

**PRESCOT PAROCHIAL  
CHURCH COUNCIL**

**REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH  
COUNCIL AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 DECEMBER 2020**

PRESCOT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

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## PRESCOT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

### CHURCH INFORMATION

#### Council Members 2020

Revd. John A Taylor	Vicar
Revd. Kimberley Mannings	Curate
Revd. Peter Cowley	Associate Priest (Retired November 2020)
Revd. Jeff Engel	Retired Priest with permission to Officiate
Mr Geoffrey Appleton	From APCM 2020 to APCM 2021
Mrs Gill Cartwright	To APCM 2020
Mr Robert Cartwright	To APCM 2020
Mrs Diana Crompton	From APCM 2020 to APCM 2022
Mr Alan Ellington	Elected APCM 2020 to APCM 2022
Mrs Susan Ellington	To APCM 2020 re-elected to 2023
Mrs Cynthia Finney	To APCM 2020
Mr David Friar	Churchwarden from APCM 2020
Mrs Norma Garvey	Ex- Officio as Safeguarding Officer
Mr John Hotchkiss	To APCM 2020
Mrs Diane Hornby	To APCM 2020 re-elected to 2022
Ms Val Sugden	Churchwarden from APCM 2019
Mr David Kernick	To APCM 2020 re-elected to APCM 2021
Mr Steve Martin	To APCM 2020, elected Churchwarden 2020
Mr Brian Mason	Churchwarden to APCM 2020
Mrs Mary Oldfield	Elected APCM 2020 to APCM 2021
Mr Eric Orme	To August 2020
Ms Joanne Peers	To APCM 2020
Mrs Marian Piert	Churchwarden from APCM 2016
Mrs Lesley Porter	To APCM 2020, re-elected to APCM 2023
Mr Keith Porter	Ex-Officio Treasurer
Mrs Claire Portsmouth	To APCM 2020, re-elected to APCM 2023
Mrs Kath Pye	To APCM 2020, re-elected to APCM 2023
Mrs Gwen Rigby	To APCM 2020
Mrs Janet Smith	To APCM 2020
Mrs Liz Taylor	Elected APCM 2020 to APCM 2021
Mr Alan Williams	Churchwarden to APCM 2020, re-elected to PCC to APCM 2022
Canon Geoff Almond	Diocesan Synod appointed by the Diocese
Mrs Ann Capewell	Deanery Synod (First Term) From APCM 2018
Mrs Sue Priestley	Deanery Synod (Third Term) From APCM 2020
Mrs Dyane Basinger	Deanery Synod (First Term) From APCM 2020

## PRESCOT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

### CHURCH INFORMATION

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**Charitable Status.**

The Parochial Church Council received  
charitable status on 5 May 2010



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## Administrative Information

The Church operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure, 1956. The PCC is registered with the Charity Commission, Registration Number 1135804.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church members are encouraged to enter on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. The PCC operates five sub committees.

The members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Meeting (APCM) or co-opted by the PCC in accordance with Church Representation Rules. During the year the following served as members or acted as non-voting secretary of the PCC.

Vicar	Revd. John A Taylor
Curate	Revd. Kimberley Mannings
Priest	Revd. Peter Cowley, Associate Priest
Retired Priest with Permission to Officiate	Revd. Jeff Engel
Churchwardens	Mr Brian Mason to APCM 2020 Mr Alan Williams to APCM 2020 Mrs Marian Piert from APCM 2016 Ms Val Sugden from APCM 2019 Mr David Friar from APCM 2020 Mr Steven Martin from APCM 2020
PCC Secretary	Mrs Christine Thomas (non-voting secretary from May 2012)
Treasurer	Mr Keith Porter (ex officio) from APCM 2019

## Directly Elected Members Who Have Served During 2020:

Elected to serve in 2017 to APCM 2020	Ms Val Sugden (elected as church warden at APCM 2019), Mr John Hotchkiss, Mr Robert Cartwright, Mrs Gwen Rigby, Mrs Cynthia Finney.
Elected to serve in 2018 to APCM 2021	Mrs Susan Ellington, Mr David Kernick, Mrs Lesley Porter, Mrs Kath Pye, Mrs Janet Smith, Mr Alan Williams (elected as church warden at APCM 2019).
Elected to serve in 2019 To APCM 2022	Mrs Gill Cartwright, Mrs Diane Hornby, Mr Steve Martin, Ms Joanne Peers, Mrs Claire Portsmouth, Mr Eric Orme (passed away 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2020).

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In 2020, the PCC was dis-banded and eligible members elected/re-elected to form a new Parochial Church Council based on the Electoral roll numbers.

Elected to serve in 2020-2021 Mrs Liz Taylor, Mr David Kernick, Mrs Mary Oldfield,  
Mr Geoffrey Appleton  
Elected to serve in 2020-2022 Mr Alan Ellington, Miss Diana Crompton, Mr Alan Williams,  
Mrs Diane Hornby  
Elected to serve in 2020-2023 Mrs Claire Portsmouth, Mrs Kath Pye, Mrs Susan Ellington,  
Mrs Lesley Porter,

According to a resolution of the 2007 Annual Meeting, the stand down time changed from three to two years. Therefore, those who retired in 2019 and before are eligible to stand for election at the 2021 meeting.

**PCC Ex Officio Members**

Clergy, Churchwardens, Treasurer as previous page and Mrs Norma Garvey as Safeguarding Officer.

**Diocesan Synod Members:** Canon Geoff Almond Appointed by the Diocese

**Deanery Synod Members:** **From APCM 2014**  
Mrs Sue Priestley Re-elected 2020 (3rd Term)  
**From APCM 2018**  
Mrs Ann Capewell Elected 2018 (1<sup>st</sup> Term)  
**From APCM 2020**  
Mrs Dyane Basinger Elected 2020 (1<sup>st</sup> Term)

**Structure, Management and Governance.**

**Committees:**

**Standing Committee:**

Vicar, Churchwardens, and Treasurer and from November 2020, PCC Secretary & 2 PCC Members. This is the only Committee required by law. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council.

**Stewardship Giving Committee:**

Vicar, Mr Keith Porter (Church Treasurer), Mrs Dyane Basinger (Giving Officer and Gift Aid Secretary), Mrs Jean Atkinson (Recorder), Mrs Norine Jones, Mrs Marian Piert and 1 churchwarden.

**Shared Ministry Team:**

The Shared Ministry Team was disbanded in 2016.

**Gifts to Missions and Charities Committee:**

Mr Eric Orme (to July 2020), Mr Keith Porter, Canon Geoff Almond, Mrs Ann Capewell.



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**Meeting Room Committee:**

A new Committee was formed in May 2012: Mrs Joyce Fairfield (Meeting Room Secretary), Mr Keith Porter, Church Treasurer, Mr Andrew Basinger, a member of the clergy (as and when needed), Mrs Norine Jones (as leader of an organisation who uses the Meeting Room) a PCC member, and Mrs Marian Piert (Churchwarden from 2016) or another churchwarden if Mrs Marian Piert was unavailable, the Vicar (on request).

**Health and Safety Officer, Safeguarding and Recorder:**

Health and Safety Co-ordinator: Mr Brian Mason to APCM 2020

Health and Safety Co-ordinator Mr Steven Martin from November 2020.

Safeguarding Leader/Recruiter and Child Protection Officer: Revd Captain Peter Cowley to November 2020

Safeguarding Leader/Recruiter and Child Protection Officer: Mr Steven Martin from November 2020

Safeguarding Officer (Parish): Mrs Norma Garvey

Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Officer: Mrs Ann Capewell

Fire Marshall: Mr Steven Martin

Recorder for DBS Checks: Mrs Lesley Porter

**Church School Partnership Award Team:**

Norine Jones, Sue Priestley

**Objectives and Activities**

Our Mission Statement is "To seek to discern God's will for all the work and worship of our Parish. We pledge ourselves to make our Church a place where people of every age and stage of faith can find acceptance, the discovery of God's presence and real help in their life's journey."

The PCC Powers Measure, 1956, states that the PCC must co-operate with the minister in promoting in the Parish the whole mission of the Church – pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. This report will outline how we have complied with the spirit of the measure.

In July 2019, we adopted a new safeguarding policy for the parish.

The Parish of Prescott: St Mary's Parish Church & St Paul's Mission Church SAFEGUARDING POLICY, PROMOTING A SAFER CHURCH 01.08.18 v1

The following policy was agreed at the Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting held on Wednesday 24th July 2019. In accordance with the Church of England Safeguarding Policy, our church is committed to:

- Promoting a safer environment and culture.
- Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children, young people and vulnerable adults within the church.
- Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation.
- Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse and other affected persons.
- Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns or allegations of abuse and other affected persons.
- Responding to those that may pose a present risk to others.

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The Parish will:

- Create a safe and caring place for all.
- Have a named Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) to work with the incumbent and the PCC to implement policy and procedures.
- Safely recruit, train and support all those with any responsibility for children, young people and adults to have the confidence and skills to recognise and respond to abuse.
- Ensure that there is appropriate insurance cover for all activities involving children and adults undertaken in the name of the parish.
- Display in church premises, and on the Parish website, the details of who to contact if there are safeguarding concerns or support needs.
- Listen to, and take seriously, all those who disclose abuse.
- Take steps to protect children and adults when a safeguarding concern of any kind arises, following House of Bishops' guidance, including notifying the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (DSA) and statutory agencies immediately.
- Offer support to victims/survivors of abuse regardless of the type of abuse, when or where it occurred.
- Care for and monitor any member of the church community who may pose a risk to children and adults whilst maintaining appropriate confidentiality and the safety of all parties.
- Ensure that health and safety policy, procedures and risk assessments are in place and that these are reviewed annually.
- Review the implementation of the Safeguarding Policy, Procedures and Practices at least annually.

Each person who works within this church community will agree to abide by this policy and the guidelines established by this church. This church appoints Norma Garvey as the Parish Safeguarding Officer. Date: 24 July 2019.

If you have any safeguarding concerns or issues on a safeguarding matter then you can find out who to speak to on our contact page or get more information at [www.liverpool.anglican.org](http://www.liverpool.anglican.org).

Notices are also displayed in church and the meeting room.

### **Implementation / Progress of Objectives and Activities**

#### **Our performance on (a): Worship and Prayer, learning about the Gospel, and developing knowledge and trust in Jesus.**

When planning our activities for the year, the Vicar and the PCC have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through

(a)

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- Missionary and outreach work.



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And

(b)

The six specific objectives for 2020 which were set out under "Plans for the Future" in the 2019 Annual Parochial Church Meeting as follows:

1. The installation of the new East Window.
2. Participating in the Ecumenical Lent Groups, based on the film "I Daniel Blake"
3. Attending the Week of Prayer Service at the Methodist Church
4. Holding a 5-6 week nurture course, similar to 2019
5. The redecoration of St Paul's Church and some at the Parish Church
6. Encouraging more people to join the Parish Giving Scheme.

**Church attendance and services:**

On 31st December 2020, there were 170 on the Electoral Roll.

The number on the Electoral Roll is used to determine the number to be elected to the PCC and the Synods.

April 2020 saw the Church Building closed or with restrictions on the numbers allowed to attend services due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

For this reason, attendance figures are split into three groups:-

*January – March 2020*

Average attendance at Sunday Worship for the Parish was 87 adults and 12 under 16 years of age. The average attendance for the Parish Church Holy Communion on Wednesday at 10.a.m. was 23.

*April – June 20*

The Church building was closed during lock-down and services were online only.

*July – December 20*

Average attendance at Sunday Worship for the Parish, when the numbers attending were restricted by the Government and Church of England guidelines was 56 adults and 3 under 16 years of age. The Church was open for private prayer only on Wednesdays.

There were 11 baptisms, 6 under 1 year, 3 between the ages of 1 – 12 years, and 2 aged 13+. There were 0 weddings and 0 services of prayer and dedication (after civil marriage). There were 0 confirmees under 16 years, and 0 over 16 years.

There were 22 funerals, in Church, plus 21 funerals with a full service at the Crematorium.

The PCC acted as an agency for other people in connection with occasional services. In 2020 the number of services was largely curtailed due to the Covid-19 pandemic, with the total amount involved falling from £1,900 to £413.

Morning and Evening prayers were said daily, and the Eucharist celebrated on major Saints' Days, whenever possible.

In mid- March 2020, when the Covid-19 pandemic struck public worship was put on hold and Churches were closed for Sunday services and mid-week gatherings.

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Prescot Parish Church adapted to Church closures and for the times throughout the year when the building could not be open for services or private prayer by sending out packs which covered Worship at Home detailing worship and prayer resources, Mothering Sunday Service sheet, Holy Week at home booklet, Holy Week to Pentecost, Pentecost at home, Pentecost to September, Christingle and Christmas at Home. These packs enabled everyone, whether able to attend Church in person, when permitted to do so, whether they were self-isolating at home or preferred to stay at home for their own safety, to share in what would have been a more traditional way of worship.

Between March and July pre-recorded services were uploaded to the Church Facebook site.

Starting in July 2020, services were broadcast 'live', initially using mobile phone technology but soon after an Audio/Visual system was installed. This enabled people to watch the services, whether held with just the clergy present or during times of in person worship to join in the services from the safety of their own homes. The video system also meant that other services, Funerals for example, which were limited in the numbers able to attend could be watched from anywhere, simply by using the Church Facebook site.

The Advent Service of Light could not be held as normal due to lockdown, instead, a virtual Service of Light entitled "Light in the Darkness" was held. The service contained a range of faces and voices, music from the parish choir, and liturgy set around different places in our town – asking God to shine the light of His presence on Prescot, even in the dark and difficult times we were facing. The service was uploaded to the Church Facebook site.

During Advent the Church was open for in person worship, with numbers limited to 60. The Festival of Lessons & Carols was held in the Parish Church. The choir sang but there was no congregational singing. The Christmas Eve Crib service did not take place this year due to restrictive numbers in church. A Lockdown Nativity – the Christmas story as you've never seen it before was published online instead. The nativity was acted out by adults with the scenes set at various places around Prescot.

The First Eucharist of Christmas was held at an earlier time of 6.30pm in place of Midnight Mass. The 10.a.m. Christmas Day Eucharist was held at the Parish Church. Holy Communion was celebrated on the Feast of St Stephen, St John the Apostle and the Naming of Jesus.

This year a Click & Collect Christingle was arranged, and 100 Christingle packs were collected on 13<sup>th</sup> December after the Sunday service and during the afternoon. The packs contained everything required to make a Christingle and also a Christingle service sheet. Donations were in aid of The Children's Society.

Our Patronal Festival was cancelled this year due to lockdown.

The Lent course based on the film "I Daniel Blake" held two sessions before lockdown.

Following on from the 2019 "Nurture" course, one session was held before lockdown.

The Parish Magazine was published monthly with the exception of May, June and July.

The Service of the Word was held during January & February. Due to the pandemic there have been no services held at St Paul's since March 2020. The Harvest Festival Service this year was held at a time when the Church was closed. Gifts of fruit and vegetables donated by the families of St Mary & St Pauls school were displayed and afterwards donated to the Big Help Project for distribution.

Nightly 'Compline' services were held throughout, led by David Kernick.



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**Implementation / Progress of Objectives and Activities**

**Worship and Prayer, learning about the Gospel and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus. (continued)**

We were unable to join our Methodist friends in the Methodist Centre for the Annual Ecumenical Service, this year.

On the Feast of Christ the King, the Church was closed to the congregation, but donations of toys were taken to the Church the previous week and following the on-line service were donated to Yates Court, an inspirational supported living project in Prescott.

The Willowbrook Hospice were unable to hold their annual Memorial Service in October and Lights of Love Service in December. The Friends of Prescott Cemetery & Churchyard's Christmas Remembrance Tree was dedicated by the Vicar, but the usual short service could not be held. Donations this year went to Willowbrook Hospice.

**Provision of Pastoral Care for those Living in the Parish**

Due to the nature of this year's restrictions, most of our in-person pastoral care was not able to take place in the manner that it usually would. For example, hospital visiting, home communions, and services within nursing homes were all prohibited due to the risk of infection. However, the original home communion team, along with other volunteers, operating on a rota basis, set up a pastoral phone call scheme, whereby members of the congregation (plus additional members of the local community) received a pastoral phone call each week. These phone calls have been hugely appreciated by so many. Clergy have, within the guidelines, still been able to offer final prayers to those who have come to the end of their time here on earth, and funeral families have been supported.

We held two All Souls services of remembrance in November, for families who had lost loved ones over the past year. A requiem for All Saints was held during the main service on the Feast of All Saints, when in-person worship, with limited numbers, was possible. This service was also streamed via the Parish Facebook for those who were unable to attend in person.

**Missionary and Outreach Work**

**Missionary:** Each year approximately 8% of our income is given to missions and charities and the PCC was happy to continue the donations in 2020. The Gifts to Missions and Charities Committee earmarked £10,000, with a full list included as part of the Appendix to the Financial Statements on Page 28.

Christian Aid envelopes were distributed during Christian Aid Week and Advent.

Mrs Margaret Rose continued to be responsible for the Children's Society collection boxes.

Despite not being able to run her weekly stall Mrs Ann Capewell was still able to generate almost £400 for church funds through a combination of Traidcraft discounts and sales of plants and home-made jams & marmalades etc.



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**Outreach:** In addition to details given below part of our outreach is covered in other categories.

The Church Guided Tour Group was again led by Mrs Betty Brown and her team proved to be a good service to both townsfolk and those further afield, offering guided tours and being in attendance on Heritage Days, which in spite of the present pandemic saw a record number of visitors.

The Parish Magazine, co-ordinated by Mrs Maggie Bunting, assisted by Mrs Lesley Porter and Mrs Norma Garvey continued to be produced monthly except for May, June & July 2020 and is regarded as an informative publicity tool and a parish amenity. It has a circulation of 190 throughout the Parish.

Church Shops were not held in 2020.

Our MATT Group (Mothers and Toddlers Together), organized by Mrs Norine Jones, continued to be a popular venue for mothers and toddlers. Membership is open to the general public and it continues to be an outreach project. The group temporarily closed in March 2020 due to the pandemic.

The craft group, run by Mrs Mary Price, is a non-church (outreach) group, open to all, with 50% of the ladies being non-church members. Group meetings were suspended in 2020.

Although the Prescott Festival and Arts in Prescott is not church organised or church funded, their events always play a special part in our church life. They are on-going events organised by the founder, our own Dr Robert Howard, at venues throughout the town, many in our churches and Meeting Room, when we are always delighted to welcome the general public into our grade 1 listed building and at St Paul's. The Festival is now in its 16<sup>th</sup> year but sadly this year most events were cancelled.

In line with the rest of the Merseyside region, there was no Civic Service. A Requiem for the Fallen was held at the 10am Eucharist.

We continue to be indebted to Mr Steve Jones, KMBC Cemeteries Manager for his help in the maintenance of our churchyard and to the continued efforts of the Friends of Prescott Cemetery and Churchyard. The 11,000 daffodil and red tulip bulbs, planted by the team in 2014, flowered once again to give a stunning display. The addition of benches and clearance of paths has further enhanced the grounds.

The Mayor of Prescott's Charity Concert was not unfortunately able to be held this year.

St Paul's church work hard on their outreach. They served a monthly luncheon and weekly coffee mornings until the pandemic struck.

**Our performance on (b) is given below.**

**1. The installation of the new East Window.**

The installation of the East Window was completed four days before Christmas.

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The main figures in the window are the four evangelists, Mathew, Mark, Luke and John as that is how the original Victorian window had been designed. The effect of the colours in the window change depending on light conditions.

Most of the cost of the window was met by the estate of the late Anne Price-Roberts.

A service of Dedication of the Window is planned for 2021.

**2. Participating in the Ecumenical Lent Groups, based on the film "I Daniel Blake"**

Two sessions were held before lockdown in March 2020

**3. Attending the Week of Prayer Service at the Methodist Church**

Due to the pandemic this was cancelled

**4. Holding a 5-6 week nurture course, similar to 2019**

One session was held before lockdown in March 2020.

**5. The redecoration of St Paul's Church and some at the Parish Church**

The following redecoration was completed at St Paul's Church

Preparation and painting of the Main room, Toilets, Kitchen, Office, Utility, Anti-space, Disabled toilet, Church room, Entrance and the ceiling was sprayed in the main hall.

The following redecoration was completed at St Marys:

Painting of both Vestry ceiling walls and woodwork, painting of wall in church as required.

**6. Encouraging more people to join the Parish Giving Scheme.**

During 2020 the number of parishioners using the Parish Giving Scheme increased from 45 to 64, overtaking those giving by Envelope of Standing Order.

Information on how to join the scheme is printed in the church magazine each month under the parish collection information and is also featured from time to time in the Weekly Newsletter.

**Further Objectives and Activities, Achievement and Performance  
Review of the Year**

**General Church Activities:**

Mrs Brenda Fay and Mrs Joyce Fairfield ran the **Church Office**, taking bookings for weddings and baptisms, producing service sheets and undertaking other administrative work.

Mrs Brenda Fay dealt with the bookings from the congregation who wished to attend the 'In person' services.

The Elizabethan Fayre, Summer Fayre and Christmas Fayre were not held this year.



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The popular **Book Reading Club** was not able to meet under the guidance and hospitality of the Revd. Jeff Engel at St Mary's House. Mrs Sue Davies continued as our **Cathedral Representative** and Mrs Brenda Burgess continued to distribute **Bible Fellowship** booklets.

A team of Church Members, organized by Mrs Betty Brown, took responsibility for **church cleaning** working on a weekly rota basis, and the church was sanitized by a team following 'In person' worship. Mrs Dorothy Webster, Mrs Jean Atkinson and Mr Alan Williams laundered the **church altar linen** and Mrs Georgina Cooney led the **Flower Guild**. A team of **Servers** was led by Mr Alan Williams. A group of parishioners handled the reading of **lessons and intercessions** and teams of **sidesmen and sideswomen** operated on a rota basis. The **church clock** continues to be maintained by Mr Philip Irvine. Mr Ron Preston continued as **Ringing Master**. Bells were rung on Sundays and on special occasions and for some weddings.

Mr Tim Hall continued as organist, but the **Annual Organ Recital** was not held this year.

Mrs Joyce Fairfield continued as Bookings Secretary and overseer of the Meeting Room and a small team led by Mrs Fairfield assisted at **Baptisms**.

The Mother's Union meetings were suspended in March 2020.

The parish continued to support the Knowsley food bank and the Knowsley Refugees with donations of clothing.

Val Sugden continues to run the **bookstall**.

Mr David Kernick is the **Webmaster**. The main website is

<http://prescotparish.org.uk/> and Mr Kernick runs and updates two further websites for the Diocese of Oxford which can be accessed – <http://www.achurchnearyou.com/prescot-st-mary/> and for St Paul's <http://www.achurchnearyou.com/prescot-st-paul/>

The church is also on Facebook, [facebook.com/prescotparish church](https://www.facebook.com/prescotparishchurch).

### **Choir, Youth and Children's work**

#### **Choir**

The choir have continued to enchant us with their singing, either from their own homes in pre-recorded videos or in limited numbers during services.

Sadly, this year the choir lost a dedicated member when Eric Orme passed away on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

#### **Youth**

Our Youth Ministry "Rooted" ran during the summer months over Zoom, and once permitted, with a final, in-person session (once restrictions allowed) in the walled garden.

#### **Faith Kids**

Weekly session packs were distributed to the children from the beginning of the pandemic. The packs are written using material from the Roots resource and follow the church calendar.

It was very encouraging to see every member collect a Christingle Pack.

#### **MATT Group**

Mrs Norine Jones, assisted by Mrs Jean Evans, coped splendidly with this group. It continued to be a very popular weekly event for mothers and toddlers. The children (and mothers) had a lot of fun until the temporary closure enforced on everyone but will be looking forward to the days when the doors are open again.

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**St Mary and St Paul's Primary School.**

Mr Iain Parks, as Headmaster, continues to supply updates for the Parish Magazine. Our school now enjoy a good OFSTED rating and improvements continued to be made to the building. The School attend worship in St Paul's Church each term and this year their donations of food for Harvest Festival were displayed in the Parish Church before being donated to The Big Help Project.

**St Pauls's.**

The Church was represented by a Churchwarden, three elected PCC members and one Deanery Synod member.

**Meeting Room.**

Mrs Joyce Fairfield is in charge of the bookings and the running of the building. Prior to the suspension of the use of the meeting room in March 2020 in addition to our own organisations, the building is used by outside organisations, an Art Class, Children's Dance Group, Line Dancing, Zumba classes, Support & Drop-in advice, Prescott Historic Society, Willowbrook Hospice, Arts in Prescott, Prescott Festival and the Craft Class to name but a few. It is also used for children's birthday parties.

**Performance of Investments, Financial Reserves, Fundraising, Church Building Reserves**

**Reserves Policy:**

We are required to have a policy for any reserve funds we may hold.

The PCC have adopted the following aims:-

1. To have a reserve equal to 6 months' normal expenditure - in 2020 this would mean £134,000.
2. To provide sufficient additional reserves to cover Quinquennial repairs.

Our current reserves, excluding any Restricted Funds for Restoration, Bells and the East Window comprise: -

Emergency roof repairs	£24,000
Access/Scaffolding re above	£7,500
Upgrading St Mary's Electrical systems to meet EIRC	£8,000
Repairs to paving flags/former tombstones	£10,000

Thanks to the large legacy, we should be able to complete the work in the next two years.

**Overall.**

There was a deficit this year of £135,788 compared to £131,987 in the previous year.



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**Income:**

Contributions through the Parish Giving Scheme more than doubled in 2020 to £41,439, accounting for 70% of all Planned Giving. This was especially welcome during the pandemic when we were unable to hold services for much of the year, and it was a great relief to be able to depend on that level of regular income. By contrast, Envelope Giving fell by 60%, with 51% of envelopes not being returned.

Grants include £22,830 from National Heritage for the Tower project, £1,500 from King's College Cambridge towards clergy costs and £500 from Prescott Town Council towards the upkeep of the church clock.

Wedding and Funeral Fees fell by £1,028.

Investment Income fell by £433.

**Expenditure:**

Our Missions and Away Giving rose from £9,450 in 2019 to £10,000 in 2020. A full listing can be found within the Appendices to the financial statements on Page 28.

Church repairs included £29,190 on the East window, £35,772 on St Mary's boiler house, £24,810 on St Paul's roof, £11,134 on St Paul's floor tiles, £5,190 on St Paul's downspouts repair and £12,954 on St Paul's redecoration.

**Risk Management.**

Mr Brian Mason reviewed the various risks and challenges associated with the church and 'Risk Assessments' were carried out on our three buildings. Certificates are available to users of our premises. The PCC regularly reviews its obligations.

**Plans for the Future.**

In 2021 we look forward to:

- Celebrating Revd. John Taylor's ministry in Prescott, on his retirement
- The Dedication of the East Window
- Complete and dedicate the garden at St Paul's in memory of Barbara Mercer
- Inviting people who have joined us for the online services, who do not normally come to Church, to come and meet us
- Hold a service of thanksgiving for all the frontline workers and unsung heroes, who have served Prescott and the community during the Covid-19 pandemic
- To make a concentrated effort to reduce the amount of cash handled in both churches

**Staffing.**

We were indeed fortunate in our staff. – Revd. John Taylor, (Vicar) and Honorary Chaplain to HM the Queen, Revd. Kimberley Manning (Curate), Revd. Captain Peter Cowley and Revd. Jeff Engel, (Diocesan Mothers Union Chaplain Emeritus). We were also grateful for the assistance that Revd. Christopher Perrins was able to offer.

Congratulations to Revd. John Taylor who became the first Freeman of the town of Prescott, in recognition of his outstanding work in the community.

Revd. John Taylor announced that he will retire early 2021.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

Rev. Peter Cowley retired in November 2020. Peter first came to Prescott in 1997 as a Church Army Evangelist and has been an integral part of the ministry team. We owe him a huge thank you for the work he has done in and around the parish and wish him a long and relaxed retirement. A presentation on behalf of the parish will be made at the beginning of January 2021.

**Staff Costs.**

The PCC pays a Verger, Organist, Joint Choirmasters, Church Cleaner (St Paul's) and a Caretaker (for the meeting room).

**Trustee Payments and Expenses.**

The PCC supported the clergy by paying water and environmental charges amounting to £796 for the Vicarage, plus other annual costs towards travel, hospitality, telephone, broadband, security and gardening amounting to £6,007. The Vicarage Council Tax fell from £3,020 to £325 as a result of Knowsley Council's decision to use Covid support funds to grant vicarages dispensation from April.

There were no other payments to trustees or persons related to trustees.

**Statement of Council's Responsibilities.**

The Church Accounting Regulations, 2006 require the Council to prepare accounts for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Church, and of the results of the church for that period.

In preparing these financial statements we are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- make reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates
- state whether accounting standards have been followed and give details of any departures.
- Prepare the accounts on a going concern basis unless, in our view, the church will be unable to continue in operation.

We are also responsible for:

- keeping proper accounting records
- safeguarding the church's assets
- taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud.

**Declaration**

I declare that, in my capacity of Vice-chair of the PCC that:

- the members have approved the report above and
- have authorised me to sign it on their behalf

.....*Marian E. Piert*.....

Mrs Marian E Piert (Vice-chair)

Date: 21.4.2021



**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF MEMBERS  
ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF  
PRESCOT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020 set out on pages 17 to 27.

**Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner**

The PCC members are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The PCC members consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

**Basis of 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 PCC and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from the PCC 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 financial statements 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 reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the requirements
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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 financial statements to be reached.

*David Hudd BA FCA*

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Date: *22 April 2021*



**PRESCOT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
<b>INCOME</b>						
Donations and legacies	2(a)	79,764	24,830	-	104,594	113,189
Charitable activities	2(b)	12,385	-	-	12,385	7,793
Other activities	2(c)	11,499	-	-	11,499	43,201
Investment	2(d)	<u>2,675</u>	<u>507</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3,187</u>	<u>3,620</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<u>106,323</u>	<u>25,337</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>131,665</u>	<u>167,803</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>						
Raising funds	3(a)	-	-	-	-	450
Church activities	3(b)	<u>229,558</u>	<u>37,895</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>267,453</u>	<u>299,340</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<u>229,558</u>	<u>37,895</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>267,453</u>	<u>299,790</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) FOR THE YEAR</b>		(123,235)	(12,558)	5	(135,788)	(131,987)
<b>TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS</b>		<u>16,125</u>	<u>(16,125)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		(107,110)	(28,683)	5	(135,788)	(131,987)
<b>FUND BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1 JANUARY 2020</b>		<u>839,545</u>	<u>67,487</u>	<u>5,818</u>	<u>912,850</u>	<u>1,044,837</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER 2020</b>		<u>732,435</u>	<u>38,804</u>	<u>5,823</u>	<u>777,062</u>	<u>912,850</u>

The notes on pages 20 to 27 form part of these financial statements

**PRESCOT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible fixed assets	5	<u>384,903</u>	<u>362,413</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	6	153,442	171,348
Short term deposits		282,061	382,796
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>-</u>	<u>5,818</u>
		<u>435,503</u>	<u>559,962</u>
<b>LIABILITIES:</b> Amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>(43,344)</u>	<u>(9,525)</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>392,159</u>	<u>550,437</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>777,062</u>	<u>912,850</u>
<b>PARISH FUNDS</b>			
Unrestricted – General	8	732,435	839,545
Endowment	9	5,823	5,818
Restricted	10	<u>38,804</u>	<u>67,487</u>
		<u>777,062</u>	<u>912,850</u>

This Financial Report for the year ended 31 December 2020, including the notes following was approved by the Parochial Church Council on 14 April 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

Ms Val Sugden *E.V. Sugden*

Mr Steve Martin *S. Martin*

The notes on pages 20 to 27 form part of these financial statements

**PRESCOT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

**CASH FLOW STATEMENT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
Net cash (used by)/provided by Operating Activities	1	(109,740)	(76,630)
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Investment income		<u>3,187</u>	<u>3,620</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		(106,553)	(73,010)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January 2020		<u>388,614</u>	<u>461,624</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December 2020		<u>282,061</u>	<u>388,614</u>

1	Reconciliation of net (expenditure)/ income to net cash flow from operating activities	2020 £	2019 £
	Net (expenditure)/ income for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	(135,788)	(131,987)
	Adjustments for:		
	Depreciation	2,595	391
	Investment income	(3,187)	(3,620)
	Fixed asset additions	(25,085)	-
	Decrease in stocks	-	409
	Decrease/(Increase) in debtors	17,906	55,003
	Increase in creditors	<u>33,819</u>	<u>3,174</u>
	Net cash (used by)/provided by operating activities	<u>(109,740)</u>	<u>(76,630)</u>

## **PRESCOT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2020**

#### **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

##### **1.1 Basis of Preparation**

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations "true and fair view" provisions, together with the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

##### **1.2 Funds**

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

Restricted funds represent donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be maintained: only income arising from investment of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment fund was established.

An arrangement with the NatWest Bank allows for automatic transfer from one fund (restricted) to the cheque account (unrestricted) if there is a temporary deficit.

##### **1.3 Incoming Resources**

###### **Voluntary Income and Capital Resources**

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

Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is legally entitled to the amount due.

Funds raised by fetes, fayres and similar events are accounted for gross.

Sales of books and magazines from the church bookstall are accounted for gross.

Rental income from the letting of the Meeting Room etc, is recognised when the rent is due.



## PRESCOT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2020

#### 1.3 Incoming Resources (cont'd.)

##### Investment Income

Dividends and interest are accounted for when due and payable and interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue.

#### 1.4 Resources Expended

##### Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

##### Activities directly related to the work of the church

The Diocesan parish share is accounted for when due.

Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds.

Other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross, with the notable exception of repairs, where deductions have been made for insurance claims and refunds of VAT under the Listed Places of Worship scheme.

#### 1.5 Fixed Assets

##### Consecrated Property and Moveable Church Furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by Section 10(2) of the Charities Act 2011.

Moveable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the Church's inventory which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For inalienable property acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts. Items acquired since 1 January 2000 and costing less than £1,000 have been written off when the expenditure was incurred. Items over this figure are capitalised and depreciated in the accounts over their currently anticipated useful life on a straight-line basis.

#### 1.6 Buildings, Other Fixtures, Fittings and Office Equipment

Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired. Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets over the expected useful lives on the following basis:

Buildings	-	not depreciated
Motor vehicles	-	4 years straight line
Fixtures and fittings	-	10 years straight line
Equipment	-	4 years straight line

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2020

### 1.7 Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rent or other income are shown as debtors less any provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the Central Board of Finance Church of England Funds or at the bank.

### 2 INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
<b>2(a) Donations &amp; Legacies</b>					
Planned Giving	44,907	-	-	44,907	49,024
IT Recoverable Gift Aid	12,599	-	-	12,599	18,805
Non-Gift Aid	12,037	-	-	12,037	16,342
One-off Gift Aid	1,283	-	-	1,283	5,806
Open Plate:					
All Services	3,279	-	-	3,279	9,087
Sundry Donations	4,659	-	-	4,659	8,125
Grants	-	24,830	-	24,830	2,000
Legacies	<u>1,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>
	<u>79,764</u>	<u>24,830</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>104,594</u>	<u>113,189</u>

The income from donations and legacies last year was £113,189 of which £111,189 was unrestricted and £2,000 was restricted.

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
<b>2(b) Charitable Activities</b>					
Church hall lettings	5,860	-	-	5,860	-
Magazine sales	1,046	-	-	1,046	1,286
Weddings/Funerals	<u>5,479</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,479</u>	<u>6,507</u>
	<u>12,385</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,385</u>	<u>7,793</u>

The income from charitable activities last year was £7,793 which was all unrestricted.

# PRESCOT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
<b>2(c) Other Activities</b>					
Bookstall	-	-	-	-	260
Magazine advertising	1,330	-	-	1,330	1,105
Hall lettings	-	-	-	-	19,380
Church shop	50	-	-	50	593
Summer fayre	-	-	-	-	845
Christmas fayre	-	-	-	-	1,679
Other	1,669	-	-	1,669	8,002
St Mary's House Rent	8,450	-	-	8,450	5,257
Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	6,080
	<u>11,499</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,499</u>	<u>43,201</u>

All income from other activities last year relates to unrestricted funds.

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
<b>2(d) Investments</b>					
Dividends & interest	<u>2,675</u>	<u>507</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3,187</u>	<u>3,620</u>

The income from investments last year was £3,620 of which £3,107 was unrestricted, £494 was restricted and £19 was endowment.

### 3 EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
<b>3(a) Raising funds</b>					
Fundraising	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>450</u>

All raising funds expenditure last year relates to unrestricted funds.



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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
<b>3(b) Church Activities</b>					
Missionary Societies	4,750	-	-	4,750	3,950
Home Missions	3,000	-	-	3,000	3,360
Other	2,250	-	-	2,250	2,140
Parish share	56,279	-	-	56,279	52,846
Salaries/wages	15,853	-	-	15,853	15,275
Clergy expenses	1,539	1,500	-	3,039	4,506
St Mary's house	1,971	-	-	1,971	2,803
Vicarage costs	323	-	-	323	4,639
Church costs	28,875	-	-	28,875	32,756
Depreciation	2,595	-	-	2,595	391
Church repairs	93,519	36,395	-	129,914	145,810
Choir	747	-	-	747	4,514
St Paul's garden project	-	-	-	-	6,910
Parish magazine costs	46	-	-	46	1,624
Telephones	3,748	-	-	3,748	2,569
Meeting room costs	4,068	-	-	4,068	4,705
Printing, stationery & postage	3,243	-	-	3,243	1,717
Bank charges	479	-	-	479	503
Accountancy	3,388	-	-	3,388	3,903
Institute costs	913	-	-	913	3,699
Community outreach	<u>1,972</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,972</u>	<u>720</u>
	<u>229,558</u>	<u>37,895</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>267,453</u>	<u>299,340</u>

The expenses for charitable activities last year was £299,340 of which £215,077 was unrestricted, £84,223 was restricted and £40 was endowment. Accountancy includes £3,000 (2019 - £3,000) paid in respect of the independent examination of the accounts.

**PRESCOT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	2020 £	2019 £
<b>4. Staff Costs</b>		
Wages and Salaries	<u>15,853</u>	<u>15,275</u>

During the year the PCC employed a verger, a cleaner (at St Paul's), organist, choirmasters and Meeting Room caretaker, all part-time.

The average number of employees in the year was 6 (2019 – 6).

No employee earned £60,000 per annum or more.

There were no other transactions made in respect of PCC Members, no PCC Member received remuneration, benefit or reimbursement of travelling or other expenses.

**5. Fixed Assets**

	St Mary's House £	Parish Church Institute £	Meeting Rooms £	Equip- ment £	Fixtures & Fittings £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>						
At January 2020	50,000	55,000	256,602	-	8,497	370,099
Additions	-	-	-	25,085	-	25,085
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2020	<u>50,000</u>	<u>55,000</u>	<u>256,602</u>	<u>25,085</u>	<u>8,497</u>	<u>395,184</u>

**Depreciation**

At 1 January 2020	-	-	-	-	7,686	7,686
Charge for the year	-	-	-	2,204	391	2,595
On disposal	-	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2020	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,204</u>	<u>8,077</u>	<u>10,281</u>

**Net Book Value**

At 31 December 2020	<u>50,000</u>	<u>55,000</u>	<u>256,602</u>	<u>22,881</u>	<u>420</u>	<u>384,903</u>
At 31 December 2019	<u>50,000</u>	<u>55,000</u>	<u>256,602</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>811</u>	<u>362,413</u>

All fixed assets of the church are used in direct furtherance of the objectives.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	2020	2019
	£	£
<b>6. Debtors</b>		
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Gift aid reclaims	20,063	31,232
Legacies due	108,949	108,949
VAT refunds	-	1,117
Interest receivable on loan	50	50
Loan to St Paul's Penketh	15,000	15,000
Other debtors	<u>9,380</u>	<u>-</u>
	153,442	156,348
Amounts falling due after more than one year:		
Loan to St Paul's Penketh	<u>-</u>	<u>15,000</u>
Aggregate amounts	<u>153,442</u>	<u>171,348</u>
	2020	2019
	£	£
<b>7. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year</b>		
Trade creditors	6,473	1,035
Mission Giving 2021	10,000	-
Social security	451	271
Accruals	7,392	8,219
Advance grants	<u>19,028</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>43,344</u>	<u>9,525</u>
<b>8. Unrestricted Funds</b>	2020	2019
Within Unrestricted Funds are the following designated funds: -	£	£
Major Repairs Fund	49,500	73,500
Bell Ringers	265	275
Choir Fund	733	1,409
Flower Fund	364	369
Church Guiding Group	90	90
Parish Church Institute	-	-
St Paul's Social Fund	18,357	18,357
Sunday Schools	1,705	1,738
The CBF Church of England Deposit Fund	237,986	237,986
General designated funds	<u>200</u>	<u>-</u>
	309,200	333,724
Funds not designated	<u>423,235</u>	<u>505,821</u>
	<u>732,435</u>	<u>839,545</u>

The CBF Church of England Deposit Fund consists of gifts/legacies given to be used at the discretion of the Vicar and Wardens.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	2020	2019
	£	£

**9. Endowment Funds**

The closing balances of Endowment Funds are: -

St Paul's Curacy Fund	<u>5,823</u>	<u>5,818</u>
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St Paul's Curacy Fund provides funds for the ministry at St Paul's Church. The Hawarden Charity provides funds for the poor.

	Balance at 01.01.20	Incoming Resources	Expenditure & Transfers	Balance at 31.12.20
	£	£	£	£
<b>10. Restricted Funds</b>				
Bells Restoration	4,842	-	-	4,842
Tower & Spire fund	-	22,830	22,830	-
East Window	54,555	507	29,190	25,872
Church Clock fund	-	500	500	-
Clergy Costs	-	1,500	1,500	-
St Paul's Social	<u>8,090</u>	-	-	<u>8,090</u>
	<u>67,487</u>	<u>25,337</u>	<u>54,020</u>	<u>38,804</u>

**11. Analysis of Net Assets by Fund**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	384,903	-	-	384,903
Current Assets	390,876	38,804	5,823	435,503
Current Liabilities	<u>(43,344)</u>	-	-	<u>(43,344)</u>
Fund Balance	<u>732,435</u>	<u>38,804</u>	<u>5,823</u>	<u>777,062</u>

**12. Related Party Transactions**

There were no related party transactions.



**PRESCOT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**  
**APPENDIX TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
<b>Grants</b>		
<b>Missionary societies:</b>		
Church Mission Society	2,500	3,200
Bible Society	700	750
CMS Sponsorship	<u>1,550</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>4,750</u>	<u>3,950</u>
<b>Home Missions – Church Societies:</b>		
Children's Society	1,400	1,560
Church Army	500	600
Church Housing Trust	300	300
Salvation Army	300	350
Church Urban Fund	300	350
Intercontinental Church Society	<u>200</u>	<u>200</u>
	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,360</u>
<b>Other:</b>		
Midmay Mission Hospital	400	400
Willowbrook Hospice	400	90
Samaritans	150	200
Knowsley Council for Voluntary Service	150	150
The Refugee Council	400	450
Practical Action	150	150
TEAR fund	150	150
The Whitechapel Centre	100	100
The Adam Ellison Foundation	100	100
SHARE Knowsley	<u>250</u>	<u>350</u>
	<u>2,250</u>	<u>2,140</u>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b><u>10,000</u></b>	<b><u>9,450</u></b>

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	<b>Total 2020 £</b>	<b>Total 2019 £</b>
<b>Church Costs:</b>		
Heat and light – St Mary's	5,348	9,991
Heat and light – St Paul's	3,509	4,477
Insurance – St Mary's	7,644	3,269
Insurance – St Paul's	2,411	34
Maintenance – St Mary's	4,266	11,077
Maintenance – St Paul's	2,951	815
Altar Requisites	67	2,196
Waste collections	578	-
Organ tuning	1,964	-
Sunday School	41	115
Flowers	96	782
Courses and conferences	-	-
	<u>28,875</u>	<u>32,756</u>
<b>Church Repairs:</b>		
<b>ST MARY</b>		
Tower and Spire Project	6,705	94,504
Organ chamber roof	-	28,148
East Window	19,151	1,200
Grant application docs	2,880	-
Boiler / boiler house	38,268	-
Vestry & vestry roof	3,895	8,216
Clock	500	-
Organ repair	-	6,330
Other (less than £500)	252	378
Desk	878	-
	<u>72,529</u>	<u>138,776</u>
<b>ST PAUL</b>		
Rewiring	-	1,310
CCTV System	740	1,914
Replacement front door	-	3,690
Other (less than £500)	1,404	120
Asbestos survey	528	-
Decoration	12,954	-
Downspouts	5,190	-
Flooring	11,134	-
Front wall	625	-
Roofing	24,810	-
	<u>57,385</u>	<u>7,034</u>
	<u>129,914</u>	<u>145,810</u>

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<b>Meeting Room Costs:</b>		
Heating	544	775
Lighting	979	1,731
Water	443	416
Maintenance	438	796
Repairs:		
General repairs	324	307
Plumbing	336	-
Water boiler & oven	1,004	413
Mains feed to toilet	-	267
	<u>4,068</u>	<u>4,705</u>