

Annual Report of the church of Christ Church, Eccleston

for the year ending 31st of December 2016

Reference and Administrative Information

Location and address: the church of Christ Church Eccleston is located in Church Lane, Eccleston, St Helens, WA10 5AD.

The address for general correspondence is: Christ Church Eccleston, c/o Rev Sonya Doragh, Christchurch vicarage, Chapel Lane, Eccleston, St Helens. WA10 5DA.

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Management: management of Christchurch is exercised through the parochial church council (PCC) and the standing committee. The following served on the PCC during 2016:

Team Vicar:	Rev Sonya Doragh	Chairperson
Churchwardens:	Chris Hoyle Phil Larsen	Elected APCM 16 Re-elected APCM 16
Deanery Synod representatives:	Audrey Anderton David Parr Dorothy Parton	
Elected Members:	Helen Brindley Jean Brownbill	Elected APCM 16 Election unrecorded
PCC Secretary from 16/11/16	Deborah Evans	Elected APCM 16
Vice Chair	Judith Johnson	Elected APCM 14
	Rachel Lyon	Elected APCM 14
Electoral Roll Officer	Chris Macro	Elected APCM 15
	Jim Macro	Elected APCM 15
PCC Secretary to 16/11/16	Gillian Rimmer	Elected APCM 14
	Barbara Swain	Elected APCM 15
	David Swain	Elected APCM 15
	Helen Twist	Elected APCM 15
Treasurer	Helen Wright	Elected APCM 14
Co-opted Members		
Clerks in Holy Orders	Rev David Anderton Rev Brenda Parker	
Readers:	Pauline Parr Sue Kirkham	
For specialist knowledge:	Jeff Rimmer	16/5/16 to APCM 17

One third of the PCC elected membership usually come up for election each year, at the annual Church meeting.. This year there are five places on the PCC open for nomination. Co-options are at the discretion of the PCC subject to the church representation rules. Since the 2014 Annual Meeting serving more than two consecutive terms should be considered only in exceptional circumstances

Training on a Church Pastoral Aid Society *PCC Tonight* course was offered to all PCC members.

The following people serve on the team Council of the Eccleston team (Christchurch, St Luke's, St John's, St James and St Matthew): Rev Sonya Doragh and David Parr

The PCC is advised by the following:

Bankers	Royal Bank Of Scotland
Quinquennial architect	Buttress, Fuller, Alsop, Williams
Independent Examiner	Team Audit LLC
Insurers	Ecclesiastical Insurance Group

Structure, Management and Governance

Christ Church Eccleston PCC is a body corporate and operates under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) measure 1956 and the Church Representation Rules. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All church members are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC is a registered charity number 112 8365. The charity's formal name is the parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ Church Eccleston.

When planning activities for the year the PCC gave consideration to the Charity commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance to charities concerned with the advancement of religion.

The PCC operates two subcommittees:

The Standing Committee comprising of the vicar, both wardens, the PCC Secretary and two further members of the PCC.

The Building Committee comprising of the vicar, Jeff Rimmer and Jim Macro.

The Electoral Roll was revised prior to the 2016 Annual Church Meeting at which time there were 173 members on the electoral roll.

Protection for All: In accordance with Diocesan policy, all leaders and helpers working regularly with children, young people and with vulnerable adults are checked via the DBS system in order to obtain an enhanced certificate. The parish child protection coordinator updates and reissues the existing policy in the light of various changes in government and diocesan policy and practice. This is regularly reviewed by the PCC. Health and safety issues are taken into consideration and measures to reduce risk are taken whenever necessary. Fire extinguishers are located at appropriate points around the buildings.

Objectives and Activities

The general functions of the PCC are stated within section 2 of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956.

As the parish church of Eccleston we are a Christian presence in our community; as we grow together learning to love God, we seek to show God's love to the community around us.

Throughout 2016 we have been an active Christian presence through the provision of the following public benefits:

Growing together

Extended fellowship following Sunday worship with tea, coffee, juice and biscuits.

Social events such as Spring and Christmas fairs, afternoon teas, the Black Dyke Band and other musical events.

Sign up and eat up, Rev Sonya and her family invited congregation members to join them for a meal – a few at a time.

Learning to Love God

Regular public worship that is open, welcoming to all and includes provision for children.

Weekly groups for different ages focused on learning our faith: All Stars, Star Academy, Young People's Fellowship and Bible Study Group.

Home Communion being taken to housebound members by our team.

Providing Messy Church for young families on a regular basis.

Monthly fellowship groups.

Occasional worship services with a particular focus. E.g. Memorial service for the recently bereaved.

Showing God's love

Assemblies based on faith every week Eccleston Mere Primary School.

Pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.

Advent windows displayed throughout the parish with hospitality offered to the community most nights of advent.

Eccleston Community Group, a drop-in provision for the isolated or elderly.

Toddler Time, a weekly drop in for parents, carers, grandparents and pre-school children.

Supporting other charities in the UK and overseas through our giving.

Girls night off social evening for mums of children that attend our weekly groups.

Heroes and princesses party as an alternative to Halloween.

Achievements and performance

Including review of charitable achievements against objectives The PCC is delighted with its achievements against objectives set out in the previous section. However we are by no means complacent. The following section highlights the areas of activity and performance.

Worship

Attendance at Sunday services averages at 95, this average is made without including those celebrations that attract an unusually high attendance such as Remembrance Sunday, the Crib Service, Nativity, Christingle and Carols by Candlelight.

Music: our worship is greatly enhanced by the gifts of our musicians and singers during Sunday services, we are grateful to those organists that play for occasional offices during the week.

Lay ministry: Sunday worship benefits from the generous use of time and gifts of a team of lay people, our Readers Pauline Parr and Sue Kirkham alongside those on Worship for All teams. This is complemented during Sunday worship by the work of the sidespeople and those that help with projecting the service slides and running the sound desk.

Sermon series: In September we started a sermon series that enables us to follow an overview of the whole Biblical narrative over the coming year, exploring the Old Testament in the months before Christmas.

Ministry

Occasional Offices: During 2016 there were 8 baptisms, 4 weddings and 20 funerals at church and 4 at the Crematorium.

Pastoral care: Much of the pastoral care offered by our church community takes place through the strong network of friendships within our congregation. More formally there is an authorised team of people that take home-communion to those that are not able to attend services, home visits are conducted in connection with all occasional offices and home or hospital visits are made as appropriate. These one to one visits are supplemented by the Tuesday Fellowship that meets monthly for communion; when lifts are given to those that are unable to come on Sundays so that they can gather to worship together.

Teaching and learning: The two Bible study groups merged meeting together at the Trapwood Centre until September when they continued to meet in the vicarage on a weekly basis. The Thursday Fellowship continued to meet fortnightly learning together about a range of topics from invited speakers.

Working Together: Our ministry is conducted as part of the Eccleston team. During this year we saw the appointment of two team Vicars: Rev Sonya Doragh appointed as team Vicar of Christ Church Eccleston and Rev Dozie Moneme appointed as team Vicar to St John's Ravenhead. Team Rector Rev Harry Welch announced that he will be retiring with effect from April 2017.

The Eccleston team is part of the St Helens deanery, with clergy chapter providing mutual support for all those in ordained ministry in our deanery and deanery Synod continuing to shape and form our shared ministry across St Helens.

We continue to work with our ecumenical partners particularly St Julie's with whom we share the walk of witness at Easter and with Newtown URC joining in the Advent Windows project.

Mission

Much of the outreach of our church is hard to measure as each individual member connects with their family, friends, neighbours and colleagues. The public benefit of our faith life extends as far as our members lives in the community. However there are many occasions when we engage in mission in a gathered and intentional way. A high point of the Christian year, the Easter season, was marked by a walk of witness in collaboration with St Julie's, our Catholic neighbours, as well as an Easter Eggs-travaganza event for young families and a Sunrise Service at Eccleston Mere.

Assemblies in Eccleston Mere Primary School are a regular opportunity to share God's love with our community. Our support for Eccleston Mere Primary School also takes the form of having a presence on the governing body and welcoming classes to church when such visits enhance the learning of the children.

Our Church magazine takes the Good News of the Gospel into the homes of many that do not come to Church on a Sunday.

We have seen the start of a number of missional projects during 2016:

In January **Toddler Time** launched for preschool children and their adults on Friday mornings. This has gone from small beginnings with just four children attending in the first week to more than 20 coming on a regular basis by the end of the year.

Eccleston Community Group was started to offer a time to gather to those that are isolated. Due to low take-up this initiative has been suspended during the winter months subject to review.

Our **Advent Windows** proved highly popular and enabled us to engage with a large variety of community members that we might not otherwise reach. Each evening of advent a different church member lit up a window in their home which was decorated to portray part of the Christmas story. Most evenings the window lighting was accompanied by the offer of mulled wine and mince pies to those that could attend. 1 December saw this project launched with the vicarage window lit up with the accompaniment of a brass band, a crowd of all ages gathered and sang Christmas carols on the vicarage drive; a simple yet moving way to worship God and proclaim God's love in our community.

During the course of 2016 we made financial donations to Cross Links, Prospects, Friends of Step Out and Operation Christmas Child totalled £4194.99. We also collected for St Helens Food Bank throughout the year.

Buildings

The church building continues to be in a good state of repair following the works undertaken during the refurbishment, this is matched by the graveyard being kept up to a high standard. The maintenance and cleaning team that gather every Thursday are a credit to our church family as they keep our site fit for mission and ministry.

The church hall site remains unchanged other than minor maintenance. It is a sadness to the whole community the Eccleston Medical Centre has not received the support it needs from the Clinical Commissioning Group to move into permanent premises, they remain our tenant.

Church house continues to have a tenant, unfortunately at the end of 2016 there were problems with the boiler.

Finance

Payments have exceeded receipts by £10,000. A large portion of this can be accounted for by a drop in planned giving of circa £7,000 and a connected £3,000 drop in Gift Aid recovered. Whilst this is hopefully a one off, we are going to explore joining the Parish Giving scheme, encouraging everyone to review their giving and particularly to consider agreeing to the annual uplift in line with inflation that the Parish Giving Scheme facilitates.

Looking Forward

Growing together

Continue to explore opportunities to gather for extended periods of fellowship.

Learning to Love God.

Explore ways to engage young families in more intentional discipleship.

Run a Christian basics course for baptism parents and children's group parents that want to learn more about our Christian faith.

Extend the Home Communion team.

Better equip those that are part of the Worship for All teams and explore further ways to engage lay people in leading worship.

Implement the Parish Giving Scheme and encourage sacrificial financial giving as part of our worship.

Showing God's love

Consolidate our new missional ventures and find ways to develop the relationships formed through these activities.

Review our giving to ensure we give at least 10% of our income and to develop better relationships with the beneficiaries.

Look toward creating a suitable welcome pack for giving to those moving into the parish.

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
OF Christ Church Eccleston**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 DECEMBER 2016

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
Christ Church Eccleston**

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**Independent Examiner's report
to the PCC of CHRIST CHURCH ECCLESTON**

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2016, which are set out on pages 2 and 3, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations ('the Regulations') and s.43 of the Charities Act 1993 ('the Act') as amended by s.2.28 of the

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. You consider that an audit is not required for this year under Regulation 3(3) and s.144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- (a) examine the accounts under s. 145 of the 2011 Act
- (b) follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charities Commission under 2011 Act and the Regulations; and
- (c) state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

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 41 of the Act; and
 - to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations 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.

(Signed)

Date: 05.03.2017



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**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
CHRIST CHURCH ECCLESTON
FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

for the year ended 31 December 2016

General (Unrestricted/Restricted) Fund Receipts & Payments Account

Receipts

	£ Sub Total Analysis	£ General Funds	£ Restricted Funds	£ Total 2016	£ Total 2015
Voluntary receipts					
Regular Giving					
Tax efficient planned giving (gift aid)		31,052	1,015	32,067	35,752
Other Planned Giving (non gift aid)		4,570	90	4,660	7,792
Collections and other giving		6,003	179	6,182	8,769
One off Gift Aid Donations		45	-	45	100
All Other RECURRING giving/donations		853	24	877	3,194
All NON-RECURRING giving/donations (inc Special App)		9,837	-	9,837	13,076
Income tax recovered		185	300	485	51,550
Legacies		216	-	216	216
Recurring grants		-	-	-	650
NON RECURRING or 'one off grants'		-	-	-	-
		52,561	1,608	54,169	121,098
Receipts from activities for generating funds					
Gross Income from fundraising activities		311	9,421	9,732	4,230
		-	-	-	-
Income from investments					
Dividends, interest, income from property etc		5,635	-	5,635	4,659
CBF Interst/War Grave	141				
Church House Rent	4,518				
sub total	4,659				
Church Activities					
Statutory fees retained by the PCC (weddings, funerals etc)		7,459		7,459	9,276
Gross income from trading and other church activities:-		9,480		9,480	17,634
Magazine	1,922				
Bookstall/Sale of Lentern Books/Small Study Group Books					50
Lettings Hall	11,000				
PCT - Water and Electricity	4,712				
Office Photocopying					
sub total	17,634				
Other Incoming Resources					
Other incoming resources eg Insurance claims)		3,327		3,327	21,300
		76,773	11,030	89,803	178,248

Payments

Cost of Generating Volunatry Income and Generating Funds		-	3,136	3,136	1,127
Church activities					
All Mission Giving, Charitable Grants and Donations		4,195	-	4,195	5,596
Parish Share Paid		54,678	-	54,678	51,827
Salaries & Honoraria NOT APPLICABLE TO CHRIST CHURCH		-	-	-	-
Expenses of Clergy, pastoral staff etc		1,687	-	1,687	2,434
Mission and evangelism costs		739	-	739	717
Church Running Expenses (excluding utility bills):-		10,013	-	10,013	8,782
Upkeep of Church and Services	6,769	-	-	-	-
Upkeep of Churchyard	1,852	-	-	-	-
Upkeep of field	-	-	-	-	-
Administration Costs	1,392	-	-	-	-
sub total	10,013	-	-	-	-
Church Utility bills (church building only)		3,565	-	3,565	4,248
Cost of trading (bookstall, magazine, church hall, church hall:-		9,366	-	9,366	10,454
Bookstall/Lentern Books	-	-	-	-	-
Magazine	1,684	-	-	-	-
Church House Upkeep	1,898	-	-	-	-
Church Hall Upkeep	5,757	-	-	-	-
Moto cards, baptism cards, welcome cards etc	72	-	-	-	-
sub total	9,412	-	-	-	-
Costs of Governance					
Governance costs (PCC meetings, legal fees, audit fee etc)		600	-	600	5,684
Major Capital Expenditure					
Major repairs to church building, including redecoration		-	-	-	-
Major repairs to church hall or other PCC property		-	-	-	-
New building work to the church building church hall, vicarage or other		9,700	2,141	11,840	15,897
PCC property		-	-	-	-
Grants		-	-	-	-
		94,643	6,277	99,820	106,766
Excess of Payments over Receipts	-	15,770	5,753	10,017	71,482

Other Information

These accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
CHRIST CHURCH ECCLESTON
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
as at 31 December 2016**

	2016 £	2016 £
Monetary Assets		
Unrestricted	1,000	1,000
RBS current account (CCE PCC)	74,560	84,962
RBS Special Interest Account (SIB)		
Total bank current and deposit accounts	<u>75,560</u>	<u>85,962</u>
Restricted		
CBF funds	75,464	75,112
Cash held in respect of Houghton Grave	164	164
	<u>75,628</u>	<u>75,276</u>
Less assigned receipts	-868	
Total Monetary Assets	<u>150,320</u>	<u>160,338</u>
Other Assets		
Land and buildings		
Church Hall (2/3 insurance value)	511,088	504,886
Church House (2/3 insurance value)	188,738	189,150
Adjacent land at valuation	17,000	17,000
	<u>716,826</u>	<u>691,036</u>
Liabilities		
Independent examiner's fee	600	600

Analysis and reconciliation of funds

	Unrestricted General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	£
Balance b/f 1.1.16	68,285	92,052	160,337
Surplus/deficit for the year including investment income	- 15,770	5,753 -	10,017
Balance c/f to 1.1.17	<u>52,515</u>	<u>97,805</u>	<u>150,320</u>

NOTES:

- The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.
- The following assets are recognised but not necessarily valued in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities:
Moveable church furnishings held by the church-wardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for their disposal.
- The expenses paid to clergy may include a small, immaterial proportion which relates to their function as PCC members.
No other payments were made to PCC members.
- The payments to missions and overseas relief agencies totalled £4194.99 included payments to Crosslinks, Prospects, Friends of Step Out and Operation Xmas Child

Approved by the PCC on and signed on their behalf

Rev S Doragh
PCC Chairman

Date: 7/3/17

Mrs H Wright
PCC Treasurer

Date: 5/3/17