

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

Registered Charity Number 1176541



Annual Report 2020



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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Vicar's Report & Vision – keeping going

¹⁹ And so, dear brothers and sisters, we can boldly enter heaven's Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus. ²⁰ By his death, Jesus opened a new and life-giving way through the curtain into the Most Holy Place. ²¹ And since we have a great High Priest who rules over God's house, ²² let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting him. For our guilty consciences have been sprinkled with Christ's blood to make us clean, and our bodies have been washed with pure water.

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

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

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 01/01/2020 £	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 £	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	3,722				3,722
Donations received for youth worker	2,000				2,000
Lighthouse	1,717	1,185	1,957		945
Others	566		169	169	566
		5,267			
Mini bus funds	6,363	1,607	6,884		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)	17,558	7,604	11,040	169	14,291

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 Terrier log. Many are historic for which no reliable cost base exists. They are not recognised nor listed on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

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Notes to the financial statements year ended 31 December 2020 (continued)

4 Analysis of payments items

General Funds	
This Year £	Last Year £

(a) Church Costs

Church gas, water and electricity
 Telephone, computer and alarm
 Window and church cleaning
 Insurance
 Alarm costs

6,125	6,640
730	514
1,628	2,245
870	1,314
0	427
9,353	11,140

(b) Church repairs & Church garden

Garden /Yard
 Church

0	4,117
1,887	5,980
1,887	10,097

(c) Church Administration

Administrators salary
 Bank charges
 Stationery and office supplies
 Welfare/hygiene
 BDBoF inc DBS Checks
 Other Church Admin costs

0	8,000
69	82
1,168	1,539
968	351
30	0
384	90
2,618	10,062

(d) Activity and Fund Raising Costs

Open doors
 Ladies fellowship
 Sticky fingers
 Minibus running expenses
 Children's activity costs & refreshments etc.
 Café Hope
 Misc

645	3,248
4	66
0	140
198	25
464	271
34	313
1,588	1,462
2,933	5,525

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

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020

**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 2020, 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,
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26 May 2021