



## **2023 Report and Accounts for Parochial Church Council of Parbold, Christchurch.**

### **Aims and purposes**

Christchurch's Parochial Church Council has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent Reverend Sue Timmins, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church and grounds of Christchurch, Douglas-in-Parbold.

### **Objectives and activities**

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at Christchurch.

Our services put worship and faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year we consider the Commissions guidance on public benefit and in particular the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of the parish community through:

Worship and Prayer, learning about the gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.

Provision of pastoral care

Missionary and outreach work

To enable this, it is important to maintain the fabric of the church and grounds.

### **Achievements and performance**

#### **Worship and prayer**

There are normally a range of services, on a Sunday there is an 8am and 10.30am service and weekly there is a communion service on Wednesdays, this has moved into the WI hall in the village and is well attended. At other times a variety of services are offered which the community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling including an informal Encounter service once a month in church.

Twice a month on Sunday evenings the youth meet at the church.

During 2023 Sunday services have continued to be recorded and offered to the congregation as recordings. Weekly faith moments are also recorded and sent out. Monthly prayer reflections are also sent out.

There are 2 family services each month, one outdoors and one in church. Junior church for children aged 4-14 year old and the under 4's group has recommenced on 2 Sundays per month. Once a term, services are held at Parbold Douglas Academy. The Academy also holds an assembly once a term in the church. Assemblies in Parbold Douglas Academy are supported by the vicar.

All our welcome to attend our regular services. At present there are 132 parishioners on the church Electoral Roll.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life, in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for life and to commend the person into God's keeping. We have celebrated 7 baptisms, no weddings and held 9 funerals in our church this year.

A thanksgiving services for families who have been bereaved was held in the scout hut due to problems with the boiler in church.

### **Deanery Synod**

Two members of the PCC sit on the Deanery Synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structure of the church.

### **Church**

We want our church to be open to community for private prayer, due to the geographical position of the church this is not always feasible. Unfortunately, this was not achieved in 2023.

General maintenance has been continued throughout the year both in the church and graveyard.

### **Pastoral care**

Some members of the parish are unable to attend church due to illness or age. The pastoral team visit at times offering to celebrate communion with them as requested. Contact has been maintained with members of the congregation by phone calls and practical support as required.

### **Missionary and evangelism**

Helping others is a demonstration of our faith. This includes supporting local and international causes through our tithes. This year's harvest appeal enabled further funds to go to Iris Ministries Phnom Pehn and The Brick, Wigan.

A church newsletter is produced bi-monthly keeping people informed of the important matters affecting the church and articles that help and develop our knowledge and trust in Jesus. There are often updates from the organisations that the church support overseas keeping the congregation informed.

### **Ecumenical relationships**

Rev Sue and the Ministers from Parbold Evangelical Church and Our Lady's RC meet occasionally for fellowship and prayer.

### **Financial review**

Total income for 2023 was £105,224 which was an increase on 2022 by £7205. The Gift Aid recovered was increased by £8,453 to £22,255 because we caught up with back dated annual claims. And although our loose plate and income from services was slightly reduced, we also saw more people donating via Online. We also received gift from the Peter Lathom Charity of £200.

Total expenditure was £106,852 which included full payment of our Parish Share (£61,786). Expenditure included: heating, Light and water rates: £3,308; Vicarage expenses of £2,422; Repairs and maintenance was £2,286. The wages for Parish Administrator and cleaner and payments to our

Worship Leader for 2023 came to £10,745. Our Tithe giving amounted to £8,825 and Harvest Appeal came to £2,160 which was divided between Iris Ministries Phnom Pehn and The Brick, Wigan. There was also £6,416 spent on the upkeep of the churchyard. The end of year saw a decrease in funds by £1628.

For 2024, we are again predicting a shortfall due to reduced congregations and increased costs. We are still trying to encourage our regular giving. The PCC is aware and is working with the Diocese and will closely scrutinise all expenses during the year to try to minimise the problem.

### **Reserves policy**

It is the PCC policy to maintain a reserve balance on unrestricted funds which equates to 3 month's general running costs plus one month's salary costs and redundancy liabilities for paid employees. This was reviewed in November 2023 and remains at £25000 and will be reviewed annually. It is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies.

The remaining total in the Land and Building fund of £20,530 will be for any further improvements needed in the maintenance of the building and graveyard – especially the heating system and safety concerns regarding some of the graves. We also continue to seek to carry out our refurbishment plans.

### **Optional information**

#### **Volunteers**

We would like to thank to all the volunteers who work to make the church lively and vibrant community especially the people who have official positions.

#### **Structure, governance and management**

The method of appointment of the PCC is set out in the Church Representation Rule. At Christchurch the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our vicar), churchwardens and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church, all those who attend our services/ members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral roll and stand for election of the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

The full PCC met six times in 2020 year with an average attendance of 58 %.

Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has a number of committees each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life. These committees which include fabric, outreach and pastoral are all responsible to the PCC and report back to it at each PCC meeting with decisions being discussed as necessary.

#### **Administrative information**

Christchurch, Parbold is situated on Parbold Hill, just outside the village. It is part of the Diocese of Blackburn. The correspondence address is The Vicarage, 5 Tanhouse Lane, Parbold, Lancashire.

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rule 2006) and a charity seeking registration with the charity commission.

PCC members who have served in 2022 at any time from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 until the date this report was approved are:

Ex Officio Members

Incumbent: The Reverend Sue Timmins

Associate minister: Mr John Mountain

Associate minister: Dr Michelle Briggs

Wardens: Mr Justin Stopford (until March 2023), Mr Derek Ashcroft.

Elected members:

Mrs Joanna Ashcroft, representative on Deanery Synod (until May 2023)

Mrs Barbara Long, representative on Deanery Synod

Mrs Sue Stopford, representative on Deanery Synod (until May 2023)

Mrs Lin Milne, Treasurer

Dr Brian McGucken

Mrs Angela Worthington

Dr Steve Higgins

Mr Gavin Rowlands

Rachel Vanstone

Mrs Michelle Mawdsley (from May 2022- May 2023)

Mrs Kim Woods

Dr Paul Plant (from May 2023)



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Christ Church Parbold

## Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period  
from

01/01/2023

To

31/12/2023

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Planned giving (tax efficient)	44,922	-	-	44,922	48,696
Planned giving (other)	12,800	-	-	12,800	10,161
Collections at services	8,041	-	-	8,041	8,951
Other voluntary receipts	-	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid Recovered	22,255	-	-	22,255	13,803
Activities for generating funds	-	-	-	-	-
Receipts from Church Activities	15,048	-	-	15,048	16,030
Investment income	2,089	70	-	2,159	379
<b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)	<b>105,154</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>105,224</b>	<b>98,020</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>105,154</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>105,224</b>	<b>98,020</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Cost of Generation Voluntary income	76	-	-	76	73
Diocesan Parish Share	61,786	-	-	61,786	59,996
Other Payments	35,857	-	-	35,857	32,685
Mission giving and charitable donations	8,825	-	-	8,825	8,620
Governance Costs	308	-	-	308	201
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>106,852</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>106,852</b>	<b>101,575</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>106,852</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>106,852</b>	<b>101,575</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 1,698</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 1,628</b>	<b>- 3,555</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	66,776	8,141	6,250	81,167	84,723
Cash funds this year end	55,078	8,211	6,250	79,539	81,168



## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	General account	65,078	8,211	6,250
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>65,078</b>	<b>8,211</b>	<b>6,250</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on  
behalf of all the trustees  
CCXX R2 accounts (SS)

Signature



Print Name

LINDA MILNE

Date of  
approval  
05/02/2024



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

PARBOLD CHRIST CHURCH

On accounts for the year  
ended

2023

Charity no  
(if any)

1179126

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 12 2023.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

*Fiona Hill*

Date:

13/3/2024

Name:

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qualification(s) or body  
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