

# THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BIRKENHEAD PRIORY

England & Wales - Charity number 1196140

## Details

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**Other names** BIRKENHEAD PRIORY PARISH PCC

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 2021-10-13

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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

**Activities:** Religious activities and community outreach

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Wirral

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£143,917	£340,704	-	-
2024-12-31	£203,934	£188,763	-	-
2023-12-31	£167,905	£140,180	-	-
2022-12-31	£157,496	£132,279	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Rev Paul Bentley</b>	Chair	2017-06-19
Christine Earnshaw		2022-05-08
Deborah Michelle Wilkinson		2020-10-01
Dr David Lawrence Dillon		2021-07-11
James Spencer Ballard		2026-05-10
Jane Margaret Boote		2024-04-21
Kelly Louise Dawson		2026-05-10
Laura Brough		2021-05-16
Leanne Toni Hellon		2020-10-01
MARY ELIZABETH EVANS		2021-05-16
Sandra Fletcher		2024-06-30
Susan Esther Blaylock		2019-04-07
Susan Gladden		2025-05-11
Susan Joan Blaylock		2021-05-16
Susan Lesley Wilks		2019-04-07

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# Accounts

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**BIRKENHEAD PRIORY PARISH  
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ANNUAL REPORT  
AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
OF THE  
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2025**

**VICAR**

**Reverend Paul Bentley**

**ASSOCIATE MINISTER**

**Reverend Deborah Wilkinson**

**ASSISTANT CURATES**

**Reverend Sandra Fletcher**

**Reverend Jane Addenbrooke**

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**Registered with Charity Commission 13/10/2021**

# **BIRKENHEAD PRIORY PARISH**

## **ANNUAL REPORT TO TRUSTEES FOR 2025**

### **Aims and Purposes**

The Birkenhead Priory PCC has the responsibility of cooperating with the Vicar in promoting in 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 church and community centre at Christ the King, Beckwith Street, Birkenhead and the Chapter House, Birkenhead Priory.

### **Objectives and Activities**

The PCC is committed to reaching out to as many people as possible with the Good News of Jesus Christ. We seek to do this in practical ways, meeting the various needs of those within our parish where we are able, and by sharing our life-changing faith in Jesus with our community wherever we can. When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We continue to abide by the Safeguarding Policies and Procedures of the Church of England for safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. We are also subject to our governing documents, the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) as amended and Church Representation Rules (02 Jan 1957).

We seek to organise our life and worship in such a way as to be faithful to our identity as children of God, whilst welcoming all within our community to become part of our worshipping family. We are committed to helping people not only find faith, but also to live out their faith through:

- worship and prayer together, studying God's word and growing deeper together in our faith
- providing various points of practical help for the community through The Oak Community Project and other forms of outreach, as an expression of gratitude for the love we have received from God which we pass on to our neighbour
- providing pastoral care for all those in our parish and church family
- working with and supporting other organisations that seek to bring benefit to our local community, including our local schools.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of our two buildings, and we are grateful to those who help with their ongoing upkeep, particularly our church wardens.

## How we've been doing

*The Five Marks of Mission have been adopted by the wider church as a helpful description of what God calls us to in Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit, as we serve him as his church in the world. The mission of the Church is the mission of Christ.*

### Mark of Mission 1: To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom

Our times of coming together as a church in worship of God is fundamental to who we are as we share and celebrate the Good News of God's Kingdom.

On the first Sunday of the month we continue to meet at the Priory Chapel at 9am for a said BCP Communion service. This traditional style of service has been appreciated by a good number of people from with our church family and by some who are new to us. Following this service we then hold our 10.30am service at Christ the King Church in St Anne's Room around small tables, with activities on the tables available for all. It is a much more family friendly, interactive service which has been well received and been a welcoming environment for new families to join us. There is no children's group on these Sundays. We serve a light breakfast before the service which has been greatly appreciated, headed up by James our parish evangelist. Our numbers at the Priory Chapel service have increased, together with our numbers at Christ the King increasing on these Sundays.

All other Sundays of the month we meet for worship at Christ the King Church at 10.30am, with our leadership team consisting of our clergy: Revd Paul Bentley, Revd. Debbie Wilkinson, Revd. Sandra Fletcher, Revd. Nigel Schibild, Revd. Jane Addenbrooke, Revd. Ann Stein, our Reader Laura Brough and our Parish Evangelist James Wilkinson. Our services could not take place without the many church family members who lead bible readings and prayers, welcome, providing refreshments, set up and take down, and more. We are grateful to Mark for managing our technology each week and those who assist in that. We continue to make our services available through Zoom for those who find it difficult to attend in person.

We continue to share communion by intinction rather than the common cup, and to use the screen for worship with printed materials available for those who prefer. We use mostly iSingWorship for our music. We also offer prayer ministry during our main worship service, during Communion.

Our younger children meet in St Peter's room for their own learning during our services - but beginning and ending the service in worship together with the rest of the congregation. Our older children (Y4-6) meet in the new meeting room for a more discussion based group based on our bible readings for the day. We are very grateful to those who continue to lead the children's work each week and encourage them in their faith, and for the space this gives to parents to engage in worship themselves.

Through Holy Week and Easter we journeyed around our three churches as we explored and reflected on the Easter story. At Harvest we again joined together for a Harvest Supper which was well attended and much appreciated.

We continue to support the work of the Well, in worship and governance, in various ways as the ministry there grows under the leadership of Debbie, with the ministry team of James, Beth, Steve and Glyn. The ongoing development of the Wirral Waters site and beginnings of the next stage of building works means that the current sales office is becoming inaccessible for church use. An alternative building has been sourced and the legal process for moving into that building is in process, supported by the Diocese.

We continue to be very involved in our two local Primary Schools: The Priory Parish CE Primary School and Cathcart Street School. We lead in worship, support in prayer, serve in governance and offer help in exploring curriculum topics. The schools also visit church several times throughout the year. Please see our schools report for further details.

This year we ran a Messy Easter Party at Christ the King, a Community Event for families based around Easter crafts, a talk and food. It was very well received. We also hosted a Light Party at Christ the King as an alternative to Halloween which was well supported by the community. In December we held a Community Christmas Fair at Christ the King which was very well attended by the community and we welcomed stall holders from local charities and community members.

## **Mark of Mission 2: To teach, baptise and nurture new believers**

We continue to be blessed by those God is bringing to us and we rejoice to see people finding faith and growing in faith as disciples of Jesus.

Our leadership team (Paul, Debbie, Nigel, Laura, Ann, James) continues to grow, and on 14<sup>th</sup> June our curate Revd Sandra Fletcher was ordained Priest at Chester Cathedral. Paul continues to act as Supervising Minister for a second curate, Revd Jane Addenbrooke.

We have enjoyed welcoming new people into our church family and have welcomed 4 children for baptism this year. We welcomed 1 wedding couple to be married in Christ the King and we have also supported 2 families with funerals of their loved ones and provided ongoing pastoral support.

We have continued to meet to study the bible together, particularly on a Thursday morning. We have completed the New Testament part of the Bible course, before embarking on the Jesus Shaped People Discipleship Adventure. We began this in Lent with 'Preparing the Way', then moved into the main programme in May, which (with breaks) has taken us through to the end of the year, to be completed in 2026. Out of this have come four bible study groups. We held another Parish Away Day at Foxhill which 25 people attended and was much appreciated.

We continue to offer training to our curates as they develop in their ministry and to offer placement experiences to those the Diocese points our way.

In 2025 we again provided a programme for reading through the New Testament, Psalms and Proverbs together as a church, with a plan provided each month to guide us through the readings. Not everyone manages it, but it is appreciated by many.

As of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025 we have 71 members on the electoral roll of the parish, of whom 27 are resident within the parish and 44 are resident outside the parish. This represents a decrease of 12 from the previous year, reflecting the process of electoral roll renewal which took place ahead of the 2025 annual meeting.

## **Mark of Mission 3: To respond to human need by loving service**

Our church-based Oak Community Project has continued to serve many from within our community and further afield in a variety of ways as we seek to put the Great Commandment to love God and love our neighbour into practise. A significant element of this is food provision, but we continue to offer much

wider support than that. We are very glad to work with our Community Partners, such as Involve NorthWest, who enable us to give a much more holistic care to those coming to us. We are so grateful for the many volunteers who make this ministry possible under the guidance of Denise, our Community and Family Worker. Our Community Hub welcomes in members of our community and partner organisations on a Tuesday and Wednesday and continues to grow busier and busier. Our Community Supermarket continues to open on a Thursday also. Please see the Community Project report for more information.

We continue to support our schools in various ways as described above but through initiatives such as Pray, Bake, Read we are able to bless our local schools – children, staff and families. As members of our church family act as school governors, we are able to shape the life of our school to reflect the values of the Kingdom of God. At an OFSTED inspection in February the Priory School received a ‘Good’ evaluation, which was a fantastic achievement and represented do much hard work by Sophie, the new Headteacher and all the staff and governors. At the end of the summer term we invited the staff from both our primary schools to the Vicarage for an afternoon tea, which was greatly appreciated. We enjoy welcoming in parents to our school services and offering them refreshments and a space to chat afterwards.

In July we also opened up the Vicarage Garden to our wider church family for a Summer BBQ which is always an enjoyable event.

Our Friendship Group and Women’s Group continue to meet, offering an important point of connection for those who might otherwise be isolated, and mutual support for many. The Social and Fellowship group continue to organise events. Our Men’s Breakfast continues to be a space where men can come together and talk openly and honestly in a safe space with a good breakfast and great talks. Please see individual reports.

Narcotics Anonymous continue to use our building for a meeting once a week.

At Christmas we again distributed small gifts to 800 households in our community - a bag of sweets with a message from the church, which were well received. A number of people from our community comment that they enjoy getting these through each year.

Our visiting the bereaved, sick and housebound and Home Communion has continued through the year.

In order to do what we do, we make every effort to steward our resources faithfully and with clarity, particularly our finances. We are extremely grateful to our Finance team for all they do. Nathalie, our Assistant treasurer stepped down at the end of 2024 and Bill and George have stepped into the bookkeeping. We are extremely grateful to Treasurer Dave, Gift Aid Secretary Sue and Bill and George for all the work they do on behalf of our PCC, for their hard work and professionalism.

#### **Mark of Mission 4: To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation**

We continue our monthly prayer meeting in person at Christ the King Church at 4pm on the first Sunday of each month. To pray for our church, the community and the world. Our leadership team also meet for prayer once a week to pray for the needs of the parish.

The Priory Night Watch group continues to meet once a month in the Priory Chapel to pray for Birkenhead and the needs of the parish.

We continue to partner with other community organisations, particularly through The Oak Community Project, in order to bring about significant change for people in their lives where they are struggling. We work with Christians Against Poverty in order to offer support to those who find themselves trapped by debt.

We were successful in our bid for funding to improve our digital offering to the local community. Thanks to a grant from Vola, we were able to install superfast wifi coverage throughout our building and purchase three new laptops for community use. This has been of great benefit.

We continue to work with local council in different ways, including receiving Household Support Funding to provide crisis hampers to those in need.

We support financially and prayerfully our CMS mission partners in SE Asia as well as Emily Wilkinson who serves in education in Uganda.

### **Mark of Mission 5: To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth**

Throughout the year we organise regular 'Church and Community Clean Up Days' when we invite local residents to join us as a church family in looking after our local area through litter picks, clearing verges etc. helping this little bit of our world be a nicer place for all to live.

We continue to look after our church buildings as best as we are able with the resources we have, and we are extremely grateful to our church wardens and to all who give their time and expertise in a voluntary capacity to ensure our buildings and grounds are available to our church and community in the best possible way.

We have purchased new chairs for our community space, which has helped us to offer a more comfortable, welcoming space for our church family and community. We have also carried out some internal reorganisation in Christ the King, moving the church office upstairs and converting the old downstairs office into a meeting room.

We continue to work with Wirral Borough Council regarding remedial works to the Priory Chapel through Town Deal Funding, though this is a slow process and funding will not go as far as hoped. Related to this, we are communicating with the Friends of HMS Conway who occupy the Scriptorium to rework our agreement for use of that room to reflect shared use of the space following the anticipated building works.

### **Looking Ahead**

As a church, community and wider society we continue to face a number of challenges from different directions. However in all of this we continue to see God's provision, strengthening and blessing as a church. It is imperative that we continue to look with courage, creativity and conviction at the opportunities in front of us and seek the wisdom and guidance of the Holy Spirit as we discern what is for now, what is for another time, or what is not to be.

As we continue journeying through 'Jesus Shaped People' into 2026, we trust that God will continue to shape us more into the likeness of Christ and give us a clearer vision for who we are and what he is calling us to in this place at this time, and the confidence, courage and faith to follow.

We continue to work hard improving our buildings so that they can be not only an inspiring place for worship but also a vital hub for our community and a gateway to faith and transformed lives for many.

We trust that through obedience and faithfulness and remaining rooted in God with our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, we will continue to be blessed and to bring blessing to those around us as we seek to love God and love our neighbour, to the glory of God.

## **PCC Membership**

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules 2022. During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

Revd. Paul Bentley (Vicar and chair)  
Revd. Debbie Wilkinson (Associate Minister)  
Revd. Sandra Fletcher (Assistant Curate)

Sue Gladden (Churchwarden)  
Jane Boote (Churchwarden)

Mary Evans (Deanery Synod)  
Susan Wilks (Deanery Synod)

### **Elected Members:**

Sue E. Blaylock  
David Dillon (Treasurer)  
Sue J. Blaylock  
Chris Earnshaw  
Mark Fisher  
Leanne Hellon  
Rebekah Shields  
Emily Wilkinson

### **Members Appointed by APCM:**

Laura Brough (Lay Reader) (Safeguarding Officer)

### **PCC Appointed:**

Adrienne Allinson (Secretary)

The PCC held 7 meetings during the year.

## **Committees**

The PCC operates through a Standing Committee (when required) and a number of working groups which meet as and when necessary.

Standing Committee: The Standing Committee carries out the routine work of the PCC between each PCC meeting, subject to any directions given by the Council. The Standing Committee consists of the Vicar, churchwardens, Treasurer, Secretary and one other PCC member (elected annually by the PCC). The

Standing Committee is responsible to the PCC and reports back through minutes. Other working groups are convened as and when appropriate and dissolved when no longer required. They are made up of both PCC and non-PCC members.

The working groups this year have been:

Social and Fellowship Group

Management Group (overseeing Community and Family Worker and The Oak Community Project)

# BIRKENHEAD PRIORY PARISH (BPP)

## TREASURER'S REPORT 2025

### Executive Summary

The overall financial position reflects a mix of surpluses in some funds and losses in others. However the overall financial health remains stable and is in a relatively robust position in terms of cash flow (income vs. expenditure) and that the day-to-day running costs are being met.

### Balance sheets

The funds are categorized into general, designated, and restricted, with specific allocations for The Oak Community Project, Wirral Waters, and BPP funds.

The **BPP General Fund** started with a balance of **£89,306.36** and ended with a balance of **£66,663.53** after income, expenditure, transfers and adjustments.

The **Oak Community Project Fund** experienced an increase in overall funding starting 2025 with an initial balance of **£48,817.69** and ending with a balance of **£64,663.09**, reflecting income from donations, grants, and specific project income, offset by project expenses.

The **Wirral Waters Fund** began 2025 with a balance of **£2,748.81** and at year end increased its balance to **£5,554.16** supported by donations, gift aid, and project income, with expenses mainly on outreach and community activities.

**Assets** include cash at bank accounts, investments, and property sales, with total current assets of **£175,474.23**. Notable assets include bank accounts, reserve funds, and sale proceeds from St Mark's Church Hall.

It should be noted whilst that the current total asset value is significantly down on previous years this is explained by a reattribution one of particular CDBF asset (*St Mary and St Paul Curacy Fund*) whose 'ownership' now rests with DBF and although whilst held and managed by CDBF there remains a requirement for the income from this asset to benefit Birkenhead Priory Parish.

As in previous years there are reserves, some of which can be drawn upon but the majority of these funds are held for specific purposes.

### Banking Reserve Policy

With the introduction of a financial policy document, a formalised approach to a banking reserve policy has been set out as indicated below. This is to ensure prudent financial management of existing funds and to ensure contingencies are in place to allow BPP's Finance team to respond effectively to unexpected short term issues.

- Current accounts
  - It is recommended that the BPP current account and Lifeskills (TOCP) account have a minimum operating of balance of £5k.
  - If either of these accounts fall beneath these limits then the PCC should be consulted as to whether any short term 'top up' or transfer of funds from the reserve account can be made.
- Reserve account

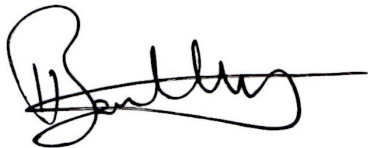
- It is recommended that the BPP reserve account has a minimum balance of £25K available to offset any short term issues with either of the above current accounts.
- Of the above £25K, £10K is specifically designated for covering salary costs of BPP employed staff in the event of other funding not being available.

### **Related Party Transactions**

There were no related party transactions during the reporting period.

The above report and following financial statements were approved by Birkenhead Priory Parochial Church Council at a meeting on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Bentley', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Revd Paul Bentley, Chair

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On behalf of Birkenhead Priory Parish Parochial Church Council.

# BIRKENHEAD PRIORY PARISH

## TREASURER'S REPORT 2025

### **1. Background and context to preparation of the report**

#### **1.1 Roles and responsibilities: – Finance Team and PCC**

The finance team for Birkenhead Priory Parish (BPP) currently comprises of

- Dr David Dillon (Treasurer),
- Sue E Blaylock (Gift Aid Secretary)
- Bill Newnes (Bookkeeper)
- George Hancock (Bookkeeper)

The finance team is part of the PCC and as such the PCC is regularly made aware of its responsibilities with regards to the financial management of the church and its role in the oversight of all financial matters. This involves the delivery of a financial report at every PCC meeting giving all members the opportunity to question the finance team on any matters.

#### **1.2 New activities and developments during 2025**

- Mid way through 2025 Bill and George joined the finance team to lead the bookkeeping and bank reconciliation work that is essential to ensure the transparent monitoring and checking of our various financial activities. They took over the role relinquished by Nathalie in December 2024. Bill and George have worked hard to ensure that the backlog in this critical activity has been addressed and that our accounts are completed ahead of the required Independent Examination.
- **Training in use of [My Fund Accounting](#) software.**
  - Towards the end of 2024/early 2025 training on the use of [My Fund Accounting](#) package was rolled out to Bill and George.

### **2. Financial Statement for 2025**

On behalf of the PCC, I present the Financial Statement for the period 1st January 2025 to the 31st December 2025.

#### **2.1 Presentational Structure**

The reporting format used for this Financial Year's Statement is provided through a series of excel spreadsheets, charts and PDF reporting templates generated through the [My Fund Accounting](#) software.

In addition the BPP Financial Policy document and the guidance document for Gift Aid Activities are also attached to this report for completeness.

The overall Financial report for 2025 covers receipts, payments, assets, liabilities, and fund balances for multiple funds, including the General Fund, BPP-Designated and Restricted Funds, The Oak Community Project, Wirral Waters, and others, for 2025.

The accompanying financial statements and charts include detailed breakdowns of individual income streams, expenditure categories, and fund-specific activities.

In the summaries below only the headline figures are presented. More detail and the raw data for 2025 can be found in the individual reports, charts and spreadsheets attached to this Financial Statement.

In addition to the financial data for 2025 the data from the previous financial year 2024 (and in some instance the years of 2023 and 2022) are included in these reports as a useful comparison of trends and performance.

## **2.2 Overall Financial Summary**

The report covers receipts, payments, assets, liabilities, and fund balances for multiple funds, including:

- The BPP General Fund,
- BPP Designated and Restricted Funds,
- The Oak Community Project,
- Wirral Waters,
- and others, for 2025 compared to previous years.
- Within the **BPP General Fund** total receipts for 2025 amount to **£60,242.01**, with major income sources including donations, legacies, gift aid, and income from charitable activities.
- Total payments within the **BPP General Fund** amount to **£62,570.24**, primarily on charitable activities, church maintenance, salaries, and operational costs.
- The net result shows a slight deficit of around **£2,328.23** in the **BPP General Fund**, with overall fund balances decreasing slightly from previous years but remaining substantial.

### **2.2.1 Fund Movements and Balances**

The funds are categorized into general, designated, and restricted, with specific allocations for The Oak Community Project, Wirral Waters, and BPP funds.

- The **BPP General Fund** started with a balance of **£89,306.36** and ended with a balance of **£66,663.53** after income, expenditure, transfers and adjustments.
- The **BPP-Restricted Fund** saw a substantial decrease from a starting balance of **£223,215.77** to a year-end balance of **£22,910.97** primarily due to a significant investment account adjustment (*see further notes in 2.2.2 Assets and Liabilities*).
- The **BPP Designated Fund** grew from a starting balance of **£7,661.57** to a year-end balance of **£15,682.48** mainly through donations, Gift Aid, and grants, with expenditures on flowers, salaries, and project costs.
- The **Oak Community Project Fund** experienced an increase in overall funding starting 2025 with an initial balance of **£48,817.69** and ending with a balance of **£64,663.09**, reflecting income from donations, grants, and specific project income, offset by project expenses.
- The **Wirral Waters Fund** began 2025 with a balance of **£2,748.81** and at year end increased its balance to **£5,554.16** supported by donations, gift aid, and project income, with expenses mainly on outreach and community activities.

### **2.2.2 Assets and Liabilities**

- Current assets include cash at bank accounts, deposit accounts, investments, and petty cash, totalling **£175,474.23** with notable holdings in deposit and reserve accounts.

- A sizeable proportion of these Assets include CDBF funds and trusts held and managed by the Diocese of Chester, the income of which continues to be for the benefit of Birkenhead Priory Parish.
- Within the CDBF funds, two assets are held on behalf of Birkenhead Priory Parish, the first “*St Mary and St Paul Curacy Fund*” and the second relates to the proceeds of the “*Sale of St Mark’s Church Hall*”.
  - The former whose fund value at the end of the year 2024 was **£189,051.20**, has in years prior to 2025 been included in BPP financial accounts as income.
  - However it recently came to light that over many years the correct ‘ownership’ of this particular fund had not been attributed correctly nor had this error been communicated by the CDBF. Whilst financially there is a requirement for the income from this trust to benefit the parish, ownership of this particular asset has always rested with the DBF, and not with Birkenhead Priory Parish. Therefore going forward this trust asset will only appear in the accounts of the DBF.
  - The resulting re-attribution of this particular asset explains the **Nil** recording of income for BPP against this asset and as a result **the BPP restricted fund** now shows a significant decrease from a starting balance of **£223,215.77** to an end balance of **£22,910.97**.

### 2.2.3 Special Funds and Grants

- Specific funds such as the Community & Family Worker, Raby Schools Trust (two grants), and Vola Consortium are tracked separately, with their own income, expenditure, and balances.
- The Community & Family Worker fund shows transfers in and out, ending with a nil balance.
- One of the Raby Schools Trust grants has a small balance carried forward, with some income from grants and donations.

### 2.2.4 Income Sources

- Major income streams include gift aid (notably through bank transfers), donations, legacies, and income from charitable activities such as church services, events, and rentals.
- Gift aid through bank donations is the largest single source, followed by cash donations, recurring grants, and income from fundraising activities.
- Other income includes dividends, interest, and sales of fixed assets, contributing modestly to overall receipts.

### 2.2.5 Expenditure

- Key expenses encompass salaries (notably the TOCP Community and Family Worker), ministry parish share, insurance, utilities, church maintenance, and outreach activities.
- Significant costs are incurred in food, insurance, church repairs, and operational expenses.
- Payments for charitable activities and outreach are substantial, supporting community projects, mission work, and church operations.
- Expenses related to specific projects/activities such as those for TOCP and community outreach are detailed, with some costs offset by grants and donations.

### 2.2.6 Top Income and Expense Items

- The highest receipts are from gift aid, cash donations, recurring grants, and fundraising activities.
- Major expenses include food, salaries, ministry contributions, insurance, and utilities, with some costs related to church maintenance and outreach.

### **2.3 Banking Reserve Policy**

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### **3 Summary**

The overall financial position reflects a mix of surpluses in some funds and losses in others, notably due to the re-attribution of one particular CDBF investment asset.

However the overall financial health remains stable and is in a relatively robust position in terms of cash flow (income vs. expenditure) and that the day-to-day running costs are being met.

The Finance team have, through careful management of income and expenditure, ensured that funds are allocated appropriately to sustain church and community activities.

As in previous years there are reserves, some of which can be drawn upon but as indicated earlier the majority of these funds are held for specific purposes.

In concluding this financial statement, I would like to take the opportunity to personally thank Sue, Bill and George for all their hard work and support over the last year and for the continuing support of Paul.

**Dr David Dillon**  
**PCC Treasurer, 28<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

**Birkenhead Priory Parish Financial Statement**  
**BPP Church, The Oak Community Project and Wirral Waters**  
**For the year 01 Jan 2025 to 31 Dec 2025**

**Analysis of Receipts and Payments by Fund**

	General	BPP	BPP- Restricted	TOCP	Wirral Waters	Year Total 2025	Year Total 2024
<b>Receipts</b>	<b>59,731.43</b>	<b>8,750.00</b>	<b>3,429.36</b>	<b>62,828.17</b>	<b>9,178.07</b>	<b>143,917.03</b>	<b>165,671.20</b>
Donations and legacies	51,871.79	8,750.00	3,429.36	39,670.33	9,178.07	112,899.55	128,373.61
Income from charitable activities	112.00	nil	nil	22,869.00	nil	22,981.00	27,665.25
Other trading activities	650.11	nil	nil	nil	nil	650.11	nil
Investments	7,097.53	nil	nil	nil	nil	7,097.53	9,310.64
Other income	nil	nil	nil	288.84	nil	288.84	321.70
<b>Payments</b>	<b>62,570.24</b>	<b>27,883.29</b>	<b>196,894.56</b>	<b>46,982.77</b>	<b>6,372.72</b>	<b>340,703.58</b>	<b>150,499.63</b>
Raising funds	nil	nil	nil	nil	525.00	525.00	nil
Expenditure on charitable activities	62,197.19	27,883.29	7,843.36	46,838.72	5,847.72	150,610.28	149,982.52
Other expenditure	373.05	nil	189,051.20	144.05	nil	189,568.30	517.11
<b>Funds Brought Forward</b>	<b>89,306.36</b>	<b>7,661.57</b>	<b>223,215.77</b>	<b>48,817.69</b>	<b>2,748.81</b>	<b>371,750.20</b>	<b>352,226.81</b>
<b>Net income</b>	<b>-2,838.81</b>	<b>-19,133.29</b>	<b>-193,465.20</b>	<b>15,845.40</b>	<b>2,805.35</b>	<b>-196,786.55</b>	<b>15,171.57</b>
<b>Fund Transfers - in</b>	<b>6,839.60</b>	<b>27,154.20</b>				<b>33,993.80</b>	<b>15,839.65</b>
<b>Fund Transfers - out</b>	<b>-27,154.20</b>		<b>-6,839.60</b>			<b>-33,993.80</b>	<b>-15,839.65</b>
<b>Adjustments</b>						<b>nil</b>	<b>4,351.82</b>
<b>Funds Carried Forward</b>	<b>66,152.95</b>	<b>15,682.48</b>	<b>22,910.97</b>	<b>64,663.09</b>	<b>5,554.16</b>	<b>174,963.65</b>	<b>371,750.20</b>
<b>Represented by</b>							
General Fund						66,152.95	89,306.36
BPP-Designated Fund						15,682.48	7,661.57
BPP-Restricted Fund						22,910.97	223,215.77
The Oak Community Project						64,663.09	48,817.69
Wirral Waters						5,554.16	2,748.81
						<b>174,963.65</b>	<b>371,750.20</b>

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31-Dec-2025**

						2025	2024
<b>Current Assets : Cash At Bank And In hand</b>							
6501 : Bank current account BPP	-13,779.01	15,682.48	nil	17,395.07	5,554.16	24,852.70	61,177.27
6503 : Bank Reserve Account CL	67,676.52					67,676.52	37,676.52
6504 : TOCP-Bank current account				44,012.02		44,012.02	46,442.09
6507 : Sale of St Mark's Church Hall			22,910.97			22,910.97	211,962.17
6507 : St Mary and St Paul Curacy			nil			nil	
6510 : CCLA - St.Mary & St Paul Reserve	4,158.89					4,158.89	3,978.83
6511 : CCLA - PCC Deposit Fund	4,855.60					4,855.60	4,761.81
6591 : TOCP Petty Cash				3,256.00		3,256.00	2,375.60
	62,912.00	15,682.48	22,910.97	64,663.09	5,554.16	171,722.70	368,374.29
<b>Current Assets : Investments</b>							
6509 : CCLA - St Mary Mission Room	3,240.95					3,240.95	3,375.91
	3,240.95					3,240.95	3,375.91
<b>Total Current assets</b>	<b>66,152.95</b>	<b>15,682.48</b>	<b>22,910.97</b>	<b>64,663.09</b>	<b>5,554.16</b>	<b>174,963.65</b>	<b>371,750.20</b>

**Money set aside by PCC or Grant Agencies**

**Community & Family Worker**

Balance Brought Forward	nil
Receipts	nil
Fund Transfers from General fund	27,154.20
Payments	27,154.20
Balance Carried Forward	nil

**Raby Schools Trust**

Balance Brought Forward	nil	nil
Receipts	462.00	500.00
Payments	462.00	363.42
Balance Carried Forward	nil	136.58

**Vola Consortium**

Balance Brought Forward	4,414.00
Receipts	2,950.47
Payments	7,364.47
Balance Carried Forward	nil

**Birkenhead Priory Parish Fund Statements**  
**For the year 01 Jan 2025 to 31 Dec 2025**

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Balance B/F - General Fund</b>	<b>89,306.36</b>	<b>84,111.95</b>	<b>80,351.32</b>	<b>292,876.03</b>
Gift Aid giving through bank	14,645.00	16,380.00	18,480.00	21,290.00
Other giving through bank	10,900.00	9,400.00	9,200.00	7,360.00
Gift Aid giving through envelopes	nil	68.00	nil	nil
Other giving through envelopes	1,890.00	1,600.00	1,835.10	2,650.55
Loose plate collections	4,841.11	3,737.09	2,497.71	2,124.63
Giving through church boxes	9.02	nil	nil	100.00
Giving through SUMUP	185.16	203.57	1,446.59	nil
Gift Aid through SUMUP	1,013.40	1,402.46	470.10	41.17
Giving - Candles	64.91	148.41	80.65	167.44
Giving - Breakfasts	628.29	769.71	373.33	247.05
One-off Gift Aid	5,421.00	2,500.00	nil	6,900.00
Donations and appeals	2,511.71	3,976.43	11,896.68	2,899.97
Other Donations-Missionary societies etc	220.98	100.00	20.00	nil
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	9,541.21	8,192.33	14,698.35	15,365.51
Non-recurring one-off grants	nil	3,933.00	nil	nil
Other funds generated	nil	542.13	2,618.01	1,105.10
Rummage sales etc	650.11	nil	nil	nil
Dividends	5,118.11	5,441.52	5,051.94	5,113.86
Bank and building society interest	1,506.53	1,910.80	837.43	171.73
Rent from lands or buildings	472.89	1,890.00	1,040.00	857.50
Fees for weddings and funerals	112.00	3,933.00	4,536.00	2,783.00
Insurance claims	nil	nil	nil	130.00
Surplus - sales of fixed assets	nil	nil	nil	117.75
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>59,731.43</b>	<b>66,128.45</b>	<b>75,081.89</b>	<b>69,425.26</b>
Costs of fetes & other events	99.79	1,230.58	229.32	713.14
Giving to missionary societies	3,332.07	nil	183.00	10.00
Giving - relief and development agencies	9.02	nil	nil	nil
Home mission	1,519.17	928.95	418.55	273.90
Fees-Weddings and funerals	1,539.78	1,205.00	1,098.40	1,958.20
Ministry parish share etc	16,937.58	17,939.16	17,084.88	16,587.24
Cleaner Salary	2,528.76	2,366.01	1,976.04	1,974.24
Council tax	2,369.66	2,253.44	2,147.06	2,655.58
Water rates - vicarage	1,149.60	928.10	838.90	785.48
Vicar's telephone	234.00	288.00	126.00	216.00
Parish training and mission	nil	nil	nil	156.00
Food	128.16	nil	nil	nil
Insurance - CTK	9,119.55	8,847.28	6,921.48	6,292.50
Insurance - Priory Chapel	1,741.34	1,701.56	nil	nil
Office Expenditure and Equipment	192.13	nil	nil	nil
Church office - telephone/Internet	232.78	623.87	575.88	689.86
Organ / piano tuning /Speakers	nil	nil	588.60	2,287.72
Church maintenance	4,801.35	5,926.00	2,630.42	2,524.44
Upkeep of services	5,236.67	691.48	665.96	378.98
Flowers Expenses	26.35	nil	nil	nil
Upkeep of churchyard	140.00	nil	nil	nil
Administration	32.21	247.99	186.54	479.99
Payroll Administration	nil	400.89	583.92	616.92
Outreach - Breakfasts	1,188.54	955.54	565.71	344.57
Community events	508.56	424.45	84.62	28.50
Electricity - CTK	3,522.26	4,628.84	5,262.48	3,781.68
Electricity - Priory	587.56	1,053.30	125.91	nil
Gas - CTK	2,810.04	3,738.92	4,323.82	2,821.19
Water - CTK	264.73	1,553.51	1,402.09	581.09
Church running - water-4025561319	nil	nil	34.06	336.95
Worships resources	1,945.53	1,698.54	514.81	560.03
Bank Charges	373.05	361.38	389.13	383.52
Church major repairs - structure	nil	820.80	354.00	216.00
Church major repairs - installation	nil	162.00	3,174.00	1,058.24
Church interior and exterior decorating	nil	nil	500.00	nil
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>62,570.24</b>	<b>60,975.59</b>	<b>52,985.58</b>	<b>48,711.96</b>
<b>Net income</b>	<b>-2,838.81</b>	<b>5,152.86</b>	<b>22,096.31</b>	<b>20,713.30</b>
<b>Fund Transfers</b>	<b>-20,314.60</b>	<b>-80.00</b>	<b>-18,619.49</b>	<b>-210,426.75</b>
<b>Adjustments</b>	<b>nil</b>	<b>121.55</b>	<b>283.81</b>	<b>-22,811.26</b>
<b>Balance C/F - General Fund</b>	<b>66,152.95</b>	<b>89,306.36</b>	<b>84,111.95</b>	<b>80,351.32</b>

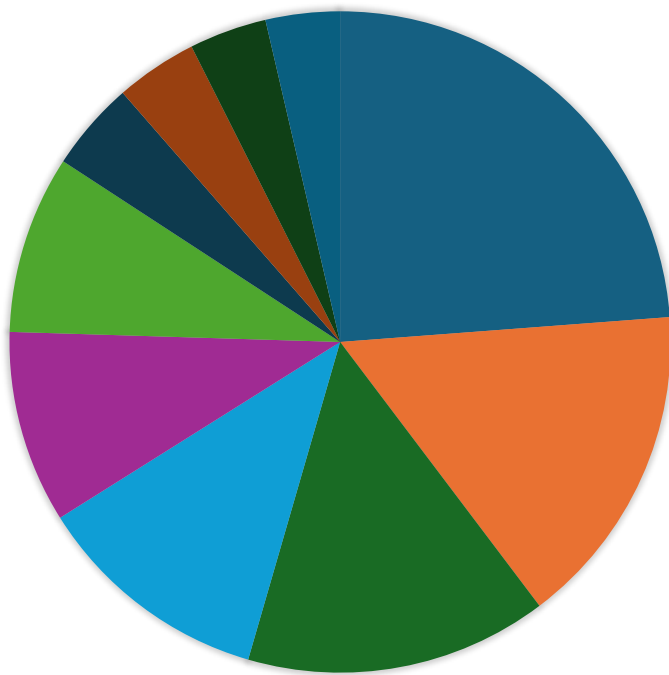
<b>The Oak Community Project Fund</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Balance B/F - The Oak Community Project Fund</b>	<b>48,817.69</b>	<b>41,572.34</b>	<b>32,604.96</b>	<b>9,804.73</b>
Gift Aid gving through bank	4,980.00	4,480.00	4,223.00	5,060.00
Other giving through bank	nil	nil	nil	100.00
Loose plate collections	nil	nil	nil	271.45
Giving through SUMUP	14,552.33	13,514.73	3,248.30	nil
Gift Aid through SUMUP	nil	206.40	4,665.29	2.94
One-off Gift Aid	nil	100.00	nil	985.00
Donations and appeals	18.00	1,315.00	555.90	5,000.00
TOCP BACS Donation	2,538.60	nil	1,168.40	nil
TOCP Cash Donation	20,330.40	23,732.25	18,358.28	16,139.69
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	1,220.00	1,172.50	1,292.50	nil
Recurring grants	18,900.00	34,520.00	35,800.00	38,300.00
Non-recurring one-off grants	nil	nil	800.00	nil
Other funds generated	nil	8.50	172.00	nil
TOCP Related Income	nil	nil	76.11	nil
C & F W	nil	nil	nil	9,000.00
Surplus - sales of fixed assets	288.84	321.70	142.40	nil
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>62,828.17</b>	<b>79,371.08</b>	<b>70,502.18</b>	<b>74,859.08</b>
Giving - relief and development agencies	15.60	nil	nil	nil
Home mission	764.10	729.45	747.45	577.35
HMRC PAYE	nil	nil	4,470.34	4,492.55
TOCP Salary+ Nest Pension	nil	nil	22,543.20	21,010.10
Working expenses of C & F W	120.00	120.00	220.00	40.00
Parish training and mission	nil	nil	129.60	172.56
Food	41,790.81	52,084.50	42,128.15	4,988.00
TOCP Stall	414.87	nil	nil	nil
Household support	644.28	773.72	nil	1,190.50
Equipment and Maintenance	575.92	nil	590.35	nil
Catering	359.04	932.74	nil	nil
Volunteer expenses	120.75	273.97	nil	nil
Christmas Hampers	1,027.58	nil	nil	nil
Office Expenditure and Equipment	1,005.77	177.94	nil	nil
Upkeep of services	nil	1,025.00	2,701.93	nil
TOCP Related Expenses	nil	nil	nil	34,126.45
TOCP Expenditure	nil	93.03	nil	nil
Community events	nil	nil	53.97	nil
Bank Charges	144.05	155.73	128.06	40.53
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>46,982.77</b>	<b>56,366.08</b>	<b>73,713.05</b>	<b>66,638.04</b>
<b>Net income</b>	<b>15,845.40</b>	<b>23,005.00</b>	<b>-3,210.87</b>	<b>8,221.04</b>
<b>Fund Transfers</b>	<b>nil</b>	<b>-15,759.65</b>	<b>12,178.25</b>	<b>14,579.19</b>
<b>Adjustments</b>	<b>nil</b>	<b>nil</b>	<b>nil</b>	<b>nil</b>
<b>Balance C/F - The Oak Community Project Fund</b>	<b>64,663.09</b>	<b>48,817.69</b>	<b>41,572.34</b>	<b>32,604.96</b>

<b>BPP-Restricted Fund</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Balance B/F - BPP-Restricted Fund</b>	<b>223,215.77</b>	<b>218,361.34</b>	<b>194,894.00</b>	<b>3,042.72</b>
Giving through church boxes	nil	100.00	nil	nil
Donations and appeals	nil	130.00	nil	401.50
Other Donations-Missionary societies etc	16.89	772.29	1,181.64	177.09
Non-recurring one-off grants	3,412.47	4,414.00	nil	nil
C & F W	nil	7,000.00	7,000.00	nil
Bank and building society interest	nil	68.32	nil	nil
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>3,429.36</b>	<b>12,484.61</b>	<b>8,181.64</b>	<b>578.59</b>
Giving to missionary societies	16.89	772.29	1,081.64	80.24
Giving - relief and development agencies	nil	nil	nil	80.00
Home mission	462.00	nil	nil	nil
HMRC PAYE	nil	3,922.20	nil	nil
TOCP Salary+ Nest Pension	nil	22,786.64	nil	nil
Church office - telephone/Internet	7,364.47	nil	nil	nil
Payroll Administration	nil	218.97	nil	nil
Investment losses	189,051.20	nil	nil	nil
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>196,894.56</b>	<b>27,700.10</b>	<b>1,081.64</b>	<b>160.24</b>
<b>Net income</b>	<b>-193,465.20</b>	<b>-15,215.49</b>	<b>7,100.00</b>	<b>418.35</b>
<b>Fund Transfers</b>	<b>-6,839.60</b>	<b>15,839.65</b>	<b>nil</b>	<b>191,711.85</b>
<b>Adjustments</b>	<b>nil</b>	<b>4,230.27</b>	<b>16,367.34</b>	<b>-278.92</b>
<b>Balance C/F - BPP-Restricted Fund</b>	<b>22,910.97</b>	<b>223,215.77</b>	<b>218,361.34</b>	<b>194,894.00</b>

<b>Wirral Waters Fund</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Balance B/F - Wirral Waters Fund</b>	<b>2,748.81</b>	<b>1,375.98</b>	<b>nil</b>	<b>nil</b>
Gift Aid gving through bank	2,800.00	500.00	nil	nil
Other giving through bank	240.00	nil	nil	nil
Giving through SUMUP	83.04	nil	nil	nil
Gift Aid through SUMUP	1,899.08	899.78	nil	nil
Giving - Breakfasts	127.00	nil	nil	nil
One-off Gift Aid	151.00	nil	nil	nil
Donations and appeals	2,112.56	3,880.00	2,020.00	nil
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	1,265.39	770.75	nil	nil
Non-recurring one-off grants	500.00	nil	nil	nil
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>9,178.07</b>	<b>6,050.53</b>	<b>2,020.00</b>	<b>nil</b>
Costs of applying for grants	525.00	nil	nil	nil
Costs of fetes & other events	nil	nil	68.32	nil
Home mission	453.15	449.80	137.94	nil
Insurance - The Well	206.87	189.79	nil	nil
Office Expenditure and Equipment	154.88	nil	nil	nil
Church office - telephone/Internet	nil	1,023.23	nil	nil
Church maintenance	nil	10.66	nil	nil
Upkeep of services	1,245.99	673.57	29.95	nil
Administration	338.46	nil	nil	nil
Hospitality	173.22	160.47	nil	nil
Outreach - Monthly meals	745.05	533.41	229.28	nil
Outreach - Weekly tea and coffee	762.34	441.63	nil	nil
Outreach - Breakfasts	185.01	81.65	nil	nil
Community events	1,418.07	862.63	58.53	nil
Worships resources	164.68	250.86	120.00	nil
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>6,372.72</b>	<b>4,677.70</b>	<b>644.02</b>	<b>nil</b>
<b>Net income</b>	<b>2,805.35</b>	<b>1,372.83</b>	<b>1,375.98</b>	<b>nil</b>
<b>Fund Transfers</b>	<b>nil</b>	<b>nil</b>	<b>nil</b>	<b>nil</b>
<b>Adjustments</b>	<b>nil</b>	<b>nil</b>	<b>nil</b>	<b>nil</b>
<b>Balance C/F - Wirral Waters Fund</b>	<b>5,554.16</b>	<b>2,748.81</b>	<b>1,375.98</b>	<b>nil</b>

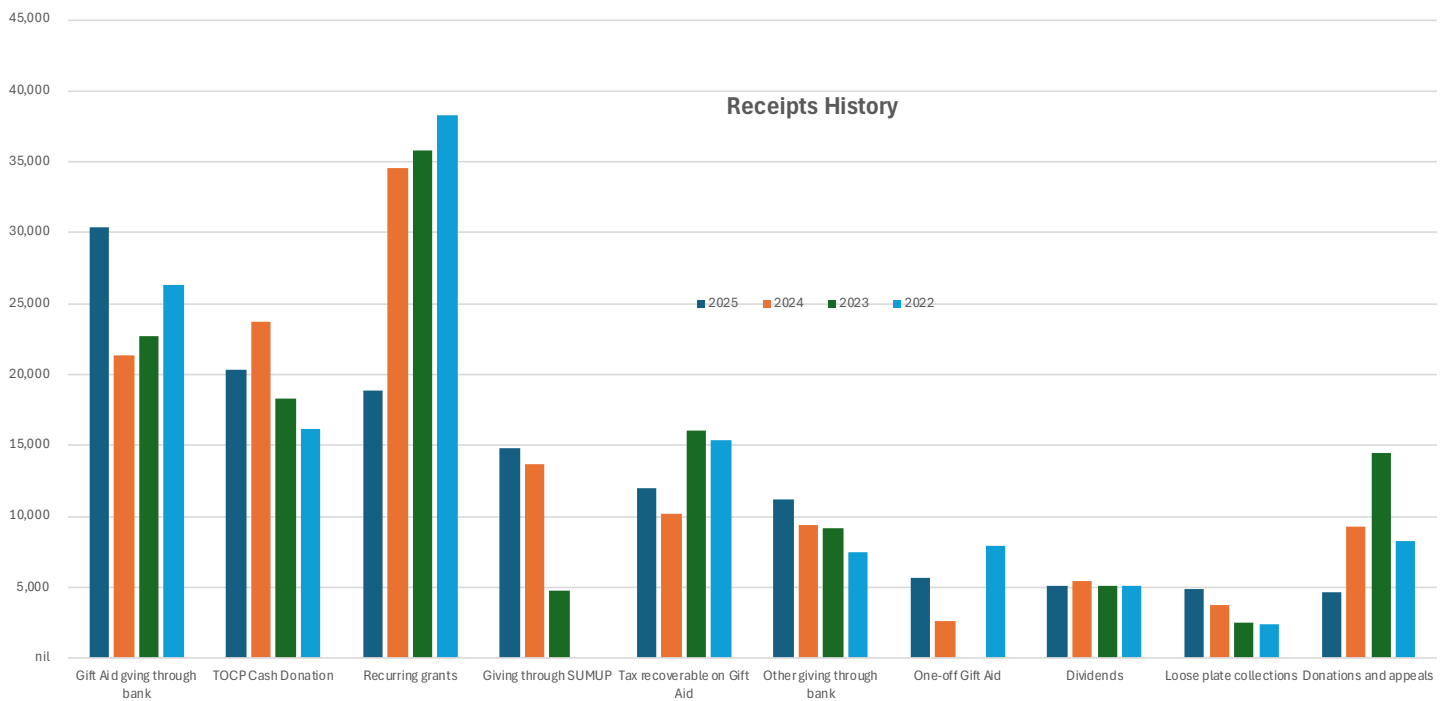
<b>BPP Designated Fund</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Balance B/F - BPP Designated Fund</b>	<b>7,661.57</b>	<b>6,805.20</b>	<b>nil</b>	<b>nil</b>
Gift Aid gving through bank	8,000.00	nil	nil	nil
Giving - flowers	255.00	570.00	480.00	nil
Gift Aid giving - flowers	295.00	nil	nil	nil
Giving - Breakfasts	nil	66.53	nil	nil
One-off Gift Aid	25.00	nil	nil	nil
Other Donations-Missionary societies etc	175.00	nil	nil	nil
Non-recurring one-off grants	nil	1,000.00	7,000.00	4,140.24
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>8,750.00</b>	<b>1,636.53</b>	<b>7,480.00</b>	<b>4,140.24</b>
Home mission	nil	nil	28.80	nil
HMRC PAYE	4,171.54	nil	nil	nil
TOCP Salary+ Nest Pension	22,499.60	nil	nil	nil
Upkeep of services	nil	nil	72.50	nil
Flowers Expenses	729.09	780.16	518.96	nil
Payroll Administration	483.06	nil	nil	nil
Outreach - Monthly meals	nil	nil	39.39	nil
Outreach - Weekly tea and coffee	nil	nil	15.15	nil
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>27,883.29</b>	<b>780.16</b>	<b>674.80</b>	<b>nil</b>
<b>Net income</b>	<b>-19,133.29</b>	<b>856.37</b>	<b>6,805.20</b>	<b>4,140.24</b>
<b>Fund Transfers</b>	<b>27,154.20</b>	<b>nil</b>	<b>nil</b>	<b>-4,140.24</b>
<b>Adjustments</b>	<b>nil</b>	<b>nil</b>	<b>nil</b>	<b>nil</b>
<b>Balance C/F - BPP Designated Fund</b>	<b>15,682.48</b>	<b>7,661.57</b>	<b>6,805.20</b>	<b>nil</b>

## Receipts - Top 10

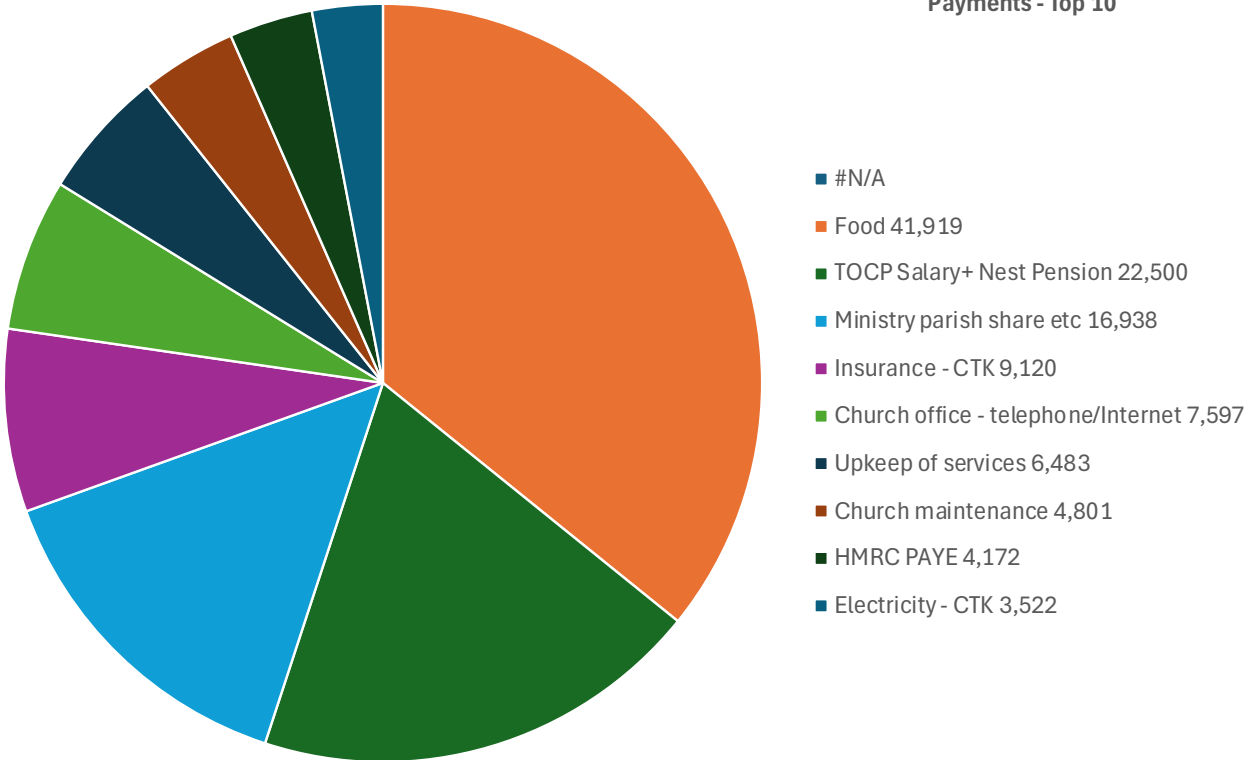


- Gift Aid giving through bank 30,425
- TOCP Cash Donation 20,330
- Recurring grants 18,900
- Giving through SUMUP 14,821
- Tax recoverable on Gift Aid 12,027
- Other giving through bank 11,140
- One-off Gift Aid 5,597
- Dividends 5,118
- Loose plate collections 4,841
- Donations and appeals 4,642

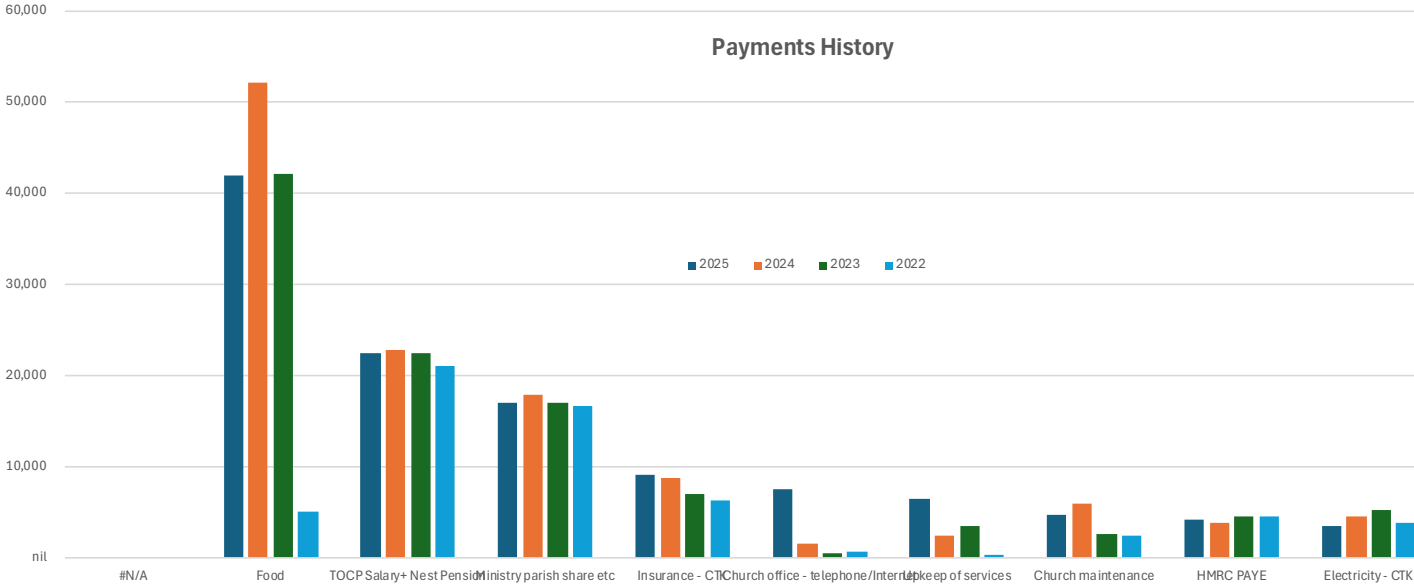
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Payments - Top 10



Payments History





**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
Birkenhead Priory Parish

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31 December 2025

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1196140

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 12 / 2025.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Signed:**

**Date:**

28/04/2026

**Name:**

Olivia Higgins

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

ACCA (Membership No 1659593)

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**

N/A

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BIRKENHEAD PRIORY**

England & Wales - Charity number 1196140

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# Accounts

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**BIRKENHEAD PRIORY PARISH  
CHRIST THE KING CHURCH AND BIRKENHEAD PRIORY CHAPEL  
ANNUAL REPORT  
AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
OF THE  
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2024**

**VICAR**

**Reverend Paul Bentley**

**ASSOCIATE MINISTER**

**Reverend Deborah Wilkinson**

**ASSISTANT CURATES**

**Reverend Sandra Fletcher**

**Reverend Jane Addenbrooke**

**BANKERS**

**NATIONAL WESTMINSTER BANK PLC  
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BIRKENHEAD  
WIRRAL  
CH41 4DF**

**CHARITY NUMBER**

**1196140**

# **Birkenhead Priory Parish**

## **Annual Report to Trustees for APCM 2025**

### **Aims and purposes**

The Birkenhead Priory PCC has the responsibility of cooperating with the Vicar in promoting in 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 church and community centre at Christ the King, Beckwith Street, Birkenhead and the Chapter House, Birkenhead Priory.

### **Objectives and Activities**

The PCC is committed to reaching out to as many people as possible with the Good News of Jesus Christ. We seek to do this in practical ways, meeting the various needs of those within our parish where we are able, and by sharing our life-changing faith in Jesus with our community wherever we can. When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We continue to abide by the Safeguarding Policies and Procedures of the Church of England for safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

We seek to organise our life and worship in such a way as to be faithful to our identity as children of God, whilst welcoming all within our community to become part of our worshipping family. We are committed to helping people not only find faith, but also to live out their faith through:

- worship and prayer together, studying God's word and growing deeper together in our faith
- providing various points of practical help for the community through The Oak Community Project and other forms of outreach, as an expression of gratitude for the love we have received from God which we pass on to our neighbour
- providing pastoral care for all those in our parish and church family
- working with and supporting other organisations that seek to bring benefit to our local community, including our local schools.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of our two buildings, and we are grateful to those who help with their ongoing upkeep, particularly our church wardens.

## **How we've been doing**

*The Five Marks of Mission have been adopted by the wider church as a helpful description of what God calls us to in Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit, as we serve him as his church in the world. The mission of the Church is the mission of Christ.*

## **Mark of Mission 1: To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom**

Our times of coming together as a church in worship of God is fundamental to who we are as we share and celebrate the Good News of God's Kingdom.

On the first Sunday of the month we continue to meet at the Priory Chapel at 9am for a said BCP Communion service. This traditional style of service has been appreciated by a good number of people from with our church family and by some who are new to us. Following this service we then hold our 10.30am service at Christ the King Church in St Anne's Room around small tables, with activities on the tables available for all. It is a much more family friendly, interactive service which has been well received and been a welcoming environment for new families to join us. There is no children's group on these Sundays. We now serve a light breakfast before the service which has been greatly appreciated, headed up by James our parish evangelist. Our numbers at the Priory Chapel service have increased, together with our numbers at Christ the King increasing on these Sundays.

All other Sundays of the month we meet for worship at Christ the King Church at 10.30am, with a growing leadership team consisting of our clergy: Revd Paul Bentley, Revd. Debbie Wilkinson, Revd. Sandra Fletcher, Revd. Nigel Schibild, Revd. Jane Addenbrooke, Revd. Ann Stein, our Reader Laura Brough and our Parish Evangelist James Wilkinson. Our services could not take place without the many church family members who lead bible readings and prayers, welcome, providing refreshments, set up and take down, and more. We are grateful to Mark for managing our technology each week and those who assist in that. We continue to make our services available through Zoom for those who find it difficult to attend in person.

We continue to share communion by intinction rather than the common cup, and to use the screen for worship with printed materials available for those who prefer. We use mostly iSingWorship for our music. We also offer prayer ministry during our main worship service, during Communion.

Our children and young people meet in St Peter's room for their own learning during our services - but beginning and ending the service in worship together with the rest of the congregation. We are very grateful to those who continue to lead the children's work each week and encourage them in their faith, and for the space this gives to parents to engage in worship themselves.

Through Holy Week and Easter we journeyed around our three churches as we explored and reflected on the Easter story. At Harvest we joined together for a Harvest Supper which was well attended and much appreciated.

In January of 2024 The Well at Wirral Waters received its status as a Bishop's Mission Order, establishing it as an independent entity. However, we continue to support the work, worship and governance of The Well in various ways as the ministry there grows under the leadership of Debbie, with the ministry team of James, Beth, Steve and Glyn.

We continue to be very involved in our two local Primary Schools: The Priory Parish CE Primary School and Cathcart Street School. We lead in worship, support in prayer, serve in governance and offer help in exploring curriculum topics. The schools also visit church several times throughout the year. Our Foundation Governors played a significant role in achieving a positive SIAMS inspection at the Priory School. Please see our schools report for further details.

This year we ran an Easter Saturday Community Event which took families on a journey around our church and grounds, constructing an Easter garden at each of the Easter story themes stations to take home. We also provided crafts and refreshments. It was very well received. We also hosted a Bonfire Night party at the Vicarage, both of which were very well attended and continued to develop our relationships with families from our community and the school gate. In December we held a Community Christmas Fair at Christ the King which was very well attended by the community and we welcomed stall holders from local charities and community members.

## **Mark of Mission 2: To teach, baptise and nurture new believers**

We continue to be blessed by those God is bringing to us and we rejoice to see people finding faith and growing in faith as disciples of Jesus.

Our leadership team (Paul, Debbie, Nigel, Laura, Ann, James) continues to grow, and on 30<sup>th</sup> June our new curate Revd Sandra Fletcher was ordained Deacon at Chester Cathedral. Paul is also acting as Supervising Minister for a second curate, Revd Jane Addenbrooke who was priested on 15<sup>th</sup> June. We also welcomed a placement student Fred Astbury between February and May. Paul was licensed as Rural Dean of Birkenhead at a service at Christ the King in September. Laura's Reader license was renewed this year also. We were delighted that our former Reader, Arthur, was able to preach on Trinity Sunday.

We have enjoyed welcoming new believers for baptism and have welcomed 4 adults and 4 children for baptism this year. It was a particular celebration to have adult baptisms by full immersion at Easter and just before Christmas, and we look forward to confirmation service in due course. We welcomed 6 couples to be married in our churches. We have also supported 5 families with funerals of their loved ones and provided ongoing pastoral support.

We have admitted two children to Communion after a short preparation course.

We have continued to meet to study the bible together, particularly on a Thursday morning. We have run an Alpha course followed by a bible study on Mark. This led to a Parish Away Day at Foxhill which 22 people attended and was much appreciated. Following that we embarked on the Old Testament part of The Bible Course.

We continue to offer training to our curates as they develop in their ministry and to offer placement experiences to those the Diocese points our way.

In October we welcomed Brendan Bassett and Rebecca Holland to our morning service to introduce the 'Jesus Shaped People Discipleship Adventure' to our church. We have discussed this as a PCC and wider church and will be embarking on Jesus Shaped People in 2025.

In 2024 we provided a programme for reading through the New Testament, Psalms and Proverbs together as a church, with a plan provided each month to guide us through the readings. Not everyone manages it, but it is appreciated by many.

As of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 we have 83 members on the electoral roll of the parish, of whom 31 are resident within the parish and 52 are resident outside the parish. This represents a growth of 4 from the previous year.

### **Mark of Mission 3: To respond to human need by loving service**

Our church-based Oak Community Project has continued to serve many from within our community and further afield in a variety of ways as we seek to put the Great Commandment to love God and love our neighbour into practise. A significant element of this is food provision, but we continue to offer much wider support than that. We are very glad to work with our Community Partners, such as Involve NorthWest, who enable us to give a much more holistic care to those coming to us. We are so grateful for the many volunteers who make this ministry possible under the guidance of Denise, our Community and Family Worker. Our Community Hub welcomes in members of our community and partner organisations on a Tuesday and Wednesday and continues to grow busier and busier. Our Community Supermarket has also begun opening on a Thursday also. Please see the Community Project report for more information.

We continue to support our schools in various ways as described above but through initiatives such as Pray, Bake, Read and Here to Listen we are able to bless our local schools – children, staff and families. As members of our church family act as school governors, we are able to shape the life of our school to reflect the values of the Kingdom of God. At the end of the summer term we invited the staff from both our primary schools to the Vicarage

for an afternoon tea, which was greatly appreciated. We enjoy welcoming in parents to our school services and offering them refreshments and a space to chat afterwards.

In July we also open up the Vicarage Garden to our wider church family for a Summer BBQ which is always an enjoyable event.

Our Friendship Group and Women's Group continue to meet, offering an important point of connection for those who might otherwise be isolated, and mutual support for many. The Social and Fellowship group continue to organise events. Our Men's Breakfast continues to be a space where men can come together and talk openly and honestly in a safe space with a good breakfast and great talks. Please see individual reports.

Narcotics Anonymous continue to use our building for a meeting once a week.

At Christmas we again distributed small gifts to 800 households in our community - a bag of sweets with a message from the church, which were well received. A number of people from our community comment that they enjoy getting these through each year.

Our visiting the bereaved, sick and housebound and Home Communion has continued through the year.

In order to do what we do, we make every effort to steward our resources faithfully and with clarity, particularly our finances. We are extremely grateful to our Treasurer Dave, Assistant Treasurer Nathalie and Gift Aid Secretary Sue for all the work they do on behalf of our PCC. At the end of 2024 Nathalie stepped down from her role as Assistant Treasurer; we are very grateful to her for guiding us through a challenging time and implementing new software that has transformed how we administer our finances. We continue to pray to God for a replacement for Nathalie.

#### **Mark of Mission 4: To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation**

We continue our monthly prayer meeting in person at Christ the King Church at 4pm on the first Sunday of each month. To pray for our church, the community and the world. Our leadership team also meet for prayer once a week to pray for the needs of the parish.

The Priory Night Watch group continues to meet once a month in the Priory Chapel to pray for Birkenhead and the needs of the parish.

We continue to partner with other community organisations, particularly through The Oak Community Project, in order to bring about significant change for people in their lives where they are struggling. We work with Christians Against Poverty in order to offer support to those who find themselves trapped by debt.

We have applied for funding this year in order to offer better digital services in our Community Hub for our local community to use – many in this area struggle to access support because of digital poverty or illiteracy.

We continue to work with local council in different ways, including receiving Household Support Funding to provide crisis hampers to those in need.

We support financially and prayerfully our CMS mission partners in SE Asia as well as Emily Wilkinson who serves in education in Uganda.

## **Mark of Mission 5: To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth**

Throughout the year we organise regular 'Church and Community Clean Up Days' when we invite local residents to join us as a church family in looking after our local area through litter picks, clearing verges etc. helping this little bit of our world be a nicer place for all to live.

We continue to look after our church buildings as best as we are able with the resources we have, and we are extremely grateful to our church wardens and to all who give their time and expertise in a voluntary capacity to ensure our buildings and grounds are available to our church and community in the best possible way.

In Autumn we obtained funding and faculty permission to insulate the roof space above our community room which has resulted in a warmer room for our church and community to use and much less heat loss through the high ceiling.

We also upgraded our external lighting through similar funding in order to be more energy efficient, but also to provide a better lit, safer environment around our church grounds. Several community members have thanked us for doing this due to high levels of anti-social behaviour in the area, particularly in dark areas.

We received the Archdeacon of Chester on the 27<sup>th</sup> February for his triennial inspection of our buildings and received a good report. This year our Quinquennial Inspections of the Priory and Christ the King have both taken place. Our buildings are generally in a good state of repair and well used, though there are works which we will be attending to in the near future.

We continue to work with Wirral Borough Council regarding remedial works to the Priory Chapel through Town Deal Funding, though this is a slow process and funding will not go as far as hoped. Related to this, we are communicating with the Friends of HMS Conway who occupy the Scriptorium to rework our agreement for use of that room to reflect shared use of the space following the anticipated building works.

## **Looking Ahead**

As a church, community and wider society we continue to face a number of challenges from different directions. However in all of this we continue to see God's provision, strengthening and blessing as a church. It is imperative that we continue to look with courage, creativity and conviction at the opportunities in front of us and seek the wisdom and guidance of the Holy Spirit as we discern what is for now, what is for another time, or what is not to be.

As we look forward to journeying through 'Jesus Shaped People' in 2025, we trust that God will continue to shape us more into the likeness of Christ and give us a clearer vision for who we are and what he is calling us to in this place at this time, and the confidence, courage and faith to follow.

We continue to work hard improving our buildings so that they can be not only an inspiring place for worship but also a vital hub for our community and a gateway to faith and transformed lives for many.

We trust that through obedience and faithfulness and remaining rooted in God with our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, we will continue to be blessed and to bring blessing to those around us as we seek to love God and love our neighbour, to the glory of God.

## **PCC Membership**

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules 2022. During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

Revd. Paul Bentley (Vicar and chair)  
Revd. Debbie Wilkinson (Associate Minister)  
Revd. Sandra Fletcher (Assistant Curate)

Gill Dillon (Churchwarden)  
Jane Boote (Churchwarden)

Mary Evans (Deanery Synod)  
Susan Wilks (Deanery Synod)

### **Elected Members:**

Sue E. Blaylock  
David Dillon (Treasurer)  
Sue J. Blaylock

Chris Earnshaw  
Mark Fisher  
Leanne Hellon  
Rebekah Shields  
Emily Wilkinson  
Greg Edwards

**Members Appointed by APCM:**

Laura Brough (Lay Reader) (Safeguarding Officer)

**PCC Appointed:**

Adrienne Allinson (Secretary)

The PCC held 6 meetings during the year.

**Committees**

The PCC operates through a Standing Committee (when required) and a number of working groups which meet as and when necessary.

Standing Committee: The Standing Committee carries out the routine work of the PCC between each PCC meeting, subject to any directions given by the Council. The Standing Committee consists of the Vicar, churchwardens, Treasurer, Secretary and one other PCC member (elected annually by the PCC). The Standing Committee is responsible to the PCC and reports back through minutes. Other working groups are convened as and when appropriate and dissolved when no longer required. They are made up of both PCC and non-PCC members.

The working groups this year have been:

Social and Fellowship Group

Management Group (overseeing Community and Family Worker and The Oak Community Project)

# **BIRKENHEAD PRIORY PARISH (BPP): TREASURER'S REPORT 2024**

## **Executive Summary**

Analysis of the data show that BPP's net income vs. expenditure is in all cases in a satisfying position which means that the financial management of the church's funds can be considered to be robust and fit for purpose.

## **Balance sheets**

The balance sheets, as with any financial statement, record the net worth which as of 31st December 2024 stands at **£322,932.51 for the BPP accounts** and **£48,817.69 for the TOCP accounts**.

**The combined (BPP + TOCP) total net assets are £371,750.20** much of which is monies which has been bequest to the parish for specific purposes and therefore cannot be used to meet day-to-day operating costs

The balance sheets for 2024 demonstrate that the church is in a relatively healthy position in terms of cash flow (income vs. expenditure) and that the day-to-day running costs are being met.

As in previous years there are reserves, some of which can be drawn upon but the majority of these funds are held for specific purposes.

## **Banking Reserve Policy**

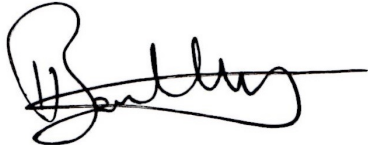
With the introduction of a financial policy document, a formalised approach to a banking reserve policy has been set out as indicated below. This is to ensure prudent financial management of existing funds and to ensure contingencies are in place to allow BPP's Finance team to respond effectively to unexpected short term issues.

- Current accounts
  - It is recommended that the BPP current account and Lifeskills (TOCP) account have a minimum operating of balance of £5k.
  - If either of these accounts fall beneath these limits then the PCC should be consulted as to whether any short term 'top up' or transfer of funds from the reserve account can be made.
  
- Reserve account
  - It is recommended that the BPP reserve account has a minimum balance of £25K available to offset any short term issues with either of the above current accounts.

- Of the above £25K, £10K is specifically designated for covering salary costs of BPP employed staff in the event of other funding not being available.

The above report and following financial statements were approved by Birkenhead Priory Parochial Church Council at a meeting on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Bentley', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Revd Paul Bentley, Chair

On behalf of Birkenhead Priory Parish Parochial Church Council.

# Birkenhead Priory Parish

## Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by code) As at: 31 December 2024

Class and nominal code	General (Unrestricted)	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
<b>Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand</b>						
6501: Bank current account BPP	39,513.29	7,661.57	14,002.41	-	61,177.27	50,111.89
6502: Bank Reserve Account BR	-	-	-	-	-	2.94
6503: Bank Reserve Account CL	37,676.52	-	-	-	37,676.52	37,134.82
6504: Bank Current account LIFE SKILLS (TOCP)	-	-	-	-	-	40,942.43
6506: CAF BPP CURRENT ACCOUNT	-	-	-	-	-	812.99
6507: Deposit Account CDBF	-	-	211,962.17	-	211,962.17	207,731.90
6510: CCLA (CBF) BIRKENHEAD, ST. MARY & ST PAUL RESERVE- DEPOSIT FUND	3,978.83	-	-	-	3,978.83	3,778.29
6511: CCLA (CBF) BIRKENHEAD PRIORY PCC-DEPOSIT FUND	4,761.81	-	-	-	4,761.81	4,670.18
6591: TOCP PETTY CASH	-	-	-	-	-	629.91
<b>Total</b>	<b>85,930.45</b>	<b>7,661.57</b>	<b>225,964.58</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-319,556.60</b>	<b>345,815.35</b>
<b>Current Asset - Investments</b>						
6508: CCLA (CBF) Investment CMS/AC	-	-	-	-	-	3,111.09
6509: CCLA (CBF) BIRKENHEAD PRIORY PCC-ST MARY MISSION ROOM-INVESTMENT FUND	3,375.91	-	-	-	3,375.91	3,300.37
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,375.91</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 3,375.91</b>	<b>6,411.46</b>
<b>Net total assets</b>	<b>89,306.36</b>	<b>7,661.57</b>	<b>225,964.58</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-322,932.51</b>	<b>352,226.81</b>
<b>Represented by</b>						
General (Unrestricted)	89,306.36	-	-	-	89,306.36	84,111.95
Designated - BPP	-	7,661.57	-	-	7,661.57	6,805.20
Restricted - BPP-Restricted	-	-	223,215.77	-	223,215.77	218,361.34
Restricted - TOCP	-	-	-	-	-	41,572.34
Restricted - WIRRAL WATERS	-	-	2,748.81	-	2,748.81	1,375.98
<b>Total</b>	<b>89,306.36</b>	<b>7,661.57</b>	<b>225,964.58</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-322,932.51</b>	<b>352,226.81</b>

**Birkenhead Priory Parish**  
**Receipts and Payments Account**  
**For the period from 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024**

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
<b>Receipts</b>					
Donations and legacies	52,953.13	1,636.53	73,432.15	128,021.81	155,563.23
Income from charitable activities	3,933.00	-	-	3,933.00	4,536.00
Investments	9,242.32	-	68.32	9,310.64	7,805.68
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>66,128.45</b>	<b>1,636.53</b>	<b>73,500.47</b>	<b>141,265.45</b>	<b>167,904.91</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Expenditure on charitable activities	60,614.21	780.16	71,583.48	132,977.85	139,678.74
Other expenditure	361.38	-	-	361.38	500.79
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>60,975.59</b>	<b>780.16</b>	<b>71,583.48</b>	<b>133,339.23</b>	<b>140,179.53</b>
<b>Excess of receipts over payments before transfer</b>	<b>5,152.86</b>	<b>856.37</b>	<b>1,916.99</b>	<b>7,926.22</b>	<b>27,725.38</b>
<b>Transfers:</b>					
Gross transfers between funds - in	-	-	15,839.65	15,839.65	18,619.49
Gross transfers between funds - out	(80.00)	-	(15,759.65)	(15,839.65)	(18,619.49)
<b>Excess of receipts over payments before other gains</b>	<b>5,072.86</b>	<b>856.37</b>	<b>1,996.99</b>	<b>7,926.22</b>	<b>27,725.38</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>5,194.41</b>	<b>856.37</b>	<b>(35,345.08)</b>	<b>(29,294.30)</b>	<b>44,376.53</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
<b>Excess of receipts over payments at beginning of the year</b>	<b>84,111.95</b>	<b>6,805.20</b>	<b>261,309.66</b>	<b>352,226.81</b>	<b>307,850.28</b>
<b>Excess of receipts over payments for the year</b>	<b>89,306.36</b>	<b>7,661.57</b>	<b>225,964.58</b>	<b>322,932.51</b>	<b>352,226.81</b>

**Birkenhead Priory Parish**

**Analysis of Receipts and Payments**  
**Selected period: 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024**

	General	Designated	Restricted	This year	Total Last year
<b>Receipts</b>					
<b>Donations and legacies</b>					
0101 - Planned Giving - Bank GA	16,380.00	-	-	16,380.00	18,480.00
0102 - Planned Giving - Bank NON GA	9,400.00	-	-	9,400.00	9,200.00
0110 - Gift Aid - Envelopes GA	68.00	-	-	68.00	-
0111 - Non Gift Aid - Envelopes NGA	1,600.00	-	-	1,600.00	1,835.10
0301 - Loose plate collections	3,737.09	-	-	3,737.09	2,497.71
0410 - Giving through church boxes	1,559.40	66.53	200.00	1,825.93	615.98
0411 - Giving through SUMJP	1,606.03	-	13,721.13	15,327.16	9,830.28
0412 - Giving-Flowers	-	570.00	-	570.00	480.00
0501 - One-off Gift Aid gifts	2,500.00	-	-	2,500.00	-
0550 - Donations appeals etc	3,265.15	-	30.00	3,295.15	11,734.68
0551 - Other Donations-Missionary societies etc	100.00	-	772.29	872.29	1,201.64
0552 - Wirral Waters Income	70.00	-	6,050.53	6,120.53	2,020.00
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	8,192.33	-	-	8,192.33	15,720.85
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	3,933.00	1,000.00	22,214.00	27,147.00	45,985.00
0901 - Other funds generated	542.13	-	-	542.13	4,244.01
0902 - TOCP Related Income	-	-	23,444.20	23,444.20	24,717.98
0903 - C&FW	-	-	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
<b>Donations and legacies Totals</b>	<b>52,953.13</b>	<b>1,636.53</b>	<b>73,432.15</b>	<b>128,021.81</b>	<b>155,563.23</b>
<b>Income from charitable activities</b>					
1101 - Fees for weddings and funerals	3,933.00	-	-	3,933.00	4,536.00
<b>Income from charitable activities Totals</b>	<b>3,933.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,933.00</b>	<b>4,536.00</b>
<b>Investments</b>					
1001 - Dividends	5,441.52	-	-	5,441.52	5,051.94
1020 - Bank and building society interest	1,910.80	-	68.32	1,979.12	1,713.74
1030 - Rent from lands or buildings	1,890.00	-	-	1,890.00	1,040.00
<b>Investments Totals</b>	<b>9,242.32</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>68.32</b>	<b>9,310.64</b>	<b>7,805.68</b>
<b>Receipts Grand Totals</b>	<b>66,128.45</b>	<b>1,636.53</b>	<b>73,500.47</b>	<b>141,265.45</b>	<b>167,904.91</b>

**Payments**

**Expenditure on charitable activities**

1730 - Costs of fetes & other events	2,816.57	-	-	2,816.57	879.65
1801 - Giving to missionary societies	-	-	772.29	772.29	1,264.64
1850 - Home mission	928.95	-	-	928.95	488.10
1909 - Chester DBF Fees-Weddings and funerals	1,205.00	-	-	1,205.00	1,098.40
1910 - Ministry parish share etc	17,939.16	-	-	17,939.16	17,084.88
2051 - HMRC PAYE	-	-	3,922.20	3,922.20	4,470.34
2052 - TOCP Salary+ Nest Pension	-	-	22,786.64	22,786.64	22,543.20
2053 - Cleaner Salary	2,366.01	-	-	2,366.01	1,976.04

	General	Designated	Restricted	Total	
				This year	Last year
2102 - Wirral Waters Expenses	-	-	4,677.70	4,677.70	777.36
2120 - Council tax	2,253.44	-	-	2,253.44	3,535.68
2140 - Water rates - vicarage	928.10	-	-	928.10	838.90
2145 - Parsonage - water-Curate	-	-	-	-	137.61
2150 - Vicar's telephone	288.00	-	-	288.00	126.00
2301 - Church running - insurance Christ the King	8,847.28	-	-	8,847.28	6,921.48
2302 - Church running - insurance Priory Chapel	1,701.56	-	-	1,701.56	1,586.13
2310 - Church office - telephone/Internet	623.87	-	-	623.87	575.88
2320 - Organ / piano tuning /Speakers	-	-	-	-	588.60
2330 - Church maintenance	5,926.00	-	-	5,926.00	2,630.42
2340 - Upkeep of services	485.48	-	-	485.48	688.46
2341 - TOCP Related Expenses	-	-	39,205.68	39,205.68	46,511.74
2342 - Flowers Expenses	-	780.16	-	780.16	518.96
2360 - Administration	648.88	-	218.97	867.85	770.46
2401 - Church running - electric-BPP Christ the King	4,628.84	-	-	4,628.84	5,262.48
2402 - Church running - electric-Priory Chapel	1,053.30	-	-	1,053.30	2,550.55
2410 - Church running - gas	3,738.92	-	-	3,738.92	4,323.82
2420 - Church running - water-BPP Christ the King	1,553.51	-	-	1,553.51	1,402.09
2421 - Church running - water-4025561319	-	-	-	-	34.06
2501 - Magazine expenses/Books/Worships Resources	1,698.54	-	-	1,698.54	514.81
2701 - Church major repairs - structure	820.80	-	-	820.80	354.00
2710 - Church major repairs - installation	162.00	-	-	162.00	3,174.00
2720 - Church interior and exterior decorating	-	-	-	-	500.00
2910 - Curates Housing	-	-	-	-	5,550.00
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities Totals</b>	<b>60,614.21</b>	<b>780.16</b>	<b>71,583.48</b>	<b>132,977.85</b>	<b>139,678.74</b>
<b>Other expenditure</b>					
2602 - Bank Charges	361.38	-	-	361.38	500.79
<b>Other expenditure Totals</b>	<b>361.38</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>361.38</b>	<b>500.79</b>
<b>Payments Grand Totals</b>	<b>60,975.59</b>	<b>780.16</b>	<b>71,583.48</b>	<b>133,339.23</b>	<b>140,179.53</b>

The Oak Community Project

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by code)  
As at: 31 December 2024

Class and nominal code	General (Unrestricted)	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
<b>Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand</b>						
6504: TOCP-Bank current account	-	-	46,442.09	-	46,442.09	-
6591: TOCP Petty Cash	-	-	2,375.60	-	2,375.60	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>48,817.69</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>48,817.69</b>	<b>-</b>
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<b>Net total assets</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>48,817.69</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>48,817.69</b>	<b>-</b>
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<b>Represented by</b>						
Restricted - TOCP	-	-	48,817.69	-	48,817.69	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>48,817.69</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>48,817.69</b>	<b>-</b>
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**The Oak Community Project**  
**Receipts and Payments Account**  
**For the period from 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024**

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
<b>Receipts</b>					
Donations and legacies	-	-	61,133.05	61,133.05	-
Income from charitable activities	-	-	1,535.90	1,535.90	-
<b>Total Receipts</b>	-	-	<b>62,668.95</b>	<b>62,668.95</b>	-
<b>Payments</b>					
Expenditure on charitable activities	-	-	55,267.87	55,267.87	-
Other expenditure	-	-	155.73	155.73	-
<b>Total Payments</b>	-	-	<b>55,423.60</b>	<b>55,423.60</b>	-
<b>Excess of receipts over payments before transfer</b>	-	-	<b>7,245.35</b>	<b>7,245.35</b>	-
<b>Transfers:</b>					
Gross transfers between funds - in	-	-	-	-	-
Gross transfers between funds - out	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Excess of receipts over payments before other gains</b>	-	-	<b>7,245.35</b>	<b>7,245.35</b>	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	-	-	<b>48,817.69</b>	<b>48,817.69</b>	-
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
<b>Excess of receipts over payments at beginning of the year</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Excess of receipts over payments for the year</b>	-	-	<b>48,817.69</b>	<b>48,817.69</b>	-

The Oak Community Project

Analysis of Receipts and Payments  
 Selected period: 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

	General	Designated	Restricted	Total	
				This year	Last year
<b>Receipts</b>					
<b>Donations and legacies</b>					
0550 - Donations appeals etc	-	-	25,707.05	25,707.05	-
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	-	-	897.50	897.50	-
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	-	-	34,520.00	34,520.00	-
0901 - Other funds generated	-	-	8.50	8.50	-
<b>Donations and legacies Totals</b>	-	-	<b>61,133.05</b>	<b>61,133.05</b>	-
<b>Income from charitable activities</b>					
0551 - Food Bag-Donations	-	-	1,535.90	1,535.90	-
<b>Income from charitable activities Totals</b>	-	-	<b>1,535.90</b>	<b>1,535.90</b>	-
<b>Receipts Grand Totals</b>	-	-	<b>62,668.95</b>	<b>62,668.95</b>	-
<b>Payments</b>					
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities</b>					
2340 - Upkeep of services	-	-	7,837.84	7,837.84	-
2342 - TOCP Expenditure	-	-	47,430.03	47,430.03	-
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities Totals</b>	-	-	<b>55,267.87</b>	<b>55,267.87</b>	-
<b>Other expenditure</b>					
2602 - Bank Charges	-	-	155.73	155.73	-
<b>Other expenditure Totals</b>	-	-	<b>155.73</b>	<b>155.73</b>	-
<b>Payments Grand Totals</b>	-	-	<b>55,423.60</b>	<b>55,423.60</b>	-



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BIRKENHEAD PRIORY

On accounts for the year ended

31 DECEMBER 2024

Charity no (if any)

1196140

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~\*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

J.M.C

Date:

15/4/2024

Name:

JANET M. CARR

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

F.C.A.

Address:

RIVERHOLME, 18 SANDY LANE, CHESTER. CH3 5UL

**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

NONE.

Report to the trustees/ members of

On accounts for the year ended

Set out on pages

Responsibilities and basis of report

Independent examiner's statement

Signed: [Signature] Date: 15/11/2017

Name: DANIEL M. CASE

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): F.C.A.

Address: RIVERHOLME, 18 SANDY LANE, CHESTER, CH1 5JL

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BIRKENHEAD PRIORY**

England & Wales - Charity number 1196140

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# Accounts

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**BIRKENHEAD PRIORY PARISH  
CHRIST THE KING CHURCH AND BIRKENHEAD PRIORY CHAPEL  
ANNUAL REPORT  
AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
OF THE  
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2023**

**VICAR  
Reverend Paul Bentley**

**ASSOCIATE MINISTER  
Reverend Deborah Wilkinson**

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# Birkenhead Priory Parish - Annual Report for APCM 2024

## Aims and purposes

The Birkenhead Priory PCC has the responsibility of cooperating with the Vicar in promoting in 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 church and community centre at Christ the King, Beckwith Street, Birkenhead and the Chapter House, Birkenhead Priory.

## Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to reaching out to as many people as possible with the Good News of Jesus Christ. We seek to do this in practical ways, meeting the various needs of those within our parish where we are able, and by sharing our life-changing faith in Jesus with our community wherever we can. When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We continue to abide by the Safeguarding Policies and Procedures of the Church of England for safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

We seek to organise our life and worship in such a way as to be faithful to our identity as children of God, whilst welcoming all within our community to become part of our worshipping family. We are committed to helping people not only find faith, but also to live out their faith through:

- worship and prayer together, studying God's word and growing deeper together in our faith
- providing various points of practical help for the community through The Oak Community Project and other forms of outreach, as an expression of gratitude for the love we have received from God which we pass on to our neighbour
- providing pastoral care for all those in our parish and church family
- working with and supporting other organisations that seek to bring benefit to our local community, including our local schools.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of our two buildings, and we are grateful to those who help with their ongoing upkeep, particularly our church wardens.

## How we've been doing

As the effects of COVID-19 become less over time, we have faced the subsequent challenge of the cost-of-living crisis which has affected so many in our community and us as a church. In all of this we have continued to grow, and God's grace and kindness has been evident amongst us as we have continued to minister to each other and to our community.

This has included:

### Worship:

Due to the increased cost of gas and electricity we began the year meeting for worship each week in St Anne's Room – our Community Room (smaller and easier to heat). Our children and young people meet in St Peter's room for their own learning during our services - but beginning and ending the service in worship together with the rest of the congregation. We are very grateful to those who continue to lead the children's work each week and encourage them in their faith, and for the space this gives to parents to engage in worship themselves. We continued meeting in St Anne's room until Palm Sunday, when we processed from St Anne's Room, out along the streets with palm branches and a live donkey back into our

main worship area. We have met for worship in our main worship space for the remainder of the year. One reason for this is that when all our congregation comes together we are now too many to fit into St Anne's room, which has been a positive problem to have. We have continued to stream our services via Zoom each week, as there are those who for various reasons are only able to join us in that way. We continue to post these services on YouTube most weeks - occasionally technology has proved unreliable and services have failed to stream or be recorded. We have continued to update and upgrade our PA system in St Anne's Room in order to facilitate our worship in that space.

In response to the generally positive experience of coming together for worship in St Anne's Room we have changed our service pattern. One the first Sunday of the month we continue to meet at the Priory Chapel at 9am for a said BCP Communion service. This traditional style of service has been appreciated by a good number of people from with our church family and by some who are new to us. Following this service we then hold our 10.30am service at Christ the King Church in St Anne's Room around small tables, with activities on the tables available for all. It is a much more family friendly, interactive service which has been well received and been a welcoming environment for new families to join us. There is no children's group on these Sundays. Consequently, our numbers at the Priory Chapel service have increased, together with our numbers back at Christ the King increasing on these Sundays.

We continue to share communion by intinction rather than the common cup, and to use the screen for worship with printed materials available for those who prefer. We use mostly iSingWorship for our music. We have also recommenced offering prayer ministry during our main worship service, during Communion.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> May we celebrated the licensing of our Curate, Revd. Debbie Wilkinson into the position of Associate Minister to Birkenhead Priory Parish, with a particular remit to establish a new worshipping community on the Wirral Waters development in Birkenhead. This five-year post, funded by the Diocese of Chester through the Strategic Ministry Fund is a bold move, as most of the development is yet to materialise. However, as the Priory Chapel has been present in Birkenhead since before the Town began, so The Well (the name given to the Wirral Waters Church) is present before the community arrives, giving a positive Christian presence to welcome each person into the area and prepare the ground through regular prayer and worship. Please see Debbie's report for further details.

At the same service in May Captain James Wilkinson was licensed as Church Army Evangelist to Birkenhead Priory Parish who brings a great deal of experience and passion for communicating the gospel in relevant ways to our community and opens up significant opportunities for us as a parish.

Both these events marked a new and exciting step for our parish and we look forward to all that God will do in and through Debbie and James.

We continue to be blessed in worship by a ministry team comprising Paul our vicar, Debbie our Associate Minister, Laura our reader, Nigel our retired priest, and a growing number of church members who lead prayers and bible readings and who facilitate worship taking place online and in our church building through welcome and organisation. We are grateful to Mark for managing our technology each week and those who are being trained up to assist in that.

Throughout 2023 we have been approached by the Diocese of Chester to welcome two new curates into Birkenhead Priory Parish starting in summer 2024. We look forward to their ministry in due course.

Through Lent we followed Paula Gooder's 'Lentwise' series through in person bible studies which we held at the vicarage in order to save putting on the heating in our church building. Similarly, Women's Group relocated to the vicarage over the winter, taking advantage of the wood-burning stove! During October we held a bible study journeying through Acts, using Beki Rogers 'Church: What we can learn from Acts'.

During Advent we followed Paula Gooder's book 'The Meaning is in the Waiting' in quiet, reflective sessions at the Priory Chapel which were then further explored in our Sunday services.

In 2023 we provided a programme for reading through the Old Testament, Psalms and Proverbs together as a church, with a plan provided each month to guide us through the readings. Not everyone manages it, but it is appreciated by many.

We currently have 83 members on the electoral roll of the parish, of whom 31 are resident within the parish and 52 are resident outside the parish. This represents a growth of 4 from the previous year.

### **Prayer:**

We continued to meet online (Zoom) for Evening Prayer each Thursday until the Autumn. We then started up a monthly prayer meeting in person at Christ the King Church at 4pm on the first Sunday of each month.

The Priory Night Watch group continues to meet once a month in the Priory Chapel to pray for Birkenhead and the needs of the parish.

### **Community Outreach:**

Our Community Project has continued to serve many from within our community and further afield in a variety of ways but principally at this time through food provision. We are so grateful for the many volunteers who make this ministry possible under the guidance of Denise, our Community and Family Worker. Our Community Hub welcomes in member of our community and partner organisations on a Tuesday and Wednesday and continues to grow busier and busier. Our social supermarket has also begun opening on a Thursday also. Please see the Community Project report for more information.

We continue to minister in our local schools, Priory School (our church school), Cathcart school and more recently Kilgarth School. It is a great privilege to share faith with the children and their families wherever possible, both through participation in the life of the schools and in welcoming them into church for services and other activities. Please see our schools report for more information.

Our Friendship Group, Women's Group, Churches Together involvement, Social and Fellowship group all continue their ministry.

Our Men's Breakfast continues at Christ the King church meeting on the first Saturday of each month. This incorporates a great breakfast, chance to chat together and someone sharing their experience of the Christian journey. Our numbers continue to increase, and we have had some very powerful and impactful testimonies that have spoken deeply into the lives of those listening.

Several times during 2023 we have held 'Church and Community Clean-Up days'. Volunteers from the church and local community have come together to look after our church grounds and tidy up areas of our local community. We have benefitted from Wirral Borough Council collecting all the rubbish gathered. This is an important part of our witness to our local community, our stewardship of what God has given us and taking our part in changing the narrative of Birkenhead – this is a beautiful place that is loved and cared for.

Narcotics Anonymous continue to use our building for a meeting once a week.

Rather than give Easter gifts, this year we ran an Easter Egg Hunt which took families on a journey from our church, through the community, park and back to church for crafts and refreshments. It was very well received. We also hosted a Light Party at Christ the King Church on Halloween and a Bonfire Night party at

the Vicarage, both of which were very well attended and continued to develop our relationships with families from our community and the school gate.

At Christmas we distributed small gifts to 800 households in our community - a bag of sweets with a message from the church, which were well received. A number of people from our community comment that they enjoy getting these through each year.

In December we held a Community Christmas Fair at Christ the King which was very well attended by the community and we welcomed stall holders from local charities.

### **Pastoral:**

Our visiting the bereaved, sick and housebound and Home Communion has continued through the year.

During 2023 we celebrated eight children and one adult being baptised at Christ the King church. We have celebrated four weddings during 2023, all at the Priory Chapel. We have led four funerals during the year and one interment of ashes and supported families through their different experiences of grief.

### **Looking Ahead**

As a church, community and wider society we continue to face a number of challenges from different directions. However in all of this we continue to see God's provision, strengthening and blessing as a church. It is imperative that we continue to look with courage, creativity and conviction at the opportunities in front of us and seek the wisdom and guidance of the Holy Spirit as we discern what is for now, what is for another time, or what is not to be. We wait with anticipation our new curates sharing in ministry at our church and bringing their Spirit filled gifts, talent and insights. Having obtained funding in partnership with Wirral Borough Council, we look forward to remedial work taking place on the Priory Chapel that will secure the well-being of that building for many years to come. We must continue to be imaginative in how we use and care for our buildings and grounds, so that they can be a place of welcome and hospitality to all who God brings to us. We continue to see new people, individuals and families, join our worshipping community and the links between church and Community Project grow and deepen. We must continue to underpin this with prayer as we seek God's face and learn to hear his voice more clearly.

As was said last year, we continue to go through a period of change and growth and with that come many challenges as well as many joys. We trust that through obedience and faithfulness and remaining rooted in God with our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, we will continue to be blessed and to bring blessing to those around us as we seek to love God and love our neighbour, to the glory of God.

### **PCC Membership**

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules 2006. During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

Revd. Paul Bentley (*Vicar and chair*)

Revd. Debbie Wilkinson (*Associate Minister*)

Gill Dillon (*Churchwarden*)

Dot Davies (*Churchwarden*)

Mary Evans (*Deanery Synod*)  
Susan Wilks (*Deanery Synod*)

**Elected Members:**

Sue E. Blaylock  
David Dillon (*Treasurer*)  
Sue J. Blaylock  
Chris Earnshaw  
Mark Fisher  
Leanne Hellon  
Rebekah Shields  
Emily Wilkinson  
Greg Edwards

**Members Appointed by APCM:**

Laura Brough (Lay Reader) (*Safeguarding Officer*)

**Co-opted Members:**

Beth Gardner (*Secretary*)

The PCC held 6 meetings during the year.

**Committees:**

The PCC operates through a Standing Committee (when required) and a number of working groups which meet as and when necessary.

Standing Committee: The Standing Committee carries out the routine work of the PCC between each PCC meeting, subject to any directions given by the Council. The Standing Committee consists of the Vicar, churchwardens, Treasurer, Secretary and one other PCC member (elected annually by the PCC). The Standing Committee is responsible to the PCC and reports back through minutes. Other working groups are convened as and when appropriate and dissolved when no longer required. They are made up of both PCC and non-PCC members.

The working groups this year have been:

Social and Fellowship Group  
Management Group (overseeing Community and Family Worker and The Oak Community Project)

**Financial Position:**

**Executive Summary**

Analysis of the data show that BPP's net income vs. expenditure is in all cases in a satisfying position which means that the financial management of the church's funds can be considered to be robust and fit for purpose.

**Balance sheets**

The balance sheets, as with any financial statement, records the net worth which as of 31st December 2023 stands at **£352,226.81** much of which is monies which has been bequest to the parish for specific purposes and therefore cannot be used to meet day-to-day operating costs.

The balance sheets for 2023 demonstrate that the church is in a relatively healthy position in terms of cash flow (income vs. expenditure) and that the day-to-day running costs are being met.

As in previous years there are reserves, some of which can be drawn upon but the majority of these funds are held for specific purposes.

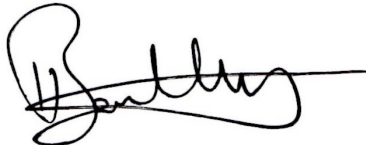
## Banking Reserve Policy

With the introduction of a new financial policy document, a formalised approach to a banking reserve policy has been set out as indicated below. This is to ensure prudent financial management of existing funds and to ensure contingencies are in place to allow BPP's Finance team to respond effectively to unexpected short term issues.

- Current accounts
  - It is recommended that the BPP current account and Lifeskills (TOCP) account have a minimum operating of balance of £5k.
  - If either of these accounts fall beneath these limits then the PCC should be consulted as to whether any short term 'top up' or transfer of funds from the reserve account can be made.
- Reserve account
  - It is recommended that the BPP reserve account has a minimum balance of £25K available to offset any short term issues with either of the above current accounts.
  - Of the above £25K, £10K is specifically designated for covering salary costs of BPP employed staff in the event of other funding not being available.

The above report and following financial statements were approved by Birkenhead Priory Parochial Church Council at a meeting on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2024

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Bentley', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Revd Paul Bentley, Chair

On behalf of Birkenhead Priory Parish Parochial Church Council.

## Birkenhead Priory Parish

### Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by code) As at: 31 December 2023

Class and nominal code	General (Unrestricted)	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
<b>Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand</b>						
6501: Bank current account BPP	27,292.36	6,805.20	16,014.33	-	50,111.89	26,668.80
6502: Bank Reserve Account BR	2.94	-	-	-	2.94	5,280.71
6503: Bank Reserve Account CL	44,174.82	-	(7,040.00)	-	37,134.82	36,691.35
6504: Bank Current account LIFE SKILLS (TOCP)	-	-	40,942.43	-	40,942.43	32,051.16
6506: CAF BPP CURRENT ACCOUNT	892.99	-	(80.00)	-	812.99	871.32
6507: Deposit Account CDBF	-	-	207,731.90	-	207,731.90	191,711.85
6510: CCLA (CBF) deposit account 3001D	3,778.29	-	-	-	3,778.29	3,660.97
6511: CCLA (CBF) deposit account 4001D	4,670.18	-	-	-	4,670.18	4,579.96
6591: TOCP PETTY CASH	-	-	629.91	-	629.91	553.80
<b>Total</b>	<b>80,811.58</b>	<b>6,805.20</b>	<b>258,198.57</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>345,815.35</b>	<b>302,069.92</b>
<b>Current Asset - Investments</b>						
6508: CCLA (CBF) Investment CMS/AC	-	-	3,111.09	-	3,111.09	2,763.80
6509: CCLA (CBF) Investment 146 Shares	3,300.37	-	-	-	3,300.37	3,016.56
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,300.37</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,111.09</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,411.46</b>	<b>5,780.36</b>
<b>Net total assets</b>	<b>84,111.95</b>	<b>6,805.20</b>	<b>261,309.66</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>352,226.81</b>	<b>307,850.28</b>
<b>Represented by</b>						
General (Unrestricted)	84,111.95	-	-	-	84,111.95	80,351.32
Designated - BPP	-	6,805.20	-	-	6,805.20	-
Restricted - BPP-Restricted	-	-	218,361.34	-	218,361.34	194,894.00
Restricted - TOCP	-	-	41,572.34	-	41,572.34	32,604.96
Restricted - WIRRAL WATERS	-	-	1,375.98	-	1,375.98	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>84,111.95</b>	<b>6,805.20</b>	<b>261,309.66</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>352,226.81</b>	<b>307,850.28</b>

**Birkenhead Priory Parish**  
**Receipts and Payments Account**  
**For the period from 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023**

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
<b>Receipts</b>					
Donations and legacies	63,616.52	7,780.00	84,166.71	155,563.23	148,287.08
Income from charitable activities	4,536.00	-	-	4,536.00	2,783.00
Investments	6,929.37	-	876.31	7,805.68	6,295.73
Other income	-	-	-	-	130.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>75,081.89</b>	<b>7,780.00</b>	<b>85,043.02</b>	<b>167,904.91</b>	<b>157,495.81</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Raising funds	879.65	-	-	879.65	987.20
Expenditure on charitable activities	51,716.80	4,685.57	82,396.72	138,799.09	130,867.58
Other expenditure	389.13	-	111.66	500.79	424.05
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>52,985.58</b>	<b>4,685.57</b>	<b>82,508.38</b>	<b>140,179.53</b>	<b>132,278.83</b>
<b>Excess of receipts over payments before transfer</b>	<b>22,096.31</b>	<b>3,094.43</b>	<b>2,534.64</b>	<b>27,725.38</b>	<b>25,216.98</b>
<b>Transfers:</b>					
Gross transfers between funds - in	-	3,710.77	14,908.72	18,619.49	218,707.23
Gross transfers between funds - out	(18,619.49)	-	-	(18,619.49)	(218,707.23)
<b>Excess of receipts over payments before other gains</b>	<b>3,476.82</b>	<b>6,805.20</b>	<b>17,443.36</b>	<b>27,725.38</b>	<b>25,216.98</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>3,760.63</b>	<b>6,805.20</b>	<b>33,810.70</b>	<b>44,376.53</b>	<b>2,126.80</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
<b>Excess of receipts over payments at beginning of the year</b>	<b>80,351.32</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>227,498.96</b>	<b>307,850.28</b>	<b>305,723.48</b>
<b>Excess of receipts over payments for the year</b>	<b>84,111.95</b>	<b>6,805.20</b>	<b>261,309.66</b>	<b>352,226.81</b>	<b>307,850.28</b>

# Birkenhead Priory Parish

## Analysis of Receipts and Payments Selected period: 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

	General	Designated	Restricted	This year	Total Last year
<b>Receipts</b>					
<b>Donations and legacies</b>					
0101 - Planned Giving - Bank GA	18,480.00	-	-	18,480.00	21,290.00
0102 - Planned Giving - Bank NON GA	9,200.00	-	-	9,200.00	7,360.00
0111 - Non Gift Aid - Envelopes NGA	1,835.10	-	-	1,835.10	2,650.55
0301 - Loose plate collections	2,497.71	-	-	2,497.71	2,124.63
0410 - Giving through church boxes	615.98	-	-	615.98	654.31
0411 - Giving through SUMJP	1,916.69	-	7,913.59	9,830.28	44.11
0412 - Giving-Flowers	-	480.00	-	480.00	-
0501 - One-off Gift Aid gifts	-	-	-	-	6,900.00
0550 - Donations appeals etc	11,734.68	-	-	11,734.68	8,161.65
0551 - Other Donations-Missionary societies etc	20.00	-	1,181.64	1,201.64	177.09
0552 - Wirral Waters Income	-	-	2,020.00	2,020.00	-
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	14,698.35	-	1,022.50	15,720.85	15,365.51
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	-	7,300.00	38,685.00	45,985.00	12,480.24
0901 - Other funds generated	2,618.01	-	1,626.00	4,244.01	1,222.85
0902 - TOCP Other Income (Donations)	-	-	24,717.98	24,717.98	60,856.14
0903 - C&FW	-	-	7,000.00	7,000.00	9,000.00
<b>Donations and legacies Totals</b>	<b>63,616.52</b>	<b>7,780.00</b>	<b>84,166.71</b>	<b>155,563.23</b>	<b>148,287.08</b>
<b>Income from charitable activities</b>					
1101 - Fees for weddings and funerals	4,536.00	-	-	4,536.00	2,783.00
<b>Income from charitable activities Totals</b>	<b>4,536.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,536.00</b>	<b>2,783.00</b>
<b>Investments</b>					
1001 - Dividends	5,051.94	-	-	5,051.94	5,113.86
1020 - Bank and building society interest	837.43	-	876.31	1,713.74	324.37
1030 - Rent from lands or buildings	1,040.00	-	-	1,040.00	857.50
<b>Investments Totals</b>	<b>6,929.37</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>876.31</b>	<b>7,805.68</b>	<b>6,295.73</b>
<b>Other income</b>					
1310 - Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	130.00
<b>Other income Totals</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>130.00</b>
<b>Receipts Grand Totals</b>	<b>75,081.89</b>	<b>7,780.00</b>	<b>85,043.02</b>	<b>167,904.91</b>	<b>157,495.81</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
<b>Raising funds</b>					
1730 - Costs of fetes & other events	879.65	-	-	879.65	987.20
<b>Raising funds Totals</b>	<b>879.65</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>879.65</b>	<b>987.20</b>
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities</b>					
1801 - Giving to missionary societies	183.00	-	1,081.64	1,264.64	90.24

	General	Designated	Restricted	Total	
				This year	Last year
1830 - Giving - relief and development agencies	-	-	-	-	80.00
1850 - Home mission	418.55	-	69.55	488.10	985.80
1909 - Chester DBF Fees-Weddings and funerals	1,098.40	-	-	1,098.40	1,958.20
1910 - Ministry parish share etc	17,084.88	-	-	17,084.88	16,587.24
2051 - HMRC PAYE	-	-	4,470.34	4,470.34	4,492.55
2052 - TOCP Salary+ Nest Pension	-	-	22,543.20	22,543.20	21,010.10
2053 - Cleaner Salary	1,976.04	-	-	1,976.04	1,974.24
2101 - Working expenses of incumbent	-	-	-	-	261.40
2102 - Wirral Waters Expenses	-	133.34	644.02	777.36	-
2120 - Council tax	2,147.06	-	1,388.62	3,535.68	4,537.29
2140 - Water rates - vicarage	838.90	-	-	838.90	785.48
2145 - Parsonage - water-Curate	-	-	137.61	137.61	727.95
2150 - Vicar's telephone	126.00	-	-	126.00	216.00
2201 - Parish training and mission	-	-	-	-	328.56
2301 - Church running - insurance Christ the King	6,921.48	-	-	6,921.48	6,292.50
2302 - Church running - insurance Priory Chapel	-	1,586.13	-	1,586.13	1,441.94
2310 - Church office - telephone/Internet	575.88	-	-	575.88	689.86
2320 - Organ / piano tuning /Speakers	588.60	-	-	588.60	2,287.72
2330 - Church maintenance	2,630.42	-	-	2,630.42	2,524.44
2340 - Upkeep of services	665.96	22.50	-	688.46	497.89
2341 - TOCP Other Expenditure	-	-	46,511.74	46,511.74	40,304.95
2342 - Flowers Expenses	-	518.96	-	518.96	-
2360 - Administration	770.46	-	-	770.46	1,107.91
2401 - Church running - electric-BPP Christ the King	5,262.48	-	-	5,262.48	3,781.68
2402 - Church running - electric-Priory Chapel	125.91	2,424.64	-	2,550.55	1,230.14
2410 - Church running - gas	4,323.82	-	-	4,323.82	2,821.19
2420 - Church running - water-BPP Christ the King	1,402.09	-	-	1,402.09	581.09
2421 - Church running - water-4025561319	34.06	-	-	34.06	336.95
2501 - Magazine expenses/Books/Worships Resources	514.81	-	-	514.81	560.03
2701 - Church major repairs - structure	354.00	-	-	354.00	216.00
2710 - Church major repairs - installation	3,174.00	-	-	3,174.00	1,058.24
2720 - Church interior and exterior decorating	500.00	-	-	500.00	-
2910 - Curates Housing	-	-	5,550.00	5,550.00	11,100.00
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities Totals</b>	<b>51,716.80</b>	<b>4,685.57</b>	<b>82,396.72</b>	<b>138,799.09</b>	<b>130,867.58</b>
<b>Other expenditure</b>					
2602 - Bank Charges	389.13	-	111.66	500.79	424.05
<b>Other expenditure Totals</b>	<b>389.13</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>111.66</b>	<b>500.79</b>	<b>424.05</b>
<b>Payments Grand Totals</b>	<b>52,985.58</b>	<b>4,685.57</b>	<b>82,508.38</b>	<b>140,179.53</b>	<b>132,278.83</b>



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BIRKENHEAD PRIORY.

On accounts for the year ended 31 DECEMBER 2023 Charity no (if any) 1196140

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and basis of report As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below\*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
• the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: J.M.C. Date: 5/4/2024

Name: JANET. M. CARR

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): F.C.A.

Address: RIVERHOLME, 18 SANDY LANE, CHESTER. CH3 5UL

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**

NO:JE .

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BIRKENHEAD PRIORY**

England & Wales - Charity number 1196140

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# Accounts

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**BIRKENHEAD PRIORY PARISH  
CHRIST THE KING CHURCH AND BIRKENHEAD PRIORY CHAPEL  
ANNUAL REPORT  
AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
OF THE  
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2022**

**VICAR  
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# **Birkenhead Priory Parish - Annual Report for APCM 2023**

## **Aims and purposes**

The Birkenhead Priory PCC has the responsibility of cooperating with the Vicar in promoting in 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 church and community centre at Christ the King, Beckwith Street, Birkenhead and the Chapter House, Birkenhead Priory.

## **Objectives and Activities**

The PCC is committed to reaching out to as many people as possible with the Good News of Jesus Christ. We seek to do this in practical ways, meeting the various needs of those within our parish where we are able, and by sharing our life-changing faith in Jesus with our community wherever we can. When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We continue to abide by the Safeguarding Policies and Procedures of the Church of England for safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

We seek to organise our life and worship in such a way as to be faithful to our identity as children of God, whilst welcoming all within our community to become part of our worshipping family. We are committed to helping people not only find faith, but also to live out their faith through:

- worship and prayer together, studying God's word and growing deeper together in our faith
- providing various points of practical help for the community through The Oak Community Project and other forms of outreach, as an expression of gratitude for the love we have received from God which we pass on to our neighbour
- providing pastoral care for all those in our parish and church family
- working with and supporting other organisations that seek to bring benefit to our local community, including our local schools.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of our two buildings, and we are grateful to those who help with their ongoing upkeep, particularly our church wardens.

## **How we've been doing**

We continue to live with the lingering effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the life of our church in many ways, as with the world around us. In all of this we have continued to grow, and God's grace and kindness has been evident amongst us as we have continued to minister to each other and to our community.

This has included:

### **Worship:**

We began the year meeting each week in our main worship space with our children meeting in the adjacent St Mary's Room for their time of learning – but beginning and ending the service all together with the rest of the congregation. We are grateful to those who continue to lead the children's work each week and encourage them in their faith, and for the space this gives to parents to engage in worship themselves. We have continued to stream our services via Zoom each week, as there are those who for various reasons are only able to join us in that way. We continue to post these services on YouTube each week.

We continue to share communion by intinction rather than the common cup, and to use the screen for worship with printed materials available for those who prefer. We use mostly iSingWorship for our music.

However, as the cost of living crisis hit in late summer, it became clear that we were going to have to adapt again. We considered various options for ways to cope with the enormous rises in energy costs which would cause us severe financial problems. One such adaptation was the decision to move our worship from our large worship space into St Anne's Room – our Community Room (smaller and easier to heat) – and began meeting in there on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. We made some small alterations to the room to make it feel more of a 'worship' space and started to get used to the layout of gathering round small tables rather than in pews. Naturally, some liked this, and some struggled with it. However, through it all we learned something about ourselves and what it means to come together in worship. We made some improvements to the PA system to facilitate our services and to enable us to continue to stream our services via Zoom.

ON the 20<sup>th</sup> November Bishop Julie visited us and as part of the service three members of our church family were confirmed, which was a great occasion for us all.

We have enjoyed meeting regularly once again for worship in the Priory Chapel. We celebrated an Easter Sunrise service there on Easter Morning, and commenced monthly services in the chapel in May 2022, a said BCP Holy Communion services that takes place on the first Sunday of each month at 9am. This traditional style of service has been appreciated by a good number of people from with our church family and by some who are new to us. We have also used the chapel for weddings and funerals during the year.

In June we joined in national celebrations to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Sadly in September we held a number of services to mark her passing and made our church available for those who wanted a space for prayer and reflection.

We continue to be blessed in worship by a ministry team comprising Paul our vicar, Debbie our curate, Laura our reader, Nigel our retired priest, and a growing number of church members who lead prayers and bible readings and who facilitate worship taking place online and in our church building through welcome and organisation. We are grateful to Mark for managing our technology each week. We look forward to welcoming a Placement Student from Emmanuel College in January 2023 who will be with us for his contextual placement as part of his ordination training.

Our Wednesday Café Church worship Bite Nites has not reopened yet.

Through Lent we followed Stephen Croft's 'Experiencing God's love' in online and in person bible studies. During Advent we began The Prayer Course (24-7 Prayer) which we would complete in the New Year. This latter course took place at the Vicarage in order to save putting on the heating in our church building. Similarly, Women's Group relocated to the vicarage over the winter, taking advantage of the wood-burning stove!

In 2022 we completed a programme of reading through the New Testament, Psalms and Proverbs together as a church, with a plan provided each month to guide us through the readings.

We currently have 79 members on the electoral roll of the parish, of whom 27 are resident within the parish and 52 are resident outside the parish. We have sadly lost two members of our church family this year who have been removed from our roll. This represents a growth of 5 from the previous year.

## **Prayer:**

We continue to meet online (Zoom) for Evening Prayer each Thursday. This has been much appreciated by many from within the congregation (and wider afield online) who were previously unable to get to an in-person prayer meeting.

The Priory Night Watch group continues to meet once a month in the Priory Chapel to pray for Birkenhead and the needs of the parish.

## **Community Outreach:**

Our Community Project has continued to serve many from within our community and further afield in a variety of ways but principally at this time through food provision. We are so grateful for the many volunteers who make this ministry possible under the guidance of Denise, our Community and Family Worker. Our Community Hub welcomes in member of our community and partner organisations on a Tuesday and Wednesday and continues to grow busier and busier. Please see the Community Project report for more information.

We continue to minister in our local schools, Priory School (our church school), Cathcart school and more recently Kilgarth School. It is a great privilege to share faith with the children and their families wherever possible, both through participation in the life of the schools and in welcoming them into church for services and other activities. Please see our schools report for more information.

Our Friendship Group, Women's Group, Churches Together involvement, Social and Fellowship group all continue their ministry.

At Christmas and Easter we distributed small gifts to 800 households in our community - a bag of sweets with a message from the church, which were well received.

In April we began a Men's Breakfast at Christ the King church meeting on the first Saturday of each month. This incorporates a great breakfast, chance to chat together and someone sharing their experience of the Christian journey.

In April we also began to welcome Narcotics Anonymous to use our building for a meeting once a week.

In December we held a Community Christmas Fair at Christ the King which was very well attended by the community and we welcomed stall holders from local charities.

## **Pastoral:**

Our visiting the bereaved, sick and housebound and Home Communion has continued through the year.

During 2022 we celebrated seven children being baptised at Christ the King church. We have celebrated two weddings during 2022, both at the Priory Chapel. We have led eight funerals during the year and supported families through their different experiences of grief.

## **Looking Ahead**

As we have journeyed through 2022 we have continued to navigate a difficult time of change and transition together, but one that continues to be full of opportunity. We continue to welcome a growing number and diversity of people to our worship times, and through worship outside and other activities become more visible to the community around us. Our 'Family Room' continues to develop and provide a platform for us to welcome more young people into our church family. We continue to think and pray

through the wider activities of our Community Project as we continue to grow our provision in line with God's guidance and needs within our community. We care for our buildings and grounds so that they can be a place of welcome and hospitality to all who God brings to us. We continue to grow in prayer, in ministry, and in outreach and are grateful for all that God is providing for us as we serve in his name.

We continue to go through a period of change and growth and with that come many challenges as well as many joys. We trust that through obedience and faithfulness and remaining rooted in God with our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, we will continue to be blessed and to bring blessing to those around us as we seek to love God and love our neighbour, to the glory of God.

## **PCC Membership**

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules 2006. During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

Revd. Paul Bentley (*Vicar and chair*)  
Revd. Debbie Wilkinson (*Curate*)

Gill Dillon (*Churchwarden*)  
Dot Davies (*Churchwarden*)

Mary Evans (*Deanery Synod*)  
Susan Wilks (*Deanery Synod*)

### **Elected Members:**

Sue E. Blaylock (*Secretary*)  
Laura Brough (*Safeguarding Officer*)  
David Dillon (*Treasurer*)  
Sue J. Blaylock  
Chris Earnshaw  
Mark Fisher  
Leanne Hellon  
Nathalie Madjire Djerayo  
Rebekah Shields

The PCC held 6 meetings during the year.

### **Committees:**

The PCC operates through a Standing Committee (when required) and a number of working groups which meet as and when necessary.

Standing Committee: The Standing Committee carries out the routine work of the PCC between each PCC meeting, subject to any directions given by the Council. The Standing Committee consists of the Vicar, churchwardens, Treasurer, Secretary and one other PCC member (elected annually by the PCC). The Standing Committee is responsible to the PCC and reports back through minutes. Other working groups are convened as and when appropriate and dissolved when no longer required. They are made up of both PCC and non-PCC members.

The working groups this year have been:

Social and Fellowship Group

Management Group (overseeing Community and Family Worker and The Oak Community Project)

# Birkenhead Priory Parish

## Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by code) As at: 31 December 2022

Class and nominal code	General (Unrestricted)	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
<b>Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand</b>						
6501: Bank current account BPP	19,130.45	-	7,538.35	-	26,668.80	15,313.82
6502: Bank Reserve Account BR	5,280.71	-	-	-	5,280.71	5,269.24
6503: Bank Reserve Account CL	43,731.35	-	(7,040.00)	-	36,691.35	46,649.61
6504: Bank Current account LIFE SKILLS (TOCP)	-	-	32,051.16	-	32,051.16	9,804.73
6506: CAF BPP CURRENT ACCOUNT	951.32	-	(80.00)	-	871.32	-
6507: Deposit Account CDBF	191,711.85	-	-	-	191,711.85	214,120.63
6510: CCLA (CBF) deposit account 3001D	3,660.97	-	-	-	3,660.97	3,613.45
6511: CCLA (CBF) deposit account 4001D	4,579.96	-	-	-	4,579.96	4,490.24
6591: TOCP PETTY CASH	-	-	553.80	-	553.80	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>269,046.61</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>33,023.31</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>302,069.92</b>	<b>299,261.72</b>
<b>Current Asset - Investments</b>						
6508: CCLA (CBF) Investment CMS/AC	-	-	2,763.80	-	2,763.80	3,042.72
6509: CCLA (CBF) Investment 146 Shares	3,016.56	-	-	-	3,016.56	3,419.04
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,016.56</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,763.80</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,780.36</b>	<b>6,461.76</b>
<b>Net total assets</b>	<b>272,063.17</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35,787.11</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>307,850.28</b>	<b>305,723.48</b>
<b>Represented by</b>						
General (Unrestricted)	272,063.17	-	-	-	272,063.17	292,876.03
Restricted - BPP-CTK Restricted	-	-	3,182.15	-	3,182.15	3,042.72
Restricted - TOCP	-	-	32,604.96	-	32,604.96	9,804.73
<b>Total</b>	<b>272,063.17</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35,787.11</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>307,850.28</b>	<b>305,723.48</b>

**Birkenhead Priory Parish**  
**Receipts and Payments Account**  
**For the period from 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022**

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
<b>Receipts</b>					
Donations and legacies	60,369.17	4,140.24	83,777.67	148,287.08	-
Income from charitable activities	2,783.00	-	-	2,783.00	-
Investments	6,143.09	-	152.64	6,295.73	-
Other income	130.00	-	-	130.00	-
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>69,425.26</b>	<b>4,140.24</b>	<b>83,930.31</b>	<b>157,495.81</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Raising funds	987.20	-	-	987.20	-
Expenditure on charitable activities	47,341.24	2,691.98	80,834.36	130,867.58	-
Other expenditure	383.52	-	40.53	424.05	-
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>48,711.96</b>	<b>2,691.98</b>	<b>80,874.89</b>	<b>132,278.83</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Excess of receipts over payments before transfer</b>	<b>20,713.30</b>	<b>1,448.26</b>	<b>3,055.42</b>	<b>25,216.98</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Transfers:</b>					
Gross transfers between funds - in	4,140.24	2,691.98	20,163.16	26,995.38	-
Gross transfers between funds - out	(22,855.14)	(4,140.24)	-	(26,995.38)	-
<b>Excess of receipts over payments before other gains</b>	<b>1,998.40</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,218.58</b>	<b>25,216.98</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>(20,812.86)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>22,939.66</b>	<b>2,126.80</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
<b>Excess of receipts over payments at beginning of the year</b>	<b>292,876.03</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,847.45</b>	<b>305,723.48</b>	<b>305,723.48</b>
<b>Excess of receipts over payments for the year</b>	<b>272,063.17</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35,787.11</b>	<b>307,850.28</b>	<b>305,723.48</b>

# Birkenhead Priory Parish

## Analysis of Receipts and Payments Selected period: 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
<b>Receipts</b>						
<b>Donations and legacies</b>						
0101 - Planned Giving - Bank GA	21,290.00	-	-	-	21,290.00	-
0102 - Planned Giving - Bank NON GA	7,360.00	-	-	-	7,360.00	-
0111 - Non Gift Aid - Envelopes NGA	2,650.55	-	-	-	2,650.55	-
0301 - Loose plate collections	2,124.63	-	-	-	2,124.63	-
0410 - Giving through church boxes	654.31	-	-	-	654.31	-
0411 - Giving through SUMJP	41.17	-	2.94	-	44.11	-
0501 - One-off Gift Aid gifts	6,900.00	-	-	-	6,900.00	-
0550 - Donations appeals etc	2,760.15	-	5,401.50	-	8,161.65	-
0551 - Other Donations-Missionary societies etc	-	-	177.09	-	177.09	-
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	15,365.51	-	-	-	15,365.51	-
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	-	4,140.24	8,340.00	-	12,480.24	-
0901 - Other funds generated	1,222.85	-	-	-	1,222.85	-
0902 - TOCP Income	-	-	60,856.14	-	60,856.14	-
0903 - C&FW	-	-	9,000.00	-	9,000.00	-
<b>Donations and legacies Totals</b>	<b>60,369.17</b>	<b>4,140.24</b>	<b>83,777.67</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>148,287.08</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Income from charitable activities</b>						
1101 - Fees for weddings and funerals	2,783.00	-	-	-	2,783.00	-
<b>Income from charitable activities Totals</b>	<b>2,783.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,783.00</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Investments</b>						
1001 - Dividends	5,113.86	-	-	-	5,113.86	-
1020 - Bank and building society interest	171.73	-	152.64	-	324.37	-
1030 - Rent from lands or buildings	857.50	-	-	-	857.50	-
<b>Investments Totals</b>	<b>6,143.09</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>152.64</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,295.73</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Other income</b>						
1310 - Insurance claims	130.00	-	-	-	130.00	-
<b>Other income Totals</b>	<b>130.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>130.00</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Receipts Grand Totals</b>	<b>69,425.26</b>	<b>4,140.24</b>	<b>83,930.31</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>157,495.81</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Payments</b>						
<b>Raising funds</b>						
1730 - Costs of fetes & other events	987.20	-	-	-	987.20	-
<b>Raising funds Totals</b>	<b>987.20</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>987.20</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities</b>						
1801 - Giving to missionary societies	10.00	-	80.24	-	90.24	-
1830 - Giving - relief and development agencies	-	-	80.00	-	80.00	-
1850 - Home mission	273.90	-	711.90	-	985.80	-

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
1909 - Chester DBF Fees-Weddings and funerals	1,958.20	-	-	-	1,958.20	-
1910 - Ministry parish share etc	16,587.24	-	-	-	16,587.24	-
2051 - HMRC PAYE	-	-	4,492.55	-	4,492.55	-
2052 - TOCP SALARY	-	-	21,010.10	-	21,010.10	-
2053 - CLEANER SALARY	1,974.24	-	-	-	1,974.24	-
2101 - Working expenses of incumbent	-	-	261.40	-	261.40	-
2120 - Council tax	2,655.58	-	1,881.71	-	4,537.29	-
2140 - Water rates - vicarage	785.48	-	-	-	785.48	-
2145 - Parsonage - water	-	-	727.95	-	727.95	-
2150 - Vcar's telephone	216.00	-	-	-	216.00	-
2201 - Parish training and mission	156.00	-	172.56	-	328.56	-
2301 - Church running - insurance Christ the King	6,292.50	-	-	-	6,292.50	-
2302 - Church running - insurance Priory Chapel	-	1,441.94	-	-	1,441.94	-
2310 - Church office - telephone/Internet	689.86	-	-	-	689.86	-
2320 - Organ / piano tuning /Speakers	2,287.72	-	-	-	2,287.72	-
2330 - Church maintenance	2,524.44	-	-	-	2,524.44	-
2340 - Upkeep of services	477.99	19.90	-	-	497.89	-
2341 - TOCP Expenditure	-	-	40,304.95	-	40,304.95	-
2360 - Administration	1,096.91	-	11.00	-	1,107.91	-
2401 - Church running - electric-BPP Christ the King	3,781.68	-	-	-	3,781.68	-
2402 - Church running - electric-Priory Chapel	-	1,230.14	-	-	1,230.14	-
2410 - Church running - gas	2,821.19	-	-	-	2,821.19	-
2420 - Church running - water-BPP Christ the King	581.09	-	-	-	581.09	-
2421 - Church running - water-4025561319	336.95	-	-	-	336.95	-
2501 - Magazine expenses/Books/Worships Resources	560.03	-	-	-	560.03	-
2701 - Church major repairs - structure	216.00	-	-	-	216.00	-
2710 - Church major repairs - installation	1,058.24	-	-	-	1,058.24	-
2910 - Curates Housing	-	-	11,100.00	-	11,100.00	-
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities Totals</b>	<b>47,341.24</b>	<b>2,691.98</b>	<b>80,834.36</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>130,867.58</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Other expenditure</b>						
2602 - Bank Charges	383.52	-	40.53	-	424.05	-
<b>Other expenditure Totals</b>	<b>383.52</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>40.53</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>424.05</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Payments Grand Totals</b>	<b>48,711.96</b>	<b>2,691.98</b>	<b>80,874.89</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>132,278.83</b>	<b>-</b>



**Section A Independent Examiner's Report**

<b>Report to the trustees/ members of</b>	Birkenhead Priory Parish		
<b>On accounts for the year ended</b>	31 December 2022	<b>Charity no (if any)</b>	1196140
	<b>Set out on pages</b> 1-9		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2022.

**Responsibilities and basis of report** As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement** The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of ICAEW.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,;

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Signed:** J M Carr **Date:** 25.4.2023

**Name:** Mrs J M Carr

**Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):** F.C.A

**Address:** Riverholme, 18 Sandy Lane, Chester. CH3 5UL


**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**

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