

Trustees' Annual Report

For the Period 1st January – 31st December 2024

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

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 £54k, 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 2024 the PCC held approximately £10k 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 2025.

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

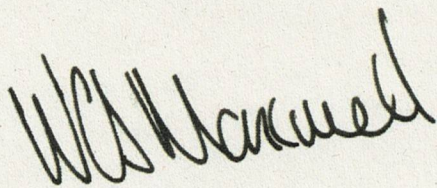
Reference and Administrative Details

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			
Revd Barbara Christopher			
Gillian Clark	Deanery Synod Representative	To 14/04/2024	APCM*
Valerie Cronin			APCM*
Geoffrey Dent	Deanery Synod Representative		APCM*
Revd Hilary Edgerton			
Rosalind Gartside		To 14/04/2024	APCM*
Joan Geddes			APCM*
Revd Patricia Gillian		To 28/05/2024	
Revd Sharon Jones		To 30/06/2024	
Julie Lait	Secretary		Trustees
Richard Lait	Churchwarden & Deanery Synod Representative		Parish** APCM*
Alyson Lambert			APCM*
Revd Richard Lambert		To 30/06/2024	
Rob Ley			APCM*
William Maxwell	Churchwarden		Parish**
Janet Powell	Treasurer		Trustees
Susan Powell			APCM*
Ruth Rigby		From 14/04/2024	APCM*
Laura Tebay			APCM*
Fiona Thomson			APCM*
Revd Phillip Williamson			
Jill Woods			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 black ink, appearing to read 'W C J Maxwell', written in a cursive style.

William C. J. Maxwell

31st October 2024

The Parish of St Thomas Friarmere

Financial statements for the year ended December 31st 2024

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 2024
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

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Receipts and payments
Selected period: 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

<i>Note</i>	From To	01 January 2024 31 December 2024	01 January 2023 31 December 2023
General - General fund (Unrestricted) Fund			
Receipts			
Planned giving			
Gift Aid - Bank		49,210	42,956
Other planned giving		420	420
	<i>Total Planned giving</i>	49,630	43,376
Collections and other giving			
Loose plate collections		844	222
One-off Gift Aid gifts		2,478	254
	<i>Total Collections and other giving</i>	3,323	476
Other voluntary receipts			
Giving through church boxes		—	629
Donations appeals etc		620	740
Non-recurring one-off grants		—	330
	<i>Total Other voluntary receipts</i>	620	1,699
Other receipts			
Other receipts		5,313	1,114
	<i>Total Other receipts</i>	5,313	1,114
Activities for generating funds			
Church hall lettings - fund raising		—	180
	<i>Total Activities for generating funds</i>	—	180
Investment Income			
Dividends		4	7
	<i>Total Investment Income</i>	4	7
Receipts from church activities			
Fees for weddings and funerals		1,940	813
Bookstall sales to promote objectives		80	15
Church hall lettings - objectives		4,635	4,685
	<i>Total Receipts from church activities</i>	6,655	5,513
Total receipts		65,547	52,366
Payments			
Cost of generating funds			
Costs of fetes & other events		—	137
	<i>Total Cost of generating funds</i>	—	137
Missionary and Charitable Giving			
Giving to missionary societies		1,467	—
Giving - relief and development agencies		3,526	4,480
Home mission		704	3,391
	<i>Total Missionary and Charitable Giving</i>	5,697	7,871
Parish Share			
Ministry parish share etc		27,159	49,559
	<i>Total Parish Share</i>	27,159	49,559
Clergy and Staffing costs			
Honoraria		270	90
	<i>Total Clergy and Staffing costs</i>	270	90

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Note	From To	01 January 2024	01 January 2023
		31 December 2024	31 December 2023
Church Running Expenses			
Parish training and mission		3,051	108
Church running - insurance		2,114	2,137
Church office - telephone		—	47
Church maintenance		42	1,697
Cleaning		2,628	2,620
Upkeep of services		41	704
Upkeep of churchyard		327	—
Administration		114	1,563
Church running - electric		1,810	1,818
Church running - gas		4,329	3,921
Church running - water		128	717
	<i>Total Church Running Expenses</i>	<u>14,588</u>	<u>15,337</u>
Hall Running Costs			
Hall running - gas		—	3,409
	<i>Total Hall Running Costs</i>	<u>—</u>	<u>3,409</u>
Church Repairs & Maintenance			
Church major repairs - structure		5,097	1,836
Church major repairs - installation		13,977	234
	<i>Total Church Repairs & Maintenance</i>	<u>19,075</u>	<u>2,070</u>
Governance Costs			
Assignment of Fees		724	—
Subscriptions		52	50
	<i>Total Governance Costs</i>	<u>776</u>	<u>50</u>
Total payments		67,566	78,525
		(2,019)	(26,158)
		198,737	224,896
		(198,399)	—
		1,802	—
Total carried forward balance		120	198,737

Graveyard - Graveyard Fund (Designated) Fund

Receipts

Other receipts		
Other receipts	—	95
	<i>Total Other receipts</i>	<u>—</u>
		<u>95</u>

Receipts from church activities		
Bookstall sales to promote objectives	—	140
	<i>Total Receipts from church activities</i>	<u>—</u>
		<u>140</u>

Total receipts **235**

Payments

Church Running Expenses		
Upkeep of churchyard	—	110
	<i>Total Church Running Expenses</i>	<u>—</u>
		<u>110</u>

Hall Repairs & Maintenance		
Other PCC property upkeep	—	649
	<i>Total Hall Repairs & Maintenance</i>	<u>—</u>
		<u>649</u>

Total payments **759**

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<i>Note</i>	From To	01 January 2024 31 December 2024	01 January 2023 31 December 2023
		—	(524)
Excess of Receipts over Payments		5,301	5,825
Brought forward balance		<u>5,301</u>	<u>5,301</u>
Total carried forward balance			

Buil - Building Fund (Designated) Fund

Receipts

Planned giving		—	4,620
Gift Aid - Bank			
<i>Total Planned giving</i>		<u>—</u>	<u>4,620</u>
Total receipts			4,620

Payments

Church Repairs & Maintenance		—	360
Church major repairs - installation			
<i>Total Church Repairs & Maintenance</i>		<u>—</u>	<u>360</u>
New Building work		—	868
New building Church			
<i>Total New Building work</i>		<u>—</u>	<u>868</u>
Total payments			1,228

Excess of Receipts over Payments		—	3,391
Brought forward balance		(197,740)	(201,132)
Transfers to/(from)		197,740	—
Total carried forward balance		<u>—</u>	<u>(197,740)</u>

Buil - Building Fund (Restricted) Fund

Brought forward balance		(658)	(658)
Transfers to/(from)		658	—
Total carried forward balance		<u>—</u>	<u>(658)</u>

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Balance Sheet detailed

	As at 31/12/2024	As at 31/12/2023
Current assets		
6501: Bank current account	10,536.28	20,457.37
6502: National Savings Account	—	—
6503: Vicar & Church Wardens Account	—	809.09
6504: Investments	—	—
6510: CCLA (CBF) deposit account	184.00	184.00
6590: Cash in hand	(779.98)	—
Z05: Accounts Receivable	—	—
Total Current assets	9,940.30	21,450.46
Liabilities		
6601: Loans received	—	12,214.72
6602: Cheques not presented	—	—
6699: Agency collections	4,518.17	2,779.96
Z04: Accounts Payable	—	815.93
Total Liabilities	4,518.17	15,810.61
Net Asset surplus (deficit)	5,422.13	5,639.85
Reserves		
Excess / (deficit) to date	(2,019.80)	(23,291.02)
Z01: Starting balances	5,639.85	28,930.87
Z02: Other gains/(losses)	1,802.08	—
Z03: Gains and losses own use	—	—
Total Reserves	5,422.13	5,639.85

Represented by Funds

Unrestricted	120.66	198,737.47
Designated	5,301.47	(192,439.36)
Restricted	—	(658.26)
Endowment	—	—
Total	5,422.13	5,639.85