



# **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:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Rules of membership</b>	<b>end of term</b>
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 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](http://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](http://www.churcharmy.org.uk) or ask me.

### **WAYS TO DONATE**

**QUOTE REF:** 2021AMC

**Online:** [churcharmy.org/donate](http://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**

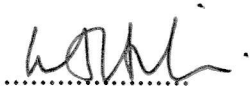
Hargreaves Brown & Benson  
Chartered Accountants  
1 Bond Street  
Colne  
Lancashire BB8 9DG

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 31<sup>st</sup> 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
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>						
<b>Voluntary receipts</b>						
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
<b>Grants received</b>						
St Philip's Centre				25,500	25,500	881
BDBoF - Energy grant		1,787			1,787	0
<b>Generated funds</b>						
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
<b>Bank &amp; Trust Interest</b>		103	209		312	101
<b>Other incoming resources</b>						
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
<b>Total Receipts</b>		32,334	10,659	34,337	77,329	52,262
<b>Deduct payments</b>						
<b>Church activities</b>						
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
<b>Total payments</b>		34,438	4,934	25,511	64,883	63,594
<b>Excess of receipts over payments( payments over receipts)</b>		(2,104)	5,725	8,826	12,446	(11,332)
<b>CASH &amp; BANK BALANCES held at 1 January 2022</b>						
		6,516	30,562	15,172	52,251	63,752
Re-statement of balances						(169)
<b>CASH &amp; BANK BALANCES held at 31 December 2022</b>		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 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.

**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  
 Telephone, computer and alarm  
 Window and church cleaning  
 Insurance  
 Alarm costs

4,260	3,656
583	587
1,948	1,510
948	892
1,079	624
8,818	7,269

(b) Church repairs & Church garden

Garden /Yard  
 Church

0	87
1,718	1,702
1,718	1,789

( c ) Church Administration

Bank charges  
 Stationery and office supplies  
 Welfare/hygiene

41	54
1,369	772
604	229
2,014	1,055

( d ) Activity and Fund Raising Costs

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

39	72
	(30)
252	276
	236
376	89
667	642

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

**YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

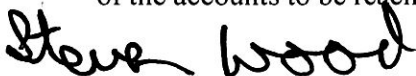
**Independent examiner's statement**

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.



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30<sup>th</sup> October 2023