

Christ Church, Padgate

Inviting people to experience God's love

Annual Report and Accounts of the Parochial Church Council



Year Ending 31 December 2024

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 2024, up to the Annual Parochial Church meeting on 6 April 2025, 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	To end of September 2024	
Revd Emma Stonier	Curate Christ Church	From July 2024	
Revd Simon Renison	Leader Church Collective		
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.	To July 2024	
<i>Elected Members</i>			<i>Elected</i>
Louise Appleby	Lay Reader		2023
Hilary Brown			2022
Alan Clayton		Vice-chair	2024
Edward Collinson			2024
Debbie Jacques		Treasurer	2023
Laura Lawrence			2022
Jill Perfect		Secretary	2023
Ruth Waterfield		Gift-aid Secretary	2023

Non-PCC Officers

Susan Kirby	Safeguarding Officer (until December 2024)
Hannah Austin	Safeguarding Officer (from December 2024)
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. Winnington Hall, NORTHWICH, CW8 4DU



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 2024 we would:

- Support Church Collective in their developing mission



- Engage with the Diocesan 'Fit for Mission' programme
- 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 through the 'Cultivate' programme as part of 'Fit for Mission'
- Increase our range of approaches for deepening discipleship, particularly those which might engage those who connect with us on a more fringe basis
- Establish depth across Church Collective

In July 2024 Revd Emma Stonier was licensed as curate at Christ Church. Revd Stonier was due to serve her curacy at St Elphin's Church, but transferred to Christ Church following the death of the Revd Canon June Steventon. Our curate Revd Heather Haddow finished her curacy at Christ Church at the end of September and in November was licensed as Associate Priest of St Cuthbert's, Wrose and St John's, Greengates at Holy Trinity Church, Idle, Bradford .

We developed our plans to take forward the Leading your Church into Growth (LyCiG) programme, to help the PCC to plan for growth. A sermon series on the LyCiG principles was delivered and ways of helping people to grow in confidence to invite others to church events were discussed.

Following our decision last year to join 'Fit for Mission', in February the PCC undertook a Pyramid Review, led by a Diocesan facilitator Anthony Clowes, followed by a review in July. We assessed our leadership, community, discipleship, worship and mission and considered what we can celebrate, our challenges and what we can change. We devised a short missional statement – 'Inviting people to experience God's love'.

Also as part of preparation for Fit for Mission, our Treasurer attends regular meetings of Treasurers from other parishes to discuss financial procedures and other members of the PCC have attended meetings to discuss the transition to a single, larger parish.

During the summer, members of Christ Church attended the Shape Course, held in conjunction with the Church of the Ascension at Woolston, where we looked at our skills, abilities, life experiences and spiritual gifts and discussed how we fit into God's plans. This was followed in the autumn by the Cultivate Course, held at a Deanery level, where we explored the reasons and need for new worship communities and justice initiatives and how to grow communities and leaders.

Christ Church hosts Church Collective which aims to fulfil God's call to plant a network of worshipping communities (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."

The mission of Church Collective is to start new Collectives which engage with people 'where they are', in community spaces, schools etc. and in other appropriate spaces relevant to that specific community. 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, employs one full-time Youth Director and a part-time 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 extends to the end of 2025, although additional secured funding will allow part of the work to continue to the end of 2026.

In mid-2024 Revd Neil Shaw announced his intention to retire from ministry at Easter 2025. Warrington Deanery is now responsible for funding its own clergy with the target number of stipendiary clergy being eight. This means that stipendiary clergy are, or will be, responsible for two parishes. Consequently, the next incumbent of Christ Church would probably have to take on additional responsibilities, rather than minister to Christ Church alone.

It was therefore proposed to the PCC that Simon Renison, leader of Church Collective and licensed to Christ Church, should take over as incumbent at Christ Church, but also continue to lead Church Collective. This amalgamation was agreed unanimously by the PCC and was announced to the congregation in September, after being agreed by Deanery Synod. It was ratified by the Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee in November 2024.

The PCC consider that this is a positive opportunity and presents exciting possibilities for Christ Church. Christ Church has hosted Church Collective since 2021 and amalgamation is a logical next step. Christ Church has tried over the years to extend its mission and amalgamation with Church Collective is acknowledged as a good opportunity to increase our efforts.

We are very fortunate to be able to have a handover period which will start from 16 March 2025, with the formal amalgamation starting after Easter when Revd Renison will be in post.

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 121. This is 6 fewer than at the end of 2023, since the number of people who have died, moved away or no longer attend slightly 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 now less 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.

Average attendance at Sunday Services is 58 adults and 2 children at the Parish Communion service, with an average of 9 adults at the 9am monthly service. Average attendance for Active Church services is 55 adults and 27 children. These figures are similar to attendance in 2023.

A midweek communion service is held on Wednesday mornings, with an average attendance of 12 adults.

Two of our monthly services, REFRESH, an informal evening worship service, and our all-age Sunday afternoon SPACE service, ended in 2024. Bubble Church for children and families at St Andrew's



Church, Orford, now caters for those who formerly attended the SPACE service.

Baptism services are held on the first and third Sunday of every month, with a total of 22 (26 in 2023) 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 18 confirmations, 3 weddings (5 in 2023) and 17 funerals (18 in 2023) during 2024.

Special services were also held in church. In April we held a service to remember babies and infants who have died and who are buried in our churchyard, sometimes in unknown locations. The service started in church and then moved to the churchyard where we blessed a memorial plaque. In June we held a commemorative service for Eve Stratford, who was killed in 1975. Her former school friends raised funds for a new gravestone, and a service in church was followed by a blessing around the grave.

As well as a service on Remembrance Sunday, a remembrance service was held on 7 November by the 1330 (Warrington) Squadron Air Cadets which was attended by people from all over Warrington.

Good Friday and Easter Day services attracted a total of 164 adults and children. 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 428 adults and children (385 in 2023).

Our Lent course in 2024 was held in conjunction with the Church of the Ascension, Woolston.

During 2024, we held some 'Come and Share' sessions before our main Sunday service, which involved sharing faith journeys, as well as 'Bible and prayer time' on Wednesday mornings, looking at St John's Gospel. Each Friday during Advent we held 'Advent prayers', an informal service of morning prayer.

In November we held a Welcome Afternoon Tea for those who are new to Christ Church, or who have been attending for a couple of years, so that we could get to know each other.

Church Collective

Key highlights for Church Collective in 2024 include:

- Six Collectives were planted - four 'Stay and Praise Collectives' in four different schools and two for youth.
- Two new staff members joined the team - Hannah Austin as part time Operations and Admin Manager, and Pete McDade, full time Youth Director.
- In the autumn, Church Collective reached a significant milestone of 199 people attending Collectives across one week. That is (almost) 100 new people within one year finding their home within a Collective. The mission of Church Collective is therefore working. A key area of development in 2024 was discipleship, and finding additional spaces where people could grow in their faith in Jesus.
- Since the start of Church Collective we have held Howley Collective on a Sunday morning. Over the autumn, Howley Collective has slowly changed into a 'weekly service' to offer people from all Collectives a space where they can really deepen their faith, have a longer time of sung worship and teaching and share communion.
- In addition, a number of leaders underwent 'Location Based Collective' training, to discern if God is calling them to plant a Collective which is more discipleship based, encouraging a space where



people can deepen their faith. Our prayer is that a number of 'Location Based Collectives' can be planted in 2025.

- Additional highlights include two FUSE youth mission weeks in collaboration with Warrington Youth for Christ, a summer party, a light party at Halloween, volunteering at the Creamfields Festival, a flag festival, several litter picks, Year 6 transition sessions to high school and Easter and Christmas services.

Church Organisations

The **Mothers' Union** membership remained stable in 2024, with a couple of new members, but also a few members are now unable to get to meetings because of ill health.

The group enjoyed a varied programme last year including 'Guess that Tune', a talk by a lady who has a wide collection of unusual hats, two social afternoons with the Longbarn Ukulele Band, two excellent meals in the summer and at Christmas at the Mill House, Cinnamon Brow, plus a Christmas card craft making afternoon. There is no official leader at moment as both previous leaders have completed six years in the role. They are continuing to help on a voluntary basis with great support from other members, including the treasurer, who is also retiring, but has continued to help with the accounts and finances.

A programme for 2025 will be displayed on the notice board in church and the MU looks forward to another busy year. Visitors are welcome to any of the afternoon meetings.

The **Fellowship Group** has continued to meet virtually on Zoom throughout 2024. The gospel of Matthew was 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 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.

A monthly group, **The Golden Girls**, was set up for widowed, divorced or single ladies to meet for a time of mutual support and informal chat in the meeting room at the Station House pub opposite church.

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. 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 those 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.

Revds Neil Shaw and Simon Renison and Curates Revds Heather Haddow and Emma Stonier led school-based acts of worship at **Christ Church Primary School** and **Cinnamon Brow Primary School**. This comprised fortnightly assemblies as well as special festival celebrations in Church (Christmas,



Easter, Harvest and Leavers services).

We continue to provide our **Open the Book** sessions to both Christ Church Primary School and Cinnamon Brow Primary School. 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 Garden Party and the Christmas Tree Extravaganza; as well as a coffee morning.

A coffee morning was held to raise funds for **Macmillan Nurses**. Collections were held in church and online for **Christian Aid**, during Christian Aid week and a cake sale raised funds for the **North West Air Ambulance Service**. Also, a **Fairtrade** stall selling Fairtrade food and fairly traded crafts is held regularly in church.

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 228 adults and children. This service and the house boxes held by members of the congregation, raised funds for the **Children's Society**. This service was again 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 cash collection for **Padgate 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 Building and Grounds

During 2024 the front door and porch window frames were painted as bare wood was exposed in places. A new electrical circuit board was installed and an air curtain heater was fitted above the main door.

Following a demonstration of the Church Collective audio equipment, the stand alone speakers were set up, which has improved the audio experience in church, and a new speaker was purchased for external use.

The Re-ordering Committee continued discussions with the church architect on 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 a more flexible space for mission and community activities, such as concerts and children's activities. A pre-application enquiry via the online Faculty system and a Statement of Significance & Need were submitted to establish whether these proposals were accepted in principle, and further details have been requested by the Diocese. Following the decision



to amalgamate with Church Collective, further discussions have taken 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. This 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.

Two new notice boards were installed and the struts on the main noticeboard were replaced. New church gates were installed and levelling of some of the paths, including the path by the main gate, was carried out, as recommended in the Quinquennial Review.

A dead tree was felled in the Garden of Remembrance and work on the trees in the car park, which are a Diocesan responsibility, has at last been carried out.

A guidance leaflet for the Garden of Remembrance was produced and circulated.

The Friends Group held four clear-up days during 2024, and the 1330 Squadron Air Cadets held one clear-up morning and cleaned military graves.

The Friends were again successful in being selected as a local community cause for the Co-op. Funds will be added to the Friends' grant allocation when people shop at the Co-op and chose the Friends as their local cause.

A full report on the activities of the Friends during 2024 can be found in the Friends Annual Report and Accounts year ending December 2024.

Communications

Christ Church is on Facebook: **Christ Church Padgate**. The **Friends of Christ Church Graveyard** is also on Facebook.

Christ Church website: <https://christchurch-padgate.co.uk/> is in 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 2025

Christ Church:

- Work to bring about a positive and hope-filled amalgamation with Church Collective, so that this significant change is balanced and sensitive and meets the needs of both Christ Church and Church Collective.
- Engage with the developing Diocesan 'Fit for Mission' programme.
- Develop lay leadership and enable members to discover and use their gifts to a greater extent following the 'Cultivate' programme as part of 'Fit for Mission'.
- Continue to develop the reordering proposals, so that our church building can meet the needs of our mission.



Church Collective:

- Work to bring about a positive and hope-filled amalgamation with Christ Church, so that this significant change is balanced and sensitive and meets the needs of both Church Collective and Christ Church.
- Plant new Collectives - in 2025 we hope to see new Collectives planted - two are already in the pipeline (Wine and the Way Collective and Kids Collective) and hopefully a few Location Based Collectives.

Financial Review

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 paying 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 2024

The attached accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024 show that the overall income raised in 2024 across all funds was £347,500 (£96,424 in 2023). The bulk of this increase has come from two legacies received in 2024 totalling £242,959 and money received from the closure of Church of the Resurrection bank accounts which totalled £13,000. If these amounts are excluded, the income for 2024 is £91,542 i.e. a decrease in overall income of £4,882.

Overall planned giving increased by 0.9% compared to 2023 being £45,864 in 2024 (£45,446 in 2023). The contactless gifts received via the card machine during 2024 amounted to £1,816 (£933 in 2023). This is included in Collections and other giving.

The money received from fees for weddings and funerals decreased by £249 (being £10,251 in 2024 compared to £10,500 in 2023).

In February 2023 in recognition of the energy crisis, the Diocese gave a grant of £615 towards heating costs, but we received no such grant in 2024.

Various fundraising events were held during the year raising a total of £5,273. These included the Garden Party (£1,727); Last Night of the Proms (£1,767); the Christmas Tree Extravaganza (£1,388); Warrington Musical Society concerts (£150) and a coffee morning (£241).

The Parish Share charged remained at the same level in 2024 as 2023 being £76,501. We managed to pay £63,749 in 2023 leaving a shortfall of £12,750 outstanding. This has been paid from Deanery funds. In 2024 we paid £44,626 leaving a balance of £31,875 outstanding. We have been informed that the Deanery will pay £8,000 leaving Christ Church to pay £23,875 in 2025 together with the 2025 Parish Share.

The other running costs of the church show an overall increase of £9,862 being £37,331 (£27,469 in 2023).

The total energy costs for the year have increased by £1,274 in 2024 to £8,725 (£7,451 in 2023) and are broken down as:

Gas £6,692 (£5,395 in 2023), Electricity £1,545 (£1,608 in 2023) and Water £488 (£448 in 2023).



The repairs figure of £11,972 includes £3,350 for paths; £2,390 for electrical inspection and a new circuit board; £1476 for new church gates; £574 for repairs to gate and notice board posts; £745 for air curtain purchase and installation; £724 for exterior painting of porch window frames and door; £409 for purchase of speaker system for exterior use and £354 balance for a new notice board.

The balance in the Reserve Account at the yearend 31/12/2024 has increased to £271,082 (£14,728 in 2023), this is due to the legacy moneys being retained for future use.

Church Collective Fund

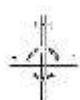
Since July 2021 Church Collective is being hosted by Christ Church Padgate and their finances are being administered through a restricted fund by the PCC and overseen by Liverpool Diocese. The accounts for the collective are shown within the other funds for completeness, there is no cost incurred by 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 2 months running costs amounting to £15000, as a reserve. This is in line with the Diocese 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 £1551 interest in 2024 (£909 in 2023)



Christ Church Padgate
Accounts for year ended 31st December 2024
General Fund

	2024	2024	2023	2023
Receipts				
Voluntary Income				
Planned Giving	45864		45446	
Collections & Other Giving	7020		7516	
Income Tax Recovered	11388	64272	11696	64658
Other Voluntary Income				
Fees	7214		8869	
Sundry Donations	0		50	
Donations for Charities	579	7793	67	8987
Events & Activities				
Social Functions	0		1456	
Sale Goods & Books	72		360	
Magazine Donations/Adverts	0	72	276	2091
Other Income				
Transfers from Reserve fund			7500	
Area Dean Grant	500		1000	
LDBF Grants	2500		828	
Insurance Claims	0	3000	1674	11002
TOTAL RECEIPTS		75137		86738
Payments				
Grants				
Christian Relief & Develop. Agencies	0		0	
Home Mission & Church Societies				
Secular Charities	576	576	786	786
Support Costs				
Sunday School & Walking Day	0		0	
Training Books/Notes/Videos	832		815	
Subscriptions to Other Bodies	1215	2047	980	1795
Relating to the Work of the Church				
Parish Share	44626		63749	
Clergy Expenses	1454		324	
Vicarage Rates/Water	3632		3548	
Upkeep of Services	449		293	
Organist/Cleaner/Verger	720		724	
Building & Maintenance	1537		836	
Light/Heat/Water	8725		7451	
Sundry Expenses	2648		2593	
Social Function Costs	47	63838	740	80258



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RESERVE FUND

Receipts	2024	2024	2023	2023
Donations	3699		5547	
Legacies	244803		3445	
Transfer from Church of Resurrection	13000		0	
Central Board of Finance Interest	1551		909	
Coffee Morning	241			
Garden Party	1727		1062	
Last Night of Proms	1767		1383	
Kings Cornation Party	0		568	
Christmas tree extravaganza	1388		1466	
WMS Concert	150		175	
Coffee shop	0		1000	
	0		0	
		268326		15555
Payments				
Repairs & Renewals	11972		4522	
Transfer to General Fund	0		7500	
		11972		12022
Surplus		256354		3533
Balance at 1st January		14728		11195
Balance at 31st December		271082		14728



		Christ Church Padgate			
		Burial Ground Fund			
		Designated Funds			
			2024		2023
Receipts					
Memorials and tablets					
Burials		3037.25		1631	
Grants		1000		0	
Repayment from LDBF		0		0	
			4037		1631
Payments					
Burial Ground Expenses		0		1770	
Tree Survey		0		0	
			0		1770
Surplus/Deficit for year			4037		-139
Bank Deposit Account as at 1st January			9443		9582
Bank Deposit Account as at 31st December			13480		9443
		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			1		1
Payments			0		0
Suplus for year			1		1
Bank Deposit account as at 1st January			93		92
Bank Deposit account as at 31st December			94		93
		Flower Fund			
		Designated Fund			
Receipts			265		57
Payments			90		124
Surplus/Deficit for year			175		-67
Balance in bank at 1st January			5		72
Balance in bank at 31st December			180		5



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Church Collective

Restricted

Note Started 01/07/21

	2024	2024	2024	2023	2023	2023
Receipts						
LDBF Funding			66225			65619
Henry Smith Foundation Grant			17100			19500
Belfry Grant			60000			
Planned Giving		14357			9442	
Tax Recovered		3527			3086	
Sundry Donations		2702			1296	
University Chester		0			6566	
Warrington Charities Trust		899			0	
Cheshire Evangelical Trust		2574			2574	
One off Grant Stay and Praise		855			0	
Fundraising		663			0	
Bank Interest		1071	26648		167	23131
Total Income			<u>169973</u>			<u>108250</u>
Expenditure						
Staff Costs						
Payroll	47773			50601		
Clergy Housing	<u>2836</u>			<u>2694</u>		
		50609			53295	
Operational Costs						
Travel & Exps	5170			4421		
Other Costs	11763			17400		
Rental Of Meeting Space	<u>6595</u>			<u>6325</u>		
		23528			28146	
Total Revenue Expenditure		<u>74137</u>			<u>81441</u>	
Capital Costs						
Equip	1885				608	
Office	<u>3900</u>	5785				
Overall Expenditure			<u>79922</u>			<u>82049</u>
Surplus/Deficit for year			90051			26201
Balance as at 1st January			61969			35768
Balance as at 31st December			152020			61969



Statement of Assets and Liabilites as at 31st December 2024									
Monetary Assets	General	School	Burial Ground	Fabric Fund	Flower Fund	Collective Fund	Restricted Funds	Coffee Shop	Total
Barclays Bank C/A	5418		9546	259264	180	100372		0	374777
Barclays Bank D/A		94							94
CBF Deposit Fund			3934	11818		51237	15000		81989
Cash in hand						3			3
SOLDO cards						408			408
Total	5418	94	13480	271082	180	152020	15000	0	457271
Parish Share Account									

Christ Church Padgate

Analysis of income and expenditure Selected period: 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

					Total	
	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies						
0101 - Gift Aid - SO	6,362.00	-	-	-	6,362.00	5,527.00
0105 - Gift Aid - Parish Giving Scheme	30,425.98	-	11,957.50	-	42,383.48	36,982.31
0110 - Gift Aid - Envelopes	1,841.00	-	-	-	1,841.00	1,855.00
0201 - Non Gift Aid Envelopes	440.30	-	-	-	440.30	1,621.91
0202 - Non GA SO	6,775.00	-	-	-	6,775.00	6,940.00
0205 - Non Gift Aid Parish Giving Scheme	3,656.69	-	-	-	3,656.69	3,884.52
0301 - Loose plate collections	3,355.50	-	889.85	-	4,245.35	4,316.75
0401 - Gift days	-	-	-	-	-	-
0405 - Sundry Donations	3,832.06	2,759.78	3,484.81	-	10,076.65	8,963.15
0410 - Giving through church boxes	-	-	-	-	-	-
0501 - One-off Gift Aid gifts	162.64	-	1,706.28	-	1,868.92	2,216.40
0550 - Donations appeals etc	-	-	-	-	-	1,455.61
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	9,967.45	-	3,527.50	-	13,494.95	13,300.13
0605 - Tax Recoverable - Small Donations Repayment Scheme	1,420.08	-	-	-	1,420.08	1,482.37
0701 - Legacies	-	242,959.13	-	-	242,959.13	-
0801 - Recurring grants - Area Dean	500.00	-	-	-	500.00	1,000.00
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	-	13,000.00	63,428.89	-	76,428.89	3,775.00
0901 - Fundraising	3,452.40	1,726.62	583.02	-	5,762.04	4,723.71
804 - Warrington Charities Trust	-	-	-	-	-	-
Donations and legacies Totals	72,191.10	260,445.53	85,577.85	-	418,214.48	97,843.86
Income from charitable activities						
1101 - Fees for weddings and funerals	6,493.62	3,217.25	-	-	9,710.87	10,034.40
1210 - Bookstall sales to promote objectives	-	-	-	-	-	277.54
1230 - Church hall lettings - objectives	-	-	-	-	-	-
Income from charitable activities Totals	6,493.62	3,217.25	-	-	9,710.87	10,311.94
Other trading activities						
0910 - Rummage sales etc	-	-	-	-	-	-
1220 - Book sales - fund raising	72.46	-	-	-	72.46	82.04
1240 - Church hall lettings - fund raising	-	-	-	-	-	-
1250 - Magazine income - advertising	-	-	-	-	-	158.00
1260 - Magazine Donations	-	-	-	-	-	118.04
902 - Coffee Shop	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities Totals	72.46	-	-	-	72.46	358.08
Investments						
1001 - Dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-
1020 - Bank and building society interest	1,551.41	-	1,070.40	-	2,621.81	1,076.65
1030 - Rent from lands or buildings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investments Totals	1,551.41	-	1,070.40	-	2,621.81	1,076.65

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				Total	
	General	Designated	Restricted Endowment	This year	Last year
Other income					
0802 - Church Collective Grant	-	-	66,225.47	-	66,225.47
0803 - Henry Smith Foundation	-	-	17,100.00	-	17,100.00
0804 - University of Chester	-	-	-	-	6,565.92
1310 - Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	1,674.00
1320 - Surplus - sales of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-
Other income Totals	-	-	83,325.47	-	83,325.47
Income and endowments Grand totals	80,308.59	263,662.78	169,973.72	- 513,945.09	202,949.20
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds					
1701 - Fees paid to fund raisers	-	-	-	-	-
1710 - Costs of applying for grants	-	-	-	-	-
1720 - Costs of stewardship campaign	-	-	-	-	-
1730 - Costs of fetes & other events	158.98	-	-	-	740.32
1740 - Investment management costs	-	-	-	-	-
Raising funds Totals	158.98	-	-	-	740.32
Expenditure on charitable activities					
1732 - Coffee Shop	-	-	-	-	-
1801 - Giving to missionary societies	-	-	-	-	-
1830 - Giving - relief and development agencies	-	-	-	-	-
1850 - Home mission	-	-	-	-	-
1870 - Secular charities	-	-	-	-	602.15
1910 - Ministry parish share etc	44,826.47	-	-	-	63,749.20
2001 - Assistant staff costs	-	-	-	-	-
2010 - Organist Honoraria	-	-	-	-	-
2050 - Salary of parish administrator	-	-	-	-	-
2060 - Cleaners Wages	-	-	-	-	-
2101 - Working expenses of incumbent	-	-	368.32	-	371.81
2120 - Council tax - Vicarage	3,148.61	-	2,107.22	-	5,039.06
2130 - Parsonage house expenses	-	-	-	-	-
2140 - Water rates - vicarage	483.62	-	-	-	547.06
2145 - Parsonage - water	-	-	-	-	-
2150 - Vicar's telephone	-	-	-	-	-
2170 - Education	-	-	-	-	160.00
2201 - Parish training and mission	-	-	-	-	2,000.00
2301 - Church running - insurance	3,218.02	-	-	-	3,176.99
2310 - Church office - telephone	2,303.00	-	193.48	-	1,792.80
2320 - Organ / piano tuning	426.00	-	-	-	-
2330 - Church maintenance	11,971.98	-	-	-	5,291.89
2331 - Cleaning	450.00	-	-	-	200.00
2332 - Repairs - Waste Disposal	743.50	-	-	-	635.70
2340 - Upkeep of services	542.24	-	25.00	-	477.80
2350 - Upkeep of Graveyard	-	-	-	-	1,000.00
2360 - Administration	658.30	90.07	1,935.40	-	1,895.49
2361 - Administration Magazine	-	-	-	-	356.00
2362 - Subscriptions	1,192.76	-	-	-	1,348.18

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	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
Other expenditure Totals	1,838.50	-	75,294.27	-	77,132.77	77,006.15
Expenditure Grand totals	80,660.97	90.07	79,923.69	-	160,674.73	174,281.65

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Christ Church Padgate Balance Sheet (Summary)

	As at 31/12/2024	As at 31/12/2023
Fixed assets		
	-	-
Current assets		
Cash At Bank And In Hand	457,271.72	101,503.78
	457,271.72	101,503.78
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	3,117.31	619.73
	3,117.31	619.73
Net current assets less current liabilities	454,154.41	100,884.05
Total assets less current liabilities	454,154.41	100,884.05
Liabilities		
	-	-
Total net assets less liabilities	454,154.41	100,884.05
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General Funds	5,418.00	266.00
Designated		
Designated - Burial Ground Fund	13,479.35	9,442.10
Designated - Fabric Fund	268,058.79	14,202.24
Designated - Flower Fund	178.60	4.07
Restricted		
Restricted - Church Collective	152,019.67	61,969.64
Endowment		
Endowment - Burial Ground Fund	15,000.00	15,000.00
Fund Totals	454,154.41	100,884.05

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Christ Church Padgate
Sofa Separate Designated
For the period from 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	72,191.10	260,445.53	85,577.85	-	418,214.48	97,843.86
Income from charitable activities	6,493.62	3,217.25	-	-	9,710.87	10,311.94
Other trading activities	72.46	-	-	-	72.46	358.08
Investments	1,551.41	-	1,070.40	-	2,621.81	1,076.65
Other income	-	-	83,325.47	-	83,325.47	93,358.67
Total income	80,308.59	263,662.78	169,973.72	-	513,945.09	202,949.20
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	158.98	-	-	-	158.98	740.32
Expenditure on charitable activities	78,663.49	90.07	4,629.42	-	83,382.98	96,535.18
Other expenditure	1,838.50	-	75,294.27	-	77,132.77	77,006.15
Total expenditure	80,660.97	90.07	79,923.69	-	160,674.73	174,281.65
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(352.38)	263,572.71	90,050.03	-	353,270.36	28,667.55
Transfers:						
Gross transfers between funds - in	5,504.38	130.00	130.00	-	5,764.38	4,539.97
Gross transfers between funds - out	-	(5,634.38)	(130.00)	-	(5,764.38)	(4,539.97)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	5,152.00	258,068.33	90,050.03	-	353,270.36	28,667.55
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward	266.00	23,848.41	61,969.64	15,000.00	100,884.05	72,216.50
Total funds carried forward	5,418.00	281,716.74	152,019.67	15,000.00	454,154.41	100,884.05
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
General Fund	5,418.00	-	-	-	5,418.00	266.00
Designated						
Burial Ground Fund	-	13,479.35	-	-	13,479.35	9,442.10
Coffee Shop	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fabric Fund	-	268,058.79	-	-	268,058.79	14,202.24
Flower Fund	-	178.60	-	-	178.60	4.07
Restricted						
Agency collection	-	-	-	-	-	-
Burial Ground Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
Church Collective	-	-	152,019.67	-	152,019.67	61,969.64
Endowment						
Burial Ground Fund	-	-	-	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00

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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 2024, as set out on
pages _____ to _____ 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: 27/2/25

IE's Name: COLIN WILKINSON F.C.A.

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