

# TATHAM CHARITY

England & Wales · Charity number 224735

## Details

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**Other names** CHARITIES OF REBECCA BLAND AND OTHERS

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1963-09-04

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

## Contact

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**Address** Wilpena Pound  
Wennington  
Lancaster  
LA2 8NN

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## Activities

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**Objects:** INCOME TO BE DISTRIBUTED AT CHRISTMAS AMONG THE POOR INHABITANTS OF THE PARISH OF MELLING.

**Activities:** Amalgamated with Tatham Endowed School 526303

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** PARISH OF MELLING
- Lancashire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£25,399	£110,972	-	-
2023-12-31	£49,433	£30,701	-	-
2022-12-31	£15,258	£19,187	-	-
2021-12-31	£0	£0	-	-
2020-12-31	£0	£0	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>William John Parkinson</b>	Chair	2018-04-09
Dennis Lund		2018-04-09
Elizabeth Atkinson		2018-04-09
Helen Bamley		2022-05-25
Linda Kirkby		
Lucy Leather		2018-04-09
Margaret Wilson		2022-05-25
Paul Whatmough		2021-10-21
Phyllis Holt		2018-04-09
Stephen Robson		2022-05-25

TATHAM PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

## Linked charities

- REBECCA BLAND (224735-1)
- REMINGTON BREAD CHARITY (224735-3)

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# Accounts

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# St James the Less, Lower Tatham

## Annual Churchwardens' Report for the Parochial Church Council

### for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

St James the Less is located on Monk's Gate, Lower Tatham, Lancaster LA2 8NH and is one of six churches within East Lonsdale Benefice in the Diocese of Blackburn.

The incumbent of the East Lonsdale Benefice is Rev Jane Lee, appointed in February 2022, .

The Parochial Church Council is exempted from registration with the Charity Commission. The Parochial Church Council is a Trustee of a small, registered charity: Tatham Charity – registered number 224735.

The following parishioners served as members of the PCC during 2024:

**John Parkinson, Linda Kirkby** (churchwarden and bellringer), **Paul Whatmough** (treasurer and bell ringer), **Elizabeth Atkinson** (sidesperson), **Dennis Lund, Lucy Leather, Helen Bramley, Stephen Robson** (churchwarden and Deanery Synod representative), **Margaret Wilson** (secretary) and **Kate Warburton** (Vice Chair and sidesperson). **Dennis Lund** resigned from the PCC during the year due to ill-health.

#### **Structure, Governance and Management**

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The PCC have complied with the duty with regards to the Guidance on Safeguarding.

#### **Objectives and Activities**

The PCC supports the incumbent of the East Lonsdale Benefice (Reverend Jane Lee). The responsibility for the maintenance of the Church building, churchyard and car park remains with the PCC.

#### **Achievements, performance, and attendance**

There are 36 names on the Electoral Roll. Average attendance at the 11.15 am fortnightly services is 14.

During 2024, services have been held regularly. Special services were held for Plough Sunday, Mothering Sunday, Harvest Festival and Remembrance Sunday. There was one baptism, and two funerals. A packed church enjoyed Wenning Voices' summer open evening and a Christmas concert.

#### **Review of the year**

In February the Friends held their sold-out 10 Year Anniversary Afternoon Tea in Church, with entertainment from The Ossie Sisters. In May, the PCC provided catering on the first Sunday of Wray Festival week, generously supported by many of the Friends of St James the Less with soups, baking and help on the day. The PCC stall on Wray Fair Field day, with bric-a-brac and games was also very successful raising a total of £1,841. In June, the Friends held their first Plant Sale and Coffee Morning in the church and churchyard. The large number of visitors kept helpers very busy and will be repeated. These events, together with the annual Grand Jumble Sale held in September at Hornby (raising £1,287) provide significant financial support to Church funds. The Friends' 100 Club continues to raise valued funds to maintain and enhance the Church facilities. The Benefice Service in June was followed by a picnic and games in the Old Rectory garden, by kind permission of Mrs Phyllis Holt. A sell-out Jazz and Fizz event was held at Station Farm in July hosted by Jackie and Willis Harrison with entertainment from High society Jazz Band. Our Church participated in the Lune Valley Church Mouse Trail in November and the year closed with the Friends' organising a sold out Christmas Sparkle event at Wennington Hall.

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The PCC held 3 meetings in 2024 (January May and September) and in addition an extraordinary meeting was held in January to report on the tender received for the roofing works. The churchwardens provide regular input and photos to the quarterly Bell magazine – distributed to many in the parish and Wennington. The St James the Less website also includes regular updates.

During 2024, Ann Dawson retired from the Benefice's clergy and lay ministry team. We owe great thanks to Ann and her late husband Norman for leading services at St James over many years.

#### During 2024, the following actions have taken place:

The boiler and boiler house monitoring required attention to replace circuitry. There was regular mowing, strimming, and tidying in the churchyard. Dead wood on the Pine tree in the car park was attended to and the overhanging yew tree branches from the Old Rectory garden cut back. The trimmed churchyard yews were re-shaped and the bird feeders regularly refilled. A small area of meadow has been established against the southern churchyard wall to encourage wild flowers.

A fire extinguisher check was undertaken in August and an electrical inspection in November gave a satisfactory report (five yearly interval). A lightning conductor check has been instructed for 2025 (five yearly interval) .

Two members of the PCC continued training as bellringers; and in February our Church participated in the Over Kellet Open Day, celebrating the re-dedication of their bells.

A PCC sub-committee has overseen the major repair works to the roof, in conjunction with HPA architects. Following tendering in December 2023, the contract was awarded to Ducketts Ltd of Clawthorpe in February 2024. Following various delays regarding securing Faculty approval agreement of internal decoration details, work began in October 2024. The Church roof was covered by tented scaffolding to protect access to the northern roof slope. Unfortunately the slates when removed were found to be in too poor condition for re-use, with buying replacements increasing the cost of the work. Fortunately, the roof timbers were found to be in satisfactory condition. Despite the need to board over some windows for protection and to cover the font and rood screen, services and community use of the church was able to continue. The re-slating of the north roof commenced in January 2025.

Proposals to carry out similar works to the south roof would be considered in early 2025.

Community groups continue to meet in Church – Wenning Voices rehearse weekly, and Stitch and Chatter meet monthly, Wennington Parish Council meets bi-monthly and Tatham Parish Council alternates their meetings between St James and the Church of the Good Shepherd at Tatham Fells. The Church is opened every day. Volunteers organise regular cleaning days and together with the PCC and the Friends, combine to ensure the church is well-decorated with flowers and foliage for special services including Easter, Harvest Festival and Christmas.

The end of year accounts are attached to this report.

<b>Income 2024</b>			
	<b>Detail</b>		
		<b>As 31/12</b>	
	Planned giving, Standing Order	3,075.00	
	Collections at Services	3,749.68	
	All other giving	976.44	
	Gift Aid recovered	1,740.11	
	Legacies	0.00	
	Grants: RHI, PC, Friends, DBF, LPW	4,964.54	
	Fundraising	8,228.09	
	Fees retained by PCC	1,016.00	
	Repayment of Float	450.00	
	Trading activities, Venue Hire	819.00	
	Collections at Services, Not Gift Aided	380.00	
	Other receipts (not already listed)	0.00	
			<b>25,398.86</b>
<b>Other Income</b>			
	Sale of CCLA Assets		84,162
			<b>109,561.0</b>

<b>Expenditure 2024</b>			
	<b>Detail</b>	<b>As 31/12</b>	
	Costs of Fundraising		
	Mission giving and donations	1,140.00	
	Diocesan Parish Share	7,499.04	
	Salaries, Wages	90.46	
	Clergy, Staff expenses, Benefice	1,200.00	
	Church running expenses	6,810.44	
	Church Utility Bills	6,144.33	
	Major repairs to church building	86,076.60	
	New building work to church	0.00	
	Other expenditure not already listed	2,011.28	
			<b>110,972.1</b>
	Opening Balance		57,571.73
	Income		109,561.0
			167,132.7
	Less Expenditure		110,972.1
	<b>Surplus (Income less Expenditure)</b>		<b>56,160.6</b>

<b>BALANCE SHEET</b>	<b>As at 31st December</b>		
<b>Capital Account:</b>			
<b>Balance brought forward</b>			
Nat West		57,571.73	
CCLA		214,962.92	
			272,534.65
Entwistle House Schl sale			0.00
<b>Annual Surplus/(Deficit) for the</b>			
Nat West		(1,411.11)	
CCLA		27,763.40	
Investment		(84,162)	
			(57,809.89)
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<b>Represented by:-</b>			
Nat West current account		56,160.6	
Cash		0.00	
CB3020495		23,341.33	
CBF5schoolaccount603037002D		0.00	
CBFFabricaccount603037003D		0.00	
	No. of Shares	Mid-Mkt Value	
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**Derek Cookson**

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Income	2023		2022		
	As 31/12		As 31/12		
		Unrestricted Funds	Unrestricted Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment
<b>Income from Donors</b>					
Collections - Gift Aided	3,003.05	3,003.05			4,024.36
non Gift Aided	0.00				0.00
Standing Orders - Gift Aided	3,480.00	3,480.00			3,110.00
Special collections	2,398.15	2,398.15			0.00
Income tax recovered (Gift Aid)	1,805.73	1,805.73			1,389.59
Listed Places of Worship Grant - DCMS Scheme - (equivalent to VAT on improvements)	1,230.40	1,230.40			0.00
Sundry donations					2,050.00
Legacies					15,000.00
Parish Council Grant (Tatham & Wennington)	500.00	500.00			450.00
DBF-Cost of Living Support					1,624.58
Headley Trust Grant	0.00				0.00
Donations - use of church	682.00	682.00			876.00
Friends of St James The Less Donations	0.00	0.00			0.00
		13,099.33			28,524.53
<b>Income from operating activities</b>					
Fees - Weddings & Christenings	659.00	659.00			1,052.00
Funerals	419.00	419.00			142.00
Churchyard	166.00	166.00			0.00
Sales of cards, pictures, cushions, book					57.00
		1,244.00			1,251.00
<b>Income from fund raising</b>					
Bacon Butties	39.60	39.60			40.40
Wray Fair	1,426.00	1,426.00			1,985.35
Jazz / Strawberries & Fizz	0.00				0.00
Summer Supper	0.00				0.00
Flower Festival	0.00				0.00
Jumble Sale	1,642.62	1,642.62			1,361.82
Harvest Sale	0.00				0.00
Lockdown Jam	122.00	122.00			51.00
		3,230.22			3,438.57
<b>Income from investments</b>					
CBF bank interest	0.00				0.00
CCLA Deposit account	2,568.01				
CCLA Fabric account	253.55				
CCLA School account	-1,305.25				
CCLA investment dividends					
General	18,934.62				
General	6,175.85				
Fabric	446.03				
		27,072.81			0.00
<b>Other income</b>					
CCLA, School account	1,309.16		1,309.16		0.00
Renewable Heat Incentive	3,478.11	3,478.11			2,875.54
Sale of Entwistle House	0.00				0.00
		4,787.27			2,875.54
		49,433.63	21,051.66	1,309.16	0.00
				0.00	0.00
					36,089.64
From banking transactions		22,360.82			36,089.64
From investments		27,072.81			0.00
		49,433.63			36,089.64

**Tatham Parochial Church Council**

Expenditure	2023	Unrestricted Funds	Unrestricted Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment	2022
						As 31/12
<b>Cost of Parish Ministry</b>						
Parish Share	5,458.74	5,458.74				4,460.00
Wages	46.00	46.00				0.00
Vicar's expenses (Benefice)	1,260.00	1,260.00				800.00
	6,764.74					5,260.00
<b>Church running expenses</b>						
Electricity	257.02	257.02				371.29
Woodchip for biomass boiler	5,569.10	5,569.10				4,120.63
Insurance	3,788.17	3,788.17				0.00
Quinquennial Survey	810.00	810.00				0.00
Repairs & Refurbishments - Biomass Boiler	2,562.27	2,562.27				2,536.96
Repairs & Refurbishments - General	920.47	920.47				439.68
Repairs & Refurbishments - Roof	4,264.80	4,264.80				4,601.57
Churchyard Maintenance & Extension	2,934.00	2,934.00				535.00
Green Bin	41.00	41.00				98.94
Organist fees	0.00	0.00				0.00
Bell ringing fees	0.00	0.00				0.00
DBF	396.00	396.00				578.00
	21,542.83					13,282.07
<b>Fund Raising Expenses</b>						
Costs for Sumup	98.46	98.46				0.00
Costs for bacon butties	0.00	0.00				0.00
Costs for Wray Fair catering	0.00	0.00				200.00
Costs for Christmas cakes	0.00	0.00				0.00
Costs for Jazz & Fizz	0.00	0.00				0.00
Costs for Jumble Sale	0.00	0.00				0.00
Costs for Harvest Lunch	0.00	0.00				0.00
	98.46					200.00
<b>Support costs</b>						
Newsletter	203.50	203.50				225.00
Gifts for helpers	0.00	0.00				69.77
Visiting clergy (Benefice)	0.00	0.00				0.00
Sponsorship of "The Bell"	0.00	0.00				0.00
	203.50					294.77
<b>Administration</b>						
Stationery, postage & website costs	131.90	131.90				130.43
Church History booklets/cards for sale	0.00	0.00				0.00
Legal fees / Architect re: Roof Repair	0.00	0.00				0.00
	131.90					130.43
<b>Missions and Charities</b>						
Bishop's Harvest Appeal	100.00	100.00				0.00
Royal British Legion	150.00	150.00				0.00
Lancashire Assn of Bell Ringers	0.00	0.00				20.00
FCN	100.00	100.00				0.00
Lancaster Homeless Action	150.00	150.00				0.00
St John's Hospice	150.00	150.00				0.00
Melling School	1,309.16		1,309.16			0.00
Wennington / Church Defibrulator	0.00	0.00				0.00
	1,959.16					20.00
	30,700.59	29,391.43	1,309.16	0.00	0.00	19,187.27
<b>Receipts</b>						
Receipts	49,433.63					36,089.64
Payments	-30,700.59					-19,187.27
Surplus (receipts less payments)	18,733.04					16,902.37



Old Account No.	Account Name	Fund Name	New Account No.	2023				2022			
				Balance 31/12	Balance 01/01	Annual return	Investment	Balance 31/12	Balance 01/01	Annual return	Investment
603037001D	Tatham, St James the Less PCC - 1781978	CBF Church of England, Deposit Fund	CB3020495	£20,731.07	£18,163.06	£2,568.01	0.00	£18,163.06	£15,983.87	£2,179.19	£0.00
603037002D	Deposit School Account (Closed)			£0.00	£1,305.25	£-1,305.25	0.00	£1,305.25	£1,288.31	£16.94	£0.00
603037003D	Tatham, St James the Less PCC - Fabric Account	CBF Church of England, Deposit Fund	CB3020499	£3,689.65	£3,436.10	£253.55	0.00	£3,436.10	£3,251.13	£184.97	£0.00
603037001M	Tatham, St James the Less PCC	CBF Church of England Global Equity Fund Acc	CB3020496	£124,267.65	£105,333.03	£18,934.62	0.00	£105,333.03	£119,154.81	£-13,821.78	£0.00
603037001S	Tatham, St James the Less PCC - Fabric Account	CBF Church of England, Investment Fund Inc	CB3020497	£5,186.79	£4,740.76	£446.03	0.00	£4,740.76	£5,373.28	£-632.52	£0.00
603037002S	Tatham, St James the Less PCC - General Account	CBF Church of England, Investment Fund Inc	CB3020498	£71,817.94	£65,642.09	£6,175.85	0.00	£65,642.09	£74,400.24	£-8,758.15	£0.00
				<b>£225,693.10</b>	<b>£198,620.29</b>	<b>£27,072.81</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£198,620.29</b>	<b>£219,451.64</b>	<b>£-20,831.35</b>	<b>£0.00</b>

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The following parishioners served as members of the PCC during 2023:

**John Parkinson, Linda Kirkby** (churchwarden and bellringer), **Paul Whatmough** (treasurer and bell ringer), **Elizabeth Atkinson** (sidesperson), **Dennis Lund, Lucy Leather, Helen Bramley, Stephen Robson** (churchwarden and Deanery Synod representative), **Margaret Wilson** (secretary) and **Kate Warburton** (Vice Chair and sidesperson). Resigning from the PCC was **Phyllis Holt** – churchwarden (not sworn in) and Deanery Synod representative and Sue Marsden.

### Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The PCC have complied with the duty with regards to the Guidance on Safeguarding.

### Objectives and Activities

The PCC supports the incumbent of the East Lonsdale Benefice (Reverend Jane Lee). The responsibility for the maintenance of the Church building, churchyard and car park remains with the PCC.

### Achievements, performance, and attendance

There are 36 names on the Electoral Roll. Average attendance at the 11.15 am fortnightly services is 14.

During 2023, services have been held regularly. Special services were held for Plough Sunday, Mothering Sunday, the coronation of King Charles III, Harvest Festival and Remembrance Sunday. There was one baptism, one funeral and one wedding. A packed church enjoyed Wenning Voices annual open evening/ carol concert at Christmas.

### Review of the year

In May, the PCC again provided catering on the first Sunday of Wray Festival week, generously supported by many of the Friends of St James the Less who provided baked goods and help on the day. This was followed by a PCC stall on Wray Fair Field day, with bric-a-brac, goodies for sale and games. These two initiatives, together with the annual Grand Jumble Sale held in September at Hornby provide significant financial support to Church funds. In June, the annual Benefice Service was followed by a picnic and games in the garden of the Old Rectory, by kind permission of Mrs Phyllis Holt. In October, we were saddened by the loss of Dorothy Lund. Following a private committal at Beetham, Dorothy's funeral service was held at St James the Less, with the Church full to capacity and Wenning Voices leading the singing.

The PCC held 5 meetings in 2023. One issue of the Church newsletter was circulated. It was resolved to discontinue the Parish Church newsletter and replace with regular updating to the St James the Less website and an entry in The Bell.

## St James the Less, Lower Tatham

### Annual Report for the Parochial Church Council for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

During 2023, the following actions have taken place:

Boiler and boiler house monitoring with significant boiler repairs being carried out. Regular mowing, strimming, and tidying in the churchyard.

Fire extinguisher check was undertaken in August. Lightning conductor check is due in 2024.

Electrical equipment check – last complete inspection 2019, with the next planned in 2024.

Two members of the PCC continued training as bellringers.

A sub-committee was convened to direct and oversee - in conjunction with HPA architects - the proposed repairs to the church roof and the churchyard extension. It was agreed to delay further work on the churchyard extension until the full financial implications of the roof works were known. However, the transfer of the land for the extension from the PCC to the Incumbent (as required by the Diocese) was registered in September. The roof repairs contract was sent out to tender in October. In December, of the five firms who received documents, only one returned a valid tender. The construction contract will progress in 2024.

The Quinquennial Inspection and report were undertaken by HPA Architects in July. The most urgent works to the north facing roof, tower roof and other stonework repairs are included in the contract referred to above. Other works will be reviewed during 2024 when the costs of the contract works are known.

The Churchyard trees were inspected in Summer 2023, including the mature Lime tree covered by a Tree Preservation Order. Urgent works to remove basal growth from the Lime and dead wood from the Pine Tree in the car park are to be undertaken in 2024.

The Friends of St James the Less continue to generously support the building with events and fund raising. In June, the Friends invited Lancaster Singers, who gave a well-attended Musical Medley concert (delayed by Covid 19 from an original date in 2021). The Friends' 100 Club continues to raise valued funds to maintain and enhance the Church facilities .

Groups continue to meet in Church – Wenning Voices rehearse weekly, and Stitch and Chatter meet monthly. Wennington Parish Council meets bi-monthly and Tatham Parish Council alternates their meetings between St James and the Church of the Good Shepherd at Tatham Fells. A decision was taken during the year not to close the Church after autumn clock change and we now welcome visitors by opening the church daily throughout the year. Volunteers organise regular cleaning days and together with the PCC and the Friends, these groups combine to ensure the church is well-decorated with flowers and foliage for special services including Easter, Harvest Festival and Christmas.

The end of year accounts are attached to this report.