue expenditure exceeding income. We need to ensure that we have annual income to cover the year's expenses.

Parish of Great Marsden St John the Evangelist with Nelson St Philip

Receipts and Payments Account Year Ended 31 December 2021

Notes	General Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	This Years Total	Last Years Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Voluntary receipts					
Gift – aided regular giving	13,766			13,766	12,133
Other	25			25	1,026
Loose Collections	6,024			6,024	4,295
Other donations and legacies	421		2,334	2,754	941
St Philips Centre Donations			3,036	3,036	0
Total voluntary receipts	20,235	0	5,370	25,605	18,394
Income tax recovered	4,533			4,533	3,951
Grants received					
St Philip's Centre			881	881	3,924
Generated funds					
Ladies Fellowship	92			92	243
Sticky Fingers	53			53	20
Open Doors				0	1,514
Lighthouse			860	860	1,185
Messy Church				0	60
Café Hope				0	154
Other fund raising			0	0	85
Minibus trip receipts				0	1,607
Bank & Trust Interest	96	5		101	179
Other incoming resources					
Property Income		10,200		10,200	10,200
Rent from Church Lettings	5,888			5,888	1,135
Wedding & funeral fees	3,297			3,297	2,195
Vicar's discretionary payments		600		600	0
Post box			152	152	320
Total Receipts	34,194	10,805	7,262	52,261	45,167
Deduct payments					
Church activities					
Parish share	21,897	12,000		33,897	20,000
Church Costs	4 (a) 7,269			7,269	9,353
Church repairs & Church garden	4 (b) 1,789			1,789	1,887
Maintenance of Services	1,393		446	1,839	3,442
Church Administration	4 (c) 1,056	1,696		2,752	7,757
Independent Examiner's Fee	800			800	0
Parochial expenses of clergy	3,272			3,272	4,679
Vicar's discretionary payments				0	82
Wedding & funeral fees	2,887			2,887	1,487
Activity & Fund Raising Costs 4(d)	4 (d) 642		568	1,210	3,390
Mission, youth and Pais worker				0	169
Minibus expenses			42	42	6,891
Property		2,512		2,512	2,812
Lighthouse			1,012	1,012	1,957
St Philip's Centre			4,313	4,313	1,751
Post box				0	0
Total payments	41,004	16,208	6,381	63,594	65,658
Excess of receipts over payments(payments over receipts)	(6,811)	(5,403)	881	(11,332)	(20,490)
CASH & BANK BALANCES held at 1 January 2021					
	13,496	35,965	14,291	63,752	84,073
Re-statement of balances	(169)			(169)	169
CASH & BANK BALANCES held at 31 December 2021	6,516	30,562	15,172	52,251	63,752

Parish of Great Marsden St John the Evangelist with Nelson St Philip
Statement of assets and liabilities at 31 December 2021

	General Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	This Years Total	Last Years Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Investments held at cost					
8 Dundonnell Road, Nelson		48,500		48,500	48,500
18 Helmsdale Road, Nelson		43,000		43,000	43,000
	0	91,500	0	91,500	91,500

	General Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	This Years Total	Last Years Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Cash funds					
Bank balances	5,524	10,074	15,132	30,730	42,021
Cash balances	992		40	1,032	1,247
Deposit accounts					
held with Blackburn Diocese		9,667		9,667	9,663
Marsden Building Society account		10,821		10,821	10,821
	6,516	30,562	15,172	52,251	63,752

Debtors					
Income tax recoverable	3,783			3,783	3,038
Prepaid expenses	263			263	328
Firework receipts			742	742	0
	4,046	0	742	4,788	3,366

Liabilities					
Parish share	874			874	36,483
Accruals - bills	2,292		39	2,331	1,675
Mini bus expenses			2,018	2,018	1,401
	3,166	0	2,057	5,222	39,559

APPROVED by the Parochial Church Council of St John's with St Philip's and signed on its behalf by:



L Hilliard
 Reverend L Hilliard
 Vicar of the Parish of St John with Nelson St Philip



Church Warden



Dated 13 Sep 2022

Parish of Great Marsden St John the Evangelist with Nelson St Philip
Notes to the financial statements year end 31 December 2021

1. Accounting policies

The Financial Statements have been prepared on the Receipt and Payments basis, both in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Church of England's Accounting Regulations.

2. Analysis of fund movements for the year

- (i) General funds: may be used by the PCC for any of its ordinary purposes, the movement in the funds are shown in the Receipts and Payment Account.
- (ii) Designated funds: represent sums set aside out of the ordinary general funds for specific designated purposes and in particular for the projects to further the growth of the church as agreed by the Parochial Church Council that would otherwise be unaffordable at the current rate of income.

Fund Name	Fund Purpose	Designated 01/01/2021 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Balance 31/12/2021 £
Mission & Ministry	Mission and ministry project				
Mission & Ministry		33,054			33,054
Interest received			5		5
Administrators Salary				1,696	(1,696)
Expenditure - 18 Helmsdale Road			5,100	2,100	3,000
Expenditure - 8 Dundonnell Road			5,100	412	4,688
Vicars discretionary fund		2,911	600		3,511
Parish Share				12,000	(12,000)
Totals (per Receipts & Payments Account)		35,965	10,805	16,208	30,562

- (iii) Restricted funds: represents moneys held for specific activities

Restricted Funds	Balance '01/01/21 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Balance 31/12/2021 £
Grant towards field project	2,500			2,500
St Philips Grants	2,173	881		3,054
St Philips Centre	158	3,069	4,313	(1,086)
Money raised for mission ministry	166			166
Donations towards new boiler	3722			3,722
Donations received for youth worker	2000			2,000
Lighthouse	945	860	1,012	793
Others	566			566
		4,810		
Mini bus funds	1,086		42	1,044
Messy Church	381			381
Café Hope	7			7
Funeral fees	276			276
Food Bank	370	400	242	528
Scargill	(116)			(116)
Projector		1,401	446	955
St Philips Shower		500		500
Dishwasher			326	(326)
Pendleside Hospice	58	109		167
Tearfund	0	43		43
Totals (per Receipts & Payments Account)	14,291	7,262	6,381	15,173

3. Assets for church purposes

Churches, Churchyards and Vicarages are vested in the Church of England and are not Parish Assets. Moveable church contents (plate, furniture etc) are inalienable property and require a faculty for disposal. They are recorded in the Church Terrior log. Many are historic for which no reliable cost base exists. They are not recognised nor listed on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

Parish of Great Marsden St John the Evangelist with Nelson St Philip
Notes to the financial statements year ended 31 December 2021 (continued)

4 Analysis of payments items

General Funds	
This Year £	Last Year £

(a) Church Costs

Church gas, water and electricity	3,656	6,125
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PARISH OF GREAT MARSDEN ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST WITH NELSON ST. PHILIP

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2021

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Accounts

Parish of Great Marsden St John the Evangelist with Nelson St Philip

Registered Charity Number 1176541



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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Vicar's Report & Vision – keeping going

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²³ Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. ²⁴ Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. ²⁵ And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near. Heb 10

2020 will forever be 'that year'. A year of dashed hopes, cancelled plans, cancelled services, isolation, anxiety, fear and grief. Some of us have had the heartbreak of seeing loved ones die alone in hospital. We have endured the heartbreak of socially distanced funerals. All of us have been separated from our friends and family, those whom we love.

Yet church has continued because church is people not a building. The local church is the hope of the world because Jesus is the hope of the world. We have a wonderful God who through Jesus puts us right and allows us into his very presence, and who through the Holy Spirit empowers us to grow in his ways that others might come home to him. We both have hope in him and more than ever we need each other. *Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another.*

We started the year oblivious to what was to come.

In **January** we had a film night. The first of the social events planned for the year by Darren and the events team. I joined Ladies Fellowship for a meal at Boundary Mill restaurant.

In **February** we had a very successful games night and much fun was had by all. We had our last Messy Church before the pandemic stopped it. Nelson and Colne College started hiring the building for courses and Tasha started work as our Administrator. We were very sad when our dear Shirley went to be with Jesus.

In **March** Victor, Andrea and myself attended the New Wine Leaders Conference in Harrogate. Walverden School visited us. Rapidly changing events caused us to close Thursday lunches and move Lighthouse to a takeout at St Philips. We were instructed to close the church building on Mothering Sunday 22nd and the next day it was announced that

the nation would go into immediate lockdown. We served our takeout at St Philip's and closed. Tasha, Andrea and myself divided church members into neighbourhood groups to keep an eye on each other.

April – June Saw most of our members and volunteers isolating. We had bulletins from the Diocese several times a week and tried to keep on top of developments as they unfolded. Myself and Andrea attended many online meetings, seminars and conferences as we tried to respond to the situation. I sent a questionnaire to everyone. Services were broadcast on Facebook live and YouTube and Victor, Lesley and myself started doing daily prayers on Facebook live – morning, evening and night. We gained a regular online congregation of people 'outside church'. I started visiting those most isolated on doorsteps and distributed prayers to those not on the internet. I tried to advocate for our homeless to go into hostel accommodation as many parts of the country had done but our council decided to give the money to foodbanks instead. Andrea and I kept the foodbank running throughout. I driving the minibus to pick up food and Andrea managing the foodbank. In addition to our weekly collection of the Morrison's basket both Morrison's and the council supplied extra food. It was good exercise! Foodbank usage doubled as we gained deliveries for Covid positive houses and people who were isolating. We started visiting our Lighthouse community and the homeless, taking information on Covid precautions, biscuits and a friendly chat on the doorstep to check they were OK. I had the sadness of doing socially distanced funerals and interviews over zoom. In the craziness of it all I had to call in the Diocesan Deliverance Advisor to do a 'ghost busting' and had the novelty of actually entering a house. We conducted youth group over zoom and attempted coffee after the service and prayer meetings on zoom but they didn't catch on.

In **July** we were at last able to hold a wedding and on the 4th we had the wonderful celebration of the marriage of Darren Wilkinson and Kaela Hollins that should have been in April. It was a very happy day despite the heartbreak in our minds that Darren had between April and July been diagnosed with terminal cancer. We prepared for re-opening church in August. Darren Morrell-Cross helped us do a risk assessment, the wardens and I honed it and Andrea and Tasha did an amazing job of implementing it.

In mid **August** we re-opened church for services.

In **September** I started doing videos for St Philip's school for their collective worship, having mastered the art of doing videos for our Sunday services. Throughout the year I met as one the governors of St Philip's on zoom for routine meetings and for the appointment of a new head teacher which didn't happen.

In **October** we re-started our Asian service in the building. A tent appeared in the church garden containing two young people in great need. We gave out food parcels to free school meals children during half term to address holiday hunger. Our APCM was held postponed from April.

In **November** churches were asked to close again. Our Remembrance was done online. We contributed to the Diocese's multilingual worship. Our first grant for St Philip's came through to buy equipment for the kitchen and foodbank.

In **December** we re-opened church. A Romanian church started meeting at St John's on a Saturday evening. We ran our very first drive in carol service at Morrisons with the help of Matt from the Inghamite Church, Shahid from Life Church, our own Bobbie and Victor and friends who sorted the sound and of course Frank Cork's truck. We had a beautiful Asian carol service and a midnight Christmas Eve service. We were given some funding from Love Christmas to distribute Christmas hampers, homeless pack and Christmas dinners. We held a Christmas dinner for the homeless at St Philips and distributed over 40 frozen Christmas dinners with food parcels and to needy families who requested them. We distributed over 80 Christmas hampers. Inspire staff and volunteers from church helped us pack them and deliver them.

I conducted 12 funerals, 1 wedding and 1 baptism.

As we cautiously move forward we are exploring how we as the local church can be a blessing to our community in these times and how we can once again be a place where families want to come and worship. Our world and our neighbourhood are changed forever. We need to respond accordingly. That will mean change. Will you join in? The local church is the hope of the world!

God bless you all.

With my love as a fellow servant of Jesus,



Rev Lorelli Hilliard

Vicar

Administrative information

Parish worship is conducted at St John's Church Centre situated on Barkerhouse Road in Nelson. The parish is part of the Diocese of Blackburn within the Church of England. The correspondence address is: Church Administrator, St John's Church Centre, Barkerhouse Road, Nelson, BB9 9EY.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a registered charity number 1176541.

Members who served from October 2019 until the date this report was approved are:

Ex-officio members

Vicar:	Lorelli Hilliard
Curate:	Victor Sohail
Warden:	Pauline Ashworth
Warden:	Andrea McLoughlin
Reader:	Lesley Wright
Deanery Synod:	Christine Price
	Janet Laycock

Co-opted members:

Treasurer:	Helen Spencer
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Elected members:

	End of term:
Des Murphy	May-22
Mary Rushton	May-22
Pam Cork	May-22
Anita Leo	May-23
Anthony May	May-21
Saleem Gill	May-23
Babu Muzaffar	May-23
Nicky Manwaring, PCC Secretary	May-21
Peggy Miller	May-21

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Objectives and Activities

St John with St Philip PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the vicar, the Revd Lorelli Hilliard, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Achievements and Performance

Church attendance

There are 60 people at present on the electoral roll. 17 people are not resident within the parish boundaries and 43 are resident within the parish.

There have been 12 new additions this year.

PCC Review of the year

There was one meeting in person in January and one over zoom. Throughout the year PCC was consulted by email on various decisions such as when to open up for worship again.

Churchwardens Report

Churchyard Report

The Friends continued to keep the churchyard tidy and worked hard with us to prepare paperwork to submit to the council to request closure of the churchyard and for the council to take it on its maintenance.

Ministry Reports

Children and youth

Youth group became our young adults group as members started going off to uni. We kept meetings up over zoom and in the summer met in the vicarage garden when the rule of six was in play.

We had one Messy Church before we had to close.

Lesley continued working with the younger children using new material we purchased from the Little Worship Company until early March.

Sticky Fingers

Sticky fingers would normally meet every Wednesday morning during term time. Due to the pandemic, we have been closed since March 2020.

Sticky fingers, when open, is a place where parents or carers can bring their babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers to play and have fun while the adults get to enjoy a brew and some grown up company. We aim to provide a safe, caring and welcoming environment where parents, grandparents, childminders and other carers, along with their infants and toddlers can begin to experience the love and reality of Jesus Christ

The ethos of the group is that we serve the adults and children with Gods love; for many young children and their parents and carers, their greatest need is for friendship and companionship. Being at home all day with a young child can be hard. At every opportunity, we share our faith, offering to pray with or for people and inviting people to other church events and services.

Parents and carers have a safe space to talk with others who understand their experiences and often we can empower them to make positive changes in their lives. We aim to be a place where everyone can be loved and supported, knowing that they and their children are accepted. This allows everyone to feel that they belong and are in an environment where it is safe enough to take risks such as exploring faith or to share their worries and concerns. The children are met with love and acceptance, they have a safe place to play with adults who care and protect them.

Before lockdown numbers were down with maybe two or three adults coming with their little ones.

Once it is safe for us to open, I intend to market all that Sticky Fingers has to offer on netmums and face book to let our community know that we are here. In the long term, it is our hope and prayer that the children and adults who are a part of Sticky fingers, develop a positive image of Church that is friendly and fun, a good place to be, and which in turn enhances their development of faith.

Lighthouse

Open Doors

Open Doors continued to offer home cooked lunches to mainly the elderly until mid March.

Financial Report

Last year was a difficult year as for everyone else.

The general voluntary receipts for 2020 was £17886 compared to £21,981 for 2019. This would have been worse but for the individuals who pay monthly direct debit have continued to do so, so many thanks to those that have done so.

Obviously, the year did have a large impact on certain other areas of receipts, such as Open Doors as they had to close early March and wedding and funerals have also significantly reduced. However, on the plus side the Church lettings increased from £420 in 2019 to £1135 in 2020 due to Nelson & Colne College now using the building.

On the restricted receipts, we have managed to receive some grants for St Philips Centre, so thanks to those who have been involved in that. Also minibus receipts have also increased.

On the designated receipts the income from our two properties has increased as we have had rental from each of the property's for each month in 2020.

As for the payments during the year, everyone has tried to reduce costs where possible, but obviously certain costs have still been incurred such as the utility charges. General fund payments for 2020 were £46,586 compared to £54,940 in 2019. As for the Parish Share we have only paid the same amount as in 2019. However, you will notice that the church repairs have reduced in 2020 compared to 2019, due to having no repairs on the boundary walls and less repairs to the church building in 2020.

For the restricted payments, you will note that the payments for the minibus have significantly increased, the reason for this is the Lorelli has now claimed her expenses for the last few years for van repairs and insurance etc. This also explains why the payments have increased for the lighthouse due to Lorelli getting her expenses up to date. We also had expenses for St Philips Centre this being offset against the grants we received.

On the designated expenses the property expenses is due to the repairs on the two properties we have for rent.

Overall for 2020, we have incurred expenses over income of £20,490, with general funds accounting for £19,285 of this. I appreciate it has been a very difficult year, but we cannot continue to spend more than we receive and we need to address how we can change this as our reserves are now very depleted.

Parish of Great Marsden St John the Evangelist with Nelson St Philip

Receipts and Payments Account Year Ended 31 December 2020

Notes	General Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	This Years Total	Last Years Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Voluntary receipts					
Gift – aided regular giving	12,133			12,133	13,754
Other	1,026			1,026	2,356
Loose Collections	4,295			4,295	4,034
Other donations and legacies	433		508	941	8,503
Total voluntary receipts	17,886	0	508	18,394	28,647
Income tax recovered	3,951			3,951	2,906
Grants received					
St Philip's Centre			3,924	3,924	0
Generated funds					
Ladies Fellowship	243			243	335
Sticky Fingers	20			20	90
Open Doors	1,514			1,514	7,515
Lighthouse			1,185	1,185	0
Messy Church			60	60	0
Café Hope	154			154	441
Soul Survivor				0	1,311
Other fund raising	85			85	1,627
Minibus trip receipts			1,607	1,607	618
Bank & Trust Interest	117	62		179	260
Other incoming resources					
Refunds and insurance claim				0	5,113
Property Income		10,200		10,200	7,428
Rent from Church Lettings	1,135			1,135	420
Wedding & funeral fees	2,195			2,195	5,692
Missionary Activities - New Wine				0	410
Post box			320	320	2,273
Total Receipts	27,301	10,262	7,604	45,167	65,086
Deduct payments					
Church activities					
Parish share	20,000			20,000	20,000
Church Costs	4 (a) 9,353			9,353	11,140
Church repairs & Church garden	4 (b) 1,887			1,887	10,097
Maintenance of Services	3,442			3,442	2,381
Church Administration	4 (c) 2,618	5,139		7,757	10,061
Independent Examiner's Fee	0			0	800
Parochial expenses of clergy	4,679			4,679	2,834
Vicar's discretionary payments		82		82	0
Wedding & funeral fees	1,487			1,487	0
Activity & Fund Raising Costs 4(d)	4 (d) 3,111		279	3,390	5,525
Mission, youth and Pais worker			169	169	2,473
Missionary Activities - New Wine				0	353
Minibus expenses	8		6,884	6,891	98
Property		2,812		2,812	1,748
Lighthouse			1,957	1,957	264
St Philip's Centre			1,751	1,751	0
Post box			0	0	2,893
Total payments	46,586	8,032	11,040	65,658	70,668
Excess of receipts over payments(payments over receipts)	-19,285	2,230	-3,436	-20,490	-5,582
CASH & BANK BALANCES held at 1 January 2020	32,781	33,735	17,557	84,073	89,655
Re-statement of balances			169	169	
CASH & BANK BALANCES held at 31 December 2020	13,496	35,965	14,291	63,752	84,073

Parish of Great Marsden St John the Evangelist with Nelson St Philip

Statement of assets and liabilities at 31 December 2020

General Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	This Years Total	Last Years Total
£	£	£	£	£
	48,500		48,500	48,500
	43,000		43,000	43,000
0	91,500	0	91,500	91,500

Investments held at cost

8 Dundonnell Road, Nelson

18 Helmsdale Road, Nelson

General Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	This Years Total	Last Years Total
£	£	£	£	£
12,460	15,481	14,080	42,021	61,060
1,036		211	1,247	2,591
			0	
	9,663		9,663	9,624
	10,821		10,821	10,798
13,496	35,965	14,291	63,752	84,073

Cash funds

Bank balances

Cash balances

Deposit accounts

held with Blackburn Diocese

Marsden Building Society account

Debtors

Income tax recoverable

Prepaid expenses

Mini bus fees recoverable

Soul Survivor receipts

3,038			3,038	3,951
328			328	311
		0	0	615
			0	25
3,366	0	0	3,366	4,903

Liabilities

Parish share

Accruals - bills

Accruals - reimbursements

Mini bus expenses

Lighthouse expenses

36,483			36,483	34,323
1,675			1,675	2,862
0			0	4,770
0		1,401	1,401	6,878
0			0	1,187
38,158	0	1,401	39,559	50,019

APPROVED by the Parochial Church Council of St John's with St Philip's and signed on its behalf by:



L Hilliard
Reverend L Hilliard
Vicar of the Parish of St John with Nelson St Philip



Church Warden

26th May 2021

Parish of Great Marsden St John the Evangelist with Nelson St Philip

Notes to the financial statements year end 31 December 2020

1. Accounting policies

The Financial Statements have been prepared on the Receipt and Payments basis, both in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Church of England's Accounting Regulations.

2. Analysis of fund movements for the year

- (i) General funds: may be used by the PCC for any of its ordinary purposes, the movement in the funds are shown in the Receipts and Payment Account.
- (ii) Designated funds: represent sums set aside out of the ordinary general funds for specific designated purposes and in particular for the projects to further the growth of the church as agreed by the Parochial Church Council that would otherwise be unaffordable at the current rate of income.

Fund Name	Fund Purpose	Designated 01/01/20120 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Balance 31/12/2020 £
Mission & Ministry	Mission and ministry project				
Mission & Ministry		30,742			30,742
Interest received			62		62
Youth & family ministers salary and NIC etc.					0
Pais project					0
Administrators Salary				5,139	-5,139
Kitchen water boiler					0
Rent from the two properties			10,200		10,200
Expenditure - 18 Helmsdale Road				429	-429
Expenditure - 8 Dundonnell Road				2,382	-2,382
Vicars discretionary fund		2,993		82	2,911
Totals (per Receipts & Payments Account)		33,735	10,262	8,032	35,965

- (iii) Restricted funds: represents moneys held for specific activities

Restricted Funds	Balance 01/01/2020 0 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Adjust balance b/fwd £	Balance 31/12/2020 £
Grant towards field project	2,500				2,500
St Philips Grants	0	3,924	1,751		2,173
St Philips Centre	0	158			158
Money raised for mission ministry	166				166
Donations towards new boiler	3722				3,722
Donations received for youth worker	2000				2,000
Lighthouse	1717	1185	1957		945
Others	566		169	169	566
		5267			
Mini bus funds	6363	1607	6884		1,086
Messy Church	600	60	279		381
Café Hope	7				7
Funeral fees	276				276
Food Bank	20	350			370
Scargill	-378	263			-116
Pendleside Hospice	0	58			58
Totals (per Receipts & Payments Account)	17558	7604	11040	169	14291

3. Assets for church purposes

Churches, Churchyards and Vicarages are vested in the Church of England and are not Parish Assets. Moveable church contents (plate, furniture etc) are inalienable property and require a faculty for disposal. They are recorded in the Church Terrior log. Many are historic for which no reliable cost base exists. They are not recognised nor listed on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

Parish of Great Marsden St John the Evangelist with Nelson St Philip
Notes to the financial statements year ended 31 December 2020 (continued)

4 Analysis of payments items

General Funds	
This Year £	Last Year £

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Garden /Yard	0	4,117
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Administrators salary	0	8,000
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BDBoF inc DBS Checks	30	0
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PHILIP**

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020

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