

Parish of Great Marsden St John the Evangelist with Nelson St Philip

Registered Charity Number 1176541



Annual Report 2019 & Vision



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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Vicar's Report & Vision – keeping close to Jesus

³¹ Jesus asked, "Do you finally believe? ³² But the time is coming—indeed it's here now—when you will be scattered, each one going his own way, leaving me alone. Yet I am not alone because the Father is with me. ³³ I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world." John 16

As I write this on a wet October morning about our church's ministry in 2019 for a meeting we should have had in April I am pondering what a different world we find ourselves in. Jesus wrote those words to give hope to his disciples knowing that suffering was ahead as he gets arrested and crucified and the disciples are scattered in fear. He also hints at his pain. He will be alone. Jesus who chose to share his life and ministry with his followers and in a real sense needed them in a non 'needy' way. Our God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit is utterly relational and draws us into the loving relationship of the Trinity. Jesus knows that even though he is to feel alone on the Cross, the Father is with him and will be with him.

In 2020 some of us have had the heartbreak of seeing loved ones die alone in hospital. We have endured the heartbreak of socially distanced funerals. All of us have been separated from our friends and family, those we love. We have had plans curtailed and had to live with a level of uncertainty that has caused anxiety for many. And we are not through it yet. There are practical things we can do to maintain our mental health in these times: physical exercise, keeping social contact even if that has to be on the phone. Having an outlet for our frustrations and having hope that this indeed will pass. As church we need to care for one another as *dearly loved children of God*¹ more than ever before. That is why we set up neighbourhood groups. We have been praying online every day and calling out to God for our world. But there is more. Jesus said: *I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me*. As we put our trust in Jesus he gives us peace. He is with us and will not leave us. He also says: *But take heart, because I have overcome the world*. We need to pray and care for one another like it all depends on us, but we need to trust God because it actually all depends on him. In Jesus we have hope. He has overcome the world. This is a message the world needs to hear. Let's be a part of telling the story and hope of Jesus to all we can in this time.

In **February** I was asked to join the Presence & Engagement group in the Diocese which Victor is also a member of. This looks at ways to encourage churches in the Diocese to

¹ *Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children.* ² *Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God.* Eph 5:1

engage with people of other faiths and cultures. 33% of our parish is Muslim Asian, we have five mosques and of course our lovely Christian Asian community here.

In **March** I went on a mission to Liverpool with Bishop Jill and her team. Some of us went to the New Wine Leaders Conference in Leeds. And we had a games night together with Lighthouse.

In **April** the wardens and I went to an always stressful for me parish share meeting with the Diocese to discuss our £30,000 debt. We agreed to pay an extra £5000 out of our mission and ministry fund (legacy money) over the next three years. Then they will write off the remaining debt.

We had a cinema afternoon for families with lots of goodies to eat.

Bishop Jill officially handed us the ministry and mission at St Philip's Centre formerly Grassroots. The Diocese employed a manager, administrator and caretaker to help us get the centre going. We set to with the foodbank and cafe. Inspire took on a great part of the building to rent for the next three years giving us an income but not enough to be viable long term.

In **May** through to early **June** we joined in with the Archbishops Thy Kingdom Come Prayer fortnight. Some of us went to the services at Preston and Blackburn Cathedral.

In **June** 33 of us went for a beautiful weekend at Scargill House in the Yorkshire Dales. There was lots of fun, laughter and encounter with God.

We started a monthly Asian service in order to offer an Anglican communion service to our Asian Christian community, complemented not competing with what is already available in the town. We gained Rev Kamran who we sent off to be ordained some years ago for one day a week to help Victor and myself in ministering to our Asian community.

We started the Bible course, an 8 week overview of the Bible.

Some of us went to see Jane ordained deacon and I went south to see Sheila Samuels ordained in Guildford and celebrate with the Khan family.

In **July** we hosted the South Asian Convention for the Diocese. I went on a joint Christian-Muslim pilgrimage trip to Durham and Holy Island with local Christian and Muslim leaders. The vision was to share something of our Christian spirituality and heritage with our Muslim friends. I was the only girl and I drove the bus!

In **August** some of us went to New Wine summer conference, we had holiday club and we took the youth to Soul Survivor. Phew!

In **September** Bishop Jill came to lead a confirmation service where some were confirmed and some reaffirmed their baptism vows.

In **October** some of us went to Huddersfield for the New Wine Women's day.

In **November** we had a successful fireworks event for the community. Thanks to Darren and Tasha to who did the pyrotechnics and the wonderful kitchen team.

In **December** we had our usual Christmas services and also a contemporary evening of Christmas songs.

Thursday lunches continued faithfully every week with Peggy commanding from a stool! This brings in a significant income and provides a gathering place for mostly older folk to gather. We remain grateful to all the team especially Pauline as chief chef for their ongoing dedication and hard work.

Lighthouse continued every Monday night offering a hot nutritious meal and love and help to those on the margins with the help of our wonderful Lighthouse crew. We joined Fareshare and started going each Monday to get surplus food that would otherwise go into landfill.

Darren set up a social events team and set to work planning events for 2020

Church ministry visible and invisible continued. Victor and myself conducted 13 funerals. We sadly lost two church members Trude Lonsdale and Tony Beckett. I continued to support our two schools with collective worship and continued as a governor at St Philip's School. We successfully appointed a deputy head teacher.

Church continued to host Rainbows, Brownies, Senior Section, Beavers and Cubs and Rainbows, Brownies and Guides at St Philip's Centre. Our thanks to Frances and Sheila and Helen for heading up these groups.

We remain financially very challenged and unable to pay our parish share in full. I will write about that in more detail very soon. In order to fulfil our calling from God to do mission and ministry here we need money. Our main source of income is and always will be from you our church members. Are you willing to be part of our vision to be a light on the hill sharing the love of Jesus and seeing lives transformed? We need everyone to do their bit – what they are able to do, no more, no less. Will you commit to doing your bit in praying, giving and serving? Will you take time to review this commitment? Your church needs you because God has called it for a purpose. And you are the church!

God bless you all.

With my love as a fellow servant of Jesus,



Rev Lorelli Hilliard

Vicar

Administrative information

Parish worship is conducted at St John's Church Centre situated on Barkerhouse Road in Nelson. The parish is part of the Diocese of Blackburn within the Church of England. The correspondence address is: Church Administrator, St John's Church Centre, Barkerhouse Road, Nelson, BB9 9EY.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a registered charity number 1176541.

Members who served from April 2019 until the date this report was approved are:

Ex-officio members

Vicar:	Lorelli Hilliard
Curate:	Victor Sohail
Warden:	Pauline Ashworth
Warden:	Andrea McLoughlin
Reader:	Lesley Wright
Deanery Synod:	Muzzaffer Rashid (Babu)
	Saleem Gill

Co-opted members:

Treasurer:	Helen Spencer
Vision Champion	Bridget Kirkbride

Elected members:

	End of term:
Des Murphy	Apr-22
Mary Rushton	Apr-22
Pam Cork	Apr-22
Pauline Shaw	Apr-20
Rachel Kelly	Apr-20
Rita White	Apr-20
Anthony May	Apr-21
Nicky Manwaring, PCC Secretary	Apr-21
Peggy Miller	Apr-21

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Objectives and Activities

St John with St Philip PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the vicar, the Revd Lorelli Hilliard, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Achievements and Performance

Church attendance

There are 61 people at present on the electoral roll. 17 people are not resident within the parish boundaries and 44 are resident within the parish.

There have been 12 new additions this year.

20 people have been removed because they have ceased to worship within the last 6 months.

PCC Review of the year

There were 6 meetings from April 2019 to April 2020. Thank you to all who serve on the PCC.

Churchwardens Report

I am writing this report later than usual due to having to delay because of COVID, nothing much has changed from the previous APCM. We still need to be careful with finances as we still have bills and Parish share to pay and as we look ahead there is the need to replace our boiler. There is the general maintenance on the building which is being done as needed. I would like to thank The Friends of St John's Churchyard for all their hard work that they have done over the past twelve months to keep on top of the graveyard and grounds. Talking of church grounds, the Prince's Trust did a wonderful job in our grounds and it would be lovely if we could have a few people to help maintain the garden and help keep on top of litter. If you feel you could help, please speak to one of the Wardens. To finish with I would like to thank those who have been helping in any way in church over the past 12 months.

Churchyard report

A very successful and well attended Local Men: Local Heroes event was held in July 2019 to celebrate the completion of our churchyard project which was funded by the Heritage Lottery First World War: then and now fund.

The World War I exhibition has been displayed in Nelson library and Unity Hall, and is still available for loan to other venues. Copies of the newsletter about the Local Men; Local Heroes event and leaflets of the walking tour of the War Graves have also been distributed to a variety of public areas.

Although the physical aspects of the churchyard project have been completed, there is still a lot of work to be done by members and volunteers regarding the remaining World War I soldiers' stories. This year, the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II, we also remember the 7 WWII casualties buried in the churchyard.

Maintenance work in the churchyard has been carried out throughout the year, with holes being filled and mowing completed, and the site remains in a good condition. Headstones have been monitored whilst doing the maintenance, and some memorials respectfully repositioned on their graves. We look forward to being actively involved with the next PCC safety assessment so that any loose headstones are safely positioned on or by their graves without affecting the carrying out of maintenance and mowing.

Members of the Friends have continued to tidy the churchyard and weed the planters in the Memorial Garden on an informal basis throughout the year, whilst working within Covid restrictions.

The Friends continue to be contacted by members of the public for assistance as they research information about their families, and social media helps to maintain links with our local, national and international supporters. Several messages have also been received via the website acknowledging the work done by the Friends in the churchyard.

St John's churchyard is still officially open. Following discussion by the members about the superb condition of the churchyard, the recent survey of useable space for new graves in the churchyard, and the changing circumstances of the Friends, it was agreed unanimously that it would be an excellent time to approach the PCC about starting proceedings to formally close the churchyard. The Friends are currently working with the PCC on the application to close the churchyard, along with the transfer of responsibility for maintenance of the churchyard to the Council.

This has been an exciting and very busy year for the Friends. Thank you to everyone for your continued support.

Elaine Butterworth, Secretary

Ministry Reports

Children and youth

We continued to keep going without a youth or children's worker. We were assisted by Abby our Pais apprentice until June. PCC decided not to continue with Pais for the time being. We looked into getting people from New Wine's Discipleship Year but that failed.

Our children's ministry team continued and we are grateful to the whole team and to Lesley for stepping in to help.

We set up a Focus Group from the congregation to work with the Diocesan Youth Provision Development Project advisor to support us in our work with 11's to 18's. We looked at our strengths and weaknesses and developed a vision.

Throughout the year we ran Messy Church led by Pauline, Andrea and myself. Huge thanks to Pauline to ably masterminded all the craft activities in addition to being warden.

We again ran a holiday Club. Huge thanks to Karen for ably leading it with such infectious enthusiasm. And huge thanks to all who volunteered to help. We couldn't have done it without you.

Lorelli took over the youth group Equip assisted by Andrea and Abby. We attended the very last Soul Survivor and bade au revoir to Codey who started at Uni.

Sticky Fingers

Sticky fingers meets every Wednesday morning during term time. Parents or carers can bring their babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers to play and have fun while the adults get to enjoy a brew and some grown up company. We aim to provide a safe, caring and welcoming environment where parents, grandparents, childminders and other carers, along with their infants and toddlers can begin to experience the love and reality of Jesus Christ

The ethos of the group is that we serve the adults and children with Gods love; for many young children and their parents and carers, their greatest need is for friendship and companionship. Being at home all day with a young child can be hard. Where appropriate we share our faith, offering to pray with or for people and inviting people to other church events and services.

For their parents and carers, we provide the opportunity to talk with others who understand their experiences. They can be loved and supported and feel that they and their children are accepted. This allows them to feel that they belong and are in an environment where it is safe enough to take risks such as exploring faith or to share their worries and concerns. The children are met with love and acceptance, they have a safe place to play with adults who care and protect them.

Once it is safe for us to open, I intend to market all that Sticky Fingers has to offer on netmums and face book to let our community know that we are here. In the long term, it is our hope and prayer that the children and adults who are a part of Sticky fingers, develop a

positive image of Church that is friendly and fun, a good place to be, and which in turn enhances their development of faith.

Lighthouse

Lighthouse has been running for 4 and half years now and is still as busy on a Monday evening as ever. We provide a hot meal, refreshments and a time of worship and the offer to pray with people. Over time we have built relationships with many of the people who attend. Every one of them has a different story, we have Homeless, Addiction, Mental health and those that are struggling financially. We are able to offer help to them and share the love that God has for them and walk with them on their journey through the Storms that they have gone or going through.

We are still running on a small team, but we have had some people from another Church who have come to help on a weekly basis. We also had a student who choose to help us in the kitchen as part of her Duke of Edinburgh training and she was a great help for the kitchen team.

This year we had another great Christmas meal which we all ate together. We had food donated from Morrison's who are wonderful at supporting us. We had a lady who was from another church who Knitted hats which we gave out to everyone and the children that came all received a selection box. We had a quiz and it was amazing, a lot of hard work went into this and thankyou to all those that made this happen. A Thankyou to all those who turn up on a Monday evening without you we couldn't do what we do, If you are interested in what we do or if you feel you could help on a Monday night please do speak to someone on the Lighthouse team, please do pray for Lighthouse and the lighthouse team over the next twelve months as we continue reach out.

Ladies Fellowship:

We started the year with our A.G.M in March.

Our committee now is:

Leader- Kathleen Greenwood

Deputy Leader- Lilian Brunton

Secretary- Kathleen Rowley

Treasurer- Pauline Shaw

Social Secretary – Kathleen Halstead

Caterers – Pam Cork & Lilian Brunton

The leaders, secretary and treasurer all gave their reports and we then discussed our program for next year.

We remembered our member Trude who had been ill and died recently in March.

Because our numbers are so few now, we are limited to what we can arrange for our monthly meetings, so this year we only had two speakers. Lorelli, who told us about her holiday in New Zealand and Norma gave us a talk about Trawlers (something she remembers from being a girl). We had a keep fit afternoon with Johnson.

In July we had an indoor garden party. Unfortunately, we had very few attended but £141.50 was made.

In August we had our annual day out with “moving people”. We went to Kendal and to Windermere and we enjoyed our stay at both places very much, a lovely day out.

In December Betty and Norma demonstrated how to make snowmen and we all had a go at making our own for Christmas.

Open Doors:

We are lucky to have a good team of helpers at the Thursday lunch but can always do with more. Numbers have dropped over recent weeks and we need to look at ways of encouraging more to join us. We provide a varied menu which always includes a main course, desert and a brew. We cater for those who may have special dietary requirements. Children are also welcome.

Café Hope

We meet on a Tuesday morning from 9.30 till 11 am. We are a group of people who meet together at café hope for different reasons, but we are a group for the everyone, for those who attend church and those in our community. We have been running nearly two years now. We offer low cost refreshments and friendship. We have a mixture of people and ages on a weekly basis at the moment, it's a small group and we want to grow and have more people join us. The money made this year has enabled us to donate an amount to The Prince's Trust to help with the work they did in our Garden and we also donated an amount to help reduce the cost of taking the youth to Soul Survivor.

Manifest

We saw the formation of St Johns Church men's group, we took the name Manifest as we want to see the Holy Spirit manifest in us and our lives manifest Christian values. We currently have 6 regular members and are at times joined by others. So far, we have had a BBQ with beer and music, a ten-pin bowling night, pool night at the Alexandra pool hall in Nelson, and a very successful film night watching the Joker. There has been no cost to the church for any of this. We are looking at joining Christian vision for men in the future and are looking forward to guest speakers from time to time. Like all groups we have been hit by the pandemic and that has put a lot of things on hold, but when it subsides, we will rise from hibernation as strong as ever.

Events Team

After the Christmas Fair, the events team was formed to plan and co-ordinate events in the church. Our aims are to put on well planned and organised events with comprehensive advertising to draw new faces and to show to the community we are very much here and alive. Things started well with planning meetings setting a yearlong plan with at least one event per month, most smaller scale affairs with a few significantly bigger ones planned. This including a community fire engine in the car park and the mounted police showing their horses. We were also looking into a monthly car boot in the car park. We aim to see each event at very least break even however most should provide funds to the church. Naturally the pandemic brought all our plans to a temporary halt. As soon as possible we will be back in full swing, but I must add we need more people to volunteer to help at the events themselves. We also desperately need more people to attend the events, we see the same faces each time and that isn't going to cut it. We are all part of the family of St Johns, the pandemic has hit hard and we need to pull together.

Parish of Great Marsden St John the Evangelist with Nelson St Philip

Receipts and Payments Account Year Ended 31 December 2019

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Receipts

Voluntary receipts

Gift – aided regular giving	13,754			13,754	13,220
Other	2,356			2,356	3,243
Loose Collections	4,034			4,034	5,680
Donations/legacy re Pais worker/Youth worker etc	4,557	1,988	1,958	8,503	26,264

Total voluntary receipts

Income tax recovered

Generated funds

Ladies Fellowship	335			335	666
Sticky Fingers	90			90	59
Open Doors	7,515			7,515	7,564
Café Hope	441			441	237
Soul Survivor			1,311	1,311	0
Other fund raising	1,627			1,627	657
Minibus trip receipts			618	618	904

Bank & Trust Interest

	138	122		260	200
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Other incoming resources

Refunds and insurance claim	5,113			5,113	3,359
Property Income		7,428		7,428	10,436
Rent from Church lettings	420			420	963
Wedding & funeral fees	5,552		140	5,692	2,834
Missionary Activities - New Wine			410	410	0
Post box			2,273	2,273	598

Total Receipts

	48,838	9,538	6,710	65,086	81,822
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Deduct payments

Church activities

Parish share	20,000			20,000	15,400
Church Costs	11,140			11,140	10,093
Church repairs & Church garden	10,097			10,097	7,578
Maintenance of Services	2,381			2,381	1,494
Church Administration	2,061	8,000		10,061	7,197
Independent Examiner's Fee	800			800	0
Parochial expenses of clergy	2,834			2,834	2,211
Vicar's discretionary payments				0	1,000
Activity & Fund Raising Costs 4(d)	5,525			5,525	4,021
Mission, youth and Pais worker	27	1,256	1,190	2,473	13,559
Missionary Activities - New Wine			353	353	0
Minibus expenses	75		23	98	70
Property		1,748		1,748	1,333
Lighthouse			264	264	0
Post box			2,893	2,893	413

Total payments

	54,940	11,004	4,724	70,668	64,369
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Excess of receipts over payments(payments over receipts)

	-6,102	-1,466	1,986	-5,582	17,453
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Transfer of excess restricted funds

	2,536		-2,536	0	0
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CASH & BANK BALANCES held at 1 January 2019

	36,347	35,201	18,107	89,655	72,202
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CASH & BANK BALANCES held at 31 December 2019

	32,781	33,735	17,557	84,073	89,655
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Parish of Great Marsden St John the Evangelist with Nelson St Philip

Statement of assets and liabilities at 31 December 2019

Investments held at cost

8 Dundonnell Road, Nelson

18 Helmsdale Road, Nelson

General Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	This Years Total	Last Years Total
£	£	£	£	£
	48,500		48,500	48,500
	43,000		43,000	43,000
0	91,500	0	91,500	91,500

Cash funds

Bank balances

Cash balances

Deposit accounts

held with Blackburn Diocese

Marsden Building Society account

General Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	This Years Total	Last Years Total
£	£	£	£	£
31,789	13,313	15,958	61,060	66,783
992		1,599	2,591	2,572
	9,624		9,624	9,556
	10,798		10,798	10,744
32,781	33,735	17,557	84,073	89,655

Debtors

Income tax recoverable

Prepaid expenses

Mini bus fees recoverable

Soul Survivor receipts

3,951			3,951	2,906
311			311	298
		615	615	40
		25	25	0
4,263	0	640	4,903	3,244

Liabilities

Parish share

Accruals - bills

Accruals - reimbursements

Mini bus expenses

Lighthouse expenses

34,323			34,323	30,923
2,862			2,862	2,431
4,770			4,770	0
		6,878	6,878	5,244
		1,187	1,187	0
41,955	0	8,064	50,019	38,598

APPROVED by the Parochial Church Council of St John's with St Philip's and signed on its behalf by:



L Hilliard

Reverend L Hilliard

Vicar of the Parish of St John with Nelson St Philip



Church Warden

Dated: 28 April 21

Parish of Great Marsden St John the Evangelist with Nelson St Philip

Notes to the financial statements year end 31 December 2019

1. Accounting policies

The Financial Statements have been prepared on the Receipt and Payments basis, both in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Church of England's Accounting Regulations.

2. Analysis of fund movements for the year

- (i) General funds: may be used by the PCC for any of its ordinary purposes, the movement in the funds are shown in the Receipts and Payment Account.
- (ii) Designated funds: represent sums set aside out of the ordinary general funds for specific designated purposes and in particular for the projects to further the growth of the church as agreed by the Parochial Church Council that would otherwise be unaffordable at the current rate of income.

Fund Name	Fund Purpose	Designated 01/01/2019 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Balance 31/12/2019 £
Mission & Ministry	Mission and ministry project				
Mission & Ministry		32,208			32,208
Interest received			122		122
Youth & family ministers salary and NIC etc.			1,988		1,988
Pais project				1,256	-1,256
Administrators Salary				8,000	-8,000
Expenditure - 18 Helmsdale Road			2,753	1,748	1,005
Income (less expenditure) - 8 Dundonnell Road			4,675		4,675
Vicars discretionary fund		2,993			2,993
Totals (per Receipts & Payments Account)		35,201	9,538	11,004	33,735

- (iii) Restricted funds: represents moneys held for specific activities

Restricted Funds	Balance 01/01/2019 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfer excess to general funds £	Balance 31/12/2019 £
Grant towards field project	2500				2,500
Donations received for youth work	605			-605	0
Donation received towards cost of Pais worker	836	100		-936	0
Money raised for mission ministry	166				166
Donations towards new boiler	3485	237			3,722
Donations received for youth worker	2000				2,000
Holiday Club	20			-20	0
Lighthouse	1587	394	264		1,717
Soul Survivor		461		-461	0
Outside lighting	0	337		-337	0
Others	157	409			566
		1938			
Mini bus funds	5768	618	23		6,363
Messy Church	600				600
Café Hope	7				7
Soul Survivor	0	1311	1190	-121	0
New Wine	0	410	354	-56	0
Childrens Society	56		56		0
Funeral fees	136	140			276
Food Bank		20			20
Scargill	185	2273	2837		-379
Totals (per Receipts & Payments Account)	18108	6710	4724	-2536	17,558

3. Assets for church purposes

Churches, Churchyards and Vicarages are vested in the Church of England and are not Parish Assets. Moveable church contents (plate, furniture etc) are inalienable property and require a faculty for disposal. They are recorded in the Church Terrior log. Many are historic for which no reliable cost base exists. They are not recognised nor listed on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

Parish of Great Marsden St John the Evangelist with Nelson St Philip
Notes to the financial statements year ended 31 December 2019 (continued)

4 Analysis of payments items

(a) Church Costs

Church gas, water and electricity
 Telephone, computer and alarm
 Window and church cleaning
 Insurance
 Alarm costs

General Funds	
This Year £	Last Year £
6,640	6,325
514	527
2,245	1,552
1,314	1,278
427	411
11,140	10,093

(b) Church repairs & Church garden

Garden /Yard
 Church

4,117	0
5,980	7,578
10,097	7,578

(c) Church Administration

Administrators salary
 Bank charges
 Stationery and office supplies
 Welfare/hygiene
 Other Church Admin costs

8,000	0
82	172
1,539	1,104
351	331
90	477
10,061	2,084

(d) Activity and Fund Raising Costs

Open doors
 Ladies fellowship
 Sticky fingers
 Minibus running expenses
 Children's activity costs & refreshments etc.
 Café Hope
 Misc

3,248	3,131
66	4
140	88
25	40
271	505
313	41
1,462	-12
5,525	3,797

PARISH OF GREAT MARSDEN ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST WITH NELSON ST. PHILIP

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2019

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE PARISH OF GREAT MARSDEN ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST WITH NELSON ST. PHILIP**

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31st December 2019, which are set out on pages 1 to 4.

Respective responsibilities of the Parochial Church Council and Examiner

The Parochial Church Council is responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Parochial Church Council considers that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

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 the records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as the Parochial Church Council concerning 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

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

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

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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