

Annual report of the church of Christ Church Eccleston for the year ending 31st of December 2017

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, Christ Church Vicarage, 34 Church Lane, Eccleston, St Helens, WA10 5AD.

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Motto text: our motto text for 2017 was: Jesus said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And the second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." Matthew 22: 37-39

Management: management of Christ Church is exercised through the parochial church council (PCC) and the standing committee.

The following served as members of the PCC during 2017:

Team Vicar:	Rev Sonya Doragh	Chairperson
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Churchwardens:	Chris Hoyle Phil Larsen
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Deanery Synod representatives:	Cyril Parton
Vice Secretary	David Parr Dorothy Parton

Elected Members:	David Ball Helen Brindley Sue Brindley Jean Brownbill Debra Evans Chris Macro Jennie Platt Bev Riley Barbara Swain David Swain Helen Twist Christina Rimmer
PCC Secretary	
Vice Chair & Electoral Roll Officer	
Treasurer	

Co-opted Members

Clerks in Holy Orders	Rev David Anderton & Rev Brenda Parker
Readers:	Pauline Parr & Sue Kirkham

One third of the PCC elected membership usually come up for election each year, at the annual Church meeting. PCC members are not limited in the number of terms that they may serve. However, since the 2014 annual meeting serving more than two consecutive terms should be considered only in exceptional circumstances. This year there are four places on the PCC open for nomination. Co-options are at the discretion of the PCC subject to the church representation rules.

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 (Christ Church, St Luke's, St John's, St James and St Matthew): Rev Sonya Doragh & David Parr

The PCC is advised by the following:

Bankers	Royal Bank Of Scotland
Quinquennial architect	Buttress, Fuller, Alsop, Williams
Independent Examiner	Claire Deegan
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 three subcommittees:

The Standing Committee comprising the Vicar, both wardens, David Ball, Sue Brindley and Jean Brownbill.

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

The Giving Committee comprising the Vicar, Debra Evans, Jean Brownbill and Christina Rimmer.

The Electoral Roll was revised prior to the 2016 Annual Church Meeting at which time there were 180 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 reissue 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. We have a defibrillator in the foyer that anyone can use.

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 2017 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.

YPF new pattern of meeting with an invitation social every half term, with new members joining as a result.

When Rev Sonya was unexpectedly taken ill, there was a wonderful sense of our church family rallying together to support her and her family and to sustain mission and ministry of our church.

We have experienced a number of bereavements as a church family this year. Whilst the sadness is hard, grieving our losses together has been an opportunity to better love one another.

Learning to Love God

Regular public worship that is open and welcoming to all.

Weekly groups for different ages focused on learning our faith.

Home Communion being taken to housebound church members and local care home by our team.

Providing Messy Church for young families on a regular basis.

Tuesday Fellowship gathers isolated elderly people for communion.

Thursday Fellowship meet with a wide range of interesting speakers.

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

Reading of a whole Gospel in one sitting with afternoon tea at the start of Lent.
joyful baptism of an adult believer as part of a start of term party for the primary age children's clubs.
Our Church magazine 'Life' has a stronger focus on Christian content with thought for the week reflecting on Sunday's Bible readings through the year.
A number of us went to the Diocesan event, 'Wonderwomen,' which was a great encouragement.

Showing God's love

Assemblies based on faith every week at Ecclestone 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.
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.
Preaching series using London Institute for Contemporary Christianity materials 'Fruitfulness on the Frontline' encouraging everyone to seek to show and share God's love.
Re-organisation of small groups to become Life Groups with a missional focus
Rev Sonya, alongside Saltwater & Honey, initiated Mother's Day Runaways which is taken up all over the country.
We have established a Giving Committee which is working towards setting good parameters for our giving and sustaining more holistic relationships with the recipients of our monies.

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. Our activities this year have benefited from the administrative support offered by Ann Glacki. The following section highlights the areas of activity and performance.

Worship

Average Attendance at Sunday services is at 79, this average is made without including those celebrations that attract an unusually high attendance such as the Crib Service, Remembrance Sunday 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 and also grateful to the Formby brass band that play for our Carols by Candlelight.

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 many others that read, lead in intercessions, engage in drama and other aspects of worship. 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: From January to July we finished the Bible overview we had started in 2016. For the summer we returned to the lectionary and then used the London Institute for Contemporary Christianity materials, Fruitfulness on the Frontline from September to Christmas.

Ministry

Occasional Offices: During 2017 there were 8 baptisms, 3 weddings and 22 funerals. Thanks to the team work between our verger, Mrs Pauline Parr and our regular volunteers, we are able to offer funerals that are run smoothly, embrace the needs of the families and gain us good standing in the community.

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. It is great news that the Home Communion team has grown this year but there is still room for more.

Teaching and learning: The Thursday Fellowship continued to meet fortnightly learning together about a range of topics from invited speakers and sharing communion on occasions throughout the year. The house group stopped meeting whilst Rev Sonya was unwell. This provided an opportunity to review our small groups and initiate two 'Life Groups' that will meet with a pattern that includes invitation activities for mission.

Our ministry is conducted as part of the Ecclestone team. Team Rector Rev Harry Welch retired with effect from April 2017, Rev Peter at St Luke's was on sick leave for some of the year and Rev Ian Hopkins was appointed as an interim team Rector.

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 with Newton URC joining in the Advent Windows project. It is a great joy that our ministry is flourishing due to the work of a number of lay and ordained people sharing responsibilities.

Mission

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.

Buildings

The church building continues to be kept in wonderful condition thanks to a team of dedicated volunteers. Sadly a number of those on the team have died during 2017

The church hall site remains unchanged other than minor maintenance. Our architect's drawings for our new parish building will be going to pre-planning early in 2018.

After many years of waiting, Eccleston Medical Centre should be in their new premises by autumn 2018, which will mean there is no obstacle to our planned sale of land. Church House continues to have a tenant and we have responded to their needs in a timely fashion throughout the year.

Finance

We are delighted to now be part of the Parish Giving Scheme with some 50 people already signed up. We have been recipients of some exceptional legacies this year.

Looking Forward

Growing together

Continue to explore opportunities to gather for extended periods of fellowship as our plans for a new building go to pre-planning early in 2018. We hope this will enhance our opportunities for time together.

Learning to Love God.

We have an application in with the Joshua Centre for support toward establishing an after-school opportunity for worship and teaching for young families.

Encourage more of our church membership to join Life Groups in order to grow in Biblical knowledge and fellowship. Explore a Lent course to gather more people in midweek study in 2019.

Showing God's love

We continue to be aware of our hope to support and welcome young families and look for further ways to engage with them.

As our Life Groups become established we anticipate that their invitation events will create further opportunities to show care and compassion to others.

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Independent examiner's report to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of Christ Church, Eccleston

I report to the PCC on my examination of the accounts of Christ Church, Eccleston for the year ended 31 December 2017 comprising the statement of receipts and payments and the statement of assets and liabilities on the following pages.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the PCC 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 PCC'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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the accounts as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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:



Claire Deegan, FCA
35 Hollytree Road
Liverpool L25 5PB

Date: 19 February 2018

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CHRIST CHURCH ECCLESTON
FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For the year ended 31 December 2017

General (Unrestricted/Restricted) Fund Receipts & Payments Account

CBF code	Receipts	2017				2016	
		£	£	£	£	Total	Total
		Sub Total Breakdowns	Unrestricted General Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	2017	2016
	Voluntary receipts						
	Regular Giving						
1	Tax efficient planned giving (gift aid)		33,084.41	-	33,084.41		32,067.20
2	Other Planned Giving (non gift aid)		4,229.85	-	4,229.85		4,659.63
3	Collections and other giving		6,897.57	1,247.32	8,144.89		6,181.94
3a	One off Gift Aid Donations		10.00	2,015.00	2,025.00		45.20
4	All Other RECURRING giving/donations		-	221.31	221.31		-
5	All NON-RECURRING giving/donations (inc Special App)		907.71	1,045.47	1,953.18		877.00
6	Income tax recovered		9,198.02	-	9,198.02		9,637.38
7	Legacies		58,000.00	300.00	58,300.00		485.00
8	Recurring grants		216.00	-	216.00		216.00
8a	NON RECURRING or 'one off grants'		-	1,300.00	1,300.00		-
			112,543.56	6,129.10	118,672.66		54,169.35
9	Receipts from activities for generating funds						
	Gross Income from fundraising activities		-	3,374.92	3,374.92		9,732.47
10	Income from investments						
	Dividends, interest, income from property etc		4,625.06	-	4,625.06		5,635.39
	CBF Interst/War Grave	317.18			317.18		
	Church House Rent	4,307.88			4,307.88		
	sub total	4,625.06			4,625.06		

Church Activities					
11	Statutory fees retained by the PCC (weddings, funerals etc)	4,917.00	-	4,917.00	7,354.53
12	Gross income from trading and other church activities:-	29,715.27		29,715.27	9,480.49
	Magazine	1,921.40		1,921.40	
	Bookstall/Sale of Lentern Books/Small Study Group Books	-		-	
	Lettings Hall	20,650.00		20,650.00	
	PCT - Water and Electricity	6,803.87		6,803.87	
	Toddler time	340.00		340.00	
	sub total	29,715.27		29,715.27	-
Other Incoming Resources					
13	Other incoming resources eg insurance claims)	1,331.25	-	1,331.25	3,326.81
TOTAL RECEIPTS		153,132.14	9,504.02	162,636.16	89,803.00

Payments

17	Cost of Generating Volunatry Income and Generating Funds	-	35.00	35.00	3,136.30
Church activities					
18	All Mission Giving, Charitable Grants and Donations	3,600.00	-	3,600.00	4,194.99
19	Parish Share Paid	57,508.08	-	57,508.08	54,677.64
20	Salaries & Honoraria NOT APPLICABLE TO CHRIST CHURCH	-	-	-	-
21	Expenses of Clergy, pastoral staff etc	4,249.43	-	4,249.43	1,687.49
22	Mission and evangelism costs	448.79	-	448.79	738.90
23	Church Running Expenses (excluding utility bills):-	10,413.82	2,522.00	12,935.82	10,013.10
	Upkeep of Church and Services	5,960.27			
	Upkeep of Churchyard	2,085.82			
	Upkeep of field	907.44			
	Administration Costs	1,460.29			

	sub total	10,413.82							
24	Church Utility bills (church building only)		2,791.76	-	2,791.76	3,565.23			
25	Cost of trading (bookstall, magazine, church hall, church hall:- Bookstall/Lentern Books Magazine Church House Upkeep Church Hall Upkeep Baptism cards, welcome cards etc sub total	- 1,662.60 1,724.32 7,662.01 109.37 11,158.30	11,158.30	350.00	11,508.30	9,411.98			
	Costs of Governance		600.00	-	600.00	600.00			
26	Governance costs (PCC meetings, legal fees, audit fee etc)								
	Major Capital Expenditure								
27	Major repairs to church building, including redecoration		-	-	-	-			
28	Major repairs to church hall or other PCC property		-	-	-	-			
29	New building work to the church building church hall, vicarage or other PCC property Grants		-	-	-	11,840.48			
TOTAL PAYMENTS			90,770.18	2,907.00	93,677.18	99,820.00			
Excess of Receipts over payments			62,361.96	6,597.02	68,958.98				
Other information									

These accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payment basis.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities
At December 2017

	2017 £ total	2016 £ total
Current		
General Funds		
CBF general including legacies	97460.45	
RBS current account (CCE PCC)	1105.00	1000.00
RBS Special Interest Account (SIB)	32535.00	74560.00
Total bank current and deposit accounts	131100.45	75560.00
Restricted funds		
RBS SIB Youth groups	855.00	
CBF funds Building for the future	88004.00	75464.00
Cash held in respect of Houghton Grave	167.00	164.00
	88171.00	75628.00
	177197.00	151188.00
Non Current funds		
Church Hall (2/3 insurance value)	511088.00	511088.00
Church House (2/3 insurance value)	188738.00	188738.00
Adjacent land at valuation	17000.00	17000.00
	716826.00	716826.00

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Independent examiner's fee

£600

£600

Current assets are split between the following funds

	2017		Total Funds
	Unrestricted General Funds	Restricted Funds	
	£	£	£
Balance b/f 1.1.17	52515	97805	150320
Surplus/deficit for the year including investment income	62362	6597	68959
Balance c/f to 1.1.18	114877	104402	219279

Balance b/f 1.1.17

Surplus/deficit for the year including investment income

Balance c/f to 1.1.18

1. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

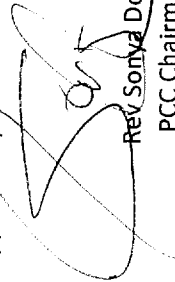
2. The following assets are recognised but not necessarily valued in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities:

Moveable church furnishings held by the church-wardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for their disposal.

3. 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.

4. The valuations of assets are based on historical values. No revaluation of assets has taken place in 2017

Approved by the PCC on and signed on their behalf



Rev Sonya Doragh
PCC Chairman



Christina Rimmer
PCC Treasurer

Christ Church Treasurer's Report for 2017

General Comment

In 2017 the church raised £153,132.14 including legacies in general funds and £9504.02 in restricted funds.

The church benefited from two legacies in 2017 one of £50,000 and one of £8,000, the members of the church are asked to pray that we may use these sums wisely.

When the legacies are excluded the Income was up when compared to last year's accounts.

Bank Accounts

The Church continues to use three bank accounts as in previous years.

As at the 31st December 2017 the account balances were as follows:-

1. **RBS Cheque Account** for everyday transactions (CCE) ; **£1,105**
2. **SIB Special Interest Bearing Account** (SIB), which takes a surplus from or supplements a shortfall in the cheque account ; **£ £33,490**
3. **Central Board of Finance** (CBF); this holds a restricted fund 'Building for the Future fund'. The monies are set aside for repair/development of church and church hall sites – £88,004. The legacies received in 2017 - £58,000. Unallocated money in the general fund £ 39,755
4. **The cash book balance for the CCE and SIB as at the 31.12.17 was £219,249**(This figure is the CCE and SIB bank figures less any un presented cheques or un presented income).
5. **The Reserves, are in excess of £220,000,**

RECEIPTS

Codes 1 to 8a: Voluntary Receipts; Regular Giving

Receipts I would like to say thank you to all donors and Gift Aiders, irrespective of the amounts you give on a one-off, weekly or monthly basis on an on going basis. This money helps to keep up the day to day running of the Church, and its mission and activities. Church Hall and Church Yard and Field. the gift aided giving increased from 2016, but the other planned giving figure declined.

Income Tax Recovered ; A total sum of £9,198 income tax was recovered by the Church's Gift Aid Secretary, Chris Macro.

Legacies; Two unrestricted legacies of £50,000 and £8,000 were received during 2017.

Grants; £216.00 income was received from the War Graves Commission for upkeep of the War Graves at Christ Church.

Non Recurring grants; Ecclestone Parish Council continued their monetary support (£650.00) towards the upkeep of the Churchyard in 2017 but as the 2016 grant was paid in January 2017 the total grant received in 2017 was £1300 .

Code 9; Receipts from activities for generating Funds

A very successful social calendar of events took place once again during the year. Significant funds were raised, Spring and Christmas Fayres in Church' A big thank you once again to all the organisers including Jean Brownbill, Jenni Platt, Chris Macro, Gordon Crosby and everyone else involved in these activities who contributed, attended or bought tickets for the various events or purchased a calendar.

The Community fund raising events along with the 'Messy Church' afternoons and toddler time, are invaluable in raising the profile of the Church amongst our local community in Eccleston and further afield.

Code 10 ; Income from Investments

Interest Rates, as in the previous year, they continue to remain low.

Church House; Rent from Church House continues to provide an income however some minor repair work was required .(repairs coded under 25) .

Codes 11 to 12; Church Activities

The Medical Centre – The income from the Medical Centre continues to bring in £11,000 per annum plus £8,250 from 2016 received in the 2017 accounts. In addition, the medical centre continues to contribute towards the water and electricity they use. We are still awaiting the news of when the Medical Centre is to be relocated. It must be highlighted that when the Medical Centre is re-located, this will have a considerable impact on the Church's income.

Code 13; Other Incoming Resources

The church received money back from Liverpool diocese in the form of DDO grant for Sonya's work for the diocese.

PAYMENTS

Code 17; Cost of Generating Funds

This included additional production costs of the 2017 calendars, but because of an alteration in definitions by the diocese the production costs of 2018 calendar is now included in trading costs.

Codes 18 to 23; Church Activities

All Mission Giving, Charitable Grants and Donations: So many people have been extremely generous not only with their time but also their monetary giving to raise money for very worthwhile causes locally, nationally and internationally.

The Church continued to support Crosslinks with our link family the Kravlovis from whom we have received regular prayer letters and news about their activities and family (see their latest letter in the Church Porch).

Parish Share Christ Church continued to pay its full Parish Share £57,508.08. This covers our Missional Leadership, most of the costs of our clergy's pay, pension, housing and training, as well as some Reader training and support for our church schools. Without Parish Share we would not be able to sustain the mission and ministry of the majority of parishes in our Diocese.

Mission and Evangelism Costs; this includes expenditure relating to the Children's and Toddler Groups including putting on the Nativity Service and hire of Bleak Hill School on a Friday evening. and the motto cards.

Church Running Expenses; this includes expenditure relating to services, upkeep of the church yard, upkeep of the field and various administration costs and expenses.

Code 24; Church Utility Bills (Church only)

Utility Providers; Southern Electric Gas Ltd for Electricity and Gas, and Water Plus for Water. From 20th December; Church Hall Electricity -Total Power.

Code 25; Cost of Trading

This includes expenditure on the Church Hall and Church House upkeep (including insurance); in 2017, some minor repair work was required a new bathroom fan was fitted, a replacement dishwasher was bought. Further improvement work in the future such as a new bathroom to ensure that the house is well maintained for the purpose of letting the property. Also included is the cost of producing the magazine.

Code 26; Cost of Governance ;The church paid out audit fees for the accounts relating to 2016 of £600.

Codes 27 to 29; Major Capital Expenditure

Major New Building Work (Restricted Expenditure) ; There has been no major capital expenditure in 2017.

Income to expenditure; I am pleased to report that over 2017 the general fund generated surplus of £62,362, when legacies are excluded the surplus becomes £4,362 the restricted fund generated a surplus of £6,597.

AND FINALLY 'A HUGE THANK YOU'

Behind this published set of accounts, there is a '**Finance, Admin and Maintenance Team**' who carry out a variety of tasks and whose roles are too numerous to mention here but often go unseen. Without their help and support the Church would struggle to function as a viable, safe and well maintained building.

And finally, to Rev Sonya and our PCC for your ongoing, faith, support and encouragement to me in my role as 'Treasurer'.

Christina Rimmer