

**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 2022

Incumbent:

Rev Andrew Ridley

Lay Reader Emeritus:

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		APCM
Mr Kenneth Moth	Church warden		APCM
Mrs Berenice Kirwan	Deanery Synod Rep		APCM
Mrs Barbara Spencer	Deanery Synod Rep	From 24 th April 2022	APCM
Mr David Hodgkinson	Deanery Synod Rep	Until 1 st December 2022	APCM
Mrs Louise Begent-Piers			APCM
Mrs Rachel Clarke		From 24 th April 2022	APCM
Mrs Joy Montgomery			APCM
Mrs Amelia Visscher			APCM
Mrs Jennifer Thomas		From 24 th April 2022	APCM
Mr Andrew Cannon			APCM
Mr Andrew Jeapes	Secretary & Treasurer		APCM
Mr Paul Tott			APCM
Mr Julian Williams		Until 11 th July 2022	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 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

There is a very good reason for holding our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in April, on the 23rd, just a couple of weeks after Easter. It is because we are God's Easter people, who.... *'By his great mercy have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead'* 1st Letter of Peter 1.3

This year's Annual Meeting is an opportunity to look back on, and to celebrate, what God has done for us, His Easter people, in the last year. To see His hand at work in individuals' lives and to ponder how slowly, carefully, painstakingly, with our help and cooperation, He offers to mend our relations with Him and each other. And to hope that we will be sensitive and open to His call to follow Jesus more nearly and dearly into the future.

One of my favourite Easter resurrection appearances is Jesus suddenly standing among his disciples in John's Gospel chapter 20: “Then they were glad to see the Lord.” Yes, they were! They were deliriously happy to see Jesus again. A man they had come to love, on the journey from Galilee to Jerusalem, but hadn't they seen him die on a cross? How could he be here, in front of them? Could it really be him? But it must be him, bearing the marks of crucifixion in his hands, feet and side. They were convinced and a week later so

was Doubting Thomas. In every generation since then Christ's living presence has been revealed to those who love and follow him. The 40 days of Easter and every Sunday after that are occasions for us to worship the Risen Christ and to be "...born anew to a living hope..."

Numbers attending worship have stayed remarkably stable during 2022 and even increased. New members are joining the Sunday morning congregation and more often than not on a Sunday morning there will be a visitor 'passing through' and appreciative of our open welcome. There were 55 Easter communicants (56 in 2021), 77 total attendance (62 in 2021). Christmas communicants were 66 (59) and total attendance 251 (178). Usual Sunday attendance (averaged across the year) was 48 Adults and 4 children and the 'Worshipping Community' stood at 114, which is 10 up on 2021. All these figures are derived from careful recording keeping - in the Register of Services and a People Register - and numbers have been submitted to the Church of England's 'Statistics for Mission' database.

We have live-streamed and recorded on YouTube virtually every Sunday morning service. There is a small, faithful following of parishioners who watch online.

Special Services have included a Confirmation in May, when 7 Adults and a teenager were confirmed by Bishop Geoff Pearson, and the dedication of the new glass porch doors by the Bishop of Chester.

The number of weddings was down (from 4 to 1) but the number of funerals was up: 21 in church (20) and 18 (16) at the crematorium/cemetery. There was a well-attended Remembrance and Thanksgiving Service on All Saints' Sunday. Baptisms were up: 36 (23), and it is interesting to note that far more children were presented for baptism between the ages of 1 and 10. It has been a challenge to catch some toddlers, more intent on playing in the Children's Corner than being ready to be splashed with water. Baptism families have been invited back to the following month's Worship Together Communion to pick up their child's baptism certificate and a Hannah Dunnott print for their child's bedroom wall.

Witton Church Walk School continued to attend St Helen's for Collective Worship every fortnight during School Term. The School had its Harvest Service, Christmas Christingle Service, Easter Service and Leavers' Service in St Helen's, too. Victoria Road School and Rudheath Senior Academy held their Christmas Services/Performances in church, too. St Helen's Advent Sunday Christingle Service is growing and the Children's Society benefits from the collections taken at both Christingles.

In September St Helen's was open for several days so Northwich residents could remember with thanksgiving the life and service of Queen Elizabeth. On the day before the funeral a Service of Reflection concluded in the National One Minute Silence. Remembrance Sunday in November was back in church for the first time since 2019.

Mid-week Services such as the CAMEO Communion on the third Wednesday in the month have continued, as well as the observance of seasonal occasions such as Ash Wednesday, Holy Week and Ascension Day. The Holy Cross Chapel is ideal for small, intimate services and the prayer cards, prayer tree and votive candles available to be lit are obviously appreciated. Four weekly 'Advent Reflections' in the lead up to Christmas were an experiment which deserve to be repeated.

Thank you, everyone who contributed to the worship of St Helen's Church during 2022. We are a worshipping congregation in good heart, "...born anew to a living hope..."

Andrew Ridley

4.2 Churchwardens' Report

The Church Wardens have carried out their primary responsibility of supporting the Vicar throughout the year. Regular meetings, mainly two weekly, have been held in order to help develop the mission of the Church and to progress administrative and maintenance work. In terms of the Church building and facilities the last 12 months has been a busy period with several projects completed or under way.

- The CCTV and live streaming installation is complete.
- The refitting of the toilets to provide a fully accessible disabled wc, baby change facilities and a standard toilet is complete.
- The construction of new cupboards to house the cleaners' sink, flower arrangers' equipment, electrical boards and other storage is complete.
- The refurbishment of the south porch including new stained glass windows, new unobtrusive window guards, new glass inner doors, new oak benches and noticeboards is complete.
- A new lock has been fitted to the vestry door.
- The provision of new churchyard noticeboards by the east gate and west gate is complete.
- Areas of the north aisle roof have been re-laid following water ingress.
- Registering title of the Sexton's House to permit its sale is under way.
- Cleaning of two south aisle windows together with the fitting of new unobtrusive window guards has been carried out.
- Provision of a 'new' organ to replace the unsatisfactory and water-damaged existing organ is in process.
- Estimates for the repair of faulty leadwork over north aisle and vestry gutter have been provided.
- Proposals for the creation of a meeting room in the base of the tower including the re-siting or disposal of the Victorian font have been produced.
- Repairs to the clock are in progress.
- Planning permission for improved access at the east gate has been granted.
- Work to clear the grounds of excessive vegetation, mainly holly growth and ivy, has been completed.

G Atkinson, K Moth, Churchwardens.

4.3 Place of welcome (& All Friends Together) and Four C's

During the last six months, Place of Welcome has run each Thursday morning through 2022 from 10:00 am to 12 noon. Numbers were generally low. A small number of people have been regular throughout the year. Others have attended for a few weeks and then stopped. There have been a small number of Church volunteers who have faithfully supported these openings and on occasions the helpers have outnumbered the visitors.

In November a complementary lunch time activity started from 12 noon to 2:0 pm which is a further period of time for friendship, talk and a simple lunch. This activity is St Helen's support for the local and national "Places of Warmth" initiative. During November and December 2022 numbers attending were in the teens but during January and February 2023 numbers have increased and

averaging in the 20's. We have noticed a slightly wider age range and more men attending. Those who can, help with waiting on and clearing up at the end. All appreciate the effort that goes into making the Church a very welcoming venue. A decision has been taken to integrate the two sessions and St Helen's will now open on Thursdays from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm with hot drinks available to about 11:45 and lunch at around 12:15. This will meet the aspiration of those currently attending to beyond the end of March although we will need volunteers to run it.

Barbara Spencer, Angela and Gordon Atkinson

4Cs: Coffee, Cake, Company, Conversation

We meet each Saturday from 10-12 noon and welcome any members of our church and local community. We aim to offer coffee, tea & a variety of home-made cakes, but, more importantly, a happy place for company and conversation. Since our beginning in May 2022 we have a group of regulars and not so regulars who enjoy the atmosphere and beauty of St Helen's, not to mention the good coffee & even better cake! There is no charge for refreshments but people are invited to make a donation to one of our nominated charities. As a result in 2022 we raised over £2100 which was shared between Christian Aid, Motor Neurone Disease Association and Making Space. Now in the 1st 4 months of 2023 we are raising funds for Christian Aid. The nominated charities for the remainder of 2023 will be decided shortly.

Paul & Lesley Tott

4.4 Choir

St Helen's choir now consists of 7 regular members plus three or four occasional singers who help out for more important services. The choir supports the singing at the 9:15 service on Sundays and when sufficient members are available will also sing a motet during communion. The choir would love to have more members, so if you would like to join please speak to David Nangreave or Frank Strange

4.5 Bell ringers

We are an active group of ringers who ring regularly for the Sunday communion services. Further, we have made efforts to ring for special civic occasions, in 2022 for events connected to our monarchy:-

3rd June The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

9th September – tolling half muffled in memory of HM Queen Elizabeth II

10th September – national proclamation of HM King Charles III

19th September – tolling half muffled prior to the state funeral of HM Queen Elizabeth II

We are grateful for the support we receive from Witton band and visitors from other towers.

4.6 Praise & Play

Praise and Play continues to meet on a Friday morning between 9.30am and 11.00am and is slowly growing in numbers. We are in regular contact with 12 families. 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, recently toast or toasted teacakes, 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 include;

- Finding out about God with Teddy Horsley when we learned about and celebrated Easter, Pentecost and Trinity Sunday.
- God made a colourful world
- Getting ready for and celebrating Christmas and Epiphany
- God gives us – all about our senses

We have been able to display the craft activities the children have taken part in on the notice board at the back of church.

We would like to thank Angela Atkinson and Irene Robinson for all their help and support in welcoming and chatting to parents and providing the refreshments. We are looking for more Church members to help and support this outreach initiative. Anyone is welcome to come along to join in with the worship and find out how you could help.

4.7 Parish Recorder's Report

The planned giving in the Parish continued with a Weekly Thanksgiving Envelope scheme, Yellow Envelopes, individual Standing Orders arranged through the bank, Contactless Payments, Open Plate donations and Annual Gifts.

Our Annual review for 2022 was distributed in December 2022 together with a Letter of Thanks from Rev. Andrew Ridley to all regular givers. A renewal of pledge forms for 2023 was distributed at the same time.

A full set of Thanksgiving envelopes was issued for the period Jan 2023 to Dec 2023.

The following shows the profile of giving and donations received for 2022 (Jan to Dec) compared to January to December of 2021.

Even though the number of donors for 2022 appears to have reduced, contributions by contactless & open plate increased (where specific donor information is unavailable).

	2022		2021	
Weekly Donation Value	No of donors	% of total	No of donors	% of total
less than £5	24	47%	25	43%
£5 - £10	7	14%	16	28%
£10 - £20	10	20%	8	14%
£20 - £30	1	2%	3	5%
£30 - £100	9	18%	5	9%
over £100	0	0%	1	2%
Total	51		58	
		Total Donations		Total Donations
Weekly Envelopes	11	£3295.44	15	£3,732
Standing Orders	35	£29,254	40	£29,690
Annual Gifts	1	£100	4	£319
Yellow Envelopes	14	£2,455	7	£451
		£35,104		£34,191
SCDS (including contactless)		£6,192		£4,256
Grand Total		£41,296		£38,447

For the tax year purposes

During the tax year 2021/22, Regular Gift Aid Giving and Weekly Gift Aid giving, totalled £27,043 enabling us to claim £6760 for the parish on this sum.

In the tax year 2020/21, we claimed £6,040.39 Gift Aid on £24,161.40 of Regular gifts. We were also able to claim further Gift Aid on Served donations under the Promising Future Fund, so in 2020/21, the total actual gift aid we were able to claim was £8359.12, plus £63.34 in repayment interest.

During the tax year 2021/22, we were able claim gift aid of £1452 on donations made through the Small Cash Donations scheme, (those donations made via contactless, open plate and other donations). In 2020/21 we claimed £397.53 through the SCDS scheme.

In 2021/2022 we were able to claim a total Gift Aid repayment for the year of £8213.

4.8 Safeguarding Report

At St Helen's Church we take our responsibilities for safeguarding seriously, particularly as regards children and vulnerable adults. We comply entirely with the guidelines for safeguarding laid down by the Church of England. We have reviewed and published our policy statement and have maintained records of training and DBS clearances. During the year our long-standing safeguarding officer resigned but we have been fortunate to find a capable volunteer for this important role - Mr Michael Roberts. We are able to report that during 2022 we had no safeguarding incidents and no matters of safeguarding concern were reported to the safeguarding officer. Already we are planning to implement DBS clearances for our new PCC which will be elected at the APCM.

4.9 Health & Safety Report

The PCC has declared its Health & Safety policy and carries out risk assessments on all activities. A plan is in place to review these risk assessments on a regular basis. We also have a system to report accidents and near misses, which are then investigated and reported to the PCC. Where necessary remedial measures are established.

During 2022, we had no incidents that could have led to serious injury or damage to property. We did have 13 incidents that either caused minor injury/damage or were deemed to be near misses with some risk of injury. All these have been appropriately reported and dealt with by the PCC.

The PCC encourages all church users to report anything they consider might present a risk of an accident to our Health & Safety Officer – Andrew Cannon.

4.10 Deanery Synod Report

Middlewich Deanery Synod met three times in 2022, on 1st February at St John's, Hartford, on 14th June at St Chad's, Over and on 12th October at Weaverham Community Centre. Rev Simon Drew chaired the first two as Rural Dean and following the end of his second five year term in the post, Rev Ruth Mock as newly-appointed Rural Dean chaired the October meeting. Clergy numbers attending varied from 6 to 14 and lay people from 19 to 24. During 2022 St Helen's was represented by the Vicar, Berenice Kirwan, Dave Hodgkinson and Barbara Spencer. Reports were received from General Synod, as well as Reports from Parishes.

On February 1st Bishop Julie was the Speaker. She spoke of her family connections to mid-Cheshire with relatives in Hartford and Acton Bridge. She grew up, went to school and to church in Ormskirk. Opportunities to preach and lead services as well as reading Biblical Studies at Sheffield University led to discussion with the Archbishop of York about women's ordination. But work in the Probation Service in London preceded +Julie's ordination. She was married with her second child when she was a deacon. Ordained ministry had been in the dioceses of Southwark and Rochester before her appointment as Archdeacon of Tonbridge. As Bishop of Birkenhead, +Julie has particular responsibility for Safeguarding and Outreach. Our three bishops are no longer area based. +Sam has particular responsibility for vocations and education.

+Julie sees a number of challenges: safeguarding, poverty (noting an 11-year life expectancy gap across Wirral), funding for ministry, relatively few ministers in highly populated poor parishes and the low proportion of young people in our churches in the diocese. Diocesan strengths are prayer and the warmth of the people. Our link with Melanesia is a good opportunity to listen to them especially in regard to eco-challenges and how they perceive God. The Synod wished +Julie well in her ministry in the diocese.

On June 14th Synod met at St Chad's, Over. Rev Callum Boothroyd had been inducted the previous month and was warmly welcomed. The Lay Chairman reminded the meeting that this would be Simon Drew's last meeting as Rural Dean and to much applause he thanked Simon for all his hard work on behalf of the Deanery during the previous ten years.

The Speaker was Rev Peter Froggatt Diocesan Director of Outreach. Peter said it was his intention to visit every deanery to introduce the new department he had been appointed to lead. The Outreach Department had been formed two years ago with the amalgamation of the former Mission and Social Responsibility Departments. He outlined the structure of the Department and stressed their enabling role. The department's focus is on helping parishes do Outreach, rather than doing it for them! He acknowledged that there would always be a tussle between the work of the Church as Institution and as Worshipping and Spiritual Community. Peter mentioned the role of Discernment Panels in seeking candidates who are missionally motivated for authorised lay leadership and ordained ministry.

On October 12th Synod met at Weaverham Community Centre when the Speaker was Rev Simon Chesters, the recently appointed Diocesan Director of Ministry. Newly appointed Rural Dean, Rev Ruth Mock led opening prayers and began proceedings with a reference to the Diocese's Vision Process being led by Harriet Roberts. There will be a meeting on Zoom for deanery clergy in early November and a Vision Café event for a supplemented meeting of Deanery Synod in February 2023 in Sandiway Church Hall. Members were encouraged to offer their vision for the Church at these occasions or via the online link on the Diocesan Website, and to involve their parishes in the process, too, as all contributions are welcome as we seek to discern where the Holy Spirit is leading us.

Simon explained his Department's remit: "Supporting and resourcing people to find and live out their calling." Canon Sarah Fenby is Director of Vocations to Ordained ministry. The one year 'Foundations for Ministry' Course is the Diocese's first stepping stone for those exploring their vocation. Readers and Pastoral Workers undergo a further two years study. The Department includes a Dean of Women's Ministry, a Bishop's Officer for Self-Supporting Ordained Ministry, and oversees Ministerial Development Review (MDR) and Continuing Ministerial Development (CMD). The Department makes use of the Diocesan Conference Centre at Foxhill, near Helsby, for half day, whole day and residential training on every aspect of Christian discipleship and ministry, including 'Everyday Faith'. Many of the half day and whole day courses are open to interested church members for a small fee and are advertised on the Diocesan website.

4.11 Northwich & District Churches Together

NDCT meet quarterly in order to exchange ideas and to work out how we may work together more efficiently to spread the gospel in our area. We are now working towards resuming a "full service" after the problems we have had due to Covid. We look forward to restarting study groups and also more events later on this year. The Songs of Praise held in March was excellent and well attended. Good feedback was received which was encouraging. The Walk of Witness this year had a new format, beginning at the Salvation Army with reflection, then walking to Asda sharing more reflections and finishing back at the Salvation Army.

Joy Montgomery

4.12 CAMEO

The attendance at CAMEO has been consistent throughout this year. We are now in our 10th year. Our Christmas meal at the Woodpecker was enjoyed by all and we look forward to our summer outing in July. One of our original members died this year and will be greatly missed. We have just gained a new member and would like to welcome more to come along and join us for a shared lunch and fellowship. If you are retired or retired and live on your own you would be made most welcome.

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.

On reflection, 2022 was a positive year financially: we completed our planned projects, we were able to finance our regular activities and we managed to raise significant funds for chosen charities.

Our routine income comprised two main sources: all offerings and donations (£41,900) and income from renting of houses (£31,800). Our various events, such as Tea at the Tower raised £3000 for specified charities. We also had some one-off receipts (£18,700): VAT refund, grant towards heating costs, an insurance claim.

Our expenditure had two components – our routine expenditure to ensure the successful running of the church and spending on major projects (S Porch, disabled WC and roof alarm). Our routine expenditure was dominated by the costs of ministry (£44,700) and running of our buildings (£21,100). Expenditure on major projects (£106,000) was a large sum but this was funded from savings we accumulated when we sold the curate's house and field in 2019.

Setting aside the major projects, we had a small surplus of income over expenditure. However, 2023 is expected to be more challenging financially, principally because of greatly increased energy costs. We continue to appeal for additional giving if we are to avoid using our savings to underwrite our day-to-day activities.

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 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.


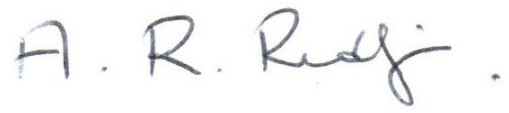
Review:

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	22/3/23	22/3/23

Receipt and Payments Account from 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
A1 Receipts	To the nearest £				
Voluntary income	41,991	2,076		44,067	41,456
Tax Receipt	8,820			8,820	
Income from events & activities	8,630			8,630	6,195
Income from investments	3,607			3,607	1,911
Income from rental properties	31,794			31,794	22,120
Grants	1,380	9,300		10,680	20,977
Other Income	17,389			17,389	
Sub-total (Gross income for A1)	113,611	11,376		124,987	92,659
A2 Asset & Investment Sales (see table)					
Sub total					
Total Receipts	113,611	11,376		124,987	92,659

A3 Payments

Missionary & charitable grants	3,807			3,807	240
Church-related:					
Ministry & worship	44,750	462			
Events	1,157				
Building running costs	16,790				
Minor repairs & maintenance	4,350				
Costs of rental properties	10,429				
Admin & IT	3,226				
Sub total church-related	80,702	462		81,164	79,092
Major works & repairs	106,008	18,500		124,508	143,718
Professional fees					6,240
Sub-total A3 Payments	190,517	18,962		209,479	229,290

A4 Asset & investment Purchases

1 Scholars Row Winsford					142,555
Sub-total A4					142,555
Total Payments	190,517	18,962		209,479	371,845
Nett of receipts/(payments)	(76,906)	(7,586)		(84,479)	(279,186)
A5 Transfer between funds					
A6 Cash funds 31 st December 2021	222,694	20,817		243,512	522,697
Cash funds at 31st December 2022	145,788	13,231		159,019	243,511

Section B Statement of Assets and Liabilities at the Year End

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	
B1 Cash Funds					
Cash at bank		145,788	13,231		
Total cash funds		145,788	13,231		
B2 Other Monetary Assets		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	
CBF Institute		Unrestricted		37,555	
CBF Witton Sunday School Fund		Restricted		22,190	
Total					
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	Retention S Porch	Unrestricted	1,500	1/1/23	

Independent Examiner's Report

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 2022.

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.

I would recommend that formal expenses claim form is introduced which details the claimants name, the item of each expenditure in terms of description, date and cost and the date of the claim.

Signed:



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Date: 11th March 2023