

Christ Church, Padgate

Annual Report and Accounts of the Parochial Church Council



Year Ending 31 December 2023

Reference and Administrative Information

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ Church, Padgate is a charity registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales.
Charity registration number: 1178871.

Christ Church is located on Station Road, Padgate, Warrington, in the Diocese of Liverpool.
Correspondence should be sent to the Secretary of the PCC at the following address:

39 Solway Close, Fearnhead, Warrington WA2 0UP.

During 2023, up to the Annual Parochial Church meeting on 21 April 2024, the following people served as members of the Parochial Church Council:

<i>Ex-officio members</i>			
Revd Neil Shaw	Team Rector	Chair	
Revd Heather Haddow	Curate Christ Church		
Revd Simon Renison	Leader Church Collective		
John Baguley	Churchwarden		
Barrie Crabtree	Churchwarden		
Alan Kemp	Deanery Synod Representative		
Dave Perfect	Deanery Synod Representative, Warrington East Team Rep.	Electoral Roll Officer	
Sue Robinson	Deanery Synod Representative, Diocesan Synod Representative, Warrington East Team Rep.		
<i>Elected Members</i>			<i>Elected</i>
Louise Appleby	Lay Reader (from September 2023)		2023
Cath Baguley			2021
Janet Blaydon			2021
Hilary Brown			2022
Sandra Bryers			2021
Debbie Jacques		Treasurer	2023
Laura Lawrence			2022
Jill Perfect		Secretary	2023
Ruth Waterfield		Gift-aid Secretary	2023
<i>Co-opted members</i>			
Alan Clayton		Vice-chair	2023

Non-PCC Officers

Susan Kirby Safeguarding Officer
Vacant Health and Safety Officer

Bankers: Barclays Bank PLC. Sankey Street WARRINGTON, WA1 1XG

Auditor: Cadishead Accountancy Services Ltd, 657 Liverpool Road, Irlam, MANCHESTER, M44 5XD

Legal Advisor: Howard Dellar, 1 The Sanctuary, Westminster, LONDON, SW1P 3JT

Architect: Graham Holland Associates. 4 King Street, KNUTSFORD, WA16 6DL



Structure, Management and Governance

Christ Church PCC is a body corporate and operates under the *Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956* and the *Church Representation Rules*.

The PCC complies with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults). The PCC has adopted The House of Bishops' 'Promoting a Safer Church: safeguarding policy'; and diocesan safeguarding policies and practice guidance.

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

The PCC meets every two months and has three sub-committees: The Standing and Mission Committee, Finance Committee and Social Committee, which meet as required and report to the full PCC on a regular basis.

Membership comprises: - Standing and Mission Committee: Team Rector, Churchwardens, and PCC Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Finance Committee: Team Rector, Churchwardens, Treasurer plus one other member. Social Committee: PCC members plus other non-PCC members.

The Safeguarding Officer and Safety Officer report to the PCC as required.

Five members of the Church (in addition to the Team Rector) are on the Board of Governors of Christ Church and Cinnamon Brow CE Primary Schools.

Christ Church is part of the East Warrington Team of Churches, which also includes the Church of the Ascension, Birchwood & Woolston. Revd Neil Shaw, of Christ Church, is Team Rector of the Warrington East Team. He was appointed Area Dean of Warrington in April 2019 and was installed as a Canon Diocesan at Liverpool Cathedral in November 2019.

Objectives and Activities

The general functions of the PCC are stated within section 2 of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 and specifically that the PCC "is to co-operate with the minister in promoting in the Parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical."

When planning activities for the year, the PCC gave consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance to charities concerned with the advancement of religion.

At Christ Church we have adopted the following mission statement:-

*We, belonging to Christ's Church,
discover in our relationship with God
the love, joy and peace that he gives.
In Jesus Christ we find acceptance whatever our faults
and his willingness to walk with us whatever our circumstances.
Through the Holy Spirit we go out in forgiveness, power and strength,
with heads held high and hearts burning within us to witness and reflect his love in our interactions
with everyone we meet.*



We agreed that during 2023 we would:

- Support Church Collective in their developing mission
- Prepare for the Diocesan 'Fit for Mission' programme. Warrington Deanery is in the second cohort in 2023
- Build back our congregations following the COVID pandemic
- Engage with the 'Leading your Church into Growth' programme (LyCiG)
- Develop lay leadership and enable members to discover and use their gifts to a greater extent
- Increase our range of approaches for deepening discipleship, particularly those which might engage those who connect with us on a fringe basis
- Plan to develop closer links with local communities, such as Harpers Green independent living complex.

During 2023 the parish of Christ Church was extended, following the closure of the Church of the Resurrection, Cinnamon Brow in November 2022. Christ Church welcomed former members of the Church of the Resurrection to our congregations. During 2023 the Church of the Ascension in Woolston, the other church in the Warrington East Team of Churches, remained in interregnum.

In September 2023, Louise Appleby was licensed as a Lay Reader and now serves the parish with Revd Neil Shaw and Revd Heather Hadow (Curate).

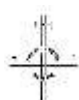
During 2023, two members of the PCC attended regular follow up meeting for the Leading your Church into Growth (LyCiG) programme. These members provided regular feedback to the PCC, helping the PCC to plan for growth. A group was set up to develop an action plan for LyCiG. As part of this initiative, we replaced our traditional sidespeople at services with 'welcomers', whose role is to welcome all attendees to services, especially those who are new or visitors, to sit with them and chat to then after the service, as appropriate.

Bible study sessions were held in May and a 'prayer chain' was set up to provide a fast response when people request prayer support, particularly in emergencies.

In November the PCC made the decision to join 'Fit for Mission', the Diocese of Liverpool's strategy to make four things our priorities - introducing people to Jesus, deepening discipleship, developing new Christian leaders and working for justice. Fit for Mission includes a plan to remove the weight of governance and administration that may get in the way of these priorities, by joining forces across wider areas and becoming larger parishes. The PCC decided that it wanted to engage in the Fit for Mission journey with other churches in the Warrington deanery starting in January 2024, so that we will have the opportunity to shape the future mission and ministry of the larger parish together. However the PCC feels that there are several barriers that could cause major problems in joining together with others in the way envisaged by Fit for Mission. During the 'Acting as if' phase of the programme (2024-25) we hope that these barriers can be discussed and resolved.

Christ Church hosts Church Collective which aims to fulfil God's call to plant a network of microchurches (called 'Collectives') across Warrington. Each Collective gives communities across Warrington an alternative expression of church, complementing the parish system. All Collectives share the same values: "we invite everyone to play their part as we worship creatively, love generously and serve locally."

Part of the mission of each Collective is to go to where people are, not expecting people to 'come to



us.' Hence, Collectives meet in different neighbourhoods, engage with different networks of people in schools, the university, coffee shops, church buildings, and in other appropriate spaces relevant to that specific community. Collectives are always looking to plant new groups of Jesus-centered, disciple making, Spirit led communities. Church Collective has a particular focus to reach the 'Missing Generation' as identified by the Church of England as the least represented group in the Church. Church Collective therefore positively prioritises the under 30s in terms of resources, time and style of gathering.

Church Collective is led by Revd Simon Renison, who during 2023 also fulfilled the role of University of Chester Chaplain in Warrington. Church Collective employs one full-time Youth Director and currently has a part-time vacancy for an Operations Manager. In addition, Church Collective has an ordinand working three days per week.

Christ Church hosts Church Collective on a zero-cost basis and funding for Church Collective is through the Church Commissioners' Strategic Development Funds. This financial support, together with additional secured funding, extends to March 2025.

Achievements and performance including review of charitable achievements against objectives

The following section summarises our main areas of activity and performance.

Electoral Roll

At the end of the year the Electoral Roll stood at 127. This is 32 fewer than at the end of 2022, since the number of people who have died, moved away or no longer attend considerably exceeds the number of new members. Previously, separate figures were given for resident and non-resident members, but the enlarged parish boundaries means that this distinction is no longer relevant.

Worship

Christ Church

On Sundays we hold our Parish Communion service at 11am. On the first Sunday of the month, this is preceded by a Said Communion morning service at 9am. On the second Sunday of the month, Parish Communion is replaced by an all-age worship service called 'Active Church', followed by a shortened Communion Service. In the evening we hold our REFRESH informal worship service. These are contemplative gatherings where we sing modern worship songs and make time for God to speak to us through the Holy Spirit. Our all-age SPACE service is held on the fourth Sunday of the month, in addition to the morning Parish Communion service.

Average attendance at Sunday Services is 55 adults and 3 children at the Parish Communion service, with averages of 8 adults at the 9am monthly service and 12 adults at the monthly REFRESH service. Average attendance for Active Church services are 56 adults and 24 children and for SPACE services, 10 adults and 8 children. These figures are similar to attendance in 2022.

Online services and talks, which originally started during lockdown, by Revd Neil Shaw and Revd Heather Haddow continue and are available via Christ Church Facebook.

A midweek communion service is held on Wednesday mornings, with an average attendance of 10 adults.

Baptism services are held on the first and third Sunday of every month, with a total of 26 (30 in 2022) children being baptised during the year. A special service is held every year when dollies made for each child at their baptism are presented to them. There were 5 weddings (6 in 2022) and 18



funerals (18 in 2022) during 2023.

Special services were also held in church. As well as a service on Remembrance Sunday, a remembrance service was held on 9 November by the 1330 (Warrington) Squadron Air Cadets which was attended by people from all over Warrington. In December the Christingle service attracted 273 adults and children.

The Carol Service, Christmas Eve crib service, Midnight Communion and Christmas Day services attracted a total of 385 adults and children (420 in 2022).

Church Collective

2023 was a year of missional opportunity and growth within Church Collective:

Three Collectives started (Smile Collective at St Margaret's School, Youth Collective in the Youth Zone and Student Collective in Vale College) and 3 continued to grow (Howley, Online and Town Centre).

At the start of September we counted and saw that 100 people in total would call Church Collective their home.

In partnership with Warrington Youth for Christ, we hosted two mission weeks, seeing over 8,000 young people across nine high schools. Both ended with a 'Fuse' gig, where the Gospel was proclaimed and many young people made a commitment to following Jesus. A number of these now attend Youth Collective.

Fifty people attended an Alpha course in the autumn.

We hosted four key events over the year: a series of Easter events, one of which was an 'immersive garden' experience on Good Friday, using high quality, in house produced video technology to immerse people into the story, at the University of Chester, Warrington; a 'weekend at home' inviting people to have a church weekend together full of teaching, worship and fun; our second birthday party marketplace, exhibiting all Church Collective has to offer; and Christmas, hosting over 20 different mission events throughout December.

2023 was also a year of challenges and shifts:

Two Collectives stopped (Time Square Collective at the University and Great Sankey Collective) and another Collective that we had permission to plant, was unable to start (Garden Collective at Meadowside School).

We tried to recruit a part-time Youth Worker, with no success. The Operations Manager (Bobbi Lee) and Resource and Creative Director (Mark Wilks), both left at the end of December, leaving a significant hole in the team, but providing opportunity for growth and development in different areas. (A full-time Youth Director, Pete McDade, has subsequently been appointed).

We continue to have more opportunities to plant Collectives than we have people to lead them, which is frustrating as Church Collective wants to see as many Collectives across the town as Jesus will ordain, so we can see yet more Christians impacted by the Gospel.

Finally, financial giving didn't hit the target we were praying it would. At the start of 2024 we have embarked on a giving campaign to rectify this.

Overall 2023 felt like a balance of joys and challenges. We are praying that this year we are able to shift that balance so we see continued growth as we embark on the Fit for Mission journey.

Church Collective continues to thank the PCC for its support, generosity and governance.



Church Organisations

The Mothers' Union enjoyed a varied monthly programme in 2023 including interesting speakers telling members about 'Teaching English in China', Walking the Camino de Santiago de Compostela', the Bali International conference for midwives, plus life at St Elphin's by Revd June Steventon. A guided visit around St Oswald's Church, Winwick was also on the agenda. There was a celebration of our Deanery Festival and also Mary Sumner Day (the founder of the Mothers' Union) at St Elphin's. Social events included a strawberries and cream tea, a harvest lunch and a meal at the Millhouse. Membership has been retained and fellowship enjoyed during 2023.

The **Fellowship Group** has continued to meet virtually on Zoom throughout 2023. The book 'Growing older and wiser' by Dale and Sandy Larsen, and also various Bible passages, including the gospel of Matthew were studied. The Group continues to pray for those who have asked for prayer, either for themselves or others who need prayers during difficult circumstances.

The **Choir** meets weekly and sings at the 11.00 service on the first Sunday of the month and at festivals. The choir hosts a new monthly event called **Harmony**, where favourite hymns and worship songs are chosen and sung by those attending. Each session has a guest speaker who shares something of their life and faith, as well as a Bible reading, prayers and information on the music and lyrics of the hymns selected for that month.

Pastoral Care to the Community

Our **Knit and Natter** group continues to meet on the first Saturday of every month and is an opportunity to share craft activities, fellowship and refreshments. This attracts non-church goers.

Our **Warm Spaces** initiative ended in January, but coffee shop continues to open every Wednesday from 10-12 pm for those attending weekday communion.

Communication with members of the congregation and the parish was maintained through Facebook and a weekly email to around 100 congregation members, which provides regular updates about church services and activities. The Revd Neil Shaw prepared weekly Morning Prayer service sheets for people to use in their private devotions. Paper copies of all communications were delivered to 12 people who do not have access to the internet or social media.

Youth and Children's Work

Active Church services are held once a month aimed at children and families. These services are very popular and include craft activities related to the theme of the service. **SPACE** services are held once a month in the afternoon and include **Songs, Prayers, Activities, Chat and Eat(ing)**.

Revd Neil Shaw and Curate Revd Heather Hadow lead school-based acts of worship at **Christ Church Primary School**. This comprises fortnightly assemblies as well as special festival celebrations in Church (Christmas, Easter, Harvest and a Leavers service). In addition, during 2023 school-based acts of worship were also led by the Revd Neil Shaw and Revd Simon Renison (Church Collective) at **Cinnamon Brow Primary School** (following the closure of the Church of the Resurrection, Cinnamon Brow) on a fortnightly basis, as well as an Easter service in church. Revd Neil Shaw led school-based worship at **Woolston Primary School** (during the interregnum at the Church of the Ascension, Woolston) twice per half term.

Curate Heather Hadow also ran three morning play sessions for children under five during August. Each session attracted about 20 children plus their carers, who all enjoyed play, games and free refreshments.



We continue to provide our **Open the Book** sessions to Christ Church Primary School and from November 2023, we started to provide sessions to Cinnamon Brow Primary School as well. We endeavour to provide at least one session per month for each school. The sessions are delivered by a small team of volunteers, who together with a class of children, tell and act out a Bible story using the resources provided by the Open the Book section of the Bible Society.

Charity & Fund Raising

The **Social Committee** and members of the congregation organised a range of events to raise funds, including a Last Night at the Proms Concert with the Band and Drums of the Cheshire Constabulary; concerts by Warrington Musical Society; a Coronation Party & Picnic to celebrate the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III; a Garden Party and the Christmas Tree Extravaganza; as well as a coffee morning.

Coffee mornings were held for various charities throughout the year, including the **Children's Society** and **Macmillan Nurses**. Also, a **Fairtrade** stall selling Fairtrade food and fairly traded crafts is held regularly in church.

Collections were held in church and online for **Christian Aid**, during Christian Aid week and for the Disasters Emergency Committee's **Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal**.

Our **Harvest** service was held in October and members of the congregation brought food items which were then donated to the Padgate branch of the **Warrington Food Bank**.

At our **Toy service** at the beginning of December, members of the congregation donated new toys for children who would otherwise have very little. These toys were then collected and distributed by the NSPCC.

The Mothers' Union again supported **Operation Christmas Child** and sent Christmas shoe boxes to the charity Samaritan's Purse.

The annual **Christingle Service** in December was attended by 273 adults and children. This service and the house boxes held by members of the congregation, together with a coffee morning, raised funds for the **Children's Society**. This year, this service was followed by our **Carols around the Tree** event which attracted over 200 people and featured carols played by a brass band, a nativity re-enactment by children from Christ Church School and carols sung by children from Cinnamon Brow School. There was also a food collection for **Padgate Food Bank**, as well as a cash collection for the Food Bank. This event to support the Food Bank is in addition to donations from our harvest service and our local collection point in church, which members of the congregation regularly support.

Church Buildings and Grounds

During 2023 all gutters and downspouts were cleared and a split downspout repaired on the north side of the nave. Debris and vegetation were cleared from the vestry roof, and broken slates were replaced and repointing carried out. Slates were repaired on the choir vestry roof, following a leak.

A replacement leaded window was fitted in the porch, following a break-in in December 2022.

The exterior floodlight on the East window was replaced with a new LED floodlight and outdoor sockets were fitted. The carpets were replaced in the vestry, clergy vestry and choir vestry.

The PCC discussed plans for changes in the church to create a space which is more usable and flexible and which could be used for community activities. Our priorities are improved toilet, kitchen and meeting room facilities, better disabled access and seating and more flexible space for mission and community activities, such as concerts and children's activities. A small group was formed to progress



these ideas and discussions took place with the church architect.

The Churchyard is cared for by the Friends of Christ Church Graveyard and by a team who are part of the Community Payback Scheme of the Ministry of Justice. The team has been very effective at keeping the graveyard tidy, by clearing leaves, strimming and mowing the grass and pruning shrubs. The team worked one day per week in the graveyard. We are very grateful to the supervisors and members of the Community Payback Team and the Ministry of Justice for helping to maintain the graveyard.

All the tree work recommended on 21 trees in the tree survey by Treewise Solutions was carried out in February 2023, following List B approval by the Archdeacon.

In the summer, the dilapidated fence between the car park and the Garden of Remembrance was replaced. The new fence was jointly funded by the Friends and the PCC of Christ Church.

The Friends Group held three clear-up days during 2023, and the 1330 Squadron Air Cadets held one clear-up morning and cleaned military graves. To honour the Coronation of King Charles III a camellia bush was planted in the front border of the Garden of Remembrance in May.

The Friends were successful in their application to Warrington Charities Trust for funds for another noticeboard and a plaque to commemorate infants and neo-natal babies buried throughout the graveyard. The noticeboard was ordered at the end of 2023 and will be installed in 2024. A full report on the activities of the Friends during 2023 can be found in the Friends Annual Report and Accounts year ending December 2023.

Communications

The publication of Christ Church's parish magazine, *Grapevine*, came to an end in March 2023, following the retirement of the long-serving editor, Sue Robinson. No replacement editor has yet been found.

Christ Church is on Facebook: **Christ Church Padgate**; Twitter: **@PadgateChurch** and YouTube. The **Friends of Christ Church Graveyard** is also on Facebook.

Christ Church website: www.ccpadgate.co.uk is undergoing re-development.

As noted above, a weekly email is circulated to around 100 members of Christ Church providing regular updates on church services and activities.

Plans for 2024

Christ Church:

- Supporting Church Collective in their developing mission
- Engaging with the Diocesan 'Fit for Mission' programme.
- Building back our congregations following the COVID pandemic
- Engaging with the 'Leading your Church into Growth' programme (LyCiG)
- Developing lay leadership and enabling members to discover and use their gifts to a greater extent through the 'Cultivate' programme as part of 'Fit for Mission'
- Increasing our range of approaches for deepening discipleship, particularly those which might engage those who connect with us on a more fringe basis



Church Collective:

- Establishing depth across Church Collective

In 2024 we are asking God for depth across Church Collective: depth in spiritual growth, seeing people commit to Jesus and being baptised/confirmed; depth in spiritual formation to see key discipleship imperatives outworked in people such as prayer, worship, giving and service; and depth in people to be raised up and released into leadership, to outwork the aim of having at least 8 Collectives by the end of 2024.

Financial Review

The PCC continued to review the costs of running the church, making decisions that show the church's commitment given to the Diocese in 2012 to pay all liabilities as they fall due, including the Parish share.

The PCC is registered with the Charities Commission in England and Wales reference number 1178871.

Report on Accounts for 2023

The attached accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023 show that the overall income raised in 2023 across all funds was £96424 (£94064 in 2022).

Overall Planned giving decreased by 4.6% compared to 2022 being £45446 in 2023 (£47641 in 2022)

There have been several problems during the year with the card reader machine that was installed at the back of church last year so that contactless donations and gifts could be made, mainly due to the reader being unable to connect to the church internet which have been solved by strengthening the booster signal.

The contactless gifts received during 2023 amounted to £933.00 (£770 in 2022), this is included in Collections and other giving.

The money received from Fees for weddings and funerals increased by £981 (being £10500 in 2023 compared to £9519 in 2022).

In February 2023 in recognition of the energy crisis the Diocese gave a grant of £615 (£1000 in 2022) towards heating costs.

Various fundraising events were held during the year raising a total of £4604.00. These included King Charles III Coronation Garden Party (£568), Last Night of Proms (£1383), the Christmas Tree Extravaganza (£1466), Warrington Musical Society concerts (£175), and a Coffee Morning (£1062).

The Carols around the Christmas Tree event held in December 2023 made an overall profit of £1204.29 which was shared with the Padgate Foodbank (£602).

The Parish Share decreased by 3%, being £76499 in 2023 compared to £78866 in 2022.

In 2022 in recognition of the continued pressure on church finances during the pandemic, Liverpool Diocese allowed a Parish Share credit of £3128 in 2022 and an Archdeacon's credit of £12707 which meant that we actually had to pay £63031, plus the one month arrears from 2021, resulting in a total payment of £69098 in 2022. We have received no such help in 2023, but we managed to pay £63749 in 2023 leaving a shortfall of £12750 outstanding.

The other running costs of the church show an overall increase of £650 being £27469 in 2023



(£26819 in 2022).

The total energy costs for the year have increased by £1710 in 2023 to £7451 (£5741 in 2022) and are broken down as:

Gas £5395 (£4479 in 2022), Electricity £1608 (£922 in 2022) and Water £448 (£340 in 2022).

Savings of £2156 have been made in Printing and Stationery costs mainly due to the non-publication of the Church magazine since March 2023.

The repairs figure of £4522 includes £1506 for replacing the window in the porch which was smashed during a burglary. This cost was covered by the insurance claim received in 2023. The repairs figure also includes £580 on vestry carpets, £780 on roof repairs and £354 deposit for a new notice board.

The balance in the Reserve Account at the year end 31/12/2023 has increased to £14728 (£11195 in 2022), this is due to some legacy moneys being retained for future use.

Church Collective Fund

Since July 2021 Church Collective is being hosted by Christ Church Padgate and their finances are being administered through a restricted fund by the PCC and overseen by Liverpool Diocese.

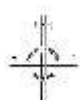
The accounts for the collective are shown within the other funds for completeness, there is no cost incurred by Christ Church in administering this fund.

Reserves Policy

In 2021 as the church is a registered charity the PCC agreed that it would be prudent to retain two months running costs amounting to £15000, as a reserve. This is in line with Diocesan guidelines. In 2022 this amount was reduced to £10000 in order to assist with pressures on cash-flow. This policy is reviewed regularly.

Performance of Investments

Investments are placed with the CCLA in the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund. These investments attracted £909 interest in 2023 (£367 in 2022).



Christ Church Padgate
Accounts for year ended 31st December 2023
General Fund

	2023	2023	2022	2022
Receipts				
Voluntary Income				
Planned Giving	45446		47641	
Collections & Other Giving	7516		6699	
Income Tax Recovered	11696	64658	11956	66296
Other Voluntary Income				
Fees	8869		6936	
Sundry Donations	50		100	
Donations for Charities	67	8987	112	7148
Events & Activities				
Social Functions	1456		0	
Sale Goods & Books	360		130	
Magazine Donations/Adverts	276	2091	1850	1980
Other Income				
Transfers from Reserve fund	7500		13000	
Area Dean Grant	1000		1000	
LDBF Grants	828		1557	
Insurance Claims	1674	11002		15557
TOTAL RECEIPTS		86738		90981
Payments				
Grants				
Christian Relief & Develop. Agencies	0		0	
Home Mission & Church Societies				
Secular Charities	786	786		0
Support Costs				
Sunday School & Walking Day	0		0	
Training Books/Notes/Videos	815		1151	
Subscriptions to Other Bodies	980	1795	918	2069
Relating to the Work of the Church				
Parish Share	63749		69098	
Clergy Expenses	324		460	
Vicarage Rates/Water	3548		3295	
Upkeep of Services	293		457	
Organist/Cleaner/Verger	724		570	
Building & Maintenance	836		830	
Light/Heat/Water	7451		5741	
Sundry Expenses	2593		2089	
Social Function Costs	740			
		80258		82539
Administration				
Printing & Stationery	680		2836	
Insurance	3177		3476	
		3857		6312
TOTAL PAYMENTS		86696		90919
Surplus/ (Deficit) for the Year		42		61
Bank Account as at 1st January		224		163
Bank account as at 31st December		266		224



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RESERVE FUND

Receipts	2023	2023	2022	2022
D&B Binks Wine Tasting	0		307	
Donations	5547		7022	
Legacies	3445		0	
Central Board of Finance Interest	909		367	
	0		0	
Coffee Morning	1062		632	
Jubilee Garden Party	0		807	
Last Night of Proms	1383		1441	
Kings Cornation Party	568		0	
Christmas tree extravaganza	1466		1532	
WMS Concert	175		279	
Coffee shop	1000		1000	
	0		0	
	0		0	
		15555		13386
Payments				
Repairs & Renewals	4522		4998	
Transfer to General Fund	7500		13000	
		12022		17998
Surplus		3533		-4612
Balance at 1st January		11195		15807
Balance at 31st December		14728		11195

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Burial Ground Fund Designated Funds

	2023	2022
Receipts		
Memorials and tablets		
Burials	1631	2583
Grants	0	0
Repayment from LDBF	0	0
	1631	2583
Payments		
Burial Ground Expenses	1770	230
Tree Survey	0	0
	1770	230
Surplus/Deficit for year	-139	2353
Bank Deposit Account as at 1st January	9582	7229
Bank Deposit Account as at 31st December	9443	9582

Burial Ground Restricted Fund

Endowment received Oct 2013

Receipts		
Payments		
Bank account balance at 1st January	15000	15000
Bank account balance at 31st December	15000	15000



Church Day School Trust Account
Restricted Funds

Receipts		
Bank interest	0	0
Payments	0	0
Suplus for year	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Bank Deposit account as at 1st January	92	92
Bank Deposit account as at 31st December	92	92

Flower Fund
Designated Fund

Receipts	57	114
Payments	<u>124</u>	<u>298</u>
Surplus/Deficit for year	-67	-184
Balance in bank at 1st January	72	256
Balance in bank at 31st December	5	72

Christ Church Coffee Shop

	2023	2022
Income:		
Mondays		
Tuesdays		
Wednesdays		
Thursdays		
Donations		
Other Income	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Expenditure		
Fairtrade Stock		
Non Stock Expenditure		
Community Party		
Other Payments	0	180
Bank charges		15
Donation to Church	<u>1017</u>	<u>1000</u>
	<u>1017</u>	<u>1195</u>
Profit for the year	-1017	-1195
Balance in Hand at 1st January	1017	2212
Balance in Hand at 31st December	0	1017

NB Closed fund as Coffee Shop is no longer trading
Money split £1000 to General fund and £17 to Flower fund



Christ Church Padgate

Church Collective

Restricted

Note Started 01/07/21

	2023	2023	2023	2022	2022	2022
Receipts						
LDBF Funding			65619			35502
Henry Smith Foundation Grant			19500			19400
Planned Giving		9442			8360	
Tax Recovered		3086			2160	
Sundry Donations		1296			3060	
University Chester		6566			2511	
Warrington Charities Trust		0			1002	
Cheshire Evangelical Trust		2574				
Bank Interest		167	23131			17093
Total Income			<u>108250</u>			<u>71995</u>
Expenditure						
Staff Costs						
Payroll	50601			37157		
Clergy Housing	<u>2694</u>			<u>4189</u>		
		53295			41346	
Operational Costs						
Travel & Exps	4421			2596		
Other Costs	17400			5982		
Rental Of Meeting Space	<u>6325</u>			<u>2477</u>		
		28146			11055	
Total Revenue Expenditure		<u>81441</u>			<u>52401</u>	
Capital Costs						
		<u>608</u>			<u>-149</u>	
Overall Expenditure			<u>82049</u>			<u>52252</u>
Surplus/Deficit for year			26201			19743
Balance as at 1st January			35768			16025
Balance as at 31st December			61969			35768



Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st December 2023

Monetary Assets	General	School	Burial Ground	Fabric Fund	Flower Fund	Collective Fund	Restricted Funds	Coffee Shop	Total
Barclays Bank C/A	266		5509	4459	5	40844		0	51083
Barclays Bank D/A		93							93
CBF Deposit Fund			3934	10268		20167	15000		49369
Cash in hand						3			3
SOLDO cards						956			956
Total	266	93	9443	14728	5	61970	15000	0	101504

Parish Share Account

				2021	2022
Outstanding Balances b/fwd	0	Jan	0.00		
		Feb	6374.92	Share	77322
Share for 2023	76499.09	Mar	6374.92	Parish Cre	-4032
Parish share Credit		Apr	6374.92	Parish Credit	-12707
Parish share Credit		May	6374.92	to pay	73290
Paid in year	63749.20	Jun	0.00		63031.18
		Jul	6374.92		
Balance c/fwd	12749.89	Aug	6374.92		
		Sep	0.00		
		Oct	12749.84		
	<u>76499.09</u>	Nov	6374.92		
	<u>76499.09</u>	Dec	6374.92		
Balance represented by					
November Share	6374.92				
December Share	6374.92				
Rounding	0.05				
	<u>12749.89</u>				



Christ Church Padgate
Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Total income	94,699	108,250	-	202,949	165,952
Total expenditure	92,233	82,049	-	174,282	148,309
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	2,466	26,201	-	28,668	17,643
Transfers:					
Gross transfers between funds - in	4,540	-	-	4,540	7,839
Gross transfers between funds - out	(4,540)	-	-	(4,540)	(7,839)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	2,466	26,201	-	28,668	17,643
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	21,448	35,768	15,000	72,217	54,573
Total funds carried forward	23,914	61,970	15,000	100,884	72,217
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General Fund	266	-	-	266	224
Designated					
Burial Ground Fund	9,442	-	-	9,442	9,581
Coffee Shop	-	-	-	-	1,017
Fabric Fund	14,202	-	-	14,202	10,555
Flower Fund	4	-	-	4	71
Restricted					
Church Collective	-	61,970	-	61,970	35,768
Endowment					
Burial Ground Fund	-	-	15,000	15,000	15,000
Total funds	23,914	61,970	15,000	100,884	72,217

There may be minor discrepancies in the totals if the pence are not being shown

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Analysis of income and expenditure
Selected period: 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies						
0101 - Gift Aid - SO	5,527	-	-	-	5,527	5,891
0105 - Gift Aid - Parish Giving Scheme	29,886	-	7,095	-	36,982	38,081
0110 - Gift Aid - Envelopes	1,655	-	-	-	1,655	2,486
0201 - Non Gift Aid Envelopes	1,621	-	-	-	1,621	1,737
0202 - Non GA SO	6,940	-	-	-	6,940	7,525
0205 - Non Gift Aid Parish Giving Scheme	3,744	-	140	-	3,884	3,685
0301 - Loose plate collections	3,765	-	551	-	4,316	2,785
0405 - Sundry Donations	8,017	200	744	-	8,963	9,028
0501 - One-off Gift Aid gifts	10	-	2,206	-	2,216	1,800
0550 - Donations appeals etc	1,455	-	-	-	1,455	-
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	10,385	-	2,914	-	13,300	13,158
0605 - Tax Recoverable - Small Donations Repayment Scheme	1,310	-	171	-	1,482	957
0801 - Recurring grants - Area Dean	1,000	-	-	-	1,000	1,000
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	1,201	-	2,574	-	3,775	1,000
0901 - Fundraising	4,723	-	-	-	4,723	4,896
804 - Warrington Charities Trust	-	-	-	-	-	1,002
Donations and legacies Totals	81,244	200	16,398	-	97,843	95,035
Income from charitable activities						
1101 - Fees for weddings and funerals	8,439	1,595	-	-	10,034	8,964
1210 - Bookstall sales to promote objectives	277	-	-	-	277	-
Income from charitable activities Totals	8,716	1,595	-	-	10,311	8,964
Other trading activities						
1220 - Book sales - fund raising	82	-	-	-	82	125
1250 - Magazine income - advertising	158	-	-	-	158	1,229
1260 - Magazine Donations	118	-	-	-	118	621
902 - Coffee Shop	-	-	-	-	-	2,196
Other trading activities Totals	358	-	-	-	358	4,172
Investments						
1020 - Bank and building society interest	909	-	166	-	1,075	367
Investments Totals	909	-	166	-	1,075	367
Other income						
0802 - Church Collective Grant	-	-	65,618	-	65,618	35,502
0803 - Henry Smith Foundation	-	-	19,500	-	19,500	19,400
0804 - University of Chester	-	-	6,565	-	6,565	2,510
1310 - Insurance claims	1,874	-	-	-	1,874	-
Other income Totals	1,874	-	91,684	-	93,358	57,412

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						Total
	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Income and endowments Grand totals	92,903	1,795	108,249	-	202,949	165,952
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds						
1730 - Costs of fates & other events	740	-	-	-	740	-
Raising funds Totals	740	-	-	-	740	-
Expenditure on charitable activities						
1732 - Coffee Shop	-	-	-	-	-	180
1870 - Secular charities	602	-	-	-	602	-
1910 - Ministry parish share etc	63,749	-	-	-	63,749	69,097
2101 - Working expenses of incumbent	-	-	371	-	371	116
2120 - Council tax - Vicarage	3,001	-	2,037	-	5,039	4,598
2140 - Water rates - vicarage	547	-	-	-	547	435
2170 - Education	160	-	-	-	160	-
2201 - Parish training and mission	-	-	2,000	-	2,000	160
2301 - Church running - insurance	3,176	-	-	-	3,176	3,475
2310 - Church office - telephone	1,674	-	118	-	1,792	1,624
2330 - Church maintenance	4,521	770	-	-	5,291	4,948
2331 - Cleaning	200	-	-	-	200	200
2332 - Repairs - Waste Disposal	635	-	-	-	635	666
2340 - Upkeep of services	377	87	11	-	477	478
2350 - Upkeep of Graveyard	-	1,000	-	-	1,000	230
2360 - Administration	733	36	1,125	-	1,895	979
2361 - Administration Magazine	356	-	-	-	356	2,758
2362 - Subscriptions	972	-	375	-	1,348	1,256
2401 - Church running - electric	1,608	-	-	-	1,608	1,172
2410 - Church running - gas	5,394	-	-	-	5,394	4,478
2420 - Church running - water	447	-	-	-	447	340
2501 - Magazine expenses	272	-	-	-	272	-
2510 - Bookstall costs	-	-	-	-	-	130
2601 - Governance costs examination/audit fee	166	-	-	-	166	162
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	88,599	1,894	6,041	-	96,535	97,490
Other expenditure						
1735 - Outreach Costs	-	-	8,350	-	8,350	3,477
1736 - Rentals (Small Gatherings)	-	-	4,325	-	4,325	2,226
2002 - Wages Collective	-	-	39,409	-	39,409	27,854
2003 - Staff costs PAYE etc	-	-	7,658	-	7,658	6,770
2004 - Staff Costs Pension	-	-	3,533	-	3,533	2,531
2102 - Curates Expenses	433	-	-	-	433	112
2105 - Travel Exps - Collective	-	-	1,085	-	1,085	916
2132 - Curates Housing Rates	-	-	-	-	-	1,626
2142 - Water Collective	-	-	656	-	656	785
2202 - Training & Development	-	-	6,864	-	6,864	1,579
2315 - Internet Collective	-	-	240	-	240	360
2333 - Minor repairs Collective	-	-	25	-	25	85
2363 - Software	-	-	350	-	350	649
2364 - Licences & Fees	10	-	977	-	987	462

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						Total
	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
2405 - Collective Office Costs	-	-	1,124	-	1,124	598
2406 - Rental of Storage Unit	-	-	581	-	581	-
2515 - Books for School	555	-	-	-	555	700
2516 - Books Collective	-	-	217	-	217	229
6432 - Office Equipment & Furniture	-	-	607	-	607	(149)
Other expenditure Totals	999	-	76,066	-	77,066	50,817
Expenditure Grand totals	90,338	1,894	82,048	-	174,281	148,308

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Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of CHRIST CHURCH PADGATE
on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023, as set out on
pages 11 to 18 of your Annual Report.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC 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 PCC concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the 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 Charities Act;
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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.

Signed:



Date:

24/2/24

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