

Trustees' Annual Report

For the Period 1st January – 31st December 2023

The Parochial Church Council of Friarmere, St. Thomas.

Charity Number: 1183135

Objectives and Activities

Purpose defined in Governing Documents

The Governing Documents for the charity are the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956, as amended and The Church Representation Rules, which are contained in Schedule 3 of the Synodical Government Measure 1969, as amended. The documents define the principal purpose of the Parochial Church Council of Friarmere, St. Thomas is "promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church".

Main Activities

The PCC continues to provide a place of worship which is used for public services on Sundays and other days. The PCC provides children's and young people's groups on a regular basis during the main Sunday morning service and 'Fresh Expression' services such as 'Messy Church' are provided approximately bimonthly. Other ceremonies such as the celebration of marriage, funerals and baptism services are also provided.

The PCC provides and maintains a churchyard which is open for burials for residents of the ecclesiastical parish.

The church provides education on our Christian faith including provision of educational visits to local schools.

Missionary and evangelical activities are undertaken and supported.

The church provides pastoral care and outreach to residents of the ecclesiastical parish and the wider community, including:

- Visits to the sick, bereaved and housebound.
- Visits to care homes.
- A weekly youth 'drop in' group, operating in term time.
- A weekly coffee morning, aimed at alleviating social isolation.
- Support of the local 'Street Pastors' scheme.

The PCC provides and maintains the church and church hall which are used for community activities including:

- Weekly Craft groups
- Weekly Fitness classes
- Weekly Dance classes
- Ad hoc band rehearsals

The PCC is a grant maker distributing 10% of its general income to other charitable causes.

Public Benefit

The PCC's charitable objects ('Promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church') are primarily focused on the advancement of religion, which is recognised as a charitable purpose having public benefit. All regular public worship is provided free of charge and open to all. In addition, the PCC's activities as listed above have further public benefits; for example, teaching and taking assemblies offer advancement of education which is recognised as a charitable purpose having public benefit. Donations to other charities and our own projects provide public benefits in the relief of poverty and need, whether within or outside the ecclesiastical parish, often for minority groups with particular needs such as the elderly.

Additional achievements

Throughout the year the PCC continued with major reordering of the church and hall which are aimed at improving accessibility of the buildings for people with impaired mobility, and improved facilities for community and church use.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period.

Total income for the charity during the year was approximately £57k, which is consistent with 'normal' income for the PCC.

During the year the PCC continued to pay 100% of the requested Parish Share to the Diocese of Manchester and met all its other financial obligations.

Policy on Reserves.

At 31st December 2023 the PCC held approximately £21k in its bank account; it is envisaged that this will all be used in planned work to the church west window. The PCC currently envisages further reduced reserves at the end of 2024.

Going concern.

There are no concerns about the ongoing viability of the charity. The PCC envisages that the charity will continue to operate for the foreseeable future.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Documents.

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Trustee Selection Methods.

The composition of the PCC (i.e. its trustees) is stipulated in the governing documents. It includes:

- All clerks in Holy Orders in the benefice
- The churchwardens, elected annually
- Lay members of deanery, diocesan or general synods who are on the electoral roll of the parish

- Nine elected representatives of the laity, three of whom are elected each year for a term of three years
- Up to two co-opted members

Reference and Administrative Details

Names of the trustees for the period.

Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not whole year	Name of body entitled to appoint trustee.
Revd Sachin Awale		From 08/07/2023	
Revd Barbara Christopher			
Gillian Clark	Deanery Synod Representative		APCM*
Valerie Cronin			APCM*
Geoffrey Dent	Deanery Synod Representative		APCM*
Revd Mike Donmal		To 26/09/2023	
Revd Hilary Edgerton			
Rosalind Gartside			APCM*
Joan Geddes		From 30/04/2023	APCM*
Revd Patricia Gillian			
Revd Sharon Jones			
Julie Lait	Secretary		Trustees
Richard Lait	Churchwarden & Deanery Synod Representative		Parish** APCM*
Alyson Lambert			APCM*
Revd Richard Lambert			
Rob Ley			APCM*
William Maxwell	Churchwarden		Parish**
Janet Powell	Treasurer		Trustees
Susan Powell			APCM*
Laura Tebay		From 30/04/2023	APCM*
Fiona Thomson			APCM*
Jennifer Weir			APCM*
Revd Phillip Williamson			
Jill Woods			APCM*
Jonathan Wright		To 30/04/2023	APCM*

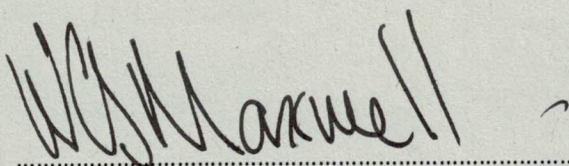
APCM*

- Elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Parish**

- Elected by Annual Meeting of parishioners and church members

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'W.C.J. Maxwell', is written over a horizontal dotted line. The signature is fluid and cursive.

William C. J. Maxwell

30th October 2024

The Parish of St Thomas Friarmere

Financial statements for the year ended December 31st 2023

Notes:

1. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis
2. The proportion of Parish Share paid was 100% in 2023
3. All monies given for restricted purposes were paid to the intended recipients
4. All known liabilities have been discharged together with the assigned fees due to Manchester Diocesan Board of Finance

St Thomas' Church Friarmere Delph

Balance Sheet detailed

		As at 31/12/2023	As at 31/12/2022
Current assets			
6501: Bank current account		20,457.37	52,522.58
6502: National Savings Account		—	—
6503: Vicar & Church Wardens Account		809.09	809.09
6504: Investments		—	—
6510: CCLA (CBF) deposit account		184.00	184.00
6590: Cash in hand		—	—
Z05: Accounts Receivable		—	—
Total Current assets		21,450.46	53,515.67
Liabilities			
6601: Loans received		12,214.72	21,765.91
6602: Cheques not presented		—	—
6699: Agency collections		2,779.96	2,002.96
Z04: Accounts Payable		815.93	815.93
Total Liabilities		15,810.61	24,584.80
Net Asset surplus (deficit)		5,639.85	28,930.87
Reserves			
Excess / (deficit) to date		(23,291.02)	(55,622.89)
Z01: Starting balances		28,930.87	84,553.76
Z03: Gains and losses own use		—	—
Total Reserves		5,639.85	28,930.87

Represented by Funds		
Unrestricted	198,737.47	224,896.20
Designated	(192,439.36)	(195,307.07)
Restricted	(658.26)	(658.26)
Endowment	—	—
Total	5,639.85	28,930.87

St Thomas' Church Friarmere Delph
Receipts and payments
Selected period: 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

Note	From To	01 January 2023 31 December 2023	01 January 2022 31 December 2022
General - General fund (Unrestricted) Fund			
Receipts			
Planned giving			
Gift Aid - Bank		42,956	42,735
Gift Aid - Envelopes		—	505
Other planned giving		420	420
	<i>Total Planned giving</i>	<u>43,376</u>	<u>43,660</u>
Collections and other giving			
Loose plate collections		222	158
One-off Gift Aid gifts		254	653
	<i>Total Collections and other giving</i>	<u>476</u>	<u>812</u>
Other voluntary receipts			
Giving through church boxes		629	—
Donations appeals etc		740	2,084
Legacies		—	0
Non-recurring one-off grants		330	—
	<i>Total Other voluntary receipts</i>	<u>1,699</u>	<u>2,084</u>
Other receipts			
Other receipts		1,114	4,258
	<i>Total Other receipts</i>	<u>1,114</u>	<u>4,258</u>
Activities for generating funds			
Church hall lettings - fund raising		180	—
	<i>Total Activities for generating funds</i>	<u>180</u>	<u>—</u>
Investment Income			
Dividends		7	—
	<i>Total Investment Income</i>	<u>7</u>	<u>—</u>
Receipts from church activities			
Fees for weddings and funerals		813	1,708
Bookstall sales to promote objectives		15	100
Church hall lettings - objectives		4,685	4,650
	<i>Total Receipts from church activities</i>	<u>5,513</u>	<u>6,458</u>
Total receipts		52,366	57,272
Payments			
Cost of generating funds			
Fees paid to fund raisers		—	32
Costs of fetes & other events		137	2,451
Investment management costs		—	81
Bookstall costs		—	35
	<i>Total Cost of generating funds</i>	<u>137</u>	<u>2,602</u>
Missionary and Charitable Giving			
Giving to missionary societies		—	1,466
Giving - relief and development agencies		4,480	454
Home mission		3,391	2,831
Secular charities		—	2,310
	<i>Total Missionary and Charitable Giving</i>	<u>7,871</u>	<u>7,061</u>

There may be minor discrepancies in the totals if the pence are not being shown

Note	From To	01 January 2023 31 December 2023	01 January 2022 31 December 2022
Parish Share			
Ministry parish share etc		49,559	39,969
<i>Total Parish Share</i>		<u>49,559</u>	<u>39,969</u>
Clergy and Staffing costs			
Honoraria		90	202
Vicar's telephone		—	47
<i>Total Clergy and Staffing costs</i>		<u>90</u>	<u>249</u>
Church Running Expenses			
Parish training and mission		108	154
Church running - insurance		2,137	1,919
Church office - telephone		47	142
Church maintenance		1,697	276
Cleaning		2,620	2,600
Upkeep of services		704	315
Administration		1,563	667
Church running - electric		1,818	821
Church running - gas		3,921	2,995
Church running - water		717	340
<i>Total Church Running Expenses</i>		<u>15,337</u>	<u>10,234</u>
Hall Running Costs			
Hall running - gas		3,409	—
Hall running - maintenance		—	137
Hall running - telephone		—	239
<i>Total Hall Running Costs</i>		<u>3,409</u>	<u>377</u>
Church Repairs & Maintenance			
Church major repairs - structure		1,836	—
Church major repairs - installation		234	—
<i>Total Church Repairs & Maintenance</i>		<u>2,070</u>	<u>—</u>
Hall Repairs & Maintenance			
Hall + interior and exterior decorating		—	782
<i>Total Hall Repairs & Maintenance</i>		<u>—</u>	<u>782</u>
Governance Costs			
Assignment of Fees		—	979
Subscriptions		50	365
Governance costs examination/audit fee		—	29
<i>Total Governance Costs</i>		<u>50</u>	<u>1,373</u>
Total payments		<u>78,525</u>	<u>62,650</u>
Excess of Receipts over Payments		(26,158)	(5,377)
Brought forward balance		224,896	230,274
Total carried forward balance		<u>198,737</u>	<u>224,896</u>

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Graveyard - Graveyard Fund (Designated) Fund**Receipts**

Other receipts

Other receipts

95

—

Total Other receipts

95

—

Receipts from church activities

Fees for weddings and funerals

—

251

Bookstall sales to promote objectives

140

—

Total Receipts from church activities

140

251

Total receipts**235****251****Payments**

Church Running Expenses

Upkeep of churchyard

110

94

Total Church Running Expenses

110

94

Hall Repairs & Maintenance

Other PCC property upkeep

649

—

Total Hall Repairs & Maintenance

649

—

Total payments**759****94**

Excess of Receipts over Payments

(524)

156

Brought forward balance

5,825

5,668

Total carried forward balance**5,301****5,825****Graveyard - Graveyard Fund (Restricted) Fund**

Brought forward balance

—

—

Total carried forward balance**—****—****Buil - Building Fund (Designated) Fund****Receipts**

Planned giving

Gift Aid - Bank

4,620

5,060

Total Planned giving

4,620

5,060

Total receipts**4,620****5,060****Payments**

Church Repairs & Maintenance

Church major repairs - installation

360

—

Total Church Repairs & Maintenance

360

—

New Building work

New building Church

868

19,017

Total New Building work

868

19,017

Total payments**1,228****19,017**

Excess of Receipts over Payments

3,391

(13,957)

Brought forward balance

(201,132)

(187,174)

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Note	From To	01 January 2023 31 December 2023	01 January 2022 31 December 2022
	Total carried forward balance	(197,740)	(201,132)
Buil - Building Fund (Restricted) Fund			
	Brought forward balance	(658)	(658)
	Total carried forward balance	(658)	(658)

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Independent examiner's report to the PCC of St Thomas Friarmere

I report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 Dec ²⁰²³..... This report is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 (the regulations) and section 43 of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act)

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that an audit is not required for this year under the Regulations and under section 43(2) of the 1993 Act and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required of an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination no matter has come to my attention:

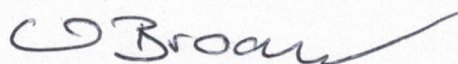
(1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
- to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the 1993 Act and Regulations

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.

[SIGNED]



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