



ANNUAL REPORTS & FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS OF THE PAROCHIAL
CHURCH COUNCIL

For the year ending December 31st 2021



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At St Paul's the safety and well-being of all people, especially children and vulnerable adults, is taken seriously. We continue to follow correct procedure and policy so that all people are recruited to teams and roles using the official 'Safer Recruitment' procedures. We are grateful to Mrs Ann Taylor who is our Safe-guarding Officer for her work and for all the people in St Paul's who volunteer on our various teams, groups and PCC. They all have a firm commitment to a safe culture and all Disclosure and Barring Service checks are up to date. There were no formal safeguarding incidents in 2022.

Objectives and Activities.

The PCC (Powers) Measure 1956 states that the PCC is to cooperate with the Minister in promoting in the Parish the whole mission of the Church, this includes the Pastoral, Evangelistic, Social, and Ecumenical ministry.

At St. Paul's we have a Mission Statement which confirms our mission to proclaim the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England, both through the proclamation of the word and to encourage members of the congregation to put their faith into action, as we serve Christ in the Parish.

Mission Statement

Jesus Says, "Go and make Disciples" we try to do this:-

Through the teaching of the Bible as God's Word to us in all matters of faith and moral behaviour,

Through allowing God's Holy Spirit to work in us in order to make us more like Jesus,

Through worshipping together: listening to God; talking to Him; responding to Him and encouraging one another.

Through using the different gifts God has given us to love and serve Him, each other and the local community.

Through making Jesus known to others by what we say and what we do.

Through encouraging and supporting children and younger members of the Church family at St. Paul's and Trinity Anglican/Methodist School and making every effort to ensure that we are a "Child Friendly" Church.

Through seeking to work with other Christians and by building links with the world-wide church.

In order to do this our aims and objectives for 2022 were:

To review, renew and refresh church life in light of a vision of growth in three dimensions:

Up towards God,

In towards one another, our church family, and

Out to a world in desperate need of the good news that we have to share

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES		Independent examiner's report on the accounts	
Section A Independent Examiner's Report			
Report to the trustees/ members of	THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST. PAUL SKELMERSDALE		
On accounts for the year ended	31 st December 2022	Charity no (if any)	1128068
Set out on pages	1-2 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)		
Responsibilities and basis of report	I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 12 / 2022. As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.		
Independent examiner's statement	I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect: <ul style="list-style-type: none">the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; orthe accounts did not accord with the accounting records; orthe accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination. I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.		
Signed:	Katie Hall		Date: 27 th April 2023
Name:	Katie Hall		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	N/A		
Address:	Accounting Clinic at Liverpool John Moores University, Redmonds Building.		
IER	1		Oct 2018

Brownlow Hill, Liverpool, L3 5UG	
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Section B Disclosure	
Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).	
Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.	

IER 2 Oct 2018

Parish Details	
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Name of signature 1 on accounts:	Revd Christopher Spittle
Name of signature 2 on accounts	Mrs J.Price
Name of Independent Examiner	The Accounting Clinic
Professional Qualifications of Independent Examiner (if any)	
Address of Independent Examiner	John Moores University Liverpool
Date of Accounts approval by PCC	
Date of Independent Examiners Report	21st February 2023

This would include:

To nurture vocations and the ministries of all believers, and to share our ministerial resources more widely.

To address the financial challenges that the church is facing

To maintain and develop our role in the community looking particularly to develop ministry in the town centre

To look at developing our building

To explore using the Holy Habits materials to build up our fellowship and to offer an Alpha Course to nurture faith

To develop our small group life.

To improve our Pastoral Care.

Achievements and Performance including review of charitable achievements against objectives.

After the Covid affected years of 2020-21 it was a relief for normality to return in 2022 and for many valued aspects of church life to return more fully. Live streamed Morning Prayer continued through much of the year although this was eventually scaled back, and there were a significant amount of weddings and baptisms in church, some of which had been held over from previous years. We retained two Sunday morning services and it was encouraging to see attendances moving back towards pre-Covid levels. The PCC have continued to believe that it isn't currently right to reinstate a Sunday evening service. Easter and Christmas services were well attended, the All-age, All in Nativity with live animals has become a well-received part of our Christmas celebrations and Carol Singing in the Concourse for the first time was part of our plans to develop ministry in our local Shopping centre. We plan to launch a chaplaincy service there in 2023. In December we held a crown festival and church looked stunning through the Christmas period filled with crowns created and decorated by church organisations and local schools. In the autumn we agreed to start holding many of our monthly All-age Services in Trinity School. This has proved very successful and has seen a significant increase in those attending. Offering food after these services has also been very well received. At Easter the church ran Experience Easter for the first time. Over a period of two days every child from Trinity School was taken through the Easter story with different stations around the church, exploring Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. We intend to run this again in the future and open it up to other schools and the wider community.

In September we responded to the death of Queen Elizabeth II by opening church for people to come and pray and remember, and held a Service of Remembrance ahead of her funeral. This again was appreciated by the local community and well attended.

We have continued to be blessed in the area of Vocations and Ministry. This has been a significant movement of the Spirit at St Paul's in recent years. Rev Lizzy Ferguson was ordained Curate in June and we were pleased to welcome her, Jon and Aoife to the St Paul's family. Paul Davies was accepted for Ordination training and he began this through Emmanuel Theological College in the autumn, combining training with a placement three days a week at St Paul's. In September Jane Cliff was licensed as a Reader and in April Chris became Area Dean of Ormskirk alongside being Priest-in-Charge at St Paul's.

A very successful SPA (St Paul's Away) weekend was held at Quinta in July with Revds Beth Anderson and Sandra Jones (both formerly of St Paul's) leading us. Dave Bilbrough led worship for us. In view of how successful this was another weekend has been booked for 2023 with Adrian and Bridget Plass as our speakers. SPY (St Paul's Youth) and the St Paul's Men both held very successful weekends away in April and September respectively.

We greatly value our partnership with Trinity our church school. The Bright Lights worshipping community at Trinity school is now an established part of church and school life and is growing. We hold monthly gatherings where the attendance ranges from 60-95. A joint initiative with our Methodist friends is ReNew 100 a wellbeing drop in and cafe. This is also growing in attendance and there are plans to open twice a week.

Addressing our financial challenges has been another ongoing priority for us. We continue to encourage use of the Parish Giving Scheme and contactless giving using a card reader. We are currently working with the diocese to produce printed materials encouraging giving and explaining its importance.

The PCC would like to thank everyone who has worked through this year to make our Church a lively, loving and welcoming worshipping community.

The Electoral Roll. Is now 123

Church Buildings.

Mr. Ken Skelton continues to work as "Building Manager". He has organised minor work that needed to be carried out on the church building. There is an ongoing programme to improve the church fabric. Important checks such as the electrics, boiler and fire appliances are all up to date.

A Quinquennial Inspection of the Church took place in 2018, which although broadly positive raised some concerns about the roof and perimeter walls. In 2022 some progress was made toward the Vestry Redevelopment. It is hoped that this will be completed in 2023.

Finance The Financial Accounts can be found elsewhere in this document.

Reserves Policy.

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (if possible), which equates to approximately three months unrestricted payments, to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time.



ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

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Variables to be answered

PCC Name (IN CAPITALS) ***** St Paul Skelmersdale

Year (e.g. 2000) ***** 2022

Name of signature 1 on accounts: ***** Revd Christopher Spittle

Name of signature 2 on accounts ***** Mrs June Price
Accounting Clinic

Name of Independent Examiner *****

Professional Qualifications of Independent Examiner (if any)

Address of Independent Examiner ***** John Moores University
Liverpool

Date of Accounts approval by PCC (e.g. 23 March 2001) ***** 21/2/23

Date of Independent Examiner's Report (e.g. 24 March 2001) ***** _____

Notes

- 1 The Independent Examiners Report in this file is an unqualified report. If this is not appropriate, please amend accordingly.
There are two examples of qualified reports in the Treasurers Pack mailed in January 2002 which you can use as a basis for a qualified report.
- 2 Please check that Accounting Policy notes are correct for your PCC! You may need to make minor changes

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF

St Paul Skelmersdale

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For the year ended 31 December 2022

General (Unrestricted) Fund Receipts & Payments Account

			2022	2021
			£	£
Receipts				
CBF code				
Voluntary receipts				
Regular Giving				
a	101	Tax efficient planned giving	22,229	27,032
b	101	Gift Aided donations	120	290
c	101	Tax efficient and other planned giving via PGS	20,546	16,184
d	102	Income tax recovered from HMRC & PGS	12,097	15,170
e	103a	Other Planned Giving (non gift aid)	10,875	14,272
f	104	Collections and other giving	3,449	4,712
g	104	Collections and other giving via SUMUP	1,454	186
h	10401	Appeals at Services- Ukraine	813	678
j	10401	Appeals at Services- Harvest for Foodbank, Christingle	433	459
			72,015	
				78,982
Other voluntary receipts				
k*	202	Legacy	0	6,528
m	105b	Donations	4,354	4,019
n	105b	Donations towards leaving gifts - Lawrence & Cerys	167	445
k	105b	Donations towards heating and lighting costs	2,065	n/a
			6,586	
				10,992
Receipts from activities for generating funds				
p	0203b	Examining Chaplain fee, Area Dean admin from deanery	1,000	0
q	302	Diocese assistance for curate's housing	3,375	10,000
r	203a	Spring & Christmas Fayre, Brass Band	3,260	2,806
r*	203a	Carol singing for Foodbank	181	
			7,816	
				12,806
Receipts				
s	404	Fees	9,089	7,023
t	402b	Hall Rental - 5+2 Centre + pool	170	100
v	602	Sale of assets- organ pipes, pew, chairs	0	800
w	602	Recycling ink cartridges and donation to printing	78	25
x	602	Insurance claim for roof damage	1,526	3,092
			10,863	
				11,040
Receipts from investments				
y	301	Bank & CBF interest	123	112
			123	
				112
Total Receipts			97,402	113,933
Payments				
Church activities				
A	1002	Mission	2,381	1,811
B	2001005	Diocesan parish share	62,282	65,378
C	2002/3	Incumbant Expenses	4,121	3,338
D	2004/11	Curate Expenses	5,416	1,232
E	2005	Church running expenses	14,401	10,457
F	2006/12	Buildings maintenance	3,263	8,094
G	2007/9/2005035	Cost of services	2,353	1,666
H	2008	Upkeep of Churchyard/Vicarage Gardens	20	0
J	2016	Fees Paid for Weddings/Funerals (inc Sunday Organist)	3,650	3,050
K	2017	Reader/Diocese Costs&Fees/Parish training	795	170
M	3000	Cost of Events/Lunches/Parish Weekend	0	0
N	3000	Men's Weekend in Knock	0	0
P	4000	Office Costs (inc staff/equipment)	5,564	4,726
			104,245	
				99,923
Total Payments			104,245	99,923
Excess of Receipts over payments				
General		-6,843		14,009
Restricted		-1,227		2,121
			-8,071	
				16,130
Bank current and deposit accounts at 1 January 22			85,961	69,828
Interest on Deposit Account			28	3
Bank current and deposit accounts at 31 December 22			77,919	85,961

Restricted Fund Receipts & Payments Account				
Receipts				
Kings Kids	101	Tax efficient planned giving	60	
SPY	101	Tax efficient planned giving	60	
Church Fabric	104	Collections and other giving	25	
Gift Day	101	Gift Aided donations	600	
	105b	Donations	1,236	
Vestry			0	
SPA	105b	Donations	5,659	
	203a	Fund raising car wash	150	
Flower	105b	Donations	20	
Fees	404	Diocese fees	8,017	
Organist				
404 Fees			1,910	
Wedding	0103A	Wedding deposits	3,616	
LTBL (Let There Be Light)	104	Lighting Appeal	340	
	1002	Transfer from Flower fund at request of	100	
Eccy	3010	Church at the Centre reallocation of funds for use for the Ecumenical Centre	3,376	
Total Receipts			25,169	
Payments				
Kings Kids	2007	Service costs - resources for KK activities	295	
SPY	3000	SPY weekend activity costs in the Year	276	
	2007	Service costs - resources for SPY activities	68	
Church Fabric			0	
Gift Day	2006	Buildings Maintenance - Boiler	2,853	
		Request for Gift Day was to fix the boiler		
Vestry	2012	Church repairs	25	
	2012	Church improvement - architect fees not	300	
SPA	1002	Parish Weekend costs - Quinta fee	4,100	
	1002	Parish Weekend costs - Quinta deposits	200	
	1002	Parish Weekend costs - D Bilborough	850	
	1002	Parish Weekend costs - weekend food	1,465	
Flower	1002	Transfer to Let There Be Light	100	
Fees	404	Diocese fees	6,645	
	2017	50% DBF fees	1,186	
Organist	404	Fees	1,950	
Wedding	2016	Fees - transfer to General at time of wedding	6,083	
LTBL (Let There Be Light)			0	
Eccy			0	
Total Payments			26,396	
Excess of Receipts over payments				
Restricted			-1,227	

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF St Paul Skelmersdale STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES at 31 December 2022				
	2022 £	2021 £		
Cash Funds				
Bank current accounts	47,573	55,644		
General Fund	9,598	16,441		-6,843
Restricted Funds	37,975	39,203		-1,227
Kings Kids	17	252		
SPY	285	569		
Church Fabric	978	953		
Gift Day	11,681	12,699		
Vestry Fund	20,235	20,560		
SPA	-687	120		
Flower	528	608		
Fees to Diocese	188	1		
Organist	270	310		
Wedding Fees	664	3,131		
Let There Be Light	440	n/a		
Ecumenical Centre	3,376	n/a		
Deposit Fund	30,346	30,317		
Total bank current and deposit accounts	77,919	85,961		
Other Monetary Assets				
End of year income tax claim	7,767	8,876		also PGS given tax relief monthly
	7,767	8,876		
Investment Assets				
Investment Fund shares (market value)	5,033	5,546		
	5,033	5,546		
Assets retained for the use of the Church (unrestricted funds)				
Freehold house at Wilcove	160,000	160,000		
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Liabilities				
	0	0		
Other Tangible Assets				
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Approved by the PCC on 21/2/2023 and signed on their behalf				
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Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection.

At St Paul's the safety and well-being of all people, especially children and vulnerable adults, is taken seriously. We continue to follow correct procedure and policy so that all people are recruited to teams and roles using the official 'Safer Recruitment' procedures. We are grateful to Mrs Ann Taylor who is our Safe-guarding Officer for her work and for all the people in St Paul's who volunteer on our various teams, groups and PCC. They all have a firm commitment to a safe culture and all Disclosure and Barring Service checks are up to date. There were no formal safeguarding incidents in 2022.

Objectives and Activities.

The PCC (Powers) Measure 1956 states that the PCC is to cooperate with the Minister in promoting in the Parish the whole mission of the Church, this includes the Pastoral, Evangelistic, Social, and Ecumenical ministry.

At St. Paul's we have a Mission Statement which confirms our mission to proclaim the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England, both through the proclamation of the word and to encourage members of the congregation to put their faith into action, as we serve Christ in the Parish.

Mission Statement

Jesus Says, "Go and make Disciples" we try to do this:-

Through the teaching of the Bible as God's Word to us in all matters of faith and moral behaviour,

Through allowing God's Holy Spirit to work in us in order to make us more like Jesus,

Through worshipping together: listening to God; talking to Him; responding to Him and encouraging one another.

Through using the different gifts God has given us to love and serve Him, each other and the local community.

Through making Jesus known to others by what we say and what we do.

Through encouraging and supporting children and younger members of the Church family at St. Paul's and Trinity Anglican/Methodist School and making every effort to ensure that we are a "Child Friendly" Church.

Through seeking to work with other Christians and by building links with the world-wide church.

In order to do this our aims and objectives for 2022 were:

To review, renew and refresh church life in light of a vision of growth in three dimensions:

Up towards God,

In towards one another, our church family, and

Out to a world in desperate need of the good news that we have to share

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES		Independent examiner's report on the accounts	
Section A Independent Examiner's Report			
Report to the trustees/ members of	THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST. PAUL SKELMERSDALE		
On accounts for the year ended	31 st December 2022	Charity no (if any)	1128068
Set out on pages	1-2 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)		
Responsibilities and basis of report	<p>I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 12 / 2022.</p> <p>As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").</p> <p>I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.</p>		
Independent examiner's statement	<p>I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; orthe accounts did not accord with the accounting records; orthe accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination. <p>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.</p>		
Signed:	Katie Hall		Date: 27 th April 2023
Name:	Katie Hall		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	N/A		
Address:	Accounting Clinic at Liverpool John Moores University, Redmonds Building.		
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Section B Disclosure	
Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).	
Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.	

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This would include:

To nurture vocations and the ministries of all believers, and to share our ministerial resources more widely.

To address the financial challenges that the church is facing

To maintain and develop our role in the community looking particularly to develop ministry in the town centre

To look at developing our building

To explore using the Holy Habits materials to build up our fellowship and to offer an Alpha Course to nurture faith

To develop our small group life.

To improve our Pastoral Care.

Achievements and Performance including review of charitable achievements against objectives.

After the Covid affected years of 2020-21 it was a relief for normality to return in 2022 and for many valued aspects of church life to return more fully. Live streamed Morning Prayer continued through much of the year although this was eventually scaled back, and there were a significant amount of weddings and baptisms in church, some of which had been held over from previous years. We retained two Sunday morning services and it was encouraging to see attendances moving back towards pre-Covid levels. The PCC have continued to believe that it isn't currently right to reinstate a Sunday evening service. Easter and Christmas services were well attended, the All-age, All in Nativity with live animals has become a well-received part of our Christmas celebrations and Carol Singing in the Concourse for the first time was part of our plans to develop ministry in our local Shopping centre. We plan to launch a chaplaincy service there in 2023. In December we held a crown festival and church looked stunning through the Christmas period filled with crowns created and decorated by church organisations and local schools. In the autumn we agreed to start holding many of our monthly All-age Services in Trinity School. This has proved very successful and has seen a significant increase in those attending. Offering food after these services has also been very well received. At Easter the church ran Experience Easter for the first time. Over a period of two days every child from Trinity School was taken through the Easter story with different stations around the church, exploring Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. We intend to run this again in the future and open it up to other schools and the wider community.

Parish Details

PCC Name	ST. PAUL. SKELMERSDALE
Year (e.g. 2020)	2022
Name of signature 1 on accounts:	Revd Christopher Spittle
Name of signature 2 on accounts	Mrs J.Price
Name of Independent Examiner	The Accounting Clinic
Professional Qualifications of Independent Examiner (if any)	
Address of Independent Examiner	John Moores University Liverpool
Date of Accounts approval by PCC	
Date of Independent Examiners Report	21st February 2023

In September we responded to the death of Queen Elizabeth II by opening church for people to come and pray and remember, and held a Service of Remembrance ahead of her funeral. This again was appreciated by the local community and well attended.

We have continued to be blessed in the area of Vocations and Ministry. This has been a significant movement of the Spirit at St Paul's in recent years. Rev Lizzy Ferguson was ordained Curate in June and we were pleased to welcome her, Jon and Aoife to the St Paul's family. Paul Davies was accepted for Ordination training and he began this through Emmanuel Theological College in the autumn, combining training with a placement three days a week at St Paul's. In September Jane Cliff was licensed as a Reader and in April Chris became Area Dean of Ormskirk alongside being Priest-in-Charge at St Paul's.

A very successful SPA (St Paul's Away) weekend was held at Quinta in July with Revds Beth Anderson and Sandra Jones (both formerly of St Paul's) leading us. Dave Bilbrough led worship for us. In view of how successful this was another weekend has been booked for 2023 with Adrian and Bridget Plass as our speakers. SPY (St Paul's Youth) and the St Paul's Men both held very successful weekends away in April and September respectively.

We greatly value our partnership with Trinity our church school. The Bright Lights worshipping community at Trinity school is now an established part of church and school life and is growing. We hold monthly gatherings where the attendance ranges from 60-95. A joint initiative with our Methodist friends is ReNew 100 a wellbeing drop in and cafe. This is also growing in attendance and there are plans to open twice a week.

Addressing our financial challenges has been another ongoing priority for us. We continue to encourage use of the Parish Giving Scheme and contactless giving using a card reader. We are currently working with the diocese to produce printed materials encouraging giving and explaining its importance.

The PCC would like to thank everyone who has worked through this year to make our Church a lively, loving and welcoming worshipping community.

The Electoral Roll. Is now 123

Church Buildings.

Mr. Ken Skelton continues to work as "Building Manager". He has organised minor work that needed to be carried out on the church building. There is an ongoing programme to improve the church fabric. Important checks such as the electrics, boiler and fire appliances are all up to date.

A Quinquennial Inspection of the Church took place in 2018, which although broadly positive raised some concerns about the roof and perimeter walls. In 2022 some progress was made toward the Vestry Redevelopment. It is hoped that this will be completed in 2023.

Finance The Financial Accounts can be found elsewhere in this document.

Reserves Policy.

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (if possible), which equates to approximately three months unrestricted payments, to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time.