

EUXTON PARISH CHURCH

ANNUAL MEETINGS 2023

Sunday 21 May 2023, 10.15am in Church

A. ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS FOR THE ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS

Meeting open to all those whose names are entered on the electoral roll of the parish and those who reside in the parish and whose names are entered on a register of local government electors

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of previous meeting
3. Election of Churchwardens

B. ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Meeting open to those whose names are entered on the roll of the parish and specified others

No	Item	Encl.	Presenter
1.	Apologies for absence	Verbal	Revd J Smith
2.	Minutes of the previous meeting	✓	Revd J Smith
3.	Report on changes to the electoral roll	✓	Revd J Smith
4.	Annual report of the PCC	✓	P Howard
5.	Financial statements for year ended 31 December 2022	✓	S Lee
6.	Appointment of independent examiner for the coming year	Verbal	S Lee
7.	Annual fabric report	✓	A Grant
8.	Deanery Synod report	✓	Revd J Smith
9.	Safeguarding report	✓	Revd J Smith
10.	Elections to PCC	Verbal	Revd J Smith
11.	Elections to Deanery Synod	Verbal	Revd J Smith
12.	Questions	Verbal	Revd J Smith

**Anyone wishing to ask a question under item 12 is requested to submit it at least 48 hours in advance by email to:
euxtonpcc@gmail.com**

EUXTON PARISH CHURCH

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PARISHIONERS HELD ON 18 MAY 2022 AT 7.30PM
IN THE CHURCH COMMUNITY CENTRE, SCHOOL LANE, EUXTON, PR7 6JL**

Present:	Revd J Smith (Incumbent, in the Chair)	R Goodwin	P Owen
	M Ainscough	A Grant	J Phillips
	S Ball	E Heaton	M Pincock
	Revd A Bland	P Howard (Secretary)	A Reid
	G Bolton	G Ingham	M Rooney
	V Bowling	G Jones	J Smith
	P Ellis	J Leap	B Tunstall
	V Fairbrother	S Lee (Treasurer)	J Vanerpuye
	M Fifer	J Lewis	H Waugh
	A Francis	G Mitchell	M Whittaker
	C Glen	J Mitchell	J Wilson

1. Chair and quorum

Revd Jo Smith took the chair and noted that the meeting had been convened in accordance with the provisions of ss. 4 and 5 of the Churchwardens Measure 2001.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Alexandra Howard and Annabelle Armstrong.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 12 May 2021 were **APPROVED** as a true and accurate record.

4. Election of churchwardens

The Chair confirmed that nominations had been received, duly proposed and seconded and accompanied by the necessary statements to confirm that the nominees were willing to serve and were not disqualified from serving, for the following individuals:

- (a) Mr Andrew Grant, proposed by Maureen Rooney and seconded by Andrea Reid; and
- (b) Ms Maureen Rooney, proposed by Andy Grant and seconded by Andrea Reid.

The candidates were duly **ELECTED UNOPPOSED**.

There being no further business to transact, the meeting was declared closed.

Chair

Date:.....

EUXTON PARISH CHURCH

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING HELD ON 18 MAY 2022 AT 7.35PM
IN THE CHURCH COMMUNITY CENTRE, SCHOOL LANE, EUXTON, PR7 6JL**

Present:	Revd J Smith (Incumbent, in the Chair)	R Goodwin	P Owen
	M Ainscough	A Grant	J Phillips
	S Ball	E Heaton	M Pincock
	Revd A Bland	P Howard (Secretary)	A Reid
	G Bolton	G Ingham	M Rooney
	V Bowling	G Jones	J Smith
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	A Francis	G Mitchell	M Whittaker
	C Glen	J Mitchell	J Wilson

1. Chair and quorum

Revd Jo Smith took the chair and noted that due notice of the meeting had been given. She therefore declared the meeting duly convened and constituted.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Annabelle Armstrong and Alexandra Howard.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 12 May 2021 were **APPROVED** as a true and accurate record.

4. Review of 2021

The Chair delivered a presentation to summarise the highlights of 2021. She outlined the developments across services and worship as well as noting that there had been 5 baptisms, 1 wedding and 1 wedding blessing and 23 funerals during the year. She also noted that Revd Amy Bland had joined the parish as a Curate and the development of a new ministry team through the commissioning of three Authorised Lay Ministers.

Particular note was made of the fact that a new youth group for those in school years 6 to 9 had been launched and thanked Revd Amy Bland and Anne Howard for their leadership in this area. The refreshing of the pastoral visiting team was also acknowledged.

With regard to the financial situation, the Chair thanked Shona Lee for her focused work as Treasurer and summarised the discussions that had taken place with the diocese around parish share. Note was made of the move to using the Parish Giving Scheme which has significant benefits for the organisation and those present were asked to consider transferring to the scheme if possible.

A briefing on the roof works was provided and note was made of the fact that Bishop Julian would be presiding at the first service back in church on 19 June 2022.

The meeting received and noted the verbal report.

5. Report on changes to the electoral roll

A report had been circulated with the agenda to set out the electoral roll as at 31 December 2021.

The meeting received the report on changes to the electoral roll and noted the content.

6. Annual report of the PCC

The Secretary presented a report which had been circulated with the agenda. There were no questions on the content of the report.

7. Annual report and financial statements for year ended 31 December 2021

The Treasurer presented the annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021 which had been circulated with the agenda. She confirmed that these had been subject to independent examination. There were no questions raised. The Chair thanked the Treasurer for her dedicated work throughout the year and highlighted the work of Becky Edge in managing the financial aspects of the roof project.

The meeting received and noted the annual report and financial statements for year-ended 31 December 2021.

8. Appointment of independent examiner for the coming year

The meeting **APPOINTED** Smith and Goulding as its independent examiners for the coming financial year.

9. Report on the fabric of the church

Mr A Grant presented a report which had been circulated in advance of the meeting to outline the issues relating to the fabric of the church. Thanks were offered to the Church Wardens and to the grounds team for their continuing hard work.

The meeting received the report and noted the content.

10. Deanery Synod

Mrs C Glen presented a report which had been circulated in advance of the meeting to summarise the business transacted by Deanery Synod during 2021.

The meeting received the report and noted the content.

11. Safeguarding report

A report had been circulated with the agenda to update the meeting on matters relating to safeguarding. Thanks were offered to the Safeguarding Officer, Claire Holt, and the Safeguarding Administrator, Gail Bolton.

The meeting received the report and noted the content.

12. Elections to PCC

The Chair thanked those who had served on the PCC and come to the end of their term of office or otherwise stood down during the year. Thanks were offered for the work of Marion Ainscough, Rose Braddock, Edwin Heaton, Tony Hodges and Sue Whyte.

noted that there were eight vacancies for lay members of the Parochial Church Council, of which five were for three-year terms and three were for two-year terms, and that four nominations had been received. As a result, the following individuals were **APPOINTED** to serve on the PCC:

- (a) Sarah Ball, proposed by Shona Lee and seconded by Andy Grant, for a three-year term;
- (b) Paul Ellis, proposed by Andy Grant and seconded by Maureen Rooney, for a three-year term;
- (c) Paul Howard, proposed by Andy Grant and seconded by Shona Lee, for a one-year term, due to him reaching his maximum term of office in 2023; and
- (d) Grant Ingham, proposed by Andy Grant and seconded by Maureen Rooney, for a three-year term.

13. Looking forward: Church vision and priorities

With regard to the coming year, the Chair outlined the intention to adopt the diocesan vision of ‘Healthy Churches Transforming Communities’ and confirmed that this would be shared in more detail during services over the coming months. Four prayer stations had been provided, each based on one of the four key themes of the diocesan vision, and attendees spent time engaging with these.

After the prayer stations had concluded, the Chair briefly outlined the ways in which the parish would be looking to support each of the four strands of the vision and the intention to introduce a team structure was described.

14. Date, time and venue of next meeting

The meeting noted that the next Annual Parochial Church Meeting would take place before the end of May 2023.

With no further business, the meeting concluded at 8.45pm in prayer.

Chair

Date:.....

Electoral Roll as at 31 December 2022

Total on roll : 184

Resident in the parish : 144

Resident outside the parish : 40

Andy Grant

Parochial Church Council Report

It is my pleasure to deliver this report of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. The purpose of the report is to provide an annual report on the proceedings of the PCC and the activities of the parish generally.

Meetings

We met as a PCC on eight occasions during 2022. Each meeting was well-attended, and the attendance of each PCC member is shown in the table below.

Name	A	B	%	Name	A	B	%
Revd Jo Smith	8	8	100%	Tony Hodges	0	3	0%
Marion Ainscough	2	3	67%	Anne Howard	5	8	63%
Sarah Ball	5	5	100%	Paul Howard	7	8	88%
Revd Amy Bland	7	8	88%	Grant Ingram	4	5	80%
Gail Bolton	5	8	63%	Gareth Jones	8	8	100%
Rose Braddock	3	3	100%	Jenny Leap	7	8	88%
Paul Ellis	3	3	100%	Shona Lee	7	8	88%
Chris Glen	8	8	100%	Matt Power	2	8	25%
Rosie Goodwin	7	8	88%	Maureen Rooney	4	5	80%
Andy Grant	8	8	100%	Gill Steele	7	8	88%
Edwin Heaton	3	3	100%	Sue Whyte	1	3	33%

A: Number of meetings attended

B: Total number of meetings possible

Membership

At the Annual Parochial Church meeting on 18 May 2022, the following appointments were made:

- Sarah Ball, Paul Ellis and Grant Ingram were elected as lay members of the PCC for three-year terms of office, concluding at the APCM in 2025; and
- I was elected as a lay member of the PCC for a one-year-year terms of office, concluding at the APCM in 2023.

At the PCC meeting on 18 May 2022, Andy Grant was reappointed as the PCC's Vice-Chair, Shona Lee was reappointed as the Treasurer and I was reappointed as Secretary.

Summary of business transacted

The table below shows the key items of business transacted by the PCC at each of its meetings during the year, in addition to the standing reports considered:

February 2022	April 2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Deep dive into diocesan vision and how that links to Euxton parish ▪ Approved fixing of the vestry window, subject to receipt of List B faculty ▪ Approved removal of bookcase ▪ Approved removal of external window grilles ▪ Approved use of contractor to clean stained glass window (at no extra cost) ▪ Approved fixed installation of screens, subject to receipt of faculty ▪ Agreed to the establishment of a working group to review the Church Community Centre governance arrangements ▪ Initial discussion about admission of children to Holy Communion before confirmation ▪ Approval of youth group risk assessment ▪ Approval of graveyard and garden of remembrance policy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Agreed to Euxton Singers being considered an independent organisation with effect from 31 December 2022 and the associated transfer of funds ▪ Follow-up discussion about admission of children to Holy Communion before confirmation ▪ Agreed new governance arrangements for the Church Community Centre ▪ Appointed foundation governor for Euxton Church of England Primary School ▪ Approved risk assessment for youth club social event and monthly walks
8 May 2022	18 May 2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Approval of the annual report and accounts and the associated letter of representation ▪ Approved an application for a Temporary Minor Reordering Licence in respect of the removal of 3 pews and the turning of the organ by 90° 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Appointment of officers
June 2022	July 2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Agreement to appointment to Church Community Centre Coordinator post for a 12-month period ▪ Agreed to donate £50 to the Bishop of Blackburn's retirement collection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Received the results of the vote in respect of admission of children to Holy Communion before confirmation ▪ Made decisions around signage and noticeboards ▪ Approve the current service plan for continued use following a trial
September 2022	November 2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Approved new terms and conditions for Church Community Centre hire ▪ Approved a new pricing structure for the Church Community Centre ▪ Approved the felling of three trees, subject to receipt of a List B faculty ▪ Approved the legacy and lone worker policies ▪ Approved risk assessment for youth group event 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Approved Church Community Centre and church budgets for 2023 ▪ Approved the purchase of 35 lightweight chairs and 2 trolleys for the Church Community Centre ▪ Approved derestriction of the Church Community Centre account ▪ Approve the 2023 list of fees ▪ Agreed to the removal of sign on main pathway ▪ Approved safeguarding policy

Financial position

The parish's financial position continued to be a challenge, particularly given the level of expenditure required on the roof project. Close monitoring of the financial position has taken place throughout the year, and we were pleased that we were able to pay our parish share in full; thanks to decisions taken by the PCC in-year.

Other matters

At the APCM we will be looking for new members to join our PCC, to replace those whose terms of office have come to an end. If you are not sure whether to stand for election, please do pray about it or, alternatively, feel free to speak to someone to find out more about what the role entails.

All that remains is for me to thank all members of the PCC and indeed all members of the church – without your faithfulness to God we could not have achieved what we have achieved, nor all that God has called us to do in order to share his love with our community.

PAUL HOWARD
PCC Secretary

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF EUXTON PARISH CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

INCUMBENT

The Reverend J. Smith

Registered Charity Number: 1130598

BANKS

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PR7 2RZ

Santander UK plc
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Merseyside
L30 4GB

HSBC plc
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CCLA Investment Management Ltd
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ACCOUNTANTS

Smith & Goulding Ltd
2-4 Southport Road
Chorley
PR7 1LD

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS TO THE
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF EUXTON PARISH CHURCH**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Parochial Church Council of Euxton Parish Church for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 2 to 12.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

I report in respect of my examination of the Trustees' accounts carried out under s.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 2011 Act. I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

Independent examiner's statement

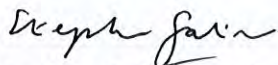
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or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

Independent examiner's statement

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

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by s. 130 of the Act;
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- (3) the accounts do 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.



**Stephen Gardiner ACA CTA
Chartered Accountant
SMITH & GOULDING LTD
2-4 Southport Road
CHORLEY
Lancashire PR7 1LD**

Dated: 12 May 2023

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF EUXTON PARISH CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Note	Un- restricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2(a)	161,882	550	162,432	241,622
Church activities	2(b)	4,119	2,248	6,367	4,612
Other trading activities	2(c)	10,192	31,678	41,870	31,802
Investments	2(d)	292	23	315	341
Other	2(e)	445	-	445	147
Total income and endowments		<u>176,930</u>	<u>34,499</u>	<u>211,429</u>	<u>278,524</u>
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	3(a)	-	2,219	2,219	1,796
Church activities	3(b)	253,676	53,821	307,497	277,461
Other	3(c)	1,506	-	1,506	830
Total expenditure		<u>255,182</u>	<u>56,040</u>	<u>311,222</u>	<u>280,087</u>
Net gains (losses) on investments		<u>-</u>	<u>(1,538)</u>	<u>(1,538)</u>	<u>1,649</u>
Net income/ (expenditure)		(78,252)	(23,079)	(101,331)	86
Transfers between funds	8	43,110	(43,110)	-	-
		(35,142)	(66,189)	(101,331)	86
Other recognised gains/ (losses):					
Gains (losses) on revaluation of fixed assets		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>387,626</u>
		(35,142)	(66,189)	(101,331)	387,712
Net movement in funds					
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		<u>88,995</u>	<u>1,425,523</u>	<u>1,514,518</u>	<u>1,126,806</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>53,853</u>	<u>1,359,334</u>	<u>1,413,187</u>	<u>1,514,518</u>

All amounts are derived from continuing activities. There were no incoming resources attributable to geographical markets outside the United Kingdom (2021 none). All gains and losses recognised during the year are included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

The notes on pages 4 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

An analysis of the comparative figures for 2021 is set out in note 4 of the accounts.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF EUXTON PARISH CHURCH


BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Note	£	2022 £	£	2021 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	7(a)		1,344,965		1,380,359
Investments	7(b)		<u>13,363</u>		<u>14,878</u>
			1,358,328		1,395,237
Current assets					
Debtors	9	<u>7,099</u>		<u>6,922</u>	
Cash at bank and in hand:					
Community Centre account		45,128		27,211	
Church General account		5,625		118,667	
Church Deposit account		33		33	
Choir account		-		438	
Euxton Singers account		<u>-</u>		<u>1,993</u>	
		<u>50,786</u>		<u>148,342</u>	
		<u>57,885</u>		<u>155,264</u>	
Liabilities					
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>3,026</u>		<u>35,983</u>	
Net current assets			<u>54,859</u>		<u>119,281</u>
Total net assets			<u>1,413,187</u>		<u>1,514,518</u>
The funds of the charity:					
Unrestricted income funds	8		53,853		88,995
Restricted income funds		(23,290)		42,899	
Revaluation reserve		<u>1,382,624</u>		<u>1,382,624</u>	
			<u>1,359,334</u>		<u>1,425,523</u>
Total charity funds			<u>1,413,187</u>		<u>1,514,518</u>

The notes on pages 4 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council
of Euxton Parish Church and signed on its behalf

Dated: 25th April 2023


Mrs Shona Lee
Treasurer

Charity Registered Number: 1130598

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF EUXTON PARISH CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1. **General information**

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Euxton (known as Euxton Parish Church) is a corporate body established by the Church of England and is a Registered Charity (charity number 1130598). The Church is situated on Wigan Road, Euxton and is part of the Diocese of Blackburn within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Vicarage, Wigan Road, Euxton, Chorley, Lancashire PR7 6JH.

2. **Statement of compliance**

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with the provisions of FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland'.

3. **Accounting policies**

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Church meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of land and buildings, which are shown at market value. The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the entity. The figures in the accounts are rounded to the nearest £.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Church's ability to continue as a going concern, particularly during the current Covid-19 health crisis since the annual Parish Share commitment is not a legally enforceable liability which could be postponed if circumstances require this.

The preparation of the financial statements may require the trustees to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported for assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date and the amounts reported for income and expenditure during the year. However, the nature of estimation means that the actual outcomes could differ from those estimates. The judgement that has had the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements relates to the estimate of the useful economic lives of the various fixed assets as set out in the accounts for the purpose of the depreciation charge.

Funds

Unrestricted income funds comprise accumulated surpluses and deficits on general funds that are available for use at the discretion of the PCC in furtherance of the general objectives of the Church and that have not been designated for other purposes by the Wardens of the PCC. Restricted income funds are funds subject to special conditions imposed by the donor and are not available for purposes other than those specified by the donor.

The accounts include all monetary transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of Church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF EUXTON PARISH CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Income

Turnover is the amount derived from ordinary activities and is stated net of VAT. All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Planned giving receivable under covenant is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on covenants or gift aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due.

Income from Church and trading activities

Rental income from the letting of Church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

Funds raised by fairs and similar events are accounted for gross.

Sales of magazines are accounted for gross.

Income from investments

Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold.

Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

Expenditure

Expenditure is included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT which cannot be recovered. Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that category. Donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC. The parish share is accounted for when payable. Any amount unpaid at the year end is provided for in the accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet.

Tangible fixed assets

Consecrated land and buildings and movable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by s.96 (2) (a) & (c) of the Charities Act 1993.

No value is placed on movable Church furnishings held by the Church wardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings and movable Church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the SOFA and separately disclosed.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Equipment used within the Church premises is stated at cost less depreciation calculated on a straight-line basis over 4 years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Community Centre and Annex

The property is stated at valuation. Depreciation on the property is provided for at 2.5% on a straight-line basis.

The carrying values of tangible fixed assets are reviewed for impairment if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable.

Investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are recognised at their transaction value. The charity does not acquire equity investments, put options, derivatives or other complex financial instruments. All non-cash deposits are revalued at their quoted market price at 31 December. The Statement of Financial Activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals during the year. Cash held on deposit with the CBF Church of England Funds is invested for long term purposes and is included within fixed assets.

Current assets

Trade and other debtors owing to the PCC are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Current liabilities

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF EUXTON PARISH CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Un- restricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
2. Income and endowments from:				
<i>(a) Donations and legacies</i>				
Planned giving:				
- Gift Aid Donations	42,917	-	42,917	47,293
- Income tax recoverable	12,633	-	12,633	12,628
- Other Planned Giving	3,691	-	3,691	1,446
Collections (open plate) at all services	6,184	-	6,184	2,328
Sundry donations	47,352	550	47,902	24,813
Legacies	-	-	-	108,831
Special collections	-	-	-	48
Grants	49,105	-	49,105	44,235
	<u>161,882</u>	<u>550</u>	<u>162,432</u>	<u>241,622</u>
<i>(b) Church activities</i>				
Fees	2,156	-	2,156	3,733
Church heating	115	-	115	250
Community Centre lettings	804	2,248	3,052	521
Magazine sales	-	-	-	-
Remembrance plaques	1,044	-	1,044	108
	<u>4,119</u>	<u>2,248</u>	<u>6,367</u>	<u>4,612</u>
<i>(c) Other trading activities</i>				
Magazine adverts	-	-	-	-
Fundraising events	6,105	-	6,105	5,306
Choir fund	-	-	-	-
Flower fund	-	148	148	153
Euxton Singers	-	-	-	2,164
Community Centre lettings	3,584	26,665	30,249	22,116
Community Centre fundraising	503	4,865	5,368	2,063
	<u>10,192</u>	<u>31,678</u>	<u>41,870</u>	<u>31,802</u>
<i>(d) UK Investments</i>				
Dividends	292	-	292	282
Interest	-	23	23	59
	<u>292</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>315</u>	<u>341</u>
<i>(e) Other</i>				
Miscellaneous	445	-	445	147
	<u>445</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>445</u>	<u>147</u>
Total income and endowments	<u>176,930</u>	<u>34,499</u>	<u>211,429</u>	<u>278,524</u>

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	Un- restricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
3. Expenditure on:				
<i>(a) Raising funds</i>				
Choir fund	-	-	-	-
Flower fund	-	227	227	258
Euxton Singers	-	1,992	1,992	1,538
	-	2,219	2,219	1,796
<i>(b) Church activities</i>				
Parish share	70,000	-	70,000	67,125
Housing	4,319	-	4,319	3,364
Visiting clergy	74	-	74	-
Upkeep services	2,041	-	2,041	1,266
Church running expenses	2,345	-	2,345	2,664
Church maintenance	167,178	-	167,178	148,872
Insurance	1,731	-	1,731	1,726
Salaries/retainer	-	-	-	-
Car park/church yard	422	-	422	1,904
Remembrance plaques	990	-	990	-
Magazine costs	-	-	-	-
General costs	109	-	109	182
Missionary & charitable giving	-	-	-	-
Special collections	-	-	-	48
Independent examination	1,488	-	1,488	1,080
Community Centre:				
General running costs	2,674	15,040	17,714	11,229
Inspections	-	993	993	881
Renovations/maintenance	305	2,395	2,700	1,727
Depreciation	-	35,393	35,393	35,393
	253,676	53,821	307,497	277,461
<i>(c) Other</i>				
Books	441	-	441	182
Administration	671	-	671	583
Miscellaneous	394	-	394	65
	1,506	-	1,506	830
Total expenditure	255,182	56,040	311,222	280,087

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4. Statement of Financial Activities analysis of comparative figures

	Un- restricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	241,182	440	241,622
Church activities	4,091	521	4,612
Other trading activities	5,306	26,496	31,802
Investments	290	51	341
Other	147	-	147
Total income and endowments	251,016	27,508	278,524
Resources expended			
Raising funds	-	1,796	1,796
Church activities	228,231	49,230	277,461
Other	830	-	830
Total expenditure	229,061	51,026	280,087
Net gains (losses) on investments	-	1,649	1,649
Net income/ (expenditure)	21,955	(21,869)	86
Transfers between funds	8,250	(8,250)	-
	30,205	(30,119)	86
Other recognised gains/ (losses):			
Gains (losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	-	387,626	387,626
Net movement in funds	30,205	357,507	387,712
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward	58,790	1,068,016	1,126,806
Total funds carried forward	88,995	1,425,523	1,514,518

5. Staff costs and numbers

	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and salaries	-	-
Social Security costs	-	-
	=	=

The Church has benefited from the services of unpaid general volunteers each year, the value of which is not recognised in the accounts. Further information, regarding the contribution made by volunteers to the Church's activities, is set out in the Trustees' Report.

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6. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

The incumbent Revd. Joanne Smith and the curate Revd. Amy Bland who are members of the PCC received working expenses of £1,006 and £659 during the year. No other payments or expenses were made to any other PCC member or related parties.

Donations were made in total by members of the PCC to the Church during the year of £27,636. Apart from this there were no other related party transactions during the year that require disclosure.

7. Fixed assets for use by the PCC

	Freehold land & buildings £	Freehold Annex £	Furniture & fittings £	Computer equipment £	Total £
(a) Tangible fixed assets					
Cost or valuation					
At 01.01.22	1,330,806	84,945	20,821	15,777	1,452,349
Added in year	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluation in year	-	-	-	-	-
At 31.12.22	1,330,806	84,945	20,821	15,777	1,452,349
Depreciation					
At 01.01.22	33,270	2,124	20,820	15,776	71,990
Charge for year	33,270	2,124	-	-	35,394
Revaluation in year	-	-	-	-	-
At 31.12.22	66,540	4,248	20,820	15,776	107,384
Net book values					
At 31.12.22	1,264,266	80,697	1	1	1,344,965
At 31.12.21	1,297,536	82,821	1	1	1,380,359

Freehold land and buildings comprise the Community Centre and land. The Community Centre property and the annex were revalued for insurance purposes by the insurance company in 2021 on a cost to rebuild basis and are included in these accounts at the revised valuation. This basis has been used as the best estimate of the fair value of the property since there is no market-based evidence available due to the specialised nature of the item and the Trustees feel that the cost involved in obtaining a specialised valuation for the property would outweigh any benefits derived from this. No original cost figure is available for these properties. Other fixed assets are shown at cost. All tangible fixed assets are used for or to support charitable purposes.

(b) Investment fixed assets	2022 £	2021 £
Church deposit fund – cost	1,778	1,755
Church investment fund – valuation	11,585	13,123
	<u>13,363</u>	<u>14,878</u>

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Investment fixed assets (continued)

All of the above are UK investments, held to provide an investment return for the Church and are not programme related investments made primarily as part of the Church's charitable activities. The movement in the Church deposit fund consists of the annual interest receivable and the movement in the Church investment fund consists of the annual surplus on revaluation, which reflects the quoted market price. The restricted funds' investments consist of £1,778 (2021 £1,755) in the Church deposit fund and the total of £11,585 (2021 £13,123) in the Church investment fund.

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£
8. Analysis of net assets by fund				
Fixed assets for Church use	1	1,344,964	1,344,965	1,380,359
Investment fixed assets	-	13,363	13,363	14,878
Current assets	56,878	1,007	57,885	155,264
Current liabilities	(3,026)	-	(3,026)	(35,983)
Fund balance	53,853	1,359,334	1,413,187	1,514,518

Unrestricted funds

	General Fund	Designated Fund	Total
Balance b/fwd at 01.01.22	6,424	82,571	88,995
Income	81,653	95,277	176,930
Expenditure	(88,004)	(167,178)	(255,182)
	(6,351)	(71,901)	(78,252)
Transfer to designated funds	-	-	-
Transfer between funds	43,110	-	43,110
Balance c/fwd at 31.12.22	43,183	10,670	53,853

The designated funds have been earmarked for use in connection with the ongoing roof works.

Restricted funds

	Community Centre fund	Other restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£
Balance b/fwd at 01.01.22	1,407,570	17,953	1,425,523
Income	34,328	171	34,499
Expenditure	(53,824)	(2,216)	(56,040)
	(19,496)	(2,045)	(21,541)
Transfer between funds	(43,110)	-	(43,110)
Surplus (deficit) on revaluation of investments	-	(1,538)	(1,538)
	(43,110)	(1,538)	(44,648)
Balance c/fwd at 31.12.22	1,344,964	14,370	1,359,334

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Restricted funds (continued)

The unrestricted funds represent general Church funds. The restricted funds comprised the Euxton Parish Church Community Centre Fund and other minor restricted funds set up for various purposes as specified by the donors. The movements on the funds during the year are as set out above. The Community Centre Fund was set up for the building of the Community Centre in the early 2000's and specific grants and other funding were received for this purpose. The income and expenditure generated since the completion of the building has also been included in the restricted fund but there was no specific requirement for this and therefore the net income to date has been transferred to the general unrestricted fund, after the position was agreed by the PCC during the year.

The PCC consider that the resources of each fund are held in the appropriate form to meet the particular fund's requirements.

		2022	2021
		£	£
9.	Debtors		
	Income tax recoverable	5,963	5,599
	Prepayments and accrued income	652	929
	Other debtors	484	394
		<u>7,099</u>	<u>6,922</u>
		2022	2021
		£	£
10.	Creditors		
	Accountancy fees (including VAT)	1,080	1,080
	Other accruals and deferred income	1,946	7,276
	Roof works creditors	-	27,627
		<u>3,026</u>	<u>35,983</u>

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1. AIMS AND PURPOSES

- 1.1. The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Euxton (the PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the Incumbent in promoting the whole mission of the church – pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical – across the parish. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church Community Centre on School Lane, Euxton.

2. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

- 2.1. The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship and to become part of our church family.
- 2.2. The PCC continues to ensure that the fabric of the church and surroundings are well-maintained and this year we concluded the appeal to fund significant repairs to the roof of our Grade 2* listed church.
- 2.3. When planning activities for the year, the PCC is mindful of the Charity Commission's guidelines with respect to public benefit and in particular the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable everyone to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:
- (a) Worship and prayer, encouraging growth as disciples of Christ, recognising and using their God-given gifts;
 - (b) Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish; and
 - (c) Missionary and outreach work. To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the church building and that of the Church Community Centre.
- 2.4. Our primary focus during 2022 was to continue creating new disciples as well as encouraging all members of our church family here in Euxton to explore their own faith and to receive anew the Good News that the Bible brings us, as well as completing the roof project and returning to the church building.

3. ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

- 3.1. Given our focus on creating new disciples and encouraging all to explore their faith, we were pleased that the service pattern we introduced in 2021 had been well-received and was therefore confirmed in-year as the new regular service pattern. We aim to provide something for everyone, and during the week we usually provide a communion service from the Book of Common Prayer, a more traditional communion or morning prayer service from Common Worship and all-age services, including a weekly Early Birds group during term time for pre-schoolers. We are delighted to have seen a 15% increase in the number of worshippers in October 2022, compared with the year before.
- 3.2. 2022 saw the culmination of our longstanding roof project, with total costs of more than £330,000 being largely met by donations and fundraising. For the past two years, there has been a real focus amongst the congregation and the wider community on raising sufficient funds to ensure that our church building is watertight and remains available for public worship for many years to come. The PCC would like to express its heartfelt thanks to everyone who has contributed to the project, either financially or through giving so generously of their time in support of it.

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Achievements and Performance (continued)

- 3.3. At a strategic level, the PCC took time during the year to consider its plans for the next three-to-five years and approved a new vision statement. Mirroring the diocesan priorities of making disciples, being witnesses, growing leaders and inspiring children and young people, our vision helps us to focus on our priorities and to ensure that we play our part as part of Blackburn Diocese's wider Vision 2026 programme.
- 3.4. As part of our commitment to inspire children and young people, the PCC agreed to a significant change this year. Historically, children in Euxton Parish had been presented for confirmation as they approached the end of primary school or the start of high school. Whilst the decision to be confirmed is one where people make a public declaration of faith, with the intention of walking and growing as disciples for the rest of their lives, confirmation was seen as the gateway to receiving communion. To enable our young people to feel fully part of the church family and to take part in communion in their own right, the PCC explored admitting children to communion before confirmation.
- 3.5. After careful reflection and much prayer, the PCC agreed to support the admission of baptised children to Holy Communion before confirmation and this was approved by the Bishop of Blackburn following an application. After completing a short course with their parents to explore the meaning of communion, those admitted to Holy Communion are able to receive the bread and wine at the table; receiving the body and blood of Christ and partaking more fully, whilst continuing their journey with Jesus. This year, 10 children were admitted to communion before confirmation.
- 3.6. In addition to our usual weekly services, we have also offered a number of formational opportunities, such as small groups to read through the New Testament and a small group looking at our frontlines, and the provision of Lent and Advent self-study books. These opportunities provide people with space and structure to consider and grow in their own relationship with God, in a way that suits them best.
- 3.7. A significant step forward was also taken during the year as we reviewed and updated our internal governance arrangements in relation to our most significant asset – our Church Community Centre. Working with those who have been involved with the centre for many years, the PCC co-designed new governance arrangements that saw the PCC resuming direct oversight of the centre, facilitated by a dedicated Community Centre Coordinator who provides a report to each meeting of the PCC. Since the new model was introduced, the PCC has revised the terms and conditions of hire and introduced a new pricing structure, which aims to ensure that the charity maximises its assets whilst ensuring that it remains available for use by the community we serve. Updated banking arrangements and removal of unnecessary fund restrictions has also improved the PCC's ability to consider matters holistically for the benefit of the charity. Thanks in part to the generous giving of our church members and in part to these new arrangements, the PCC is delighted to have been able to pay its parish share in full to Blackburn Diocese this year.
- 3.8. During 2022 we conducted 40 baptisms and 1 wedding. Each of these occasional offices is an event for both the family concerned and the community; a milestone in a person's life and we are delighted that we were able to return to providing these and preparing those involved. Our new baptism policy encourages families to attend the church at least twice before booking a date for their baptism. This has seen quite a number of families subsequently join our church family on a regular basis.

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Achievements and Performance (continued)

- 3.9. During the year we conducted 19 funerals. Pastoral care is provided in all cases so that the joys and sorrows of life are marked and people are supported, loved and welcomed into the church with respect and sensitivity. We believe, and have seen it to be true in experience, that the Christian hope of resurrection is transformative. Accordingly, we issue Jesus's invitation to walk with Him through life to all people.

Church and schools

- 3.10. We continue to enjoy strong links with our own school, Euxton Church of England Primary School, through the involvement of clergy, governors and parents. We also have a link with Trinity Buckshaw Primary School which is a joint Church of England and Methodist foundation in the parish, having a presence on the governing body. We also provide a Foundation Governor for St Michael's Church of England High School in Chorley.
- 3.11. Euxton Church of England Primary School welcomes us in and it has been a delight to lead school worship, take lessons, welcome classes to church, offer pastoral support in school and support them throughout the year. In the spring, Euxton Church of England Primary School took part in a pioneering midweek School Venture residential, with 3 other schools, led by our Vicar. During the year, our clergy have also taken services and been available for pastoral support and a drop-in service at St Michael's Church of England High School.
- 3.12. In addition to these church schools, we have relationships with the other three schools in our parish. Euxton Primrose Hill Primary School has invited our clergy team into school for assemblies and has also used our church building for their Christmas celebrations. Links with Balshaw Lane Community Primary School have grown this year, and we have received a number of visits from classes exploring the church building and what it means to be a Christian.

Volunteers

- 3.13. Many people give their time and talents to make the church family a warm and vibrant community. The church would not function without them and we are grateful to all of them.

Deanery Synod

- 3.14. The PCC is represented on the Deanery Synod. This provides the church with important communication between the parish and the wider church.

4. FINANCIAL REVIEW

- 4.1 Financial performance for the year ended 31 December 2022 is summarised on page 2 in the Statement of Financial Activities.
- 4.2 2022 has remained challenging from a financial perspective, with the continuation of the closure of the church building whilst costly repair work was undertaken. Expenditure did exceed income once again. The total income and endowments from all activities for the year amounted to £211,429, a reduction of £67,095 (24.09%) in comparison to the previous year. This can be largely attributed to a one-off legacy of £108,831 that we were blessed to receive in 2021 offset by an increase in sundry donations in 2022, an increase in plate collections and increased community centre lettings as restrictions eased, our Church building reopened and we continued to actively raise funds for the repairs to the building.

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Financial review (continued)

- 4.3 The total expenditure for the year was £311,222 an increase of £31,135 (11.12%) compared to 2021. This was due to the completion of the repair works resulting in a spend of £167,178 on the works to the church building in 2022.
- 4.4 Due to significant income for the roof being received in 2021 and the majority of expenditure being incurred in 2022 we are showing a loss of £99,793 before investment gains/losses compared to £1,563 in 2021. Financial performance and position remain an area of great importance and is discussed in detail at every PCC and standing committee meeting. The PCC is aware of the position and remains committed to achieving financial balance by reducing expenditure, promoting different ways of giving and continuing to seek support from the diocese.
- 4.5 The balance sheet on page 3 shows total net assets of £1,413,187 (2021: £1,514,518). Of these amounts cash balances across all organisations amount to £50,786 (2021: £148,342), with accrued income of £6,447 and expenditure of £3,026 paid post year end. Although the cash at bank and in hand has reduced significantly in year, it is important to note that £914 (1.80%) is held in restricted funds as detailed below in the reserves policy. This compares to £30,247 (20.39%) in the previous year. This change is due to the PCC decision to derestrict the community centre fund from 22nd November 2022. A further £10,670 relating to the roof appeal is held in a designated fund which is shown in the unrestricted balances. A total of £11,584 (22.81%) of the cash balances relate to restricted or designated funds.
- 4.6 Planned giving (through gift aid donations, plate collections, standing orders and stewardship envelopes) and open plate collections in 2022 amounted to £52,792 – an increase of £1,725 (3.38%) from the prior year. Whilst there was a reduction of £4,376 in gift aid donations in 2022, other planned giving was seen to increase in 2022 as services resumed in the Church building following the completion of significant repair works. The PCC remain keen to boost this level of giving and continue to review and revise ways that giving can be received by the church. Sundry donations to unrestricted funds increased by £22,939 (93.96%) compared to the prior year. However, this mostly relates to donations designated for the roof works which were boosted by 2 large donations of £10,000 each plus the gift day held in November which saw roof donations of £6,961 included in the 2022 accounts with more promised which we should receive in 2023. Donations to restricted funds increased from £440 in 2021 to £550 in 2022.
- 4.7 The church continues to play an active part in the community and were able to hold various fundraising activities throughout 2022 including a beetle drive, sleep out, and garden party. Gala Day was also able to return and be held in person. Many other events were organised to raise funds for the church roof including cake sales, coffee mornings, sales of dishcloths, tea-towels and plants plus sponsored events and the Christmas memory tree.
- 4.8 The activities of the Community Centre continue to make up a substantial part of these financial statements. Income from external general hire in the year increased by £8,133 (36.77%) to £30,249 in part due to further recovery following COVID restrictions but helped by a thorough review of the pricing and booking systems in place. Fundraising events for the community centre contributed a further income of £5,368 an increase of £3,305 over the prior year.

Financial review (continued)

- 4.9 We continue to reclaim income tax on gift aid donations; this has contributed £11,279 to church funds in 2022 and a further £1,354 to the designated donations for the roof works. This is a highly important source of income and without which the cash position would be significantly worse. All who can are encouraged to increase their donation through the Gift Aid scheme. We are promoting the use of the Parish Giving scheme which not only eases some of the administrative burden of the gift aid claims process but also aids cashflow as the gift aid is paid out in the same month as the eligible donations. Included in the amount above are claims made under the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme (GASDS) which allows eligible charities to claim top up payments on any small cash donations they receive, up to a maximum of £8,000 in donations per year equating up to a further £2,000 in a tax year.
- 4.10 Our annual parish share payable to Blackburn Diocese remains the most significant part of our overall expenditure. The total payable in 2022 amounted to £70,000 (2021: £66,564). This was reduced from £80,169 following negotiation with the diocese. A further £6,889 remains outstanding for prior years (2020 and 2021). This equates to more than 100% of unrestricted, undesignated donations and legacies (including income tax recoverable but excluding the designated funds). It is worth noting that the calculation for the parish share changed from 2020 onwards so that the payment no longer includes diocesan fees, these are now paid over separately which totalled a further £3,367 in 2022.
- 4.11 Following the PCC decision to derestrict the Community Centre funds we were able to pay the full £70,000 parish share in 2022 leaving just the underpayment to £6,888.55 for prior years outstanding. As the parish share is not a legally enforceable debt the underpayment is not shown as a liability on the balance sheet. However, the PCC are aware of the balance and remain committed to making future payments should our financial position allow us to. The fact that such a high proportion of income is already accounted for in the form of parish share means if any exceptional costs are encountered in the year, the PCC would be faced with a significant financial challenge.
- 4.12 Members of the PCC are acutely aware of their responsibilities to the church in respect of managing the finances which are discussed at every meeting. The majority of the church's income is from donors and the PCC is grateful to the congregation and the wider community for their continued financial support.
- 4.13 PCC as a whole continue to seek all opportunities to reduce all areas of expenditure and recognise the need to increase incoming resources ensuring we are able to meet liabilities as they fall due. Expenditure on maintenance and repair will always be required on the structure and fabric of our beautiful old church building and the surrounding grounds. Significant investment to the Church building was completed in 2022 whilst fundraising efforts continued to cover the cost of this work and rebuild reserves to ensure we remain able to maintain it going forwards ensuring that it remains fit for purpose and meets the needs of our growing congregation.

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5 RESERVES POLICY

- 5.1 Reserves are held in short-term deposits and investments to ensure that they are readily available to meet the financial requirements of the Church's activities. Total charity funds equate to £1,413,187 as at 31 December 2022, of which £53,853 is held in unrestricted funds; a reduction of £35,142 compared to the previous year, including £10,670 of designated funds for the roof works. The balance of £1,359,334 is retained in various restricted funds as follows:

Community Centre Land & Buildings	£1,344,964
Legacies	£13,363
Church Organisations	£1,007

6 PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

- 6.1 The key priority for the trustees in 2023 is to be a healthy church which transforms our community.
- 6.2 We are also committed to ensuring the long-term financial viability of the ministry of the church in Euxton. All expenditure is scrutinised and strategies to increase income continue to be considered.

7 STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

- 7.1 At Euxton Parish Church, membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent and curate, churchwardens, Deanery Synod representatives and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church and who attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. All those who attend services or who have a connection with the parish are encouraged to register on the electoral roll.
- 7.2 The PCC is responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. The PCC continues to meet regularly. All members of the PCC are active members of the church, not only in committee but also as individuals. The Standing Committee meets between meetings where needed and the results of the deliberations are reported to the PCC.

8 ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

- 8.1 The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Euxton is situated on Wigan Road, Euxton. It is part of the Diocese of Blackburn within the Church of England. Its correspondence address is The Vicarage, Wigan Road, Euxton, Chorley, PR7 6JH.
- 8.2 The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a registered charity under registration number 1130598.
- 8.3 The method of appointing members of the PCC is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The members of the PCC during 2022 were:
- Revd. Joanne Smith, Incumbent (Chair)
 - Mrs Marion Ainscough (to 18 May 2022)
 - Mrs Sarah Ball (from 18 May 2022)
 - Revd. Amy Bland
 - Mrs Gail Bolton
 - Mrs Rose Braddock (to 18 May 2022)
 - Mr Paul Ellis (from 18 May to 31 August 2022))

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- Mrs Christine Glen
- Mrs Rosemary Goodwin
- Mr Andrew Grant, Church Warden
- Mr Edwin Heaton (to 18 May 2022)
- Mr Tony Hodges (to 18 May 2022)
- Mrs Anne Howard
- Mr Paul Howard, Secretary
- Mr Grant Ingham (from 18 May 2022)
- Mr Gareth Jones
- Mrs Jenny Leap
- Mrs Shona Lee, Treasurer
- Mr Matthew Power
- Mrs Maureen Rooney (from 18 May 2022)
- Mrs Gill Steele
- Mrs Sue Whyte (to 18 May 2022)

This report was approved by the PCC on 25th April 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



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Mrs Shona Lee
Treasurer

Euxton Parish Church

Fabric Report 2022

This report covers the period from January to December 2022.

For the first six months of the year we were not able to use the building as our contractors, Lloyd and Smith, were busy working on our conservation project. The building was covered in scaffolding on the outside and inside a whole new, albeit temporary, upper floor was installed to give easy and safe access to the roof timbers.

The project, costing just over £330,000, was needed to stop the ingress of water to the building and to repair the damage that had been caused over many years by the water coming in. Over the years there have been many changes and repairs to our building. Unfortunately some of the later work, i.e. from the Victorian era to the present day, used what we now know to be inappropriate materials and building techniques and also failed to address the root cause of the water ingress issue. Upon completion of our project we believe the building is now as watertight as it is possible for any 700 year old stone building to be and we are confident that the correct conservation building materials and techniques used in the project will keep the building dry inside for many, many years to come.

The project was called the Roof Project but it was so much more than that. The following table shows some of the major work that was done in addition to the work on the roof and hopefully goes some way to explain why the project cost was so high.

Fit steel reinforcement to purlin ends
Replace rafter ends where necessary
Treat all roof timbers against rot and insect infestation
Replace rotten fascia boards
Paint roof internally
Repoint whole exterior of building using lime mortar
Fit secret gutters in roof
Replace damaged roof tiles
Install water proofing under coping stones on East and West gables
Bring all water proofing up to current conservation standards
Replace plastic rainwater goods with cast iron goods of correct profile
Bell turret – install water proofing, repoint, install bird netting
Replaster chancel arch
Repair other areas of damaged plaster
Paint interior of building – chancel arch, chancel walls, west wall
Re-install, re-commission and tune organ
Re-install AV system (remount speakers in nave, mount screens on chancel arch, rewire where necessary)

As well as the tasks in the table it was discovered that large parts of the electrical installation had become dangerous due to the metal cable conduits rotting where they had been in contact with the damp walls. It also came to light that a lot of the cables were well past the end of their safe working life and that large parts of the system came nowhere near meeting the latest electrical safety standards. The latest electrical safety regulations require any issues to be fixed before the installation can be used. Our system was in such a poor state that we were left with no choice but to carry out an almost complete rewire of the church. At the same time we decided to take the opportunity to replace all the lights with low energy LED lights.

The cost of the project was enormous but thanks to a lot of hard fundraising work and amazing generosity from a great many people and organisations we were in the fortunate position of being able to entirely fund the project. It is hard to find adequate words to convey the gratitude of the Vicar and the Wardens but we offer a very heartfelt thank you nonetheless.

While we weren't able to use the building the opportunity was taken to get permission to make some changes to the inside of the building.

The TV screen that was used to help us back to worshipping together following the lifting of the pandemic restrictions had been mounted temporarily on a stand in the pulpit and it worked very well. There were some issues with where it was though, it wasn't possible to preach from the pulpit and the screen was a little low which meant that some people's view could be obscured when everyone was standing to sing for example. We wanted to continue to use of the screen so it was decided to ask for permission to mount the screen on the chancel arch behind the pulpit and also to acquire a matching screen to be mounted on the chancel arch behind the lectern. Permission was duly given and the screens are now mounted on either side of the arch.

The other major change was the removal of three pews from the front of church. There has always been a lack of space at the front of church which gave rise to difficulties in a few different scenarios, most notably at funerals where family members coming to read a lesson or to talk about their loved one would be distressed by having to squeeze past the coffin. Activities (especially those involving numbers of children) at the front of church were also hampered by the lack of space. A temporary re-ordering measure was granted which allowed the pews to be removed to let us find out whether the expected benefits from removing the pews would actually materialise. The pews have been removed and stored in a safe place. The impact so far has all been positive and the extra space has already proved its worth. Dignity has been restored at funerals, Early Birds have a wonderful space to work, play and worship. Children from our local schools have much more room when they visit for events such as their Christmas celebrations. *(I know it's not really fabric but the joy of seeing the children back in church at Christmas after three years away brought a lump to the throat and a tear to the eye of at least one of the wardens)*

The building was handed back to us on schedule in June and after a big clean up and more hard work to move things back to church from their various safe places we were joined by

Bishop Julian on Sunday June 19th for a special service to celebrate our return to the building. After the service there was a family picnic on the vicarage lawn and the Bishop planted a tree to mark the occasion.

In the church yard three very large poplar trees adjacent to the railway line were giving us cause for concern. In particular we feared that one or more could fall onto the railway line with potentially disastrous consequence. In December we were given permission to fell the trees.

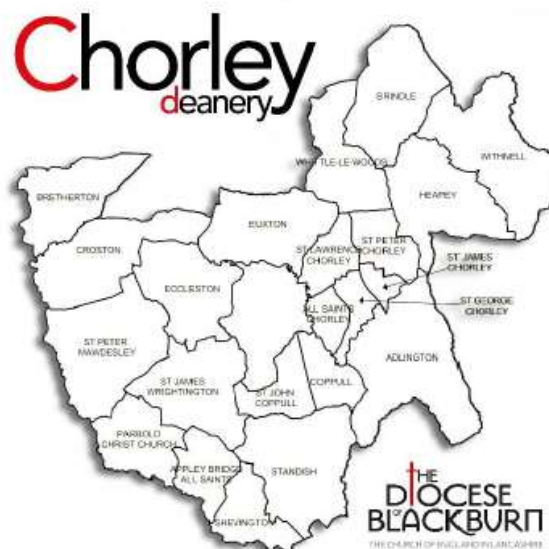
We continue to closely monitor all the trees in the church yard and take appropriate action such as the removal of dead branches as required.

We are particularly blessed here to have a wonderful church family who are willing to freely give their time and talents to help wherever it is needed. I would like to thank everyone for their continuing, much valued and much needed help and support.

Andy Grant

Churchwarden

Chorley Deanery Synod Meeting
St. Laurence, Chorley
28th February 2022



1. **Welcome** from the Chair, Andrew Stokes.
 St Laurence's thanked for their generous hospitality.

2. There were 44 members in attendance, 27 apologies, and 6 members from whom there has been no response.

3. Area Dean Neil Kelley opened by noting the **value of meeting up** (regardless of content), but reflected on the fact that, even with all legal restrictions are now gone, some people remain anxious, and it requires sensitivity and wisdom to manage expectations.

4. **Discussion** in small groups, focussing on what is being looked forward to in our changed circumstances, fed back the following comments:

- Being able to sing
- Wine
- Share the peace
- Meeting in small groups,
- Welcoming new people in
- Refreshments after services

Churches all vary in how they are 'emerging' from restrictions.

5. Neil briefly elaborated on the **10 questions** being asked of parishes **in the forthcoming visitation** – He noted that they were less numerous than usual, and focussing on well-being rather than forensic inspection.

1. How are your clergy and leaders coping?
2. What is the vision for God's mission you have as a parish?
3. What is giving you joy / grief in parish life?
4. How does your parish's vision tie in with Vision 2026
5. Are your finances helping or hindering your vision?
6. Are our buildings helping or hinder us in delivering the vision we have?
7. Are buildings and churchyard attractive and well maintained?
8. How are you developing your online presence after Covid 19?
9. Are governance structures helping or hindering delivery of the vision?
10. Is your safeguarding policy robust?

6. Jo Smith was invited to give an update about **Youth Work in the Deanery**.

She explained that we are selected to be one of the Deaneries to launch Launchpad (part of Youthscape). This is a project for incumbents to attend a 6 week course to help them think through what their parish's next steps might be in youth ministry.

Rebecca Feeny was asked to reflect on her experience of Launchpad. She has found it really useful, with input from Rachel Gardner, and discussion time. She felt encouraged and built up and was looking forward to subsequent sessions.

Jo went on to explain that we as a Deanery have also been selected (national first) for CPAS Schools Ventures to try out their established relation-building work with churches and church schools on a mid-week rather than weekend model. This is a national pilot project.

Chorley is an exciting place to be – inspiring our children and young people.

Jo offered thanks, and requested prayer for both those things.

7. Neil shared the sad news about **Sue Boulton's** passing, and let Synod know they were invited to a Deanery Thanksgiving Service for Sue and her work as presiding member of MU at St Laurence's, 24th March. Incumbents have details.

8. **Deanery Standing Committee** is preparing to meet soon.

9. Mike Print gave an update on the proposed **Deanery Mission**, which will run over the weekend May 5-7th 2023. A small group of clergy are meeting to plan, with local parishes doing their own planning, which will be brought together as the Mission Weekend approaches.

10. Neil elaborated on details of **Chorley Walking Day 2022**, which have been sent out to Chorley parishes This year is the 200th Anniversary, and will take place on the 18th June 2022. It will also be an opportunity to thank community workers, and celebrate the way these workers have been brought together over the past two years. Groups are free to join at whatever place they wish in the walk. It will either finish in Astley Park – bring your own picnic – or with a gathering in front of the Town Hall (if the council will shut the car park).

11. Rosemary Lyon was introduced as delegate to Chorley Deanery from the **General Synod**. She welcomed questions from her report, which had been issued to members, and asked for prayer for General Synod. Green issues (boilers!) had received a lot of attention, as well as the persecuted church and freedom of religious beliefs. She wanted to reassure us that, in spite of the ‘hot air’ generated about boilers, there are many lay and clergy who contribute with their feet firmly on the ground. She commended Bishop Julian’s speech in the Lord’s, which is on youtube, as being very pertinent, particularly his phrase ‘it is easy to be green if you are not in the red.’

- There was a comment about equality type issues, which was felt should not be addressed by producing more courses. Rosemary agreed - ‘You’re speaking to an open door!’
- It was pointed out that churches have south-facing roofs – why not install panels? Rosemary feels there are moves afoot to make faculty restrictions easier to navigate.
- There was a comment about needing up-front funding to be made available to install alternative forms of heating. It was noted that grants may be available if you live in the locality of a landfill site.

12. The evening concluded with **Compline** was led by Neil, on the theme of Pancakes, Penitence and Prayer – set against the background of the **conflict in Ukraine**. Parishes will be contacted with information to provide Aid via the International Aid Trust.

Dates for 2022.

- **Deanery Synod** – May / June – date and venue to be confirmed following Standing Committee Meeting
- **Deanery Visitation** (part of the Blackburn Archdeaconry Visitation) **15th June** in St. George’s Chorley
- **Deanery Synod Drinks** (lay members and clergy) **Thursday 18th August 7pm** in the Rectory Garden at St. Laurence’s Chorley.
- **Deanery Synod Tuesday 4th October** 7.30pm – 9pm

A prayer for our Deanery

*Almighty God,
you have given your Holy Spirit to the Church
to lead us into all truth:
bless with the Spirit’s grace and presence
the members of the Chorley Deanery;
keep us steadfast in faith and united in love,
that we they may manifest your glory
and prepare the way of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

Chorley Deanery Synod Meeting
All Saints, Chorley
4th October 2022



1. **Welcome** from the Area Dean, Neil Kelley.
All Saints thanked for their generous hospitality.

2. There were 39 members in attendance, 50% of the elected membership.

3. Archdeacon Mark was invited to share about the Vine Community.

He, unsurprisingly, read from John 15, and spoke from experience that vines needed drastic pruning to produce fruit, and not just leaves and branches. 'Jesus dismisses the Baby Bio school of discipleship' he said - we only grow when we allow ourselves to be pruned. Need constant change and reform. If we don't want to grow, the alternative is to be cut off.

When in A&E recently, he recounted how when visited, an Anglican chaplain prayed for peace. Then the Muslim chaplain prayed for purification. This seemed to be more in keeping with the verse in Philippians about knowing Christ, and the fellowship of his suffering.

He explained that the Vine Community was new, it was a dispersed community, among people who intentionally want to grow as disciples. It is hard to do that on our own, but part of a wider community where we hold ourselves to our account is easier.

Needs to be rooted in prayer – especially Vision 2026. Needs to be a work of God's spirit, not our own efforts.

If we abide in Jesus, he will do what we ask.

In explaining how do we abide, he referred to the Vine pack

Four Words: Abiding, Growing, Bearing Fruit – detailed on the cards.

Full details on the Vine Community Home Page:

<https://www.blackburn.anglican.org/the-vine-community-main-homepage#heading-h2-0>

Simple and Flexible Framework – a Rule of Life.

You Commit ourselves to making some intentional steps to help us grow, which are between you and God – no central record is sought or kept.

To join you email to sign up, with resources on the Diocesan Website. . (If you sign up you get a badge!)

Four events put on a year – one on Saturday coming.

The packs are available from Archdeacon Mark.

Questions and Feedback

Sounds daunting, but it as difficult or simple as God makes it.

Packs have been taken up by many in Mawdesley

Q. How does Vine Community fit in with church life? An option for those who want something to go deeper – Parish is the basic school for discipleship – members need to be plugged in to a local church. In today's culture, 10.30 service once a week isn't enough to equip people to live for Jesus 24/7, and this is one tool, among others, (e.g. Northumbria or Iona Communities) to enable that. Helpful especially for those busy people, for whom a retreat is a real gift. Value is sharing with others, rather than tapping into a distant God channel.

Q. How big is the community? It is 68 so far, and would like to see it grow to four figures in two years.

Vote of thanks offered by Andrew Stokes, Lay Chair

4. Deanery Mission Update from Mike Print.

Titled 'Come and See,' to take place 5-7th May 2023.

An opportunity to work together, to help each other.

It is made up of big events, hosted by Deanery, and with parishes asked to do their own events.

Main speakers are bishops Philip and Jill, with special guest Warren (Ace from the TV show Gladiators)

The timetable looks like this:

- Friday Evening: Sports Quiz in Wrightington, Whittle, and Adlington.

We are invited to put together a quiz Team and take part. Ace to speak half way through.

- Saturday Afternoon: Picnic Event
- Saturday Evening: Youth Event at Bishop Rawstorne
- Sunday Morning: Usual church services with a mission focus
- Sunday Evening: Coming Together event at St Michael's for all churches.

5. Report from General Synod

Rosemary Lyon highlighted items from her circulated report and notes.

From the big debate about route map to Net Zero Carbon she commended the two page 'A Practical Path to Net Zero Carbon for our Churches.' To download go to <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/churchcare/net-zero-carbon-church/practical-path-net-zero-carbon-churches>

Synod undertook to clarify the need to be a communicant member and on the electoral roll to be on PCC in response to report abuses of this leading to irresponsible PCC management. Offered personal advice and help in sorting out contactless giving where no wifi is available. Contact Rosemary on rosie.jl46@yahoo.co.uk

6. Area Dean's Comments

Neil reflected that it was good to not have same anxieties approaching Christmas this year – though we do have different ones! As churches we are businesses that should qualify for government help with fuel – no details yet, but should be disseminated on the parish update when available.

Parish share – if you are unlikely to pay your parish share this year, then encouraged to get in touch with Diocesan Board of Finance.

7. Any Other Business

The Treasurer reported that at the last Standing Committee it was agreed to release £1500 from Deanery funds for use in the mission.

Jordan Bentliff (curate St Michael's and All Saints) and Jon Price (Rector, Brindle) were welcomed to the Deanery. The members of the hospitality team were heartily thanked for the refreshments provided mid-way through the gathering.

8. Next Meetings

21st February 2023, 7.30pm, Venue to be confirmed.

The evening concluded with **Compline**, which was led by Amy Bland and Jordan Bentliff

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Safeguarding report

The PCC reviewed and agreed the Safeguarding Policy at its meetings in November 2022. The PCC approved a Policy for the Recruitment of Ex-Offenders in January 2023.

The Diocese have introduced a new online Parish Safeguarding Dashboard. This provides an opportunity for the collation of all safeguarding documentation and will enable us to monitor and encourage compliance in relation to DBS checks and training.

All Church Officials and Leaders are DBS checked at the enhanced level. This year we have processed a number of applications and renewals as well as encouraging and accessing further online training and face to face sessions with the support of Rev Amy Bland.

There were no matters of Safeguarding concern in 2022.

Safeguarding is a permanent item on all PCC agendas.

With thanks to Gail Bolton our Safeguarding Administrator for all her work.

Our Safeguarding Officer can be contacted on 07867 373403 or Euxton.safeguard@gmail.com

Claire Holt

Euxton Parish Church Safeguarding Officer