

**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 2021

Incumbent:

Rev Andrew Ridley

Lay Reader:

Mr David Drinkwater

Pastoral Worker:

Mrs Berenice Kirwan

Bank:

HSBC Bank plc, Northwich

Independent Examiner:

Frank Strange

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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
Mr Gordon Atkinson	Church warden	From 18 th April 2021	APCM
Mr Kenneth Moth	Church warden	From 18 th April 2021	APCM
Mrs Sue Williams	Church warden	Until 18 th April 2021	APCM
Mr George Miller	Church warden, Deanery Synod Rep & Treasurer	Until 18 th April 2021	APCM
Mrs Berenice Kirwan	Deanery Synod Rep		APCM
Mr David Hodgkinson	Deanery Synod Rep		APCM
Mr David Drinkwater	Lay-reader		APCM
Mrs Louise Begent-Piers			APCM
Mrs Sallie Birtwisle		Until 18 th April 2021	APCM
Mrs Joy Montgomery			APCM
Mrs Amelia Visscher			APCM
Mr Andrew Cannon			APCM
Mr Andrew Jeapes	Secretary & Treasurer		APCM
Mr Paul Tott			APCM
Mr Eric Walker		Until 18 th April 2021	APCM
Mr Julian Williams		From 18 th April 2021	APCM
Mrs Jennifer Thomas		Co-opted on 19 th May	PCC
Miss Molly McCall		Co-opted on 19 th May	PCC

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 4 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 building.
- 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

4.1 Vicar's Report

Looking back to 2021, COVID-19 was as disruptive of church life last year as the previous year, 2020. At the beginning of 2021, and shortly after celebrating Epiphany, Lockdown 2 began and we were back to services via video call until Palm Sunday. No Holy Week or Maundy Thursday service but Good Friday was observed and there were two services on Easter Day. At the beginning of May we had a Christian Aid Service and the new regional representative, Christel Langdon-Griffiths, came and preached. Later that week we had an outdoor Ascension Day Service so we could sing! On Pentecost Sunday Churches Together in Northwich organised a video call service for 'Thy Kingdom Come'.

For the rest of the year, variants of the virus and the restrictions required to slow the spread of infection meant that for a time we could not sing, or had to sing through our face coverings, receive holy communion in one kind in our places and remain very socially distanced in church. Conversations before and after church frequently included reference to vaccinations, where, when and with what? We began to offer tea and coffee after the morning service, together with individually wrapped biscuits. The Servedy came into its own but we were not able to use it fully due to restrictions, first mandatory and later advisory. There were more weddings than the previous year and far more baptisms: individual family baptisms through the spring and summer at 1pm and 3pm every Sunday afternoon. Sunday Club twice a month was re-started and Praise & Play was re-launched weekly in term time on a Friday morning. Thursday morning became the designated 'Place of Welcome' slot. The enterprise and commitment shown by a few dedicated individuals to reach out and welcome some people back and to welcome others for the first time was remarkable.

Witton Church Walk School resumed collective worship in church on a Wednesday morning. When it came to harvest, gifts from church members and school parents were collected and sent to the Food Hub/Bank/Shop on Manchester Road. Later the same week there was a fish and chip supper and quiz and a fortnight later a long delayed civic service took place, attended by the Mayor and councillors and other distinguished guests including our member of parliament, Mike Amesbury. The Remembrance Sunday Service took place at the war memorial, following the usual parade. There was a Christingle Service on the evening of Advent Sunday when the collection was donated to the Children's Society. Towards Christmas there was a Christmas Tree Festival including a sing-along concert. Church Walk School, Victoria Road School and Rudheath Senior Academy held their Christmas services/performances in church and on the Sunday evening before Christmas there was the traditional Nine Lessons and Carols Service. On Christmas Eve at the Crib Service we sang 'Away in a manger' by candlelight and much later celebrated the First communion of Christmas. On Christmas morning there were two services and the following day, Boxing Day being a Sunday, a few of us turned out again.

Thank you, everyone who contributed to the mission and ministry of St Helen's during 2021, in worship and service in church and online. Thank you for keeping in touch with one another and reaching out in small but significant ways to help neighbours and friends. It has been a challenge to know how best to share and live the good news of Jesus in such a topsy-turvy year, but at the end of 2021 St Helen's continued to have a worshipping congregation, in good heart and ready to welcome whatever 2022 had in store.

During 2021 a small group of us studied Margaret Pritchard Houston's book, 'Beyond the Children's Corner : Creating a Culture of Welcome for All Ages'. She is Children's Mission Enabler Adviser for the Diocese of St Albans: a fancy title but one which means she is well experienced in what it is that attracts adults and children to want to know God better through an association with a Christian community or church. It turns out that we who are already members are the ones who will often make or break this potential connection. The blurb on the back cover of the book says: 'However warm the greeting at the door or the friendliness of the congregation, each individual church has its own culture — its unspoken understanding of how things are done and its established ideas which can be barriers to those unfamiliar with them. This pastoral, practical,

realistic and comprehensive guide will equip churches to take a fresh look at every aspect of their life together. It includes helpful reflection on the changing needs of modern families and building sustainable relationships with them. It identifies the signals that indicate it is time to do things differently and provides guidance on introducing and managing change. It considers how children can engage in nourishing worship and develop spiritually.'

'Beyond the Children's Corner' is not a difficult read but the implications for how we 'do' or 'are' church in 2022 and beyond are challenging. St Helen's is attracting new members and there are adult candidates for confirmation on Sunday 22nd May. There are new children - with their parents - in the Children's Corner. As a church we have weekly contact with adults and children and the opportunity to share the love we know God has for us with others, so that they can experience it, too. How good are we at saying and living these words: 'Yes, I go to church. You can see that it does me good. I believe it will do you good, too, so why not dip your toe in the water?' All this demands a certain level of confidence on our part and a care and concern for the other, which respects who they are and where they are coming from. It needs to be said: going to church is voluntary and if it does not appear to be doing us any good why should an outsider bother? Ask yourself: what attracts you to worship every week? Has it ever occurred to you that there may be a discrepancy between our aspirations, expressed in worship, and the reality of the way we welcome and encourage others?

As Bishop Mark told Middlewich Deanery Synod last year: coronavirus has given us pause for thought, to consider what it is that church can offer now, rather than looking back to what used to work in the past. To quote Margaret Houston Pritchard again "Authenticity, community, relationships and acceptance are what count and church needs to be a place where you are not assessed and tested but can simply be. Where your identity comes not from your marks, or your likes on Instagram, but from being a beloved child of God." Of course, we cannot leave the past behind, any more than we can ignore the cost of Good Friday when we celebrate Jesus' resurrection: the marks of the nails and the spear thrust are still there for Thomas to see and feel in Jesus' resurrection body a week after Easter Day. But Jesus is no longer defined by death but by life: 'We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him...So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Jesus Christ.' Romans 6.9 & 11. We are Easter people, living in the light of the good news of Jesus' resurrection, and this must make a difference to how we view the future. Some things we hold dear may have to be closely examined and given a decent burial before moving on in faith and hope and above all, love. What united the followers of Jesus after the resurrection and their initial shock at what had happened, was their joy and hope for the future. I would like us to be the same. We have heard the Good News. We know it in our hearts. With God's help we will find ways to share it, so others know His love, too.

4.2 Secretary's Report

The PCC met throughout the year, initially by video conference (up to April) and thereafter in person, with appropriate social distancing. After the APCM, we decided to broaden our representation by co-opting 2 members who had not served previously. From July onward we decided to meet monthly to ensure that we could address the varied issues before us without requiring excessively long meetings.

We have sought to define our aims this year by restating our Aims and Ambitions, which we have publicised to the whole church. Under this remit, significant effort was devoted to revitalising work with children and young people, to renewing our efforts at communication and to promoting the vital role that volunteers contribute to our church life.

Throughout the year we gave attention to measures required to protect our congregations and visitors from the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. Discussions were held and decisions made on major expenditure: purchase of a 4th rental property, completion of the servery, and repair of the vestry roof. Approval was given to proceed with plans for new disabled toilets and improvements to the South Porch.

The relaxation of government requirements on Covid-19, enabled us to agree to running more social events and a sub-committee was established to plan, approve and manage the details of social events.

In our role as trustees, we routinely scrutinised our finances, our safeguarding practices and our health and safety performance.

4.3 Churchwardens' Report

Gordon Atkinson and Ken Moth were elected as churchwardens at the 2021 Annual Parish Meeting. One of the primary responsibilities set out in a Church Warden's "job description" is to support the incumbent. We have informally met with Vicar Andrew on a two weekly basis to help move forward various parish and church matters. Where possible we arrange for at least one of us to be in church each Sunday morning.

During the year repair and maintenance of the building and contents have been ongoing. The vestry roof has been renewed and repairs carried out to external masonry at the west end. A survey of the windows has been completed and repair works are being considered. A report on the condition of the organ has been commissioned. The new kitchen and servery are complete and functioning and the contractor retention payment has been released. At the time of writing, work on the fully accessible washroom and storage facilities is on schedule and should have been completed by the time of the Annual Church Meeting. Preparation work has been carried out with the church architect and contractor regarding refurbishment of the South Porch and this work is expected to be completed by late April or early May. A proposal for the creation of a car park within the church grounds has been developed but this is currently held up by conservation objections.

All regular checks of gas and electrical installations and fire extinguishers have been completed. The alarm installation has been renewed. Volunteers have undertaken extensive clearing and tidying of the churchyard vegetation. One new noticeboard has been installed close to the east gate and a second noticeboard has been ordered to be sited by the west gate. The diocese has been contacted regarding our intention to sell the Sexton's House.

4.4 Place of welcome

The regular Thursday morning "Places of Welcome" began in September with a few visitors, some have become regular attenders. The words most often spoken by the visitors are peace, welcome and friendliness. Conversations are instigated by the visitors with St Helens "Listeners" joining in as appropriate. Numbers have been increasing but more of both groups would be welcome. Representatives from other organisations have called in, adding to the topics of conversation. We stress that while the sessions are held in a church they are not religious, although once inside some appreciate the calmness of their surroundings. I have attended most weeks for the latter part of the morning and have enjoyed the chats with the visitors.

Barbara Spencer

4.5 Praise & Play

Praise and Play started again, after the pandemic restrictions were eased, in September 2021 and, after some research, it was decided to move Praise and Play to a Friday morning between 9.30am and 11.00am.

The morning is specially prepared for pre-school children and their parents or carers and starts with a short service lasting about 10 minutes, during which we sing a couple of songs, listen to a story and say a short prayer. After the service there is a craft activity linked to the theme of the worship for the children and a chance to have a drink and a snack and for parents to enjoy a chat whilst the children play. There is no charge for "Praise and Play".

Topics explored this year during the worship session included "God made a wonderful world", "Getting ready and Christmas", "God gives us...", and "God makes it grow"

4.6 Parish Recorder's Report

The planned giving in the Parish continued with a weekly Thanksgiving Envelope scheme, individual Standing Orders arranged through the bank, and Annual Gifts. Pledges were made in November 2020 for the calendar year 2021. The table below shows the profile of pledges made and fulfilment of those pledges. This is compared to the pledges made in May 2019 for the period June 2019 to May 2020.

Pledges	2021		2019	
Weekly Donation Value	No of donors	% of total	No of donors	% of total
less than £5	6	29%	8	25%
£5 - £10	10	48%	13	41%
£10 - £20	2	10%	4	13%
£20 - £30	1	5%	2	6%
£30 - £100	2	10%	4	13%
over £100	0	0%	1	3%
Total	21		32	
Fulfilment of Pledges	No of donors	% of total	No of donors	% of total
Met in full, or exceeded	14	67%	15	47%
Fulfilled by 97% or above	14	67%	18	56%

The following shows the profile of giving for 2021 and 2020

Regular Giving				
	2021		2020	
Weekly Donation Value	No of donors	% of total	No of donors	% of total
less than £5	25	43%	24	45%
£5 - £10	16	28%	14	26%
£10 - £20	8	14%	6	11%
£20 - £30	3	5%	5	9%
£30 - £100	5	9%	3	6%
over £100	1	2%	1	2%
Total	58		53	
		Total Donations		Total Donations
Weekly Envelopes	15	£3,732	25	£5,280
Standing Orders	40	£29,690	38	£25,899
Annual Gifts	4	£319	1	£60
Yellow Envelopes	7	£451	5	£916
	Total	£34,191	Total	£32,154
(Some donors may have used multiple donation methods in the year)				
Other Donations - Yellow Envelopes	5	69.3	1	50

In the tax year 2020/21, 57 Gift Aid declarations for regular giving were in operation. During that period, this giving together with single Gift Aid envelopes totalled £24,161.40, enabling us to claim £6,040.39 for the parish on this sum. In tax year 2019/20 we claimed £7,194.34 Gift Aid on £28,777.18 of gifts.

We also claimed £397.53 through the Small Cash Donations scheme, giving a total Gift Aid repayment for the year of £6,437.91. In 2019/20 we claimed £1,698.08 through the SCDS scheme, and a total Gift Aid repayment of £8,892.41.

4.7 Safeguarding Report

The PCC continues to abide by the Church of England safeguarding policy which the PCC at that time adopted in 2019 and will be reviewed at a PCC meeting in March 2022. The PCC along with other roles within the church has a duty to be trained in safeguarding. Each current member on the PCC has now undertaken the training online. The face to face training that the Diocese provides has been postponed due to the Coronavirus pandemic. This training is only required to certain roles within the church and is also online.

It is mandatory that any new members to the PCC are trained in a basic awareness of safe guarding in the church. Due to the Coronavirus pandemic no new DBS checks have been required. The safeguarding officer has a list of people who have DBS checks made and when they expire. There have been no safeguarding concerns raised in 2021 as the church and services have been restricted due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

The Church of England from 4 January 2022, states that all new appointments and those whose enhanced DBS is due a recheck from that point onwards should have their DBS recheck carried out and then be put on the new 3 year recheck cycle, the cycle before was 5 years. Therefore by 4 January 2022, Church Bodies must have assessed all other individuals who do not fall into the above, but whose DBS is more than 3 years old and put a plan in place to ensure that all those individuals have a DBS no older than 3 years by 3rd January 2024 and after that, ensure they are also on the new 3 year recheck cycle.

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

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

4.8 Health & Safety Report

Summary

During the year 2021-22 the following UNOR reportable incidents have occurred:

Level 1	2
Level 2	0
Level 3	4

Level 3) Near miss incident/Observed Hazard: This is an incident or observed hazard/behaviour that could have resulted in an injury or damage to property if nothing was done about it. An example could be a damaged electrical socket or a spill of water that is not cleared up.

Level 2) Incident that caused damage to property or a minor injury requiring first aid: This is an incident that would have caused injury had there been a person in the wrong place at the wrong time or a minor injury not requiring professional medical attention. An example of this could be an overloaded electrical socket or a lighting fire.

Level 1) Incident that led to a more severe injury requiring first aid/emergency services call out/RIDDOR report: Any incident that requires an emergency services call out is the highest level of UNOR.

Incidents

The two Level 1 incidents were an illness in the bell tower and a serious injury in the vestry which resulted in a RIDDOR report to the Health & Safety Executive. Follow up enquiries from the council Regulatory Services Officer were dealt with over the phone by me.

The four Level 3 incidents were a minor splash of wax in the upper vestry due to overenthusiastic blowing out of the candles; a minor trip over an inappropriately placed radiator, trailing cables left exposed during a service and damage to the disabled parking area to the south east of the church.

Once again, can I ask that you tell the H&S Officer if you have seen anything that you consider to be a hazard or an unsafe event occur. A good example is the near-miss of the trailing cables. That wasn't an incident, but it could have been, hence it was reported.

All of the above incidents have resulted in recommendations being made to the PCC or the persons involved. A full list of recommendations is available if required.

Policies and Risk Assessments

A review of all policies and risk assessments will be undertaken within the next 3 months.

Covid-19

This was a major upset in the life of not just the church, but the nation as a whole. On the 23rd March 2020, the government announced that all activities that may involve personal interaction were stopped. This included church services and gatherings.

As of the 2nd April 2022, the situation couldn't be more different. There are no legal restrictions on meetings or infections any more and it is down to personal preference whether you mask, isolate etc. However, out of an abundance of caution, and recognising that the current rates of infection locally are higher than they have been during the pandemic, a number of recommendations remain in place. These are:

- Face coverings are encouraged when in church;
- Hand sanitiser is still available for use on entering and leaving the building, during communion and at the serving area;
- Communion is celebrated with both kinds, however, the bread will be tintured in the wine rather than sharing the common cup;
- The sharing of the peace is to remain at a distance.

Replacement Equipment

During the year the first aid kits have been replaced and the defibrillator battery has had to be replaced.

Andrew Cannon (Health & Safety Officer)

4.9 Deanery Synod Report

St Helen's church has 3 representatives on deanery synod and we ensured that we had representation at all of the meetings that were held in 2021. This is one means of the PCC gaining a wider perspective of church affairs and participating in the Church of England's governance. The 3 meetings held in 2021 focused on a) the work & life of the cathedral, b) a presentation from the newly appointed bishop and c) a discussion of environmental issues facing the church. Where appropriate we fed back issues that had been discussed to the PCC.

4.10 Northwich & District Churches Together

During lockdown in the first part of the year, a very successful Pentecost/Thy Kingdom Come Zoom service was held. Subsequently, people have been very cautious about meeting together so 2022's Lent Course will be held via Zoom. For the same reason there will be no Walk of Witness on Good Friday. Looking forward, we would like to think that in the summer we may have an open air Songs of Praise possibly in the old outdoor market place, if it is for hire. Once we are able to live more normally with Covid we are considering restarting a regularly monthly Songs of Praise on a Sunday evening.

Joy Montgomery

4.11 CAMEO

Due to restrictions we were unable to meet after Ash Wednesday last year until September when it was very pleasing to see everyone returning and attending the Midday Service and afterwards

staying for CAMEO. As usual we went out for our Christmas meal and look forward to going out again in the summer for lunch. Anyone over retirement age would be made very welcome on the third Wednesday in the month.

Joy Montgomery

5.Financial Review

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

In finance terms, 2021 has had two parts:

1. The rebuilding of regular income and donations to support the day to day work of St Helen's Church.
2. Continuation of our policy to use the proceeds from the sale of the curate's house and field.

In summary, our regular donations, occasional offerings and proceeds from events and income from rental properties have increased during the year. Regular donations are the bedrock of our financial viability, contributing over 50% to our annual income. We have received increased rental income with the purchase and letting of an additional 3 houses.

Nevertheless, our deficit of routine expenditure over income was £8330 (having discounted expenditure on major works and purchase of a rental property. The picture is less bleak if it is recognised that a tax refund is due on gift-aided donations. As a result, we are more or less breaking even although we already know that 2022 will be more expensive because of increases in inflation, notably energy costs. We can be encouraged by what we have achieved but need to commit ourselves to seeking increased donations and other sources of income.

Expenditure on major projects has been substantial during 2021 comprising:-

- Purchase of a 4th rental property
- Final payment on the servery
- Repair of the vestry and aisle roofs.

The servery was 75% funded by grants and donations but the remainder of the major projects have been funded from reserves, notably the proceeds from sale the Curate's house & field in 2019. There are sufficient funds left to enable our plans to install disabled toilets and to refurbish the South Porch.

The accounts have been restructured to include a restricted fund, which includes receipt of monies that are given/awarded for specific purposes and then shows their spend on such purposes. The restricted fund makes it easier to demonstrate to grant-awarding bodies that we have used their grants as intended.

The trustees' policy on reserves:

As a PCC, we are well aware of the forthcoming challenges in terms of repair and maintenance of the church building and of meeting our aspirations to develop the growth and ministry of the church. Equally, we do currently hold significant assets (cash, investments and buildings) which we need to manage effectively for the best outcome for St Helen's Church. Our saleable property portfolio as at Dec 2021 is valued at approximately £660,000.

A reserve policy clearly will help with our future funding strategy.

In the light of the foregoing background, the PCC agreed a revised reserve policy as follows:-

Reserves Policy for St Helen's (Witton) Northwich

What:

The following risks should be addressed

1. Loss of three months income from three residential properties, say £6,000.

2. Decline in planned giving and collections (annual), say £18,000.

3. Unforeseen eventuality (say building or services failure), say £36,000.

TOTAL CASH RESERVE £60,000

Why:

These reserves are held to cover significant unexpected reduction in income or unexpected and unplanned urgent expenditure. However, the PCC will also need to take action to remedy deficits in its funding over the longer term and to rebuild the reserve whenever it is called upon.

When can these reserves be used:

Money held in reserve can only be allocated by the Parochial Church Council. If an urgent response is required an emergency PCC will be called.


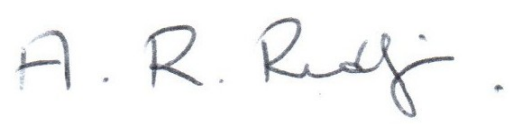
Review:

The PCC will review the reserves policy annually, as recommended by the Charity Commission, in sufficient time to present the revised policy to the Annual Parish Church Meeting.

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	8 th April 2022	8 th April 2022

Receipt and Payments Account from 1st January 2021 to 31st December 2021

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
A1 Receipts					
			To the nearest £		
Voluntary income	38,839	2,617		41,456	38,175
Tax Receipt					18,517
Income from events & activities	6,195			6,195	20,957
Income from investments	1,911			1,911	13,809
Income from rental properties	22,120			22,120	18,175
Grants		20,977		20,977	20,509
Sub-total (Gross income for A1)	69,065	23,594		92,659	130,136
A2 Asset & Investment Sales (see table)					
Sub total					
Total Receipts	69,066	23,594		92,659	130,136
A3 Payments					
Missionary & charitable grants	240			240	8,010
Church-related:					
Ministry & worship	44,513	1,178		45,691	
Building running costs	17,565			17,565	
Minor repairs & maintenance	7,908			7,908	
Costs of rental properties	4,611			4,611	
Admin & IT	3,317			3,317	
Sub total church-related	77,914	1,178		79,092	101,986
Major works & repairs	96,779	46,939		143,718	53,657
Professional fees	4,080	2,160		6,240	
Sub-total A3 Payments	179,012	50,277		229,289	163,653
Asset & investment Purchases see table					
1 Scholars Row	142,555			142,555	280,000
sub-total	142,555			142,555	280,000
Total Payments	321,568	50,277		371,845	443,653
Nett of receipts/(payments)	(252,502)	(26,683)		(279,185)	(313,517)
A5 Transfer between funds	(47,501)	47,501			
A6 Cash funds 31 st December 2020	522,697			522,697	836,215
Cash funds at 31st December 2021	222,694	20,817		243,512	522,697

Section B Statement of Assets and Liabilities at the Year End

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	
B1 Cash Funds				
Cash at bank	222,694	20,817		
Total cash funds	222,694	20,817		

B2 Other Monetary Assets	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	
CBF Institute	Unrestricted		42,540	
CBF Witton Sunday School Fund	Restricted		23,464	
Total			66,004	

B3 Investment assets				
Cornerstones (Sexton's House)	Unrestricted	125,000		
8 St Chads Fields	Unrestricted	115,200		
17 Hollybank Close	Unrestricted	150,000		
16, St Chads Fields	Unrestricted	130,000		
1 Scholars Rise	Unrestricted	140,000		

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

	Fund to which liability belongs	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)	
B5 Liabilities				

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of St Helen's Witton, Parochial Church Council

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the **St Helen's Witton, Parochial Church Council** (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2021.

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 all 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 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 Trust 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.

Signed:



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Date: 7th March 2022