

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JAMES THE GREAT GAWSWORTH

England & Wales · Charity number 1180321

Details

Other names	THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JAMESTHEGREAT GAWSWORTH
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2018-10-16
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: PROMOTING IN THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH THE WHOLE MISSION OF THE CHURCH.

Activities: PCC for the Church of St James the Great, Gawsworth.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Cheshire East

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£102,120	£92,587	-	-
2023-12-31	£78,342	£95,138	-	-
2022-12-31	£82,562	£90,785	-	-
2021-12-31	£74,997	£83,525	-	-
2020-12-31	£64,804	£85,690	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Colin Wilson	Chair	2019-10-10
Andrew Smith		2021-05-10
GLENICE MELLOR		2018-03-26
Helen French		2021-05-10
JANE CURLEY		2010-04-01
JOHN BROWN		2018-03-26
Jim Fletcher		2020-10-12
Liz Owen		2021-05-10
Lynne Williams		2020-10-12
Margaret Yearsley		2021-05-10
Peter Clampett		2019-03-26
RUPERT RICHARDS		2016-01-09
Rebecca Salmon		2020-10-12
Sheila Gee		2021-05-10
Victoria Clampett		2022-05-24
linda louise wood		2019-09-01

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ST JAMES THE GREAT, GAWSWORTH

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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Mr Ian Coomer	Appointed 16/5/2023
Mr David Smith	Appointed 16/5/2023
Mrs Glenice Mellor	Appointed 16/5/2023
Mrs Sheila Gee	Appointed 14/5/2024
Mrs Helen French	Appointed 14/5/2024
Mr Keith Yearsley	Appointed 14/5/2024
Mr Colin Bodimeade	Appointed 14/5/2024
Mr Wyn Belt	Appointed 14/5/2024

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A strong outreach programme.

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Achievements and Performance

Worship, Prayer and Music

The PCC offers a good range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. The main Sunday worship is a 10am Family Service on the first Sunday of each month and Sung Eucharist on the 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays. On 5th Sundays we have a joint united benefice service with St. Michael's, North Rode, which alternates between the two churches. We also have 8am Holy Communion and 6pm Evening Services on the first and third Sunday of each month.

Our Family Service, on the first Sunday of each month, is extremely well attended. Our Mothers' Union provide books and colouring equipment at the back of the church for any families wishing to attend any of our other services.

Baptisms performed during the year were 4, compared with 8 in 2023.

Worship, Prayer and Music cont'd.

Our church has a choir and organist/choirmaster which helps to make the most of the music content of our services. All main services are based on the Book of Common Prayer. We enjoy and are proud to still be singing psalms and there are also special services around Christmas, Easter and Palm Sunday. We are Corporate Members of the Prayer Book Society.

We welcome young couples wishing to get married. In 2024 there were 6 weddings, compared with 9 in 2023.

Through funeral services we help the families express their grief and to give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping. There were 9 funerals this year compared to 12 in 2023.

Bible Study and Discussion Group

Unfortunately, COVID 19 has resulted in the monthly Bible Study Group disbanding. However, over the five weeks of Lent the Rector leads a well-attended Bible Study Group at the Rectory.

Deanery Synod

We have two PCC representatives sitting on the deanery synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church.

The Church and Church Hall

We are passionate about our church being open to the community for private prayer and devotion. We, like most churches, have experienced theft and vandalism which presented us with a dilemma. However, the chancel and sanctuary have a security alarm which is on all the time. We have updated our CCTV monitors, which provide a clear and wide view. This allows us to have the church unlocked during daylight hours for private prayers and devotion and the lighting of votive candles. The churchyard is floodlit at night for security reasons, and we have permission from a landowner to keep open the front aspect by pruning trees and shrubs. This area and other areas of the churchyard are planted with spring bulbs using donations for that purpose. We have a magnificent display for everyone to enjoy and hopefully they will encourage visitors.

Pastoral Care

During Lent we have regular Tuesday soup lunches made by our team of volunteers and pancakes on Shrove Tuesday.
We live in a rural village which has a tradition for caring for the community and our PCC encourage members of the congregation to look out for those who are sick or disabled and in need of help.

We actively promote the hall, encouraging members of the parish and the local community to use the hall more. Although there is also a village hall which is in the centre of the village and used more for creches etc.

We have a healthy Mothers' Union group that meets once a month and provides items for our local food bank. They also provide flowers for the Mothers' Day service.

Outreach Programme

Gawsworth is a small parish, 3 miles from Maclesfield but we have international links with the South Pacific and the rest of the world. We maintain contact with our congregation wherever they are via our Facebook page. This medium allows us to provide details of our current activities and provides information for those people searching their family archives and those viewing our church for their weddings, baptisms and funerals.

Mission and Evangelism

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith. When fundraising, donations are made to help those in need.

We regularly hold a Christingle Children's Society service each year.

We work closely with our sister Methodist chapel in the village holding some joint services such as Harvest Praise in the park and several coffee mornings.

We produce a monthly parish newsletter.

Our Rector also has pastoral responsibility for the parish of North Rode, and we try to encourage occasional attendances at each other's services, especially on fifth Sundays.

Volunteers

We have a strong volunteer team who work tirelessly in many different roles:

Church hall kitchen and cleaning: We have coffee every Sunday after the 10am service and also the ladies provide brilliant tea and cakes for open weekends and fundraising events.

Buildings and churchyard maintenance: This team looks after the fabric of our buildings and the churchyard maintenance. A few times each year there is a churchyard working party.

Flower arranging: A team of ladies taking it in turn so that our Church has an arrangement every Sunday throughout the year except of course in Lent and Advent.

Readers & Sidesmen: At all services by rota.

Choir: Singing at one or two services on Sundays. Choir practice usually takes place once or twice each month, depending on the availability of the Choirmaster. They also put on special services throughout the year.

Bell Ringers: Ringing every Sunday at 10am and for weddings when required. We also have a hand bell ringing group having great fun learning a new hobby.

Sacristan duties: Changing the frontal colours and maintaining the candles. Linen washing and mending: Taken home every week washed, mended and ironed before being returned.

Monthly Newsletter: We produce a monthly newsletter that is available to all in print format from the Church and on our website and social media pages.

Fundraising

We have a team organising and collating fundraising. There is a varied programme of events and we have a very successful Christmas tree festival each year.

Financial Review

The detailed financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024, with comparatives for 2023 are included in this report.

The total receipts for the year were £102,120 (2023 £78,342), total expenditure was £92,587 (2023 £95,138) resulting in a surplus of £9,533 (2023 deficit £16,796).

All persons giving are encouraged to include gift aid in their contributions if their circumstances permit.

The investment policy is to maintain surplus funds with CCLA which yields <5% interest.

The accounts are reviewed each year by Bright Partnership Limited, Chartered Accountants, Poynton.

Risk management.

The risk policy is to minimise risks associated with fund raising by appraising outcomes against initial costs before sanctioning events and maintaining and improving managed assets to the highest affordable standard.

Reserves policy

The policy is to attempt to maintain £100k which is equivalent to approximately 1 year's gross costs.

Safeguarding

St James the Great takes its duty and obligation to protect all extremely seriously. We have adopted the national Church of England's robust procedures and guidelines and have a Safeguarding Officer who is a member of the PCC

Structure, governance and management.

The management committee consists of the Chairman, Secretary, Church Warden and Treasurer who are supported by the PCC.

The method by which PCC members are appointed is set out in the church representation rules. At St James the Great, the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our Rector), Churchwardens, Treasurer, Secretary, lay members, members of the Deanery Synod, elected lay representatives (the number of which is determined according to the number of names on the Electoral Role) and co-opted members where the PCC so decides. On average at Gawsworth there are 12 elected representatives who hold office for 3 years with one third retiring each year.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are spent. The full PCC met 5 times during the year with an average attendance of 81%. Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has a number of committees each dealing with a particular aspect

of parish life. These committees report back to the PCC at each meeting and items discussed as necessary.

Financial reports are presented to each PCC meeting which the Secretary minutes for the record.

PCC Responsibility to produce accounts

The council are responsible for their annual report, and the preparation of the financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the incoming resources and application of those resources to the charity during the year, and of the state of affairs at the end of the financial year in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In preparing these financial statements the PCC are required to:

select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;

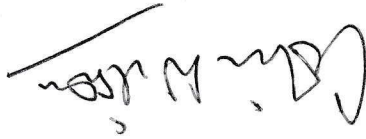
make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures that must be disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The PCC is responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The PCC is responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements.



Approved by PCC on 29th April 2025

Reverend Colin Wilson

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST JAMES
THE GREAT, GAWSWORTH

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JAMES THE GREAT, GAWSWORTH

I report on the accounts of St James the Great, Gawsworth for the year ended 31st
December 2024 which are set out on pages 9 - 13.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2)
of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act,

follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity
Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act, and state whether particular matters

have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity
Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity
and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes
consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations
from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not
provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is
given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to
those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the
requirements:

to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the
accounting requirements of the 2011 Act; have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper
understanding of the accounts to be reached.



M Senior FCA

Bright Partnership Limited

Chartered Accountant

29th April 2025

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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JAMES
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Funds 2024	Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Income from:				
2 Donations and Legacies	70,076	-	70,076	44,520
3 Investments	4,116	-	4,116	2,733
4 Charitable activities	27,928	-	27,928	31,090
Total	102,120	-	102,120	78,342
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	92,587	-	92,587	95,138
Total	92,587	-	92,587	95,138
Net Income Transfer between funds	9,533	-	9,533	(16,796)
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward	53,523	18,346	71,869	88,665
Net movement in funds	9,533	-	9,533	(16,796)
Total funds carried forward	63,056	18,346	81,402	71,869

The notes on pages 11 - 13 form part of these accounts.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JAMES
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BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST DECEMBER 2024

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted funds	Funds 2024	Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS				
Bank Current Account	19,282	-	19,282	15,775
CBF Account	3,000	-	3,000	3,000
CBF Special Account	54,303	18,346	72,649	83,650
Debtors	1,512	-	1,512	2,234
	78,097	18,346	96,443	104,659
LIABILITIES				
Creditors falling due within one year	15,041	-	15,041	32,790
	15,041	-	15,041	32,790
NET ASSETS				
	63,056	18,346	81,402	71,869
PARISH FUNDS				
Unrestricted	63,056	-	63,056	53,523
Restricted	-	18,346	18,346	18,346
	63,056	18,346	81,402	71,869

The notes on pages 11 - 13 form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the PCC at its meeting 29th April 2025 and signed on their behalf by:-

Colin Wilson

Reverend Colin Wilson (PCC Chairman)

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuations of investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

The Church constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

Funds

Restricted funds represent (a) income from trust or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax funds are recognised when receivable. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Investment income and interest are accounted for when receivable. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JAMES
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024

Cont'd

	£	£	£	£
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Total
	2024	2023	2024	2023
2 Income from donations and legacies				
Donations	11,228	11,228	3,176	3,176
Legacies	-	-	1,000	1,000
Envelope scheme	14,032	14,032	13,322	13,322
Bankers orders	6,454	6,454	6,454	7,580
Tax recoverable	8,456	8,456	8,456	9,307
Loose plate collections	10,722	10,722	10,722	9,090
Visitors box	447	447	447	726
Votive candles	160	160	160	319
Diocesan parish share not collectable	18,578	18,578	18,578	-
	<u>70,076</u>	<u>70,076</u>	<u>70,076</u>	<u>44,520</u>
3 Income from investments				
Deposit account interest received	4,116	4,116	4,116	2,733
	<u>4,116</u>	<u>4,116</u>	<u>4,116</u>	<u>2,733</u>
4 Income from charitable activities				
Church Hall hire	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,440
Church Hall coffee	761	761	761	802
Fundraising events	14,542	14,542	14,542	13,842
Fees from weddings and funerals	10,925	10,925	10,925	15,006
Diocese energy grant	-	-	-	-
	<u>27,928</u>	<u>27,928</u>	<u>27,928</u>	<u>31,090</u>
5 Expenditure on charitable activities				
Diocesan parish share	60,276	60,276	2,978	57,405
Assigned fees	2,978	2,978	2,978	3,465
Rectors expenses	2,252	2,252	2,252	2,404
Rectory running costs	3,600	3,600	3,600	3,425
Assisted clergy	99	99	99	-
Church running expenses - gas and electricity	3,200	3,200	3,200	4,377
Church running expenses - insurance	6,850	6,850	6,850	6,642
Church maintenance	1,147	1,147	1,147	763
Churchyard maintenance	3,276	3,276	3,276	2,805
Organist	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,080
Altar requisites	1,638	1,638	1,638	1,244
Photocopier	585	585	585	542
Fundraising expenses	2,036	2,036	2,036	3,766
Church Hall running expenses - gas and elec	2,180	2,180	2,180	4,349
Church Hall running expenses	298	298	298	1,406
Church Hall maintenance	151	151	151	-
Sundries	147	147	147	761
Support costs	474	474	474	450
Mission giving and donations	-	-	-	254
	<u>92,587</u>	<u>92,587</u>	<u>92,587</u>	<u>95,138</u>

	2024	2023
6 Debtors	£ 681	£ 1,553
Debtors	-	681
Prepayments	1,512	1,512
	<u>1,512</u>	<u>2,234</u>
7 Creditors	£ 15,041	£ 32,790
Creditors	15,041	32,790
Accrued expenses	<u>15,041</u>	<u>32,790</u>

8 Analysis of movements in restricted fund

	Balance at 1 January 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Funds 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Building and fabric maintenance	18,346	-	-	-	18,346
	<u>18,346</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,346</u>

This fund is held as working capital to meet on-going expenditure at St James Church, Gawsworth

Accounts

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Worship, Prayer and Music cont'd.

Our church has a choir and organist/choirmaster which helps to make the most of the music content of our services. All main services are based on the Book of Common Prayer. We enjoy and are proud to still be singing psalms and there are also special services around Christmas, Easter and Palm Sunday. We are Corporate Members of the Prayer Book Society.

We welcome young couples wishing to get married. In 2023 there were 9 weddings, compared with 8 in 2022.

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Fundraising

We have a team organising and collating fundraising. Members of the congregation propose an event and manage it with the help of the team and other volunteers. We have a very successful Christmas tree festival each year.

There are open days/weekends, coffee mornings, curry nights, quiz nights, beetle drives.

Financial Review

The detailed financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023, with comparatives for 2022 are included in this report.

The total receipts for the year were £78,342 (2022 £82,562), total expenditure was £95,138 (2022 £90,785) resulting in a deficit of £16,796 (2022 deficit £8,330).

All persons giving are encouraged to include gift aid in their contributions if their circumstances permit.

The investment policy is to maintain surplus funds with CCLA which yields <5% interest.

The accounts are reviewed each year by Bright Partnership Limited incorporating Heywood Shepherd, Chartered Accountants, Macclesfield.

Risk management.

The risk policy is to minimise risks associated with fund raising by appraising outcomes against initial costs before sanctioning events and maintaining and improving managed assets to the highest affordable standard.

Reserves policy

The policy is to attempt to maintain £100k which is equivalent to approximately 1 year's gross costs.

Structure, governance and management.

The management committee consists of the Chairman, Secretary, Church Warden and Treasurer who are supported by the PCC.

The method by which PCC members are appointed is set out in the church representation rules. At St James the Great, the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our Rector), Churchwardens, Treasurer, Secretary, lay members, members of the Deanery Synod, elected lay representatives (the number of which is determined according to the number of names on the Electoral Role) and co-opted members where the PCC so decides. On average at Gawsorth there are 12 elected representatives who hold office for 3 years with one third retiring each year.

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

The full PCC met 5 times during the year with an average attendance of 81%. Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has a number of committees each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life. These committees report back to the PCC at each meeting and items discussed as necessary.

Financial reports are presented to each PCC meeting which the Secretary minutes for the record.

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PCC Responsibility to produce accounts

The council are responsible for their annual report, and the preparation of the financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the incoming resources and application of those resources to the charity during the year, and of the state of affairs at the end of the financial year in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In preparing these financial statements the PCC are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures that must be disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The PCC is responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The PCC is responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements.



Approved by PCC on 14th May 2024

Reverend Colin Wilson

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JAMES
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE
ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST JAMES THE GREAT, GAWSWORTH

I report on the accounts of St James the Great, Gawsworth for the year ended 31st
December 2023 which are set out on pages 9 - 13.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2)
of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act,
follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity
Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act, and
state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity
Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity
and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes
consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations
from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not
provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is
given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to
those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the
requirements:

to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the
accounting requirements of the 2011 Act; have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper
understanding of the accounts to be reached.



N Kennington FCA
Bright Partnership Limited
Chartered Accountants
14th May 2024

1 Park Street
Macclesfield
Cheshire
SK11 6SR

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Funds 2023 £	Funds 2022 £
Income from:					
Donations and Legacies	2	44,520	-	44,520	48,825
Investments	3	2,733	-	2,733	1,092
Charitable activities	4	31,090	-	31,090	32,645
Total		<u>78,342</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>78,342</u>	<u>82,562</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	5	94,118	1,020	95,138	90,785
Total		<u>94,118</u>	<u>1,020</u>	<u>95,138</u>	<u>90,785</u>
Net Income		(15,776)	(1,020)	(16,796)	(8,223)
Transfer between funds		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		69,299	19,366	88,665	96,888
Net movement in funds		(15,776)	(1,020)	(16,796)	(8,223)
Total funds carried forward		<u>53,523</u>	<u>18,346</u>	<u>71,869</u>	<u>88,665</u>

The notes on pages 11 - 13 form part of these accounts.

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST DECEMBER 2023

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Funds 2023 £	Funds 2022 £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Bank Current Account		15,775	-	15,775	33,485
CBF Account		3,000	-	3,000	3,000
CBF Special Account		65,304	18,346	83,650	81,052
Debtors	6	2,234	-	2,234	2,827
		<u>86,313</u>	<u>18,346</u>	<u>104,659</u>	<u>120,364</u>
LIABILITIES					
Creditors falling due within one year	7	32,790	-	32,790	31,699
		<u>32,790</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>32,790</u>	<u>31,699</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>53,523</u>	<u>18,346</u>	<u>71,869</u>	<u>88,665</u>
PARISH FUNDS					
Unrestricted		53,523	-	53,523	69,299
Restricted	8	-	18,346	18,346	19,366
		<u>53,523</u>	<u>18,346</u>	<u>71,869</u>	<u>88,665</u>

The notes on pages 11 - 13 form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the PCC at its meeting 14th May 2024 and signed on their behalf by:-



Reverend Colin Wilson (PCC Chairman)

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuations of investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

The Church constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

Funds

Restricted funds represent (a) income from trust or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax funds are recognised when receivable. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Investment income and interest are accounted for when receivable. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

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2023 Cont'd

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
2 Income from donations and legacies				
Donations	3,176	-	3,176	8,068
Legacies	1,000	-	1,000	-
Envelope scheme	13,322	-	13,322	12,364
Bankers orders	7,580	-	7,580	7,287
Tax recoverable	9,307	-	9,307	9,467
Loose plate collections	9,090	-	9,090	9,713
Visitors box	726	-	726	797
Votive candles	319	-	319	129
	44,520	-	44,520	48,825
3 Income from investments				
Deposit account interest received	2,733	-	2,733	1,092
	2,733	-	2,733	1,092
4 Income from charitable activities				
Church Hall hire	1,440	-	1,440	2,105
Church Hall coffee	802	-	802	495
Fundraising events	13,842	-	13,842	12,419
Fees from weddings and funerals	15,006	-	15,006	16,640
Diocese energy grant	-	-	-	986
	31,090	-	31,090	32,645
5 Expenditure on charitable activities				
Diocesan parish share	57,405	-	57,405	55,733
Assigned fees	3,465	-	3,465	2,677
Rectors expenses	2,404	-	2,404	1,929
Rectory running costs	3,425	-	3,425	3,273
Assisted clergy	-	-	-	233
Church running expenses - gas and electricity	4,377	-	4,377	3,765
Church running expenses - insurance	6,642	-	6,642	6,272
Church maintenance	763	-	763	3,317
Churchyard maintenance	2,805	-	2,805	3,003
Organist	1,080	-	1,080	1,270
Altar requisites	1,244	-	1,244	554
Photocopier	542	-	542	462
Fundraising expenses	2,746	1,020	3,766	1,530
Church Hall running expenses - electric	4,349	-	4,349	3,905
Church Hall running expenses	1,406	-	1,406	659
Sundries	761	-	761	529
Support costs	450	-	450	414
Mission giving and donations	254	-	254	1,115
	94,118	1,020	95,138	90,785

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6 Debtors	2023	2022
	£	£
Debtors	681	1,121
Prepayments	1,553	1,706
	<u>2,234</u>	<u>2,827</u>

7 Creditors	2023	2022
	£	£
Accrued expenses	32,790	31,699
	<u>32,790</u>	<u>31,699</u>

8 Analysis of movements in restricted fund

	Balance at				Funds
	1 January	Incoming	Resources	Transfers	31
	2023	resources	expended		December
	£	£	£	£	2023
					£
Building and fabric maintenance	19,366	-	1,020	-	18,346
	<u>19,366</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,020</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,346</u>

This fund is held as working capital to meet on-going expenditure at St James Church, Gawsworth

Accounts

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CHARITY REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

Charity registration	The Parochial Church council of The Ecclesiastical Parish of St James The Great Gawsworth was registered as charity number 1180321 on 2nd October 2018	
Trustees	Reverend Colin Wilson Mr Rupert Richards Mrs Jane Curley Miss Louise Wood Mr Peter Clampett Mr Andrew Smith Mrs Dorothy Smith Mr Keith Yearsley OBE Mr Peter Wainwright Mr Jim Fletcher Mrs Lyn Williams Ms Rebecca Salmon Mrs Margaret Yearsley Mrs Liz Owen Mrs Sheila Gee Mrs Helen French Mrs Victoria Clampett Mrs Joan Wainwright Mrs Jaqui Smith Mr Adam Hardy	Chair Church Patron & Vice Chair Secretary Treasurer Church Warden Church Warden. Completed Term 24/5/2022 Resigned 24/5/2022 Resigned 24/5/2022 Resigned 24/5/2022 Appointed 24/5/2022 Appointed 24/5/2022 Appointed 24/5/2022 Appointed 24/5/2022
Parish Office	The Rectory Church Lane Gawsworth Macclesfield Cheshire SK11 9RJ	
Independent Examiner	Heywood Shepherd 1 Park Street Macclesfield Cheshire SK11 6SR	
Bankers	Virgin Money 34 Princess Street Stockport SK1 1RE	

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
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Aims and Purposes

St James the Great Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the Rector, Colin Wilson, in promoting the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Grade II listed church building, church meeting room and churchyard which includes two Grade II listed monuments.

Objectives and Activities for the public benefit

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and provide a welcome to everyone who wishes to become part of our parish community. We continue to be passionate about maintaining an open church in the hours of daylight for visitors and those parishioners wishing to say private prayers and devotions.

Whilst the service content is dictated by the Rector, the PCC are happy to help review and make suggestions on how worship could evolve in the future. Our services follow the 1662 prayer book in the main as this is the service a majority of our congregation prefer. However, we do have a well-attended family service on the first Sunday in every month. Our services put faith into practice through prayer, scripture, sacrament and music.

Our Rector and the PCC always have the benefit of the public and our community at the forefront of our minds. We try our best to encourage advancement of the Christian faith in the daily lives of the community through:

- Worship, prayer and music
- Bible reading and discussion groups to develop our knowledge and faith
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- A strong outreach programme

To facilitate this work it is vital to maintain the fabric and contents of the church of St James the Great, its church hall and churchyard. This involves an active volunteer base constantly raising funds for these repairs and maintain a good standard of health and safety.

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ST JAMES THE GREAT, GAWSWORTH
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Approved by PCC on 16th May 2023

Reverend Colin Wilson

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO
THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
ST JAMES THE GREAT, GAWSWORTH**

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Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

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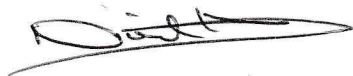
Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements: to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act; have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



N Kennington FCA
Heywood Shepherd
Chartered Accountants

1 Park Street
Macclesfield
Cheshire
SK11 6SR

16 May 2023

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
 ST JAMES THE GREAT, GAWSWORTH
 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Funds 2022 £	Funds 2021 £
Income from:					
Donations and Legacies	2	46,325	2,500	48,825	46,163
Investments	3	1,092	-	1,092	50
Charitable activities	4	31,667	978	32,645	28,784
Total		<u>79,084</u>	<u>3,478</u>	<u>82,562</u>	<u>74,997</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	5	88,285	2,500	90,785	83,525
Total		<u>88,285</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>90,785</u>	<u>83,525</u>
Net Income		(9,201)	978	(8,223)	(8,528)
Transfer between funds		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		(9,201)	978	(8,223)	(8,528)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		96,888	-	96,888	105,416
Total funds carried forward		<u>87,687</u>	<u>978</u>	<u>88,665</u>	<u>96,888</u>

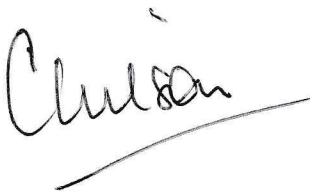
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ST JAMES THE GREAT, GAWSWORTH
BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Funds 2022 £	Funds 2021 £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Bank Current Account		29,119	4,366	33,485	19,108
CBF Account		3,000	-	3,000	3,000
CBF Special Account		66,052	15,000	81,052	80,000
Debtors	6	<u>2,827</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,827</u>	<u>4,295</u>
		<u>100,998</u>	<u>19,366</u>	<u>120,364</u>	<u>106,403</u>
LIABILITIES					
Creditors falling due within one year	7	<u>31,699</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>31,699</u>	<u>9,515</u>
		<u>31,699</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>31,699</u>	<u>9,515</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>69,299</u>	<u>19,366</u>	<u>88,665</u>	<u>96,888</u>
PARISH FUNDS					
Unrestricted		69,299	-	69,299	78,500
Restricted	8	-	19,366	19,366	18,388
		<u>69,299</u>	<u>19,366</u>	<u>88,665</u>	<u>96,888</u>

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Approved by the PCC at its meeting on 16th May 2023 and signed on their behalf by:-
Reverend Colin Wilson (PCC Chairman)



**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
ST JAMES THE GREAT, GAWSWORTH
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuations of investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

The Church constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

Funds

Restricted funds represent (a) income from trust or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax funds are recognised when receiveable. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Investment income and interest are accounted for when receiveable. All other income is recognised when it is receiveable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022 (continued)**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
2 Income from donations and legacies				
Donations	5,568	2,500	8,068	4,058
Legacies	1,000	-	1,000	-
Envelope scheme	12,364	-	12,364	13,359
Bankers orders	7,287	-	7,287	6,262
Tax recoverable	9,467	-	9,467	7,985
Loose plate collections	9,713	-	9,713	13,622
Visitors box	797	-	797	735
Votive candles	129	-	129	142
	46,325	2,500	48,825	46,163
3 Income from investments				
Deposit account interest received	1,092	-	1,092	50
	1,092	-	1,092	50
4 Income from charitable activities				
Church Hall hire	2,105	-	2,105	1,305
Church Hall coffee	495	-	495	-
Fundraising events	11,441	978	12,419	11,390
Fees from weddings and funerals	16,640	-	16,640	16,089
Diocese energy grant	986	-	986	-
	31,667	978	32,645	28,784
5 Expenditure on charitable activities				
Diocesan parish share	55,733	-	55,733	54,505
Assigned fees	2,677	-	2,677	212
Rectors expenses	1,929	-	1,929	1,847
Rectory running costs	3,273	-	3,273	3,413
Rectory utilities	-	-	-	7
Assisted clergy	233	-	233	92
Church running expenses - gas and electricity	3,765	-	3,765	4,429
Church running expenses - insurance	6,272	-	6,272	6,479
Church maintenance	817	2,500	3,317	560
Churchyard maintenance	3,003	-	3,003	2,956
Organist	1,270	-	1,270	480
Altar requisites	554	-	554	525
Photocopier	462	-	462	329
Fundraising expenses	1,530	-	1,530	2,574
Church Hall running expenses - gas and elec	3,905	-	3,905	3,666
Church Hall running expenses	659	-	659	187
Church Hall maintenance	145	-	145	-
Sundries	529	-	529	849
Support costs	414	-	414	414
Mission giving and donations	1,115	-	1,115	-
	88,285	2,500	90,785	83,525

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6 Debtors	2022	2021
	£	£
Debtors	1,121	2,658
Prepayments	1,706	1,637
	<u>2,827</u>	<u>4,295</u>

7 Creditors	2022	2021
	£	£
Accrued expenses	31,699	9,515
	<u>31,699</u>	<u>9,515</u>

8 Analysis of movements in restricted fund

	Balance at 1 January 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Funds 31 December 2022 £
Building and fabric maintenance	18,388	3,478	(2,500)	-	19,366
	<u>18,388</u>	<u>3,478</u>	<u>(2,500)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,366</u>

This fund is held as working capital to meet on-going expenditure at St James Church, Gawsworth

Accounts

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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CHARITY REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

Charity registration	The Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish of St James The Great Gawsworth was registered as charity number 1180321 on 2nd October 2018	
Trustees	Reverend Colin Wilson Mr Rupert Richards Mrs Jane Curley Miss Louise Wood Mr John Nettleton Mr Peter Clampett Mr Andrew Smith Mrs Victoria Clampett Mr John Brown Mr Robert Barry Rose Mrs Glenice Mellor Mrs Dorothy Smith Mr Keith Yearsley OBE Mr Peter Wainwright Mr Jim Fletcher Mrs Lyn Williams Ms Rebecca Salmon Mrs Margaret Yearlsey Mrs Liz Owen Mrs Sheila Gee Mrs Helen French	Chair Church Patron & Vice Chair Secretary Treasurer Church Warden. Completed term 10th May 2021 Church Warden Church Warden. Appointed 10th May 2021 Resigned 10th May 2021 Resigned 10th May 2021 Passed away April 2021 Resigned 10th May 2021 Appointed 10th May 2021 Appointed 10th May 2021 Appointed 10th May 2021 Appointed 10th May 2021
Parish Office	The Rectory Church Lane Gawsworth Macclesfield Cheshire SK11 9RJ	
Independent Examiner	Heywood Shepherd 1 Park Street Macclesfield Cheshire SK11 6SR	
Bankers	Yorkshire Bank 15 Market Place Macclesfield SK10 1AG	

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
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Alms and Purposes

St James the Great Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the Rector, Colin Wilson, in promoting the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Grade II listed church building, church meeting room and churchyard which includes two Grade II listed monuments.

Objectives and Activities for the public benefit

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and provide a welcome to everyone who wishes to become part of our parish community. We continue to be passionate about maintaining an open church in the hours of daylight for visitors and those parishioners wishing to say private prayers and devotions.

Whilst the service content is dictated by the Rector, the PCC are happy to help review and make suggestions on how worship could evolve in the future. Our services follow the 1662 prayer book in the main as this is the service a majority of our congregation prefer. However, we do have a well-attended family service on the first Sunday in every month. Our services put faith into practice through prayer, scripture, sacrament and music.

Our Rector and the PCC always have the benefit of the public and our community at the forefront of our minds. We try our best to encourage advancement of the Christian faith in the daily lives of the community through:

Worship, prayer and music

Bible reading and discussion groups to develop our knowledge and faith

Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish

A strong outreach programme

To facilitate this work it is vital to maintain the fabric and contents of the church of St James the Great, its church hall and churchyard. This involves an active volunteer base constantly raising funds for these repairs and maintain a good standard of health and safety.

Achievements and Performance

Worship, Prayer and Music

The PCC offers a good range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. Sunday worship is a 10am service of either Choral Matins, Sung Eucharist or a Family Service. Since COVID 19 restrictions were lifted there have also been occasional services at 8am Holy Communion and 6.30pm services of either Sung Eucharist, Sung Eucharist and Healing, or Compline. Our Wednesday 10am Holy Communion has not restarted as yet.

Our Family Service, on the first Sunday of each month, is extremely well attended. Our Mothers' Union provide books and colouring equipment at the back of the church for any families wishing to attend any of our other services. Baptisms performed during the year were 3, compared with 1 in 2020 due to COVID 19 restrictions.

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Our church has a choir and organist/choirmaster which helps to make the most of the music content of our services. We enjoy and are proud to still be singing psalms. There are also special services around Christmas, Easter and Palm Sunday.

We welcome young couples wishing to get married and now have a full programme of weddings throughout the year. We have a team of volunteers who attend weddings on a rota basis to make sure that the service runs smoothly. In 2021 there were 7 weddings, compared with 3 in 2020.

Through funeral services we help the families express their grief and to give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping. Our churchwarden attends all funeral services to make sure that everything runs as it should. If this is not possible a volunteer is found to stand in. There were 10 funerals this year compared to 26 in 2020.

Bible Study and Discussion Group

This is held once a month with guest speakers invited to provoke discussion on the topic delivered within the group. Unfortunately, COVID 19 has resulted in the group temporarily being unable to assemble.

Deanery Synod

We have one PCC representative sitting on the deanery synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church.

The Church and Church Hall

We are passionate about our church being open to the community for private prayer and devotion. We, like most churches, have experienced theft and vandalism which presented us with a dilemma. However, the chancel and sanctuary have a security alarm which is on all the time except during services. We have updated our CCTV monitors, which now provide a much clearer and wider view. This allows us to have the church unlocked during daylight hours for private prayers and devotion and the lighting of votive candles. The churchyard is floodlit at night for security reasons and we have permission from a landowner to keep open the front aspect by pruning trees and shrubs. This area and other areas of the churchyard are planted with spring bulbs using donations for that purpose. We have a magnificent display for our congregation to enjoy and hopefully they will encourage more visitors.

Pastoral Care

We have regular Tuesday soup lunches made by our team of volunteers and pancakes in Lent.

We live in a rural village which has a tradition for caring for the community and our PCC encourage members of the congregation to look out for those who are sick or disabled and in need of help.

We actively promote the hall, encouraging members of the parish and the local community to use the hall more. Although there is also a village hall which is in the centre of the village and used more for creches etc

We have a healthy Mothers' Union group that meets once a month and provides items for our local food bank. They also provide flowers for the Mothers' Day service.

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Outreach Programme

Gawsworth is a tiny parish, 3 miles from Macclesfield but we have international links with the South Pacific and the rest of the world. We maintain contact with our congregation where ever they are via our Facebook page. This medium allows us to provide details of our current activities and provides information for those people searching their family archives and those viewing our church for their weddings, baptisms and funerals.

Mission and Evangelism

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith. When fundraising, donations are made to help those in need.

We regularly hold a christingle Children's Society service each year and attend coffee mornings.

We work closely with our sister methodist chapel holding some joint services such as Harvest Praise in the park and several coffee mornings. Once a year we produce a 'Christmas in Gawsworth' poster which includes the services at both churches. We produce a monthly parish newsletter and include activities at the Methodist church.

For many years we have run a christmas shoe box appeal or collection of food and toys for the local food bank.

Our Rector preaches and works with our benefice parish of North Rode and we try to encourage occasional attendances at each other's services and include their activities in the Parish newsletter.

Volunteers

We have a strong volunteer team who work tirelessly in many different roles:

Church hall kitchen and cleaning: We have coffee every sunday after the 10am service and also the ladies provide brilliant tea and cakes for open weekends and fundraising events.

Buildings and churchyard maintenance: This team looks after the fabric of our buildings and the churchyard maintenance. Once a month there is a churchyard working party.

Flower arranging: A team of ladies taking it in turn so that our Church has an arrangement every Sunday throughout the year except of course in lent and advent.

Readers & Sidesmen: At all services by rota.

Choir: Singing at two services on sunday and one practice a week. They also put on special services throughout the year.

Bell Ringers: Ringing every sunday at 10am and for weddings when required. We also have a new hand bell ringing group having great fun learning a new hobby.

Sacristan duties: Changing the frontal colours and maintaining the candles.

Linen washing and mending: Taken home every week washed, mended and ironed before being returned.

Parish Magazine. The parish magazine has stopped being produced as covid reduced the number of people willing to volunteer to keep it running. We now produce a monthly newsletter that is available in print and electronically. It includes notices on all the services and activities at our church together with other parish activities including items from the Methodist Church in Gawsworth and North Rode, our benefice parish.

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Outreach Programme

We have a team organising and collating fundraising. Members of the congregation propose an event and manage it with the help of the team and other volunteers. We have a very successful christmas tree festival each year.

There are open days/weekends, coffee mornings, curry nights, quiz nights, beetle drives.

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Approved by PCC on 10th May 2022

Reverend Colin Wilson



Colin Wilson
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10 May 2022

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
ST JAMES THE GREAT, GAWSWORTH
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Funds 2021 £	Funds 2020 £
Income from:					
Donations and Legacies	2	46,163	-	46,163	37,398
Investments	3	50	-	50	434
Charitable activities	4	28,784	-	28,784	26,972
Total		<u>74,997</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>74,997</u>	<u>64,804</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	5	83,525	-	83,525	85,690
Total		<u>83,525</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>83,525</u>	<u>85,690</u>
Net Income		(8,528)	-	(8,528)	(20,886)
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(8,528)	-	(8,528)	(20,886)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		105,416	-	105,416	126,302
Total funds carried forward		<u>96,888</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>96,888</u>	<u>105,416</u>

The notes on pages 11 - 13 form part of these accounts.

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
ST JAMES THE GREAT, GAWSWORTH
BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Funds 2021 £	Funds 2020 £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Bank Current Account		15,720	3,388	19,108	5,594
CBF Account		3,000	-	3,000	3,000
CBF Special Account		65,000	15,000	80,000	99,952
Debtors	6	4,295	-	4,295	4,981
		<u>88,015</u>	<u>18,388</u>	<u>106,403</u>	<u>113,527</u>
LIABILITIES					
Creditors falling due within one year	7	9,515	-	9,515	8,111
		<u>9,515</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,515</u>	<u>8,111</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>78,500</u>	<u>18,388</u>	<u>96,888</u>	<u>105,416</u>
PARISH FUNDS					
Unrestricted		78,500	-	78,500	87,028
Restricted	8	-	18,388	18,388	18,388
		<u>78,500</u>	<u>18,388</u>	<u>96,888</u>	<u>105,416</u>

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Approved by the PCC at its meeting on 10th May 2022 and signed on their behalf by:-
Reverend Colin Wilson (PCC Chairman)

Colin Wilson
Reeve

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
ST JAMES THE GREAT, GAWSWORTH
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuations of investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

The Church constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102:

Funds

Restricted funds represent (a) income from trust or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax funds are recognised when receivable. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Investment income and interest are accounted for when receivable. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
ST JAMES THE GREAT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021 (continued)**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
2 Income from donations and legacies				
Donations	4,058	-	4,058	3,066
Legacies	-	-	-	1,000
Envelope scheme	13,359	-	13,359	10,235
Bankers orders	6,262	-	6,262	6,220
Tax recoverable	7,985	-	7,985	9,212
Loose plate collections	13,622	-	13,622	7,047
Visitors box	735	-	735	392
Votive candles	142	-	142	226
	<u>46,163</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,163</u>	<u>37,398</u>
3 Income from Investments				
Deposit account interest received.	50	-	50	434
	<u>50</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>434</u>
4 Income from charitable activities				
Church Hall hire	1,305	-	1,305	730
Church Hall coffee	-	-	-	100
Parish magazine subscriptions	-	-	-	1,953
Parish magazine advertising	-	-	-	597
Fundraising events	11,390	-	11,390	423
Fees from weddings and funerals	16,089	-	16,089	18,854
Diocese coronavirus grant	-	-	-	2,000
Rectory utilities and maintenance reimbursed	-	-	-	2,315
Rent from land	-	-	-	-
	<u>28,784</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,784</u>	<u>26,972</u>
5 Expenditure on charitable activities				
Diocesan parish share	54,505	-	54,505	54,099
Assigned fees	212	-	212	4,359
Rectors expenses	1,847	-	1,847	979
Rectory running costs	3,413	-	3,413	3,017
Rectory utilities	7	-	7	1,365
Telephone charges	-	-	-	532
Assisted clergy	92	-	92	1,070
Church running expenses - gas and electricity	4,429	-	4,429	3,494
Church running expenses - insurance	6,479	-	6,479	6,618
Church maintenance	560	-	560	985
Churchyard maintenance	2,956	-	2,956	3,454
Organist	480	-	480	330
Altar requisites	525	-	525	174
Parish magazine expenses	329	-	329	728
Fundraising expenses	2,574	-	2,574	-
Church Hall running expenses - gas and elec	3,666	-	3,666	2,875
Church Hall running expenses	187	-	187	500
Church Hall maintenance	-	-	-	120
Sundries	849	-	849	631
Support costs	414	-	414	360
	<u>83,525</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>83,525</u>	<u>85,690</u>

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
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6 Debtors	2021	2020
	£	£
Debtors	2,658	3,763
Prepayments	1,637	1,218
	<u>4,295</u>	<u>4,981</u>

7 Creditors	2021	2020
	£	£
Accrued expenses	9,515	8,111
	<u>9,515</u>	<u>8,111</u>

8 Analysis of movements in restricted fund

	Balance at 1 January 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Funds 31 December 2021 £
Building and fabric maintenance	18,388	-	-	-	18,388
	<u>18,388</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,388</u>

This fund is held as working capital to meet on-going expenditure at St James Church, Gawsworth

Accounts

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
ST JAMES THE GREAT, GAWSWORTH
CHARITY REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

Charity registration	The Parochial Church council of The Ecclesiastical Parish of St James The Great Gawsworth was registered as charity number 1180321 on 2nd October 2018	
Trustees	Reverend Colin Wilson Mr Rupert Richards Mrs Jane Curley Miss Louise Wood Mr John Nettleton Mr Peter Clampett Mrs Jill Belt Mrs Ida Nettleton Mrs Victoria Clampett Mrs Jennifer Hardman Mr John Brown Mrs Sheila Gee Mrs Dorothy Smith Mr Keith Yearsley OBE Mr Robert Barry Rose Mrs Glenice Mellor Mr Peter Waiwright Mrs Ann Creswell Mr Jim Fletcher Mrs Lyn Williams Ms Rebecca Salmon	Chair Church Patron & Vice Chair Secretary Treasurer (ex officio) Church Warden Church Warden Term ended 12th October 2020 Term ended 12th October 2020 Term ended 12th October 2020 Term ended 12th October 2020 Resigned 12th October 2020 Appointed 12th October 2020 Appointed 12th October 2020 Appointed 12th October 2020
Parish Office	The Rectory Church Lane Gawsworth Macclesfield Cheshire SK11 9RJ	
Independent Examiner	Heywood Shepherd 1 Park Street Macclesfield Cheshire SK11 6SR	
Bankers	Yorkshire Bank 15 Market Place Macclesfield SK10 1AG	

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
ST JAMES THE GREAT, GAWSWORTH
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

Aims and Purposes

St James the Great Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the Rector, Colin Wilson, in promoting the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Grade II listed church building, church meeting room and churchyard which includes two Grade II listed monuments.

Objectives and Activities for the public benefit

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and provide a welcome to everyone who wishes to become part of our parish community. We continue to be passionate about maintaining an open church in the hours of daylight for visitors and those parishioners wishing to say private prayers and devotions.

Whilst the service content is dictated by the Rector, the PCC are happy to help review and make suggestions on how worship could evolve in the future. Our services follow the 1662 prayer book in the main as this is the service a majority of our congregation prefer. However, we do have a well-attended family service on the first Sunday in every month. Our services put faith into practice through prayer, scripture, sacrament and music.

Our Rector and the PCC always have the benefit of the public and our community at the forefront of our minds. We try our best to encourage advancement of the Christian faith in the daily lives of the community through:

- Worship, prayer and music
- Bible reading and discussion groups to develop our knowledge and faith
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- A strong outreach programme

To facilitate this work it is vital to maintain the fabric and contents of the church of St James the Great, its church hall and churchyard. This involves an active volunteer base constantly raising funds for these repairs and maintain a good standard of health and safety.

Achievements and Performance

Worship, Prayer and Music

The PCC offers a good range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. Sunday worship usually includes 8am Holy Communion, 10am service of either Choral Matins, Sung Eucharist or a Family Service, 6.30pm services of either Sung Eucharist, Sung Eucharist and Healing, or Compline. We also have a regular Wednesday 10am Holy Communion. Due to COVID 19 restrictions services had to be reduced to a Sunday 10am Holy communion for the majority of the year

Our Family Service, on the first Sunday of each month, is extremely well attended. Our Mothers' Union provide books and colouring equipment at the back of the church for any families wishing to attend any of our other services. Baptisms performed during the year were 1, compared with 12 in 2019 due to COVID 19 restrictions.

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Our church has a choir and organist/choirmaster which helps to make the most of the music content of our services. We enjoy and are proud to still be singing psalms. There are also special services around Christmas, Easter and Palm Sunday

We welcome young couples wishing to get married and now have a full programme of weddings throughout the year. We have a team of volunteers who attend weddings on a rota basis to make sure that the service runs smoothly. In 2020 there were 3 weddings, compared with 10 in 2019. COVID 10 restrictions have delayed weddings scheduled for 2020

Everyone is welcome to attend our regular services. The electoral role contains 126 names of which, 62 are parishioners. Our average weekly attendance for all services is usually in excess of 100. COVID 19 restrictions have restricted attendance to 30 parishioners per service

Through funeral services we help the families express their grief and to give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping. Our churchwarden attends all funeral services to make sure that everything runs as it should. If this is not possible a volunteer is found to stand in. There were 26 funerals this year compared to 20 in 2019.

Bible Study and Discussion Group

This is held once a month with guest speakers invited to provoke discussion on the topic delivered within the group. Unfortunately, COVID 19 has resulted in the group temporarily being unable to assemble.

Deanery Synod

We have one PCC representative sitting on the deanery synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church.

The Church and Church Hall

We are passionate about our church being open to the community for private prayer and devotion. We, like most churches, have experienced theft and vandalism which presented us with a dilemma. However, the chancel and sanctuary have a security alarm which is on all the time except during services. We have updated our CCTV monitors, which now provide a much clearer and wider view. This allows us to have the church unlocked during daylight hours for private prayers and devotion and the lighting of votive candles. The churchyard is floodlit at night for security reasons and we have permission from a landowner to keep open the front aspect by pruning trees and shrubs. This area and other areas of the churchyard are planted with spring bulbs using donations for that purpose. We have a magnificent display for our congregation to enjoy and hopefully they will encourage more visitors.

Pastoral Care

We have regular Tuesday soup lunches made by our team of volunteers and pancakes in Lent.

We live in a rural village which has a tradition for caring for the community and our PCC encourage members of the congregation to look out for those who are sick or disabled and in need of help.

We actively promote the hall, encouraging members of the parish and the local community to use the hall more. Although there is also a village hall which is in the centre of the village and used more for creches etc

We have a healthy Mothers' Union group that meets once a month and provides items for our local food bank. They also provide flowers for the Mothers' Day service.

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Outreach Programme

Gawsworth is a tiny parish, 3 miles from Macclesfield but we have international links with the South Pacific and the rest of the world. We maintain contact with our congregation where ever they are via our Facebook page. This medium allows us to provide details of our current activities and provides information for those people searching their family archives and those viewing iur church for their weddings, baptisms and funerals.

Mission and Evangelism

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith. When fundraising, donations are made to help those in need.

We regularly hold a christingle Children's Society service each year and attend coffee mornings.

We work closely with our sister methodist chapel holding some joint services such as Harvest Praise in the park and several coffee mornings. Once a year we produce a 'Christmas in Gawsworth' poster which includes the services at both churches. We produce a monthly parish magazine and include activities at the Methodist church

For many years we have run a christmas shoe box appeal or collection of food and toys for the local food bank.

Our Rector preaches and works with our benefice parish of North Rode and we try to encourage occasional attendances at each other's services and include thier activities in the Parish magazine

Volunteers

We have a strong volunteer team who work tirelessly in many different roles:

Church hall kitchen and cleaning: We have coffee every sunday after the 10am service and also the ladies provide brilliant tea and cakes for open weekends and fundraising events.

Buildings and churchyard maintenance: This team looks after the fabric of our buildings and the churchyard maintenance. Once a month there is a churchyard working party.

Flower arranging: A team of ladies taking it in turn so that our Church has an arrangement every Sunday throughout the year except of course in lent and advent.

Readers & Sidesmen: At all services by rota.

Choir: Singing at two services on sunday and one practice a week. They also put on special services throughout the year.

Bell Ringers: Ringing every sunday at 10am and for weddings when required. We also have a new hand bell ringing group having great fun learning a new hobby.

Sacristan duties: Changing the frontal colours and maintaining the candles.

Linen washing and mending: Taken home every week washed, mended and ironed before being returned.

Parish Magazine. We produce a monthly magazine with a circulation of approx 400 and include notices on all the services and activities at our church together with other parish activities and a section for both the Methodist Church in Gawsworth and North Rode, our benefice parish.

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
ST JAMES THE GREAT, GAWSWORTH
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

Outreach Programme

We have a team organising and collating fundraising. Members of the congregation propose an event and manage it with the help of the team and other volunteers. We have a very successful christmas tree festival each year

There are open days/weekends, coffee mornings, curry nights, quiz nights, beetle drives.

The team are putting together another exciting programme of events for the forthcoming year which includes film nights (possibly a film club if successful), a garden party with hog roast to name but a few

Financial Review

The detailed financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020, with comparatives for 2019 are included in this report.

The total receipts for the year were £64,804 (2019 £117,404), total expenditure was £85,690 (2019 £109,293) resulting in a deficit of £20,886 (2019 surplus £8,111).

All persons giving are encouraged to include gift aid in their contributions if their circumstances permit.

The investment policy is to maintain surplus funds with CCLA which yields <1% interest.

The accounts are reviewed each year by Heywood Shepherd, Chartered Accountants, Macclesfield.

Risk management

The risk policy is to minimise risks associated with fund raising by appraising outcomes against initial costs before sanctioning events and maintaining and improving managed assets to the highest affordable standard

Reserves policy

The policy is to attempt to maintain £100k which is equivalent to approximately 1 year's gross costs.

Structure, governance and management

The management committee consists of the chairman, secretary, church warden and treasurer who are supported by the PCC.

The method by which PCC members are appointed is set out in the church representation rules. At St James the Great, the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our Rector), Churchwardens, Treasurer, Secretary, lay members of the Deanery Synod, elected lay representatives (the number of which is determined according to the number of names on the Electoral Role) and co-opted members where the PCC so decides. On average at Gawsworth there are 12 elected representatives who hold office for 3 years with one third retiring each year.

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

The full PCC met 6 times during the year with an average attendance of 76%. Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has a number of committees each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life. These committees report back to the PCC at each meeting and items discussed as necessary.

Financial reports are presented to the bi-monthly PCC meetings which are minuted by the secretary.

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
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PCC Responsibility to produce accounts

The council are responsible for their annual report, and the preparation of the financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the incoming resources and application of those resources to the charity during the year, and of the state of affairs at the end of the financial year in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In preparing these financial statements the PCC are required to:

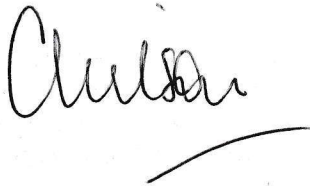
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures that must be disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The PCC is responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The PCC is responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements.

Approved by PCC on 10th May 2021

Colin Wilson



**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO
THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
ST JAMES THE GREAT, GAWSWORTH**

I report on the accounts of St James the Great, Gawsworth for the year ended 31st December 2020 which are set out on pages 9 - 13.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act, follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act, and state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

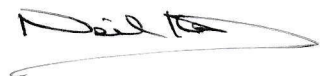
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**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Funds 2020 £	Funds 2019 £
Income from:					
Donations and Legacies	2	37,398	-	37,398	75,361
Investments	3	434	-	434	748
Charitable activities	4	26,972	-	26,972	41,295
Total		<u>64,804</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>64,804</u>	<u>117,404</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	5	85,690	-	85,690	109,293
Total		<u>85,690</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>85,690</u>	<u>109,293</u>
Net Income		(20,886)	-	(20,886)	8,111
Transfer between funds		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		(20,886)	-	(20,886)	8,111
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		126,302	-	126,302	118,191
Total funds carried forward		<u>105,416</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>105,416</u>	<u>126,302</u>

The notes on pages 11 - 13 form part of these accounts.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
ST JAMES THE GREAT, GAWSWORTH
BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Funds 2020 £	Funds 2019 £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Bank Current Account		2,206	3,388	5,594	18,175
CBF Account		3,000	-	3,000	3,000
CBF Special Account		84,952	15,000	99,952	99,530
Debtors	6	4,981	-	4,981	8,248
		<u>95,139</u>	<u>18,388</u>	<u>113,527</u>	<u>128,953</u>
LIABILITIES					
Creditors falling due within one year	7	8,111	-	8,111	2,651
		<u>8,111</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,111</u>	<u>2,651</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>87,028</u>	<u>18,388</u>	<u>105,416</u>	<u>126,302</u>
PARISH FUNDS					
Unrestricted		87,028	-	87,028	107,914
Restricted	8	-	18,388	18,388	18,388
		<u>87,028</u>	<u>18,388</u>	<u>105,416</u>	<u>126,302</u>

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Approved by the PCC at its meeting on 10th May 2021 and signed on their behalf by
Rev Colin Wilson (PCC Chairman)



**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF
ST JAMES THE GREAT, GAWSWORTH
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuations of investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

The Church constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

Funds

Restricted funds represent (a) income from trust or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax funds are recognised when receivable. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Investment income and interest are accounted for when receivable. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

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	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
2 Income from donations and legacies				
Donations	3,066	-	3,066	7,753
Legacies	1,000	-	1,000	17,994
Envelope scheme	10,235	-	10,235	12,995
Bankers orders	6,220	-	6,220	6,160
Tax recoverable	9,212	-	9,212	10,036
Loose plate collections	7,047	-	7,047	17,593
Visitors box	392	-	392	2,211
Votive candles	226	-	226	619
	<u>37,398</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,398</u>	<u>75,361</u>
3 Income from investments				
Deposit account interest received	434	-	434	748
	<u>434</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>434</u>	<u>748</u>
4 Income from charitable activities				
Church Hall hire	730	-	730	2,900
Church Hall coffee	100	-	100	346
Parish magazine subscriptions	1,953	-	1,953	1,864
Parish magazine advertising	597	-	597	1,647
Fundraising events	423	-	423	12,463
Fees from weddings and funerals	18,854	-	18,854	12,157
Diocese coronavirus grant	2,000	-	2,000	-
John Upton grant	-	-	-	2,500
Interregnum monies received from Diocese	-	-	-	3,376
Rectory utilities and maintenance reimbursed	2,315	-	2,315	4,042
Rent from land	-	-	-	-
	<u>26,972</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,972</u>	<u>41,295</u>
5 Expenditure on charitable activities				
Diocesan parish share	54,099	-	54,099	52,780
Assigned fees	4,359	-	4,359	1,792
Rectors expenses	979	-	979	800
Rectory council tax	3,017	-	3,017	1,268
Rectory utilities	1,365	-	593	2,218
Rectory maintenance	-	-	-	10,657
Telephone charges	532	-	532	587
Assisted clergy	1,070	-	1,070	3,763
Church running expenses - gas and electricity	3,494	-	3,494	4,539
Church running expenses - insurance	6,618	-	6,618	6,584
Church maintenance	985	-	985	7,391
Churchyard maintenance	3,454	-	3,454	3,085
Organist	330	-	330	1,350
Altar requisites	174	-	174	1,197
Parish magazine expenses	728	-	728	1,103
Fundraising expenses	-	-	-	966
Church Hall running expenses - gas and elec	2,875	-	2,875	2,644
Church Hall running expenses	500	-	500	3,697
Church Hall maintenance	120	-	120	347
Sundries	631	-	631	1,529
Support costs	360	-	360	360
Mission giving and donations	-	-	-	636
	<u>85,690</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>84,918</u>	<u>109,293</u>

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6 Debtors	2020	2019
	£	£
Debtors	3,763	7,258
Prepayments	1,218	990
	<u>4,981</u>	<u>8,248</u>

7 Creditors	2020	2019
	£	£
Accrued expenses	8,111	2,651
	<u>8,111</u>	<u>2,651</u>

8 Analysis of movements in restricted fund

	Balance at 1 January 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Funds 31 December 2020 £
Building and fabric maintenance	18,388	-	-	-	18,388
	<u>18,388</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,388</u>

This fund is held as working capital to meet on-going expenditure at St James Church, Gawsworth