

**Annual Report
and
Financial Statements
of the
Parochial Church Council
of
St Helen's Witton**
(also known as Northwich PCC)

for the year ended 31 December 2020

Incumbent:

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Howard Worth Accountants

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1. Reference and administration details

Charity name: Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Helen's Witton

Also known as: St Helen's, Northwich

Registered charity number: 1179543

Principal address: The Vicarage, 61 Church Road, Northwich, CW9 5PB

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
Andrew Ridley	Chairman		Chester Diocese
Deborah Dalby	Curate	Until 30 th September	Chester Diocese
Mrs Sue Williams	Church warden		APCM
Mr George Miller	Church warden, Deanery Synod Rep & Treasurer		APCM
Mrs Berenice Kirwan	Deanery Synod Rep		APCM
Mr David Hodgkinson	Deanery Synod Rep		APCM
Mr David Drinkwater	Lay-reader & Deanery Synod Rep	Deanery Synod Rep until 18/10/20	APCM
Mrs Louise Begent-Piers			APCM
Mrs Sallie Birtwisle			APCM
Mrs Joy Montgomery			APCM
Mrs Amelia Visscher			APCM
Mr Andrew Cannon			APCM
Mr Andrew Jeapes	Secretary	From 18/10/20	APCM
Mr Paul Tott			APCM
Mr Frank Strange	Secretary	Until 18/10/20	APCM
Mr Eric Walker			APCM
Mr Kenneth Moth		co-opted	APCM

APCM = Annual Parochial Church Meeting

2. Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document:	Act of Parliament Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 as amended and Church Representation Rules (contained in Schedule 3 to the Synodical Government Measure 1969 as amended)
How the charity is constituted:	Parish Church Council
Trustee selection methods:	Members of the PCC are either ex-officio due to an office or appointment they hold from Chester Diocese or are elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

The parish consists of one church: St Helen's. The vicar also has responsibility for St John's, Lostock Gralam.

3. Aims and Objectives

Aims and purposes

The PCC of St Helen's, Witton (also known as St Helen's Northwich) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting, in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for St Helen's Church, the Sexton's House and 3 houses which are rented to produce income.

Objectives and activities

When planning our activities for the year, the incumbent and the PCC have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We aim to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community. We have adopted the overall objectives of being:

“ Serving Christ, Serving the Community”

The primary object of St Helen's Parochial Church Council is the promotion of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrine and practices of the Church of England within the ecclesiastical parish.

Reference: “The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit”, Crown Copyright 2008

To this end we undertake activities in the following 4 areas:

- To maintain, develop and renew public acts of worship held regularly within our church buildings
- To provide pastorally-relevant religious ceremonies open to all parishioners for baptisms, weddings and funerals.
- To extend the knowledge of and education in Christian teaching to both church members and members of the parish, within our acts of worship and through specific teaching opportunities, such as, – confirmation groups and Sunday schools
- To provide pastoral care to members of the church and any parishioners in need of spiritual, social or practical support.
- The PCC acts to underpin all these activities by provision of well maintained buildings.

4. Performance & Achievements

Summary

The Covid-19 pandemic which has radically affected the UK and many other countries has also resulted in St Helen's being subject to government-imposed restrictions in gatherings and activities such that normal church life ceased during 2020. We began the year by formulating ambitious programmes of public events and projects to develop our church life. Obviously this had to be scaled back with the lockdown and new approaches found to holding church services and maintaining pastoral support. From March until September we held no public services of worship in the church building and while from September to the year end we did meet for worship in the church this was subjected to conditions of social distancing and no singing of hymns. Likewise ministry to the community in the form of weddings and funerals was much reduced in frequency and numbers permitted to attend.

Our response has been to express the life of the church and to maintain a proclamation of the Christian message through virtual, ie. On-line, means, described in detail below. For the final quarter of the year, when attendance in church was permitted, we launched live-streaming of our services on 'You-tube'. This was a new venture that has required investment in equipment – cameras, microphone, modem etc. and in developing the skills to produce a satisfactory output.

Involvement with our local community has also been severely reduced but we have maintained our links particularly with Northwich Town Council.

We have made a strategic decision to continue with our plans to develop our facilities to further enable our mission. Works on the new servery, improved lighting and audio have proceeded. Plans for a new disabled toilet and storage area, a new main entrance and for a new carpark have continued to be developed. Necessary maintenance on the building fabric has been undertaken, notably replacement of a high-level window in the tower. A quinquennial inspection was undertaken at the year end.

Finances have been affected by our altered circumstances, notably in the lack of opportunity for cash donations and fund-raising. Many members have responded by switching their offering to direct payment to the bank. Success was achieved in obtaining grant funding to support the new servery project and this has received a further boost from individual donations. We have continued our investment strategy and have used funds from sale of a large house and fields to purchase 3 smaller properties. Rental from these houses will provide an important income in the coming year.

4.1 Vicar's Report

Regular Sunday worship was offered in the parish church and baptisms, weddings and funerals took place there up to March 23rd and again later in the year, in September, October and December, subject to coronavirus restrictions such as no singing, communion in one kind, social distancing and wearing a face covering. Our Health and Safety officer spent many hours writing risk assessments, and it was frustrating that having attended meetings with the Town Council and the Royal British Legion so a stripped back Remembrance Sunday Service could take place in church, Lockdown 2 intervened, to the extent that Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day observances were restricted to just a few representatives at the War Memorial. Sunday Services were live streamed from September, using equipment bought with a grant from the diocese. Between March and August and again in November when the building was closed to corporate worship, a regular Sunday morning Zoom Service was shared with the Parish of Lostock Gralam. 26 Sundays out of 52 in 2020 were like this. There were 8 baptisms (15), 1 wedding (4), and the same number of church funerals – 24 - in 2020, compared with 2019 (2019 figures in brackets). There were, unusually, 9 graveside funerals in 2020.

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More extensive use of the '*achurchnearyou*' website and social media was achieved during the year, including signposting the Zoom Service. Over the Summer the building was open for private prayer on Sunday afternoons and Wednesday mornings.

As Lockdown 1 loomed, a comprehensive list of church members and their contact details was made, including those on the Church Electoral Roll, regular donors and people who while not formally members attended church or had some connexion with church. Considerable effort was expended on following up contact leads so a regular, postal distribution could begin before Easter. A fortnightly distribution continued for the rest of the year and four 'Celebration in a Bag' distributions to younger members of the congregation took place for Harvest, All Saints', Advent and Christmas. A 'Phone Team' was recruited, too, built on existing links wherever possible. Team members were supplied with a list of people to contact and keep in touch with.

The PCC supported initiatives in discipleship and vocation by helping those attending church to deepen their experience and knowledge of God through worship, preaching, 'Prayer Times', a Saturday morning Lent Book Club (abruptly halted by the first lockdown), and Zoom Bible Study. Individual prayer and study literature was distributed through the fortnightly mailing. Orders of Service were distributed fortnightly, too, so worship online could be responsorial, retaining an important element of corporate worship even though we were meeting virtually.

At the end of September we said goodbye to Rev. Debbie Dalby after 15 months as our part time deacon. St Helen's and St John's combined to present Debbie with a ceramic chalice and paten as a memento of her time with us, which should also prove useful when she takes communion to people in their homes. Debbie is now priested and a full-time curate in Runcorn.

In October the church was beautifully decorated for Harvest Festival and although we could not process our harvest gifts or sing our favourite harvest hymns, large quantities of food for Mid-Cheshire Foodbank were donated. This continued on Saturday mornings for the rest of the month and again in the first three weekends in December, when the church became a collection point for children's toys, too.

In November, with the help and support of the Town Clerk and his staff, the image of a poppy was projected onto the church tower for a week including Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day. The people of Northwich showed their approval by messaging the church's Facebook page and there was an outcry when the projector went missing (and returned shortly afterwards, following a tip off). This year's 'Service to Remember' around All Souls' Day was particularly poignant, given the restricted numbers allowed to attend funerals during the pandemic. The service was live streamed and more than 200 people watched it. The Christingle Service was moved to Advent Sunday and was online. Christingles were assembled, bagged and distributed on the Saturday morning and donations received (in total, more than that received at the 2019 Christmas Eve Christingle Service). Then on the Sunday evening an expectant crowd of adults and children gathered in front of their computers to first hear 'The Story of Christingle' before lighting their Christingles and praying for the work of the Children's Society.

The PCC having decided to project a star onto the church tower, this became a feature of the Northwich skyline from Advent Sunday to Epiphany Sunday. Unlike some of the other great Christian Festivals in 2020 (Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Easter Day, Ascension, Pentecost) St Helen's was open for Christmas Communion Services. On Christmas Eve the church was open all day for people to visit the Crib and collect, amongst other things, a candle to light next to their family's nativity set at 6.15pm and sing 'Away in a manger'. Every window ledge was filled with candles and lots of people wrote prayers and left them on the Christmas tree next to the Crib.

I would like to thank everyone who has volunteered in any kind of way to keep the church open (when we were allowed), contributed to worship and service in church and online, and kept us in touch with one another and reaching out in small but significant ways to help neighbours and friends. St Helen's has been restricted in its ministry to share the good news of Jesus, and in promoting the whole mission of the Church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, but at

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the end of 2020 St Helen's continued to have a worshipping congregation which was in good heart, ready to welcome whatever 2021 had in store, lovingly, faithfully and above all: hopefully.

4.2 Secretary's Report

Covid-19 notwithstanding, the necessary activities to ensure proper oversight and governance of the church's activities has continued through the PCC and its appointed officers. After the first quarter of the year, the PCC has largely met by 'Zoom' video-conference and most of the necessary business conducted on-line. Minutes have been produced of all meetings, accounts have been scrutinised and attention given to making a good response to the circumstances in which we have found ourselves. A successful APCM was held in church, after it was postponed from April to October. Thus the necessary compliance with Church of England and Charity Commission requirements was achieved.

4.3 Churchwardens' Report

George Miller & Sue Williams were elected as Church Warden at the 2020 Annual Parish meeting. They have been supported by many people during this challenging year and would like to thank people for their kindness and support it has been very much appreciated.

Fire extinguishers have been reviewed and changed in the Church and Sexton's House.

Church Fabric

The clock has also been a further challenge, however, George's dedication and the support of a qualified clockmaker the clock was now been taken away for repair. The decision was made to get the clock working and keeping to time and then re-introduce the chimes.

External lighting has been reviewed and, with help from the council, lamp posts are now working.

The organ continues to be maintained and serviced.

Maintenance still took place during 2020 this ensured that the church was maintained within health and safety requirements especially through the Coronavirus pandemic and kept clean for all to use.

Work has been going on to assess the internal electrical lights and despite our interventions is still ongoing into 2021. A faculty has been obtained from the Diocese and it was hoped that during the last quarter of 2020 we would start the works to replace all the outdated internal lighting. The Church Wardens will continue their endeavour to make sure this work is completed as soon as safely possible.

A decision to refurbish the toilet area and provide further storage was made by the PCC. A faculty has been applied for and we are awaiting the outcome from the Diocese.

The lightning conductor check was last performed in March 2019. A further check will take place as soon as the Church is re-opened after the pandemic.

The servery area was re-designed by our architect and work started on replacing the existing servery in the last quarter of this year. It is hoped that we will have a fully functioning kitchen area which will enable more people to access and serve refreshments. All relevant electrical items in the Church were PAT tested.

The heating system is now being managed under a maintenance contract, however volunteers are still making sure heating is available when required.

Church Yard

Volunteers are continuing to maintain the two small garden areas near the South porch, which enhances the welcome to church through the South doors.

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George and Sue would particularly like to thank the volunteers who very kindly worked on the external area on the south side of the Church. This work will hopefully stop the internal stones being damp and the condensation on the stone flooring.
Ongoing checks of the Church yard in respect to antisocial behaviour is ongoing.

Cornerstones/Sexton's House Fabric

This property has been rented over a number of years to Northwich Music School. Extensive remedial work is required mostly externally and work internally is now required. Maintenance on this property has been minimal during 2020 due to the Pandemic.

Finally George & Sue would like to thank the members of the PCC, Sides people and members of the congregation who attended Church when it was opened during 2020.

4.4 Parish Recorder's Report

(All figures in brackets show prior year figures for comparison).

The planned giving in the Parish continued with a weekly Thanksgiving Envelope scheme, individual Standing Orders arranged through the bank, and annual gifts.

It was decided during 2020 to bring the Thanksgiving Year in line with the Church's Financial Year, running from January to December.

There was no official Thanksgiving Sunday in May 2020. A letter of thanks was sent from Rev. Andrew Ridley, but no renewal of pledges was made at that point. A part-year set of Thanksgiving Envelopes was issued for the period June 2020 to December 2020.

In December 2020, a letter of thanks from Rev. Andrew Ridley was sent to regular givers, along with a pledge card for 2021. A full year set of Thanksgiving Envelopes was issued for the period January 2021 to December 2021

The following shows the profile of giving for 2020 and 2019.

Regular Giving	2020		2019	
Weekly Donation Value	No of donors	% of total	No of donors	% of total
less than £5	23	45%	31	49%
£5 - £10	14	27%	17	27%
£10 - £20	6	12%	7	11%
£20 - £30	4	8%	4	6%
£30 - £100	3	6%	2	3%
over £100	1	2%	2	3%
Total	51		63	
	Total Donations		Total Donations	
Weekly Envelopes	25	£5,280	30	£11,771
Standing Orders	37	£25,779	27	£24,182
Annual Gifts	1	£60	4	£199
Yellow Envelopes	2	£728	12	£631
		£31,847		£36,783

(Some donors used multiple donation methods in the year)

Other Donations - Yellow Envelopes	1	50	38	838.7
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In the tax year 2019/20, 49 (66) Gift Aid declarations for regular giving were in operation. During that period, this giving together with single Gift Aid envelopes totalled £28,777.18 (£32,731.90), enabling us to claim £7,194.32 (£8,182.98) for the parish on this sum. We also claimed £1,698 (£1,379) through the Small Cash Donations scheme, giving a total Gift Aid repayment for the year of £8,892 (£9,562).

4.5 Safeguarding Report

The PCC continue to abide by the Church of England safeguarding policy which the PCC adopted in 2019 and which will be reviewed at a PCC meeting in March 2021.

The PCC along with other roles within the church has a duty to be trained in safe guarding. Each current member on the PCC has now undertaken the training online. The face to face training that the Diocese provide has been postponed due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. This training is only required to certain roles within the church. It is mandatory that any new members to the PCC are also trained in a basic awareness of safe guarding in the church.

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic no new DBS checks have been required. The safe guarding officer has a list of people who have DBS checks made and when they expire. The current Church Wardens having completed Foundation Training are now qualified at level two.

There have been no safe guarding concerns raised in 2020 as the church and services have been restricted due to the Coronavirus Pandemic.

The safe guarding lead will review documentation held on safe guarding and make suggestions to the PCC in due course.

Sue Williams - Lead Safeguarding Officer for St Helen's Church Witton

4.6 Health & Safety Report

Incidents

During the year 2020-21 only one UNOR reportable incidents occurred; it was a level 3 which was a near miss incident/observed hazard. A lit candle fell off a table in the vestry during Sunday Club in March 2020. Since it was due to the temporary nature of Sunday Club's location in the Lower Vestry rather than the Upper Vestry. Recommendations have been made to avoid a similar incident in the Upper Vestry once Sunday Club restarts.

Policies and Risk Assessments

A review of all policies and Risk Assessments is scheduled during the 1st half of 2021.

Covid-19

Following government guidance, appropriate risk assessment was made for worship gatherings during the final quarter of 2020. The assessment enabled the church to make proper 'Covid-secure' arrangements for seating, cleaning and record of attendance. Thanks are due to the vicar and his wife, who invested considerable efforts in the arrangements, and to those members of the church who supported them.

Andrew Cannon

4.7 Deanery Synod Report

The Deanery Synod met infrequently (due to Covid-19 restrictions) and their proceedings for 2020 were reported to the APCM held in October 2020.

4.8 Mid Cheshire Food Bank

2020 began very much as we finished in 2019. Every session at the Northwich Outreach Foodbank distribution centre was busy with up to 8 – 12 vouchers being presented every Thursday. Sometimes this meant we would be near to running out of food in the stock cupboard because those vouchers could be for as many as 28 people including children. We knew though that the shelves would be replenished with stock from the warehouse in Winsford ready for the next session, so no one would go without. Those stocks of tins, cartons, bottles, and extras had been added to by donations from individuals, shops, supermarkets, and churches as well as other sources. St. Helen's giving was no exception – a record amount of food had been donated in 2019

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and we looked forward in 2020 to doing the same again. Little did we know that events taking place in the Far East at the beginning of 2020, would have such devastating consequences on the Mid Cheshire Food Bank and all foodbanks in this country.

These events meant that in March all distribution centres in the Mid Cheshire Food Bank had to close due to Covid 19 and the national lockdown. Eventually a process was put in place which meant that food parcels could only be collected from the warehouse in Winsford and by appointment only. Gradually as time went on, more and more distribution centres were opened, and all referrers sent their requirements (via email) to a central hub where the food parcels were packed and then delivered to each distribution centre. Because of the restrictions people are no longer allowed to enter the centres for a drink, biscuit, and a chat while their parcels are packed. Sadly, this has meant that the fellowship between the volunteers and those using the foodbank has been reduced. It has also meant that several volunteers have reluctantly finished helping at the foodbank, many being at the foodbank since it was first founded in 2012, including myself. As well as being a volunteer I was also a member of the foodbank representing St. Helen's Church along with Andrew Mallin Jones, which again I stood down from in October 2020.

Due to the demand on its services the MCFB has increased its warehouse capacity by obtaining a further warehouse in Manchester Road, Lower Lostock, and a medium size van kindly donated anonymously, which means that the needs of those who use the foodbank will be looked after into the future. Donations are still required and although we are unable to use St. Helen's as a drop-off point at present, many of the local supermarkets have boxes which are emptied on a regular basis, for you to place items in on your visit to purchase food for yourselves. On a personal note I would like to thank everyone who has donated to the foodbank since it was first formed and particularly to the Rev. Andrew Ridley who has reminded us throughout the Pandemic in his fortnightly envelope drops of the words of St. Matthew Ch. 25 v. 35 :- 'When I was hungry, you gave me something to eat, and when I was thirsty, you gave me something to drink. When I was a stranger you welcomed me.'

David Drinkwater

5.Financial Review

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Charity Commission for England and Wales, and are shown in tabular form at the end of this report.

ACCOUNT DETAILS

The Parish / Cheques Accounts are held with HSBC Bank in Northwich. All Deposit Accounts are held with the Church of England, Central Board of Finance, Deposit Fund. There are two "Equity" based accounts CBF Investment Fund (Witton) and CBF Investment Fund (Institute)

The following Cash Accounts were held –

HSBC General Fund Current Account

HSBC Restoration Account (Income from Contactless Machine Only)

Santander Promising Futures Accountpa

CBF General Deposit

CBF Great Banks Fund

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

The Tax Refund plus Gift Aid (plus interest) was collected for a two year period. The Pandemic has created disruption in church Services and activities for a period of nine months and as a consequence has had a severe effect on Income during the year with a reduction of 23% compared with 2019. Income from planned giving, envelopes and cash collections fell by £6,378 from £42,401 in 2019 to £36,027. Rental income from properties reduced by £6,378 from £15,360 in 2019 to £8,982 in 2020. A further reduction of £8,894 was also incurred between 2019 and 2020 being a combination of reduced activities, (including Changing Lives Grant, Tea at The Tower, Coffee) and a reduction in donations.

However in the Accounts, a sums are noted for donations of £17,115 and £15,600 of grants relating to the Promising Futures Project.

Total ministry-related payments were very similar at £100,638 compared to £108,347 in 2019.

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In addition to ministry-related costs additional expenditure was incurred as follows –
Major Repairs were incurred of £53,657 including Audio Sound System , Computer and Camera System. Two New Tower Windows and £17,976 (75%) towards the cost of the new lighting system.

A further expenditure was incurred in purchasing two rental properties for a total sum of £280,000. Whilst the results were not satisfactory and there continues to be a trend to receive less income I do believe that there were mitigating circumstances during the year as previously outlined , a lack of activities for nine months. The church, going in 2021, will have four rental properties tenanted where as in 2020 only two had tenants for the full year, with one paying half rent.

The two equity-based investment funds continued to perform well showing an increase in value of £3,249 (£9,719 in 2019)

The trustees' policy on reserves:

The policy is to retain sufficient reserves in deposit account to address unforeseen falls in income or unforeseen expenditure. In addition, reserves are held to cover planned major capital expenditure that exceeds any surplus from annual income.

Not included

A, Great Banks restricted bank account - £10,840.41

B, CBF Witton restricted investment fund - £22,003

C, four investment properties that provide a rental income for charitable purposes – sextons house, no 8 and no 16 St Chads Fields, 17 Hollybank Close.

D, donations for nominated purposes

Included

A, £140,000 provision for the purchase of one property that will provide a rental income of £7,000 pa

B, £25,000 Contribution to the cost of a new Served plus provision of a £28,000 repayable Loan.

C, £10,000 Final contribution to the installation of Lighting System.

D, £2,000 final contribution for the installation of additional Audio and Cameras.

E, £3,000 for the refurbishment of all External Doors.

F, £2,000 for repairs to the Church Organ.

G, £45,000 for the refurbishment of Toilets and Storage Area.

H, £30,000 for the immediate repairs to the Vestry Roof.

I, Annual Contingency Sum of £5,000 towards Rental Property Repairs and Decorating.

J, Annual Church Running Costs - £100,000 (This does not include provision for a Family / Youth Worker)


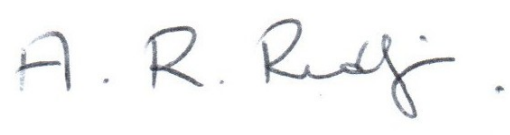
Total provision - £357,000

Retiring treasurer: George Miller

6. Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Andrew Jeapes	Andrew Ridley
Position	Secretary of PCC	Chairman
Date	18/04/21	18/04/21

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

No (if any)
1179543

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2020	To	Period end date 31/12/2020
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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					
Voluntary Income	38,175	-	-	38,175	53,489
Tax Receipt	18,517	-	-	18,517	-
Income From Events and Activities	20,957	-	-	20,957	20,931
Income From Investments	13,803	-	-	13,803	17,770
Grants	18,175	-	-	18,175	-
Donations	20,509	-	-	20,509	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	130,136	-	-	130,136	92,190
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Curates house	-	-	-	-	738,839
Sub total	-	-	-	-	738,839
Total receipts	130,136	-	-	130,136	831,029
A3 Payments					
Missionary and Charitable Grants	8,010	-	-	8,010	1,471
Church Related	101,986	-	-	101,986	108,347
Major Repairs	53,657	-	-	53,657	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	163,653	-	-	163,653	109,818
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
17 Holy Bank Close	150,000	-	-	150,000	-
16, St Chads Fields	130,000	-	-	130,000	-
Sub total	280,000	-	-	280,000	-
Total payments	443,653	-	-	443,653	109,818
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 313,517	-	-	- 313,517	721,211
A5 Transfers between funds					115,004
A6 Cash funds last year end	836,215			836,215	-
Cash funds this year end	522,698			522,698	836,215

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Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at bank	522,698	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	522,698	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Fixed asset investments	59,196	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Cornerstones (Sextons House)	Restricted	-	223,659
	8 St Chads Fields	Unrestricted	115,250	-
	17 Holy bank close	Unrestricted	150,000	-
	16 St Chads Fields	Unrestricted	130,000	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B5 Liabilities	Accrual	Unrestricted	900	
		-	-	
		-	-	
		-	-	
		-	-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	E. A. Miller	E. A. MILLER	22-03-2021	

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Northwich Parochial Church Council

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the annual accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020 which are set out on page 12 to 13.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



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