



2024 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 takes place in 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 during term time the youth meet at the church and the scout hut.

During 2024 Sunday services have continued to be recorded and offered to the congregation as recordings. Weekly faith moments are also recorded and sent out. Monthly written 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 takes place on 2 Sundays per month during term time. 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 fortnightly by the vicar with half-termly support from one of the music leaders.

All our welcome to attend our regular services. At present there are 134 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 9 baptisms, 1 wedding and held 9 funerals in our church this year.

An annual thanksgiving service for families who have been bereaved is held in church.

Deanery Synod

One member of the PCC sits 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 the community for private prayer, due to the geographical position of the church this is not always feasible. Unfortunately, this was not achieved in 2024.

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.

Pastoral visits are made to two local nursing homes and a monthly Communion service is held at our local residential community for the elderly.

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 Stable Lives Charity and Mercy Rescue Trust

A church prayer 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

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

Financial review

Total income for 2024 was £103,323 which was a shortfall on 2023 by £1,920. The Gift Aid recovered was £10,820. Our loose plate, regular giving and income from services was slightly increased. We also received gift from the Peter Lathom Charity of £275. Income

also included £4000 from PCOT and £6300 from hire of church field.

Total expenditure was £105,744 which included full payment of our Parish Share (£55162) Expenditure included: heating, Light and water rates: £5718; Vicarage expenses of £2,565; Repairs and maintenance was £2,153. The wages for Parish Administrator and cleaner and payments to our Worship Leader for 2024 came to £13,131. Our Tithe giving amounted to £9,235 and Harvest Appeal came to £2,783 which was divided between Stable Lives charity and Mercy Rescue Trust. There was also £2,367 spent on the upkeep of the churchyard. The end of year saw a decrease in funds by £2,423.

For 2025, we are again predicting a shortfall due to reduced congregations and increased costs. A stewardship campaign at the end of last year was encouraging and we hope to build on that this coming year. The PCC is aware and is working with the Diocese and will closely scrutinise all expenses during the year to try to minimise the deficit.

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 2024 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 £12,252 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 2024 with an average attendance of 65% .

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 2024 at any time from 1st January 2024 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

Warden: Mr Derek Ashcroft.

Elected members:

Mrs Barbara Long

Mrs Lin Milne, Treasurer

Dr Brian McGucken (until March 2024)

Mrs Angela Worthington (until March 2024)

Dr Steve Higgins (from May 2025 until July 2025)

Mr Gavin Rowlands

Rachel Vanstone (until March 2024)

Mrs Kim Woods

Dr Paul Plant, representation on Deanery Synod

Mr David Green (from May 2025)

Mrs Olwen Higham (from May 2024)

Jayne Jenks (from May 2024)

May Blake (from May 2024)

Mr Jonathan Hickling (from May 2024)

Approved by the PCC on 18th September 2025 and signed on their behalf by the Reverend Sue Timmins on their behalf

Signature.....

Date.....6th October 2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Christ Church Parbold

No (if any)
1179128

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period from	01/01/2024	To	31/12/2024
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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 £
A1 Receipts					
Planned giving (tax efficient)	47,063	-	-	47,063	44,922
Planned giving (other)	12,428	-	-	12,428	12,800
Collections at services	11,624	-	-	11,624	8,041
Other voluntary receipts	-	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid Recovered	10,820	-	-	10,820	22,255
Activities for generating funds	-	-	-	-	-
Receipts from Church Activities	18,546	-	-	18,546	15,048
Investment income	2,758	85	-	2,843	2,158
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	103,238	85	-	103,323	105,224
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	103,238	85	-	103,323	105,224
A3 Payments					
Cost of Generation Voluntary income		-	-	-	76
Diocesan Parish Share	55,162	-	-	55,162	61,786
Other Payments	38,896	-	-	38,896	35,857
Mission giving and charitable donations	9,236	-	-	9,236	8,825
Governance Costs	2,451	-	-	2,451	308
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	105,744	-	-	105,744	106,852
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	105,744	-	-	105,744	106,852
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 2,507	85	-	- 2,422	- 1,628
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	65,078	8,211	6,250	79,539	81,167
Cash funds this year end	62,571	8,296	6,250	77,117	79,539

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 £
B1 Cash funds	General account	62,571	8,296	6,250
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	62,571	8,296	6,250
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Lin Milne	28/01/2025
	Derek Ashcroft	28/01/2025



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

DOUGLAS-IN-PARBOLD CHURCH COUNCIL

On accounts for the year
ended

31st DECEMBER 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1179126

Set out on pages

1 & 2

(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 DD / MM / YYYY.

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:

F Hill

Date:

28/02/2025

Name:

FIONA HILL

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS ENGLAND & WALES
(ICAEW)

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

NONE

Report to the trustees members of	
On accounts for the year ended	31st DECEMBER 2024
Set out on pages	1 + 2
I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended	
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(2)(b) of the Act.	
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than those disclosed below) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:	
• the accounts do not accord with the accounting records • accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or	
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:	[Signature]
Name:	FRANK HILL
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS (ICAEW)
Address:	2 COXON STREET APLEY BRIDGE WIGAN WA14 7AY
Date:	28/02/2025