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Stalmine, St. James' Parochial Church Council (PCC) Annual Report for 2023

1) Aims and Purposes.

To cooperate with the Incumbent and Pioneer Minister in promoting, in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The mission of Stalmine St. James' Church PCC is:

To proclaim the good news of the Risen Christ to all people by worship, witness and teaching.

To pray for, and bring comfort and healing to all in need.

To identify, develop and encourage the full use of the talents that all possess.

The mission of the Over Wyre benefice is:

Sharing Jesus in the everyday of everyone in Over Wyre.

2) Objectives and Activities.

i. Mission and Outreach Subcommittee:

Develops and revises regularly a Mission Statement for St James' Church with clear underlying definitions; that are communicated and understood by our congregation and community;

Makes recommendations to PCC of Mission and Outreach activities and engagements;

Ensures that the PCC's commitment to tithe our income is undertaken regularly and appropriately in line with our planned giving at home, abroad etc.

Develops and maintains links with the Diocese of Blackburn, in order that St James' is aware and involved in Diocesan mission and outreach activities;

Supports the promotion of the use of the church buildings as resources for mission and outreach.

ii. Worship and Liturgy Subcommittee:

Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as his people. One of the glories of the Church of England is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words and actions through which public worship is conducted and governed by the Rules for Regulating Authorised Forms of Service. Therefore the Worship and Liturgy group is to contribute to how the community prays, worships and celebrates our common faith and belief in God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, ensuring that what we do is accessible to all who pass through our doors.

The purposes of the Worship and Liturgy Subcommittee are to:

- Contribute to the planning and celebration of prayer, worship and liturgy in its various forms throughout the church's liturgical year, ensuring that the needs of the parish community are met.



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- Widen and enrich the worship and prayer life of the parish so that people may encounter the Risen Christ and are inspired to live and spread the Good News.
- Identify, support and utilise the variety of gifts, talents and resources that are available in the parish, diocese and wider church in order.
- Promote greater understanding and awareness of the richness and diversity of worship and liturgy, ensuring that St James' parish remains open to the breadth and variety of styles that exist within the parish and the Church of England in general.

iii. Communications and Social Subcommittee:

Ensures effective two-way communication between:

the PCC and the congregation

the PCC and supporting sub-committees.

The church; and the general public or any other interested parties.

Maintains a calendar of social events and activities designed to increase the social wellbeing of the current congregation and by means of fellowship endeavour to carry out the church's mission.

Interacts with other Over Wyre parishes to share best practice, minimise duplication, associated costs and share benefits.

iv. Finance and Facilities Subcommittee:

Oversees the financial affairs and responsibilities of the PCC and makes recommendations about budgeting and the funding of expenditure.

Ensures the short-term and long-term upkeep and security of the church building and its contents, and the church grounds.

Manages the day-to-day running of the church as a public place of worship, ensuring comfort, cleanliness and safety.

Supports the promotion of the use of the church buildings as resources for prayer, worship and outreach.

v. Charities Subcommittee:

Plans and executes the donation of 10% of the Church's disposable income to charities.

3) Achievements and Performance.

Interim Priest:

The year 2023 is one that will live long in the memory, for our family and for the benefice: it has been a roller coaster of a year for a number of reasons.

Early in the year Adele, Joan and I moved into our temporary home on Head Dyke. We were thrilled to be living in the midst of the benefice and serving the community which, over the previous six months, we had grown to love. It was a delight to be immersed in the countryside and so close to each of our amazing churches.

My role as Interim Priest began formally with a licensing at S. Oswald. At the service, Rev Naomi joined us, although she was officially still on maternity leave. The Bishop remarked that he had never officiated at such a relaxed, happy, and joyful licensing.

Lent was kept with such love and devotion across our benefice with a number of powerful and beautiful services of prayer and reflection.

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND OVER WYRE



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It was my privilege to preside at the dawn Holy Communion on Easter Day at Pilling Sands. We were blessed with a beautiful sunrise which made the occasion so profoundly moving. In May our benefice joined the nation in celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III. It was a fantastic weekend of celebrations. Adele and I were able to visit every parish and community, where pleasant weather made for joyful all age celebrations.

Mid-summer saw our churches at the heart of the community again, this time through Coffee Feasts, Galas, and Patronal Festivals. It was so special to be able to walk with our benefice children and young peoples' float in a number of processions. The poor weather even back then was the prelude to an incredibly wet year. Despite the rainfall on some of the processions, others dodged showers and even enjoyed some warm summer sunshine. What a great joy to see our churches centre stage in the local community.

During the summer term it was a joy to be able to prepare young people and adults for the Sacrament of Confirmation. St. Oswald's church was absolutely packed for the celebration. It was lovely to see the support of the whole benefice, coming together as a family in prayer and joy.

Harvest was kept traditionally in some parishes and in new and innovative ways in other parishes across the benefice. The celebration reflected the great variety across our whole benefice. Variety in style, variety in social-economic makeup, variety in tradition. It was fantastic to see variety in unity.

In the autumn, interviews were held for the post of the new incumbent. In the rollercoaster way of the year, I found myself applying to be the next incumbent. I was honoured that the parish representatives and patrons placed their trust in me.

In September it was so exciting to welcome back Rev Naomi. She comes with many new and exciting ideas to reach out to those on the fringe of church. To serve those who may not have any connection with church. To seek links with people of all ages. To offer care for those with great faith, those with no faith, and those exploring faith. It is such a great benefit to have Naomi working amongst us all.

Central to the entire year has been the ministry of our church schools. In the summertime, St. Aidan's was sad to say goodbye to Mr Armfield and a number of other staff. At Pilling, we were delighted to welcome Mr Ratcliffe as interim Head Teacher. It is often said one should never agree to help out for a little while. As with myself, so with Mr Ratcliffe: his temporary post soon became permanent. We are blessed with two fantastic headteachers with Mrs Gladwin at Fleetwood's and Mr Ratcliffe at Pilling. We are equally blessed with a great church secondary school under the leadership of Mr Smith. It was my honour to celebrate communion for the whole school at Easter.

Ministry to our young people has been central to this past year, not just in schools but also through our amazing toddler groups across the benefice. An extremely hardworking and dedicated team have coordinated Little Fishes, Ducklings and Stay & Play in Stalmine, Hambleton and Pilling. A great team have also coordinated refreshments and worship at our twice monthly Stay & Play service at Preesall. Teaching, mission, care, and fellowship, all so central to our whole benefice.

In our family, the last few months of 2023 became increasingly challenging because of Joan's declining health. Adele, Joan, and I have felt upheld by the love and prayers of the family of Over Wyre. As we close 2023, Joan is safe, well, and cared for at a local nursing home, an outcome which is miraculous given her earlier prognosis.



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Christmas, like harvest, and the gala season, had our churches centre stage once more, as we celebrated with great joy the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. With drama, music and song, people of all ages have been welcomed into our Church community.

The year 2023 has seen prayer and worship, community involvement, youth and community work, mission, and teaching at the heart of our lives together. As we look to 2024, those will continue to be at the heart of all that we do together as we try, by the grace of God, to draw more and more people into the love of Jesus Christ. May all that we say and do in 2024 focus upon mission, that people may know the love of God in their hearts and lives.

Thank you to everyone, for each in your ministry and mission, making our churches amazing places to live, work and worship.

Fr Peter Walsh

Pioneer Minister

As most people know we welcomed our third child to the world towards the end of 2022. As such, the majority of 2023 has been spent having family time, as we settled into being a family of five. However, this did not mean that the ministry was on pause, or that God was not at work! Many of the activities, worship and events I am part of, lead or facilitate continued and flourished. It has been a privilege to watch them continue and specifically a delight to see others step into their callings and to experiment with roles they perhaps don't usually inhabit! Thank you to everyone who has been and continues to be involved in our mission and ministry Over Wyre!

The Wednesday Stay and Play group in Pilling is now into its third year, and has recently been registered as one of LCC's 'Warm Spaces'. The toddler group runs every Wednesday 9.30-11 a.m. and has toys, snacks, stories and songs. The group continues with the same vision: to see that every person, of all ages, who comes through the door feels safe and welcome, and that they would leave knowing they are loved by us and God. Despite minimal advertising, the group is very well attended and it is wonderful to get to know all those who come! A number of times, an adult has let us know it is one of the only times in their week that someone brings them a hot brew and time to drink it.

After conversations with other adults at the group it became apparent that a safe, relaxing space for adults to come without children would be appreciated and so we began Craft and Cocktails evenings. These are once each half term, and we meet for a few hours to join in a simple creative activity, chat and chill out!

The Stay and Play Service continues to meet on the first and third Saturday of each month. There is breakfast and toys from 9.30 a.m. and then worship time for 15 minutes or so at 10 a.m., which includes songs, a Bible story and time to chat to God. This is followed by some activities, or time for toys, and finishes with more prayers and singing. In 2023 we looked at stories about amazing animals that God used in the Bible, like Jonah and the big fish, Daniel and the lion's den, and Paul and a snake. We also thought about 'Who God is...protector, good parent, creator, God with us, light' etc. In October 2023 we had our first baptism on a Saturday in a Stay and Play Service. Hopefully this will be the first of many.



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In a different corner of the benefice, 'Ducklings' has continued in Hambleton church. Six times a year, the children in the nursery and reception classes are invited into church, where they are part of a short age-appropriate church service. During this, they are able to see the parts of a church service that they might experience on a Sunday. They participate in a Bible story, pray and sing. Afterwards, there are toys and snacks for the children and adults to enjoy.

Fr Peter and Adele came initially to help out temporarily in the parishes. No-one expected that God would call them to a more permanent role here. Not only are the parishes blessed by them and their amazing ministry, but I personally feel truly blessed to be working alongside them both. I love this benefice, this role and the people Over Wyre, and so it has been a joy to return from maternity leave to something that I feel so called to and so enjoy! There is so much potential and so many possibilities Over Wyre and I look forward to the coming year of exploring and experimenting together as we recognise God in all sorts of places and respond to God's call.

Rev Naomi Barraclough





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Licensed Lay Minister:

Firstly, I should like to welcome Father Peter as our new Vicar. I was so pleased when I heard he had been appointed to the role. Also welcome back to Naomi from her maternity leave. I feel that, together, they will be a fantastic team. I'm really looking forward to what the future holds for our parishes, Over Wyre.

It has been a busy, exciting and interesting year. I have continued to lead the Morning Worship service at St James, which is a real privilege and I enjoy immensely. I would like to thank all those involved in the services - you do a fantastic job. I am also involved in the Morning Worship services at Pilling, St John the Baptist, which are very different from the ones at St James, but are, none the less, moving forwards.

Despite work and family commitments, I have still managed to get to a couple of training days which have been informative and enjoyable and a chance to catch up with other LLM's in the diocese. Relicensing is due at Blackburn Cathedral on 2 March 2024. In July it will be eighteen years since I was first licensed, and it doesn't seem like five minutes.

This year, I have also really enjoyed the Ladies Bible Study group (q.v.). I have also been to regular meetings with Father Peter, Jo and Ray (the other LLM's from Over Wyre). It's good to hear about their ministry in the other parishes.

God bless.

Nicola Smith.

Churchwarden:

See also Finance and Facilities report.

In last year's report, we said how fortunate we feel that Fr. Peter Walsh joined us on a temporary basis, so we are delighted that he will be appointed as our permanent Incumbent in March 2024, and we welcome his wife, Adele, to the team. Their presence, experience and commitment give us renewed optimism for our future.

The past twelve months have seen us sustain church attendances, most importantly retaining and increasing newer faces and young children. The Churchwardens wish to thank all those people who have worked so hard, both now and over the past few years to make this happen, and with Fr Peter's leadership, coupled with Rev Naomi's return to full-time duties following her maternity leave, we hope that this can be further developed. We are also so blessed with our "retired" clergy, particularly Dyllis, and our lay, Sunday Club, 'Little Fishes' and 'Stay and Play' leaders who continue to put in so much time and effort.

Communions at home, Coffee and Prayer mornings have continued on Thursdays with attendees increasing; and the Men's group continues to meet on a regular basis, now supplemented by a similar Bible study for ladies.

Again, the wardens wish to thank all those involved, not only those leading services, but our vergers and all those who carry out numerous duties and tasks, often unnoticed, without asking, but essential to the continuity of our St James' church family.

Sandra Bourne, and P Derek Wolstenholme



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Safeguarding:

We continue to make progress with Safeguarding matters at St James. At the end of 2022 I signed us up for the Parish dashboard program of recording Safeguarding. At the end of 2023 we have made 66 per cent progress in recording various safeguarding requirements ranging from DBS checks, training courses and adopting policy documents. The new computer-based program is much better than the previous spreadsheet which was unstable when updating entries. We have been at level two for some months. Progress to level three is hampered by the failure of a PCC member to complete a required training course. I am in dispute over the accuracy of a safeguarding course record held by the Diocese for another member. This will become more important in 2024 as most DBS record checks held by members expire in the summer as do the currency of their training certificates. Additionally there will be a need for all PCC members to have completed the Domestic Abuse and Coercive Behaviour course within six months.

A review of the Little Fishes and the Sunday Club shows a need for all volunteers to have completed the Basic Awareness and the Foundation Courses to satisfy the safeguarding arrangements for children and young people. There may be a need for two volunteers to complete the Leadership course.

My initiative to provide a secure communications network, safeguarding articles and templates for parish documents for the SGOs of the combined benefice and PPOs was not supported. Though tested and ready it remains unused.

In July, Willma King, the National Safeguarding Learning and Development Manager, invited me to join the National PSO Support Learning Group. The Group is revising safeguarding literature, retention of current SGOs, and recruitment of new SGOs. We have a monthly Zoom conference. Of my two suggestions to improve the parish dashboard, one has been implemented, and the other is under development.
Peter Swarbrick.



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Safeguarding Action Summary - Level 2

This shorter version of the Safeguarding Action Plan ignores any completed actions or suspended activities.

Training for Key Roles

| | Status | Notes |
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| Churchwardens The PCC must ensure that all Churchwardens undertake the required safeguarding training. | A question needs to be reviewed. | Churchwardens to undertake Leadership Course on October 26 |
| PCC Members The PCC must ensure that all their members undertake the required safeguarding training. | A question needs to be reviewed. | |

Church Activities

Little Fishes

Runs on a Friday morning at St James Church for mothers and toddlers under the auspices of Pioneer Minister Rev Naomi Barraclough

| | Status | Notes |
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| Safer Recruitment All new leaders and helpers must be appointed in accordance with the Church of England's Safer Recruitment and People Management Guidance. This must be reviewed annually. | This activity needs to follow the Safer Recruitment process. | |
| DBS Checks The PCC must ensure that all eligible leaders and helpers have up-to-date DBS checks. 5-yearly checks must be replaced with 3-yearly checks by January 2024 at the latest. | Some leaders or helpers need to be DBS checked. | |
| Safeguarding Training The PCC must ensure that all leaders and helpers undertake the required safeguarding training. | A question needs to be reviewed. | |

Sunday Club

A withdrawal group for young children during Sunday services.

| | Status | Notes |
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| Safeguarding Training The PCC must ensure that all leaders and helpers undertake the required safeguarding training. | Action is required. | |



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Worship and Liturgy Subcommittee:

This subcommittee has not met in 2023. Both the “contemporary” and “traditional” orders of Eucharist service continue to be used at Stalmine. The Interim Priest also produce a quarterly rota of services in consultation with the parishes.

Paul Buckmaster

All-age Services

The All Age Services offer a relaxed and interactive style of worship which has attracted many more young families this year. Our aim has always been to encourage the young and old to actively engage in the stories about Jesus and in our prayers. We also held our very popular Pet Service and we were blessed with lovely weather so held the whole service outside. This attracts many new people to church to give thanks for their pets. This year for our December service, we planned a Community Christmas Carol sing-a-long at the Village Hall with Pilling Band. It was very well attended and also drew new people from the village. Pam Jackson, Elaine and Sara Duke

Mission and Outreach Subcommittee:

See also Communications and Social Subcommittee’s, and “Little Fishes” reports.

This Subcommittee also did not meet in 2023. More members are needed. Would anyone who feels called in this area, please contact me.

Nicola Smith

Stay and Play

(See also the Pioneer Minister’s report.) The Stay and Play service has continued to be very successful. It is held each month on the 1st and 3rd Saturday. The service is advertised on the Benefice website and Facebook and so reaches many families. The initial trial has now developed over time to become a special established space for many families with children under five, and with some now older to meet with God and each other. The services mainly take place at St Oswald’s and occasionally at St James’. We have built up a wonderful set of resources, in order to stimulate the children, many being from kind donations. We follow a format that works really well starting with a lovely breakfast at 9.30 a.m. We have songs for gathering everyone together at 10 a.m. and a candle is lit to remind everyone God is with us. We continue to have a short ‘listening time’ which allows us to explore the Bible, God and faith in ways to engage young children. This is followed with different craft activities linked to the story, which has proved very popular.

In the summer of 2023, we had a very exciting theme of looking at stories containing animals. We found there are lots of animals in the Bible. We finished in the summer with a fantastic party. We now have prayers and songs that we repeat each week so they have become familiar with the young children, and it enables families to learn them and repeat them at home.

The team presenting the stories work hard to plan in order to include everyone and make it a meaningful time for all, and the team catering for our breakfast make it such a lovely experience for us all to come together to share food. Long may we continue our good work with Naomi leading us.

Kim Ford



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“Little Fishes”

Little Fishes is a toddler group which continues to meet on a Friday morning from 10.00 – 11.30 a.m. We offer a wide range of toys, crafts, songs and stories as well as refreshments and has been well attended. Several of our regulars however moved on to school in September and so our autumn sessions have been very quiet. Hopefully numbers will improve again. Many thanks to Sonia (one of the mums), who comes early to help set up, and to Louise who keeps our sessions advertised on Facebook.

Pam, Gill and Kim

Sunday Club

Our Sunday club at St James’ has gone from strength to strength. We have continued to plan our sessions around the Gospel reading taking place in the main service. We have developed our club loosely around ‘Stay and Play’ sessions where we read a story and provide craft activities linked to it. We also sing familiar songs and learn simple prayers. There is a large age range in the group and toys are provided for the younger children. Some parents/ carers stay in the Communion service, and have the opportunity to take part fully. Some of our parents join the children upstairs and support with the activities. We go downstairs during the sharing of the peace, which allows participants to take Communion.

The children are then encouraged to share what they have done in Sunday club through talking and showing their activity work which allows them to be part of the main service.

We have a very small group of volunteers to lead the Sunday Club, and we are always open for more people to come and support us in this way.

Kim Ford

Ladies Bible Study

This is a new group which started in July and has six regular attendees. We meet in the extension on a Wednesday evening at 7.30pm. After a brew and a quick catch up, we use the same Bible study guides as the men’s group, plus the Diocesan Advent study guide. We are all enjoying digging deeper into the Bible and sharing what we know about the passages.

Pam Jackson.

Men’s Group

The Men’s Group continued meeting on Monday evenings during spring and autumn, to enjoy fellowship and informal Bible study (using “Cover to Cover” study guides) over a “pie and a pint”. There were usually six and occasionally seven members. In the spring, we looked at “Abraham – adventures of faith”. In the autumn, we followed “Ecclesiastes – Hard questions and spiritual answers.” Frustratingly, Amazon, despite promising September dates, has just delivered the study guides for 1 Corinthians at year end. These will form the basis for spring 2024’s sessions.

Paul Buckmaster



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Communications and Social Subcommittee:

The year 2023 has seen many of our regular social events taking place, which have brought together people from across the Over Wyre Benefice. An evening of wine and relaxation was appreciated by our young mums when they were treated to a pamper evening. They were able to enjoy various treatments in a convivial atmosphere. In June, the community came together to mark an historic event in our time, the Coronation of King Charles III. A moving service with special lunch, was followed by a wealth of nature-based activities to celebrate the coronation of the 'green king'. Our ever-popular Fashion Show once again raised £400 each for CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young) and Brian House Children's Hospice. Coffee mornings for Christian Aid and Macmillan Cancer Support were held on Thursday mornings, but were not particularly well attended, although the previous Harvest Sunday focus on Macmillan may have influenced this. Suggestions for different fund raising events will be most welcome. Lunches for our Patronal and Harvest Festivals produced the usual delightful banquets, with our final lunch of year taking place at the Seven Stars in November, attended by around thirty parishioners.

The village Christmas Tree Lighting saw many villagers come together to sing carols, eat, drink and be merry; the church being filled with excited children and their families. Music was provided by Over Wyre Brass. Once again we were delighted to welcome Pilling Silver Jubilee Band who performed a concert of Christmas music for families with children of all ages. A fun time was had by all, involving lots of audience participation.

Our congregation is kept informed with weekly notices, and we endeavour to keep our church noticeboards current, in particular to communicate to visitors that we are an active church, with information which might help people engage with our Christian beliefs. Notice Boards are often the face of the church for people visiting, so we endeavour to keep our church notice boards current, showing St James' in its best light, demonstrating to visitors that we are an active church. Photographs of the PCC members are displayed on a wall in the church. This year we have had a photographic display of a "year in the life of St James" which has proved of interest. Visitors may not be familiar with Christianity, and we hope that the story of our church, through our displays will sow seeds of interest.

The challenge of reaching out and promoting St James locally, and to a wider audience is enhanced by the use of Facebook facilitated by the huge talent of Louise Morgan. Thank you Louise; and a big thank you also to Paul Buckmaster for his efficient management of the church website and 'A Church Near You'. We value the circulation of Christmas and Easter cards which complements communication: once again, thanks to Paul for his work with this, and our many volunteers who give of their time to distribute.

An initiative we have recently launched is the introduction of 'welcome' packs for new residents in the parish. These include a warm welcome, along with information which newcomers may find useful. At the moment Shirley has volunteered to keep an eye open for when the many new homes become inhabited. It is hoped that we can all be aware of new people moving into the village to support this scheme.

When it comes to organising some events support in the main comes from church members, but we actively seek help and support from the wider community. In particular we work with the Stalmine Residents Association and the Parish Council when we host the village Christmas Tree Lighting. The church hosts secular events, when we endeavour to make people of all faiths or none feel welcome.



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Where would we be without the wonderful support we receive from many, not to mention our “star bakers” who always excel. Everyone has a valuable part to play in our “Ministry of Hospitality’ in particular by welcoming visitors to our various events ... which may even include fizz!!

This year we welcomed Lesley Baker on to our committee – as ever, new volunteers are always needed and most welcome.

Gill Keighley

Finance and Facilities Subcommittee:

See also Section 4.

The Finance and Facilities Subcommittee met thrice in 2023, and much essential maintenance and repair work has been progressed, namely:

The boiler house window frame has been replaced on a like for like basis. A more substantial frame has been fitted to enhance the safe storage of the lawn mower.

Extensive maintenance, mainly repointing has been completed on both faces of the West boundary wall. A further area will be progressed in 2024, together with two smaller areas on the North boundary wall.

A single broken slate has been replaced on the West side of the church roof.

The fence to the children’s play area has been replaced. Grateful thanks to Ken and Pam for completing this task.

The disabled toilet fan, strip light in the north-west corner of church, and outside socket have been replaced. The outside light position and sensor have been adjusted to give better coverage.

Contractors’ site visits and quotes for re- rendering sections of the external North elevation were received, but a review resulted in the work being re-scoped and will be re- tendered and progressed in 2024.

Sourcing a cost-effective Quinquennial Inspection report has been further delayed and will be progressed later in 2024. However, outstanding issues from the last report are being progressed.

The porch was repainted before the August wedding, but more work is required here.

The broken crèche window has been fixed. Carpet strips which were tripping hazards have been fastened down.

The piano and organ were both tuned. A low-wattage heater was fitted inside the piano to overcome the growth of mould / sticking action problems.

The fluctuating price of heating oil has been closely monitored throughout the year, and the tank refilled at opportune moments.

Routine testing of fire extinguishers resulted in one being replaced as life-expired; and maintenance of the grounds progressed as normal. Grateful thanks are due to Simon Courier, who does the majority of the grass cutting.

Following an incident when Rev. Dawn Banks accidentally fell from the pedestal in front of the lectern, a solution to reduce the risk of recurrence is being sought.

There are a number of small panes in the leaded windows that are cracked. A suitable source of replacements has been identified, and this will be progressed in 2024.

There have been no reportable Health and Safety issues.

Derek Wolstenholme / Paul Buckmaster



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Deanery Synod:

There were two meetings of the Deanery Synod in 2023: with Bishop Philip on 23rd June, and on 9th November.

There was no formal agenda for the meeting with Bishop Philip, as it was an open meeting held at his request following his day spent around the deanery. The meeting began with a short act of worship led by the Area Dean. Bishop Philip began by saying that, as Bishop of Burnley, he was concerned predominantly with urban parishes; consequently, since his appointment as Diocesan Bishop, he has been visiting the more rural parishes to become familiar with them, admitting that the rural parishes have perhaps been taken for granted. He was now more aware of the challenges that face the rural areas of the diocese. He appreciated the difficult financial situation of many parishes in the diocese but, nevertheless, wanted them to be joyful, Christian communities as this would make them more attractive to those who have yet to come to Christ. Ministry to young people is especially important to him. That said, he went on to list the priorities for the diocese going forward. First and foremost is the continuation of Vision 2026 to include:

- Growth of clergy numbers
- Renewal of parish life
- Lay leadership
- Development and implementation of the Parish Renewal Programme with a particular emphasis on support for struggling parishes
- Creation of worship opportunities including time specifically for younger children
- Churches that are inclined to be insular, turned in on themselves, need to be outward looking and reaching out into their wider communities.

An application is being planned to the Church Commissioners who will give money for actions leading to growth with an emphasis on children and young people and ‘pioneer ministries’.

Looking forward to the centenary of Blackburn Diocese in 2026, + Philip hoped that parishes will put on special events. Post 2026, he hopes that the ‘Vision’ will continue, beginning with a fresh commitment to the Gospel.

Questions:

Bishop Philip was asked for his views about the future for rural parishes especially considering their current expansion as a result of extensive new housing projects. A second question raised the issue of giving amongst younger parishioners who are aware that the Church of England as a whole appears to be quite wealthy and therefore ask the question – why should they give more? Philip suggested that they need to understand that giving is an act of thanksgiving for Christ’s sacrifice for us. The third question related to the development of women’s clerical ministry will proceed and progress. He commented that his personal position on this question is well known but he is committed to mutual flourishing. As the meeting was drawing to a close, +Philip was presented with a pair of green wellies for his use when visiting rural parishes!

At the November meeting, it was reported that, as a result of the resignation by one of our Diocesan representatives on General Synod, a by-election is required. Members were circulated with the timetable for this process. Voting will open on 6th January 2024 and close on 29th January. The Area Dean reported that money has been released by the Church Commissioners to fund the appointment of Youth Officers.



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The Diocese has submitted a bid for £30 million to fund fifteen youth workers for three years, although the posts will be for five years. There is some concern as to whether candidates for these posts may be found.

It was reported that the General Synod was held in York, where the main focus was the Safeguarding Board. A new Mission and Pastoral measure was presented but there was very little time for debate. At the Diocesan Synod, the issue of Net Zero was discussed particularly the problem of funding. The biggest emitters are our schools. The current estimate is that it will cost around £170 million to reach Net Zero. The main difficulty is with boiler replacement. Oil will not be acceptable. It is unlikely that we will meet the target for Net Zero. There was also discussion of wedding fees and a proposal for a trial period of fee-free weddings.

Stephanie Rankin, Stewardship Resourcing Officer, gave a presentation on the meaning of generosity in the context of stewardship. Those attending received a leaflet detailing the benefits of membership of the Scheme for parishes. Fees for membership are currently paid by the Diocese. Ultimately decisions to join the Scheme have to be made by the PCC.

The opportunities that churches can provide to encourage cash-free donations were also outlined and discussed. Stephanie gave the example of St Thomas', Garstang where QR codes have been introduced for easy donations to the church's fundraising activities. (**NB** – Stalmine St James' already has this!) Copies of the minutes of all of these meetings may be obtained from Nicola Smith.

Paul Buckmaster, pp. Nicola Smith

Prayer Chain.

The WhatsApp group continues to be the most efficient method of keeping the Prayer Chain updated with prayer requests, and for asking for help and support. If you would like to join the group, please ask Elaine Evans to add you.

Pam Jackson

Baptism:

We had four baptisms at St James', with the families and friends of the baptized joining them. Activities were provided for the many children that attended these celebrations.

Janice Baines, Gill Keighley

Choir:

On 29th January, a joint service, led by Fr. Peter Walsh was held at St. John the Baptist, Pilling. Five of us joined seven from Preesall St. Oswald, and six from the hosts. On 5th February, Fr Peter was installed as Interim Priest at Preesall, St. Oswald by the Bishop of Burnley and the Archdeacon of Blackburn. Our full choir joined members of the choirs of Preesall and Pilling to sing "Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire", unaccompanied, which sounded surprisingly good!

On Good Friday, we were augmented by three from St. Oswald's for the Choral Meditation on the Passion. During Communion on Easter Day, we sang a new (to us!) Easter carol, "Jesus is risen! Alleluia!" On the last Sunday in April, I played the organ at Hambleton, Blessed Virgin Mary, for the joint service.

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Four of our choristers made up a joint choir with one from St Peter's, Fleetwood, one from Hambleton, three from Preesall, St Oswald, and five from Pilling, St John the Baptist, and a joyful noise ensued. On 9th July, a twenty-strong joint choir sang at the Confirmation service at Preesall, St Oswald. During the procession from the font, we sang "Veni, Sancte Spiritus": and during Communion, "Spirit of God, unseen as the Wind", to the tune of the Skye Boat Song. Seven of St Oswald's choristers were augmented by nine of us and four from Pilling, St John the Baptist.

Sadly in September, most of us joined the choir for the funeral at Pilling, St John the Baptist for the funeral of their long-serving chorister, Maureen Jenkinson, who died aged 94. For Harvest Choral Evensong, we were augmented by two choristers from St. Oswald's: a third, who hadn't been able to practise, joined the congregation. We returned the favour on 29th October, Bible Sunday, joining six of St. Oswald's choir and four from Pilling at the joint service there, singing the anthem, "We love the place, O God", especially appropriate as the third verse concentrates on the word of God.

On 17th December, the Nine Lessons and Carols service was well attended, and the choir was delighted that Oliver Ralph returned from Bristol to sing bass. This year's new carol (in all senses of the word) was a composition by Joanna Forbes L'Estrange, set to the words 'Love came down at Christmas'.

TJ Singleton and Caitlyn Burns have been with us throughout 2023, and I am very pleased with their enthusiasm, and their progress: but we could still do with new members in all departments.

Paul Buckmaster

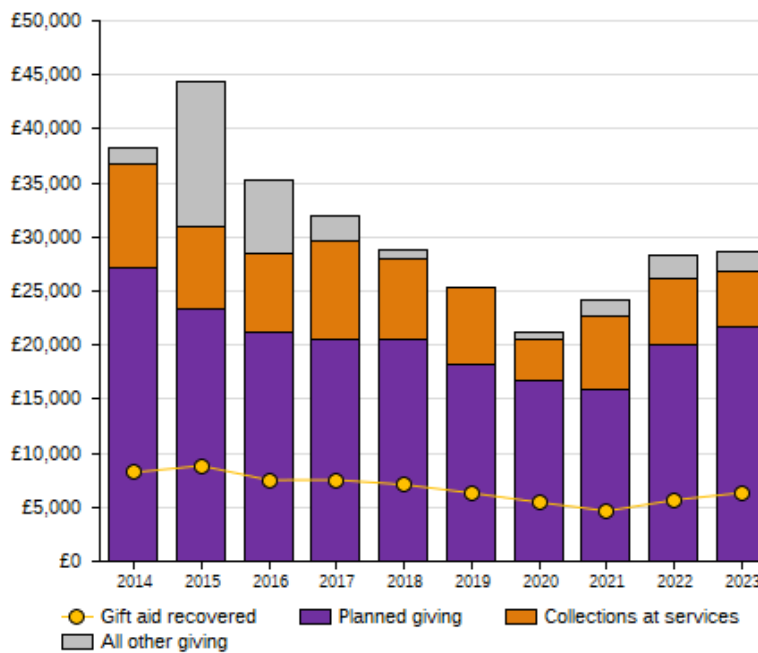
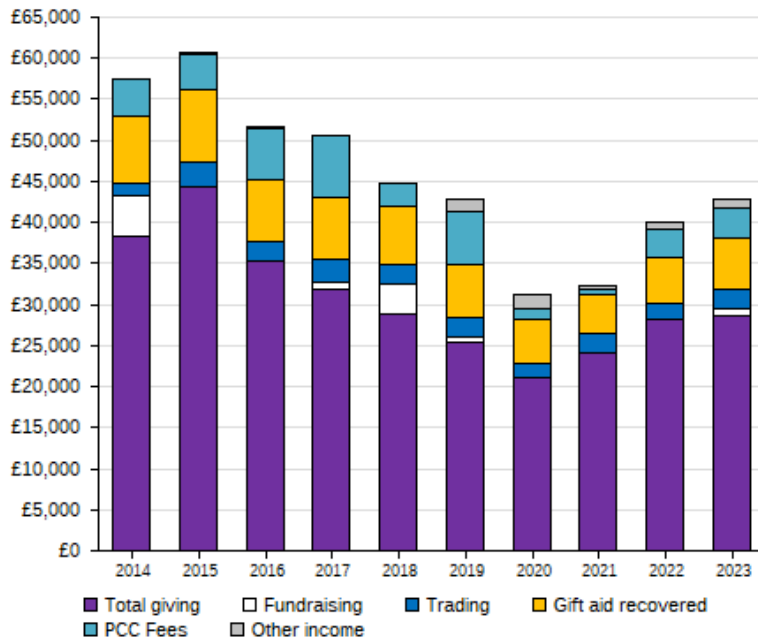


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4) Financial Review – see Appendix 1: Receipts and Payments Accounts.

The headlines (figures correct at 31st December 2023):

- In 2023, total receipts were £45,771, £5,831 more (+14.6%) than in 2022 (£39,940). Payments were £48,460 (2022: £50,102, -3.3%), and thus payments exceeded receipts by £2,689. At year-end, the church funds totalled £125,630.
- £6,345 was received from HM Revenue and Customs as Gift Aid Tax returns (+11.85% compared with the previous year.)

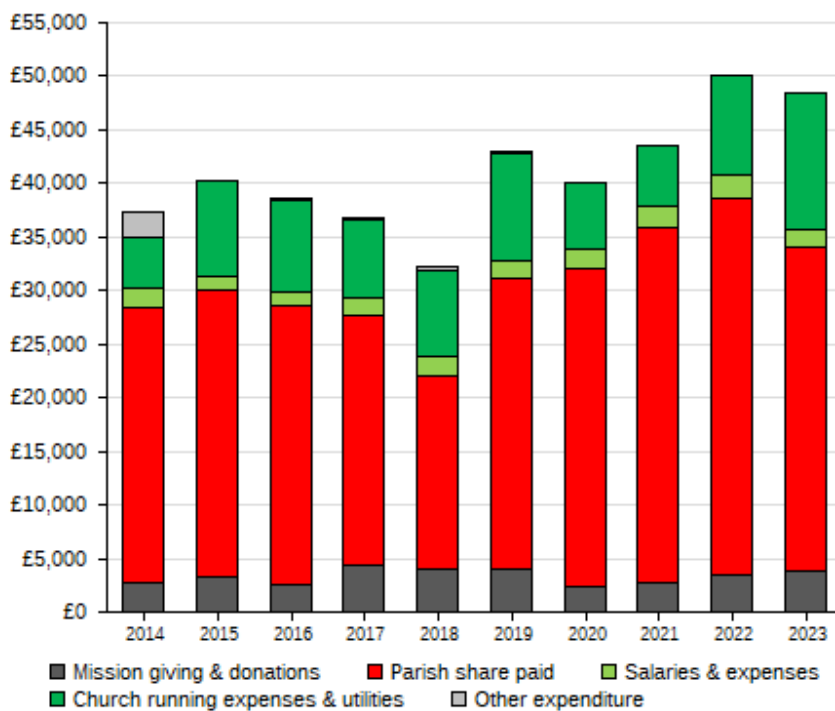


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- The Parish Share in 2023 requested by the Diocese at the beginning of the year was £36,229, £1,063 more than 2022 (£35,166; +3.02%.) However, late in the year, we were given a rebate of £10,776 due to the reduction in stipendiary clergy for nine months of the year. We paid £30,113; an overpayment of £4,660 which will be credited against the 2024 Parish Share request.
- Our Regular Weekly Attendance (RWA) figure continues to decline, as do most of those for the other parishes in the benefice. Stalmine RWA tends to be around 20% of that of the five, Over Wyre parishes, second in magnitude to Preesall, St. Oswald's.
- A system of cashless donations using a QR code displayed on posters around the church, on the website, and on certain church documents has been set up, but as yet, has not been used.
- More people are now donating directly into the church's bank account than before, reducing admin and also resulting in an apparent slight decrease in plate collections. However, this needs to be viewed in the context of overall income.
- Payments in 2023 were £48,460 – the number of Electoral Roll members at year-end was 59. This means that an income equivalent to £821 per roll member per annum (£15.74 per week) is needed if we are not to deplete our reserves.



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- Charitable donations made in 2023 in line with the PCC's policy of donating 10% of disposable income to charity, in addition to the usual Christian Aid collection included:

| Charity | Amount |
|---|---------------|
| Brian House Children's Hospice – collection at the Fashion Show | £400 |
| Cardiac Risk in the Young – collection at the Fashion Show | £400 |
| Christian Aid Turkey/ Syria Earthquake appeal | £250 |
| WaterAid collection (Lent) | £435 |
| Sponsorship of Lex and Alex Hamilton, missionaries in SE Asia. | £1,200 |
| Child Sponsorship | £180 |
| Deanery Charities, at the Deanery Quiz | £200 |
| Christian Aid Middle East Crisis appeal | £250 |
| Macmillan Cancer Support – Harvest appeal | £550 |
| TOTAL | £3,865 |

- In 2023, interest received on the Shawbrook and Scottish Widows accounts was £532 and £227.56 respectively. The year-end balance in the NatWest current and deposit accounts is £18,682.62. I am not satisfied that these accounts are now giving best value, and will look for alternatives early next year – the Shawbrook 12-month saver matures in mid-February, which would be a suitable time to switch.
- The annual accounts for 2023 were submitted to the Independent Examiner (Mrs Shona Beresford) in January 2024, and were approved by her without comment.
- I have checked with Shona and she is happy to continue, so I propose that we reappoint her as our Independent Examiner for 2024.

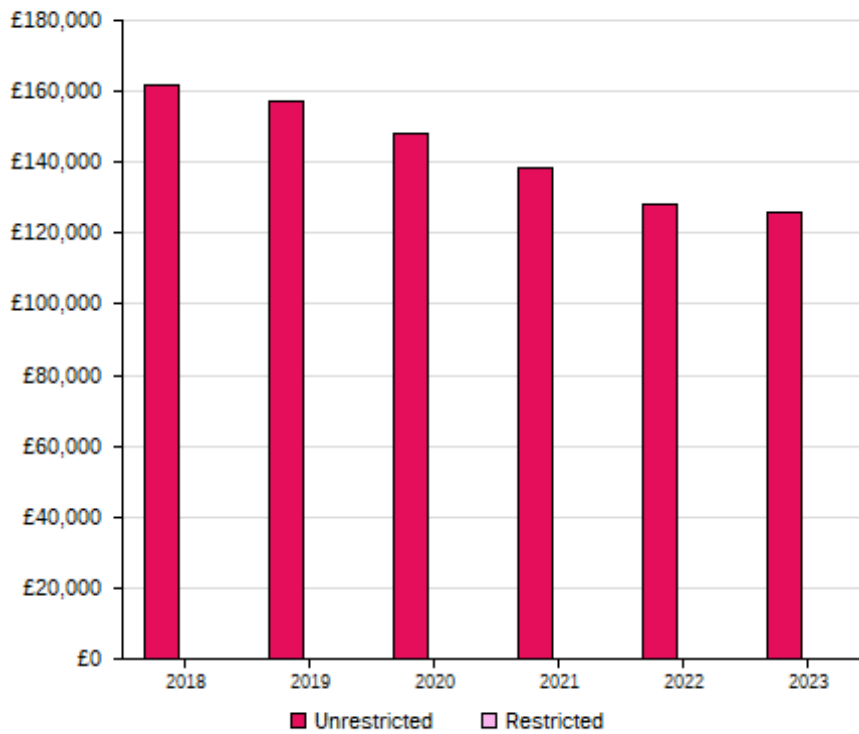
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5) Reserves Policy.

In view of the fact that at the end of 2023, the PCC has £125,630 in the bank / investments, and no significant outstanding debts, we have assets greater than any suggested reserves level, and no immediate action is required, other than to keep the congregation periodically informed of the church's financial position.





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6) Structure, Governance and Management.

a. Membership

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. The PCC is a Charity with Exempted Status given by the Charities Commission.

b. Bank:

The PCC's Bankers are:

NatWest
Victoria Square
Thornton Cleveleys
FY5 2AL

Account Number: 22312714
Sort Code: 01 – 02 – 11

Shawbrook Bank Ltd.
Lutea House
Warley Hill Business Park
The Drive
Great Warley
Brentwood
Essex
CM13 3BE

Scottish Widows Bank
PO Box 12757,
67 Morrison Street
Edinburgh
EH3 8YJ

Account Number: 25902249
Sort Code 16 – 58 – 73

Account Number: 60007259282

c. Subcommittees

The PCC operates through a number of subcommittees, which meet between full meetings of the PCC:

i. Standing Committee:

This is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council. It consists of the Incumbent, Churchwardens, Treasurer, and Secretary.

ii. Charities Subcommittee:

This Subcommittee consists of the Treasurer, plus other members appointed from within the church, currently Mesdames Keighley, ME Duke and Pickersgill. See Section 4 for a list of donations made in 2023.



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iii. Mission and Outreach Subcommittee:

The Mission and Outreach Committee currently only comprises Nicola Smith. The Mission and Outreach Subcommittee does not currently have a named chairperson at present.

Responsibilities:

To

- pray together for God's guidance;
- develop the Mission Statement of St James' Church;
- take forward the 'Going for Growth' and Vision 2026 Diocesan initiatives;
- awareness of environmental issues and how St James' take these forward;
- consider and sustain 'Fresh expressions' of worship i.e. Mother and Toddlers, Thursday Morning Coffee;
- work with the Over Wyre Parishes to share mission and outreach activities;
- maintain an active Charities committee;
- support the 'Baptism Preparation Lead';
- identify and support a Wedding Preparation Lead;
- look for ways to practically support our wider community i.e. Harvest giving, Food Bank;
- promote outreach through Alpha, Discipleship or appropriate teaching;
- identify and support a pastoral assistant/bereavement visitor;
- pray for and highlight the Persecuted Church.

iv. Worship and Liturgy Subcommittee:

This Subcommittee consists of: Elaine Duke (Secretary), Revd. Dyllis Dickinson, Nicola Smith, and Paul Buckmaster.

Responsibilities:

To

- Pray for God's guidance, support, affirm and encourage the parish's worship leaders - ordained and lay.
- Contribute to the planning and format of parish services during the liturgical year, including special occasions.
- Contribute to the selection of the hymns, music and audio visual resources that enrich and support worship and liturgy.
- Seek ways of identifying, encouraging and using the gifts and talents that exist in the parish to enhance worship, liturgy and ministry in all their aspects.
- Assess and review the services, their worship styles, music and other resources, always seeking to develop and improve how we pray and worship God.
- Explore and develop new opportunities for formal and informal prayer and worship within and outside of the parish buildings e.g. 'fresh expressions', 'messy', 'traditional', youth, sick and housebound, 'follow up' services, healing, mission, praying with the Over Wyre sister churches, praying with other Christian denominations etc.
- Plan and promote prayer days, retreats and other appropriate events.



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- Provide access and funding for appropriate training and education events to discover new resources, and to improve and develop understanding, awareness and practise for members of the ministry team, PCC and congregation.
- Support, assess and review children's and youth worship provisions in the parish.

v. Communications and Social Subcommittee:

The members of this Subcommittee are currently, Lesley Baker, Sandra Bourne, Sue Cardwell, Dyllis Dickinson, Gill Keighley (Secretary), Louise Morgan, and Alwynn Rea.

Responsibilities:

To

- Promote active participation and involvement of the congregation and wider community.
- Review continuously the effectiveness of the material and media, including local and diocesan web sites.
- Monitor and reviews continuously all forms of responses and feedback to ensure the PCC is delivering both its diocesan and parishioner obligations.
- Contribute to the outreach ministry by providing social interaction.
- Recommend both social and fund raising events and activities and progress those approved by the PCC.
- Publicise and promote regular and “one-off” acts of worship and fellowship.
- Co-ordinate and issue weekly notices.

vi. Finance and Facilities Subcommittee:

This Subcommittee consists of Mrs Pickersgill; and Messrs Buckmaster (Secretary), Handforth, Jenkinson, and PD Wolstenholme (Chair).

Responsibilities:

To

- Ensure that financial controls are in place and adhered to.
- Approve the record keeping arrangements.
- Make and oversee the banking arrangements.
- Ensure that PCC funds are invested appropriately and reviewed regularly.
- Prepare an annual budget for approval by the PCC, monitor performance against budget and take or recommend corrective action when necessary through regular reviews.
- Provide financial data to the Charities Subcommittee to enable the PCC to tithe its disposable income.
- Recommend Parish Share payments.
- Ensure comprehensive insurance arrangements are in place.
- Arrange the electricity supply contract with authority to sign as necessary.
- Select the supplier of heating oil, based on price and service.
- Arrange maintenance and service contracts recommended by other relevant committees, with authority to sign as necessary.
- Set charges for hire of the church and/or annexe.

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- Make recommendations to the PCC on the funding of one-off items of expenditure, including major projects.
- Recommend the appointment of an Independent Examiner.
- Undertake any additional finance-related tasks agreed with the PCC.
- Bring any areas of concern to the attention of the PCC.
- Ensure the upkeep of the fabric of the church, its fixtures and fittings and the fixed equipment therein, to include any special cleaning required and any repair or re-decoration as may become necessary.
- Ensure the upkeep of the grounds, to include all aspects of gardening and the maintenance of footpaths, boundary walls, car park, etc.
- Ensure that those modifications, installations or changes requiring permissions to be obtained, for instance the granting of a Faculty, are authorised before the modification, installation or change is carried out.
- Ensure that a Quinquennial survey is carried out in the due year by a qualified individual and that the recommendations in the resulting survey report are implemented.
- Arrange, where appropriate, for the maintenance of all moveable equipment, to include the sound system, copy printer, and any other similar equipment; and religious accoutrements (to include vestments (clergy and choir), altar furnishings and banners).
- Ensure, in consultation with the Director of Music, that contracts are in place for the regular maintenance of the organ and arrange for the tuning of the piano when necessary.
- Determine and implement a church heating regime.
- Ensure that the internal and external lighting is kept in good working order.
- Devise and maintain a Safety, Health and Environmental policy, and supporting plan.
- Appoint a Safety Officer and to ensure that the necessary equipment and procedures are in place for the safety and security of the church, its possessions and all users thereof, including fire extinguishers and blankets.
- Consider future improvements in security.
- Liaise with the appointed Under-18s Coordinator on matters relating to use of the church facilities by children.
- Decide on the timing of the daily un-locking and locking the church, the procedures for doing that, and to appoint responsible person(s) to that task.
- Be responsible for the caretaking and cleaning of the church and the grounds. In particular, to ensure that the regular cleaning of the church takes place to the required standards and to provide any necessary cleaning equipment and materials for that purpose.

Reports of the work of all of the above Subcommittees, and other parish organisations can be found in the minutes of the appropriate PCC meetings.

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7) Administrative Information:

Location: The church building is located beside Hall Gate Lane, Stalmine (the A588), between the “Seven Stars” Public House, and Stalmine Hall Park (FY6 0LD).

“What3words”: soups.revision.crouches.



Addresses for Correspondence / Contact Details:

Incumbent
Vacant

PCC Secretary
Mrs Gill Keighley
“North View”
Smithy Lane
Stalmine
Poulton-le-Fylde
Lancashire
FY6 0LE

Safeguarding Officer
Mr Peter Swarbrick
Old Post Office House
Hall Gate Lane
Stalmine
Poulton-le-Fylde
Lancashire
FY6 0LA

Diocesan Safeguarding Team
01254 503080
01254 550224
01254 485170

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Church Websites:

<http://www.stjames.stalmine.net/>

<http://www.achurchnearyou.com/stalmine-st-james/>

PCC:

During the year, the following served as members of the PCC:

Interim Priest: Rev'd Peter Walsh

Pioneer Minister: Rev'd Naomi HS Barraclough

Wardens: Mrs Sandra Bourne

Mr P Derek Wolstenholme (Health and Safety Officer)

Representative on the Deanery Synod

Mrs Nicola Smith

Safeguarding Officer:

Mr Peter W Swarbrick

Elected members:

Mrs Elaine Evans

Mrs Gillian M Keighley (Secretary)

Mrs Susan J Pelham

Mr Paul E Buckmaster (Treasurer)

Mr John E Evans.

The Benefice Council did not meet in 2023.

Electoral Roll:

The Electoral Roll is a list of names and addresses of every person who can vote in the annual parochial church meeting. It is revised annually, but is replaced in its entirety every six years. The Roll is due to be renewed in 2025.

At the end of 2022, numbers on the Electoral Roll stood at sixty-four. Sadly, during the year, four of our church family have died and one of our members has moved out of the area, so at the end of 2023, there are fifty-nine members on the Roll.

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Appendix 1: Receipts and Payments Accounts.



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|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Charity Name Stalmine, St. James' Church PCC | | No (if any) Excepted | |
| Receipts and payments accounts | | | |
| For the period from | Period start date 01 January 2023 | To | Period end date 31 December 2023 |



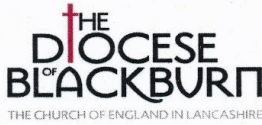
Section A Receipts and payments

| Note | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Designated funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ | Total funds to nearest £ | 2022 to nearest £ |
|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| A1 Receipts | | | | | | |
| Voluntary Receipts | | | | | - | - |
| <i>Regular Giving</i> | | | | | | |
| Planned giving (tax efficient) | 20,247 | | | | 20,247 | 18,761 |
| Planned giving (other) | 1,400 | | | | 1,400 | 1,200 |
| Collections at services | 4,298 | 895 | | | 5,193 | 6,169 |
| Other voluntary receipts | 2,241 | | | | 2,241 | 2,105 |
| Gift Aid Recovered | 6,345 | | | | 6,345 | 5,673 |
| Activities for generating funds | 2,472 | 800 | | | 3,272 | 1,906 |
| Receipts from Church Activities | 6,122 | | | | 6,122 | 3,547 |
| Investment income | 950 | | | | 950 | 577 |
| Sub total | 44,075 | 1,695 | - | - | 45,770 | 39,940 |
| A2 Asset and investment sales, etc. | | | | | | |
| | | | | | - | |
| Total receipts | 44,075 | 1,695 | - | - | 45,770 | 39,940 |
| A3 Payments | | | | | | |
| Cost of Generation Voluntary income | | | | | - | |
| Fund-raising trading costs | | | | | - | - |
| <i>Church Activities</i> | | | | | | |
| Diocesan Parish Share | 30,113 | | | | 30,113 | 35,166 |
| Other Payments | 14,432 | | | | 14,432 | 11,506 |
| Mission giving and charitable donations | 2,170 | 1,695 | | | 3,865 | 3,380 |
| Governance Costs | 50 | | | | 50 | 50 |
| Sub total | 46,765 | 1,695 | - | - | 48,460 | 50,102 |
| A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc. | | | | | | |
| | | | | | - | |
| Total payments | 46,765 | 1,695 | - | - | 48,460 | 50,102 |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | (2,690) | - | - | - | 2,690 | 10,162 |
| A5 Transfers between funds | | | | | | |
| | | | | | - | |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | | | | | | |
| | 128,319 | - | - | - | 128,319 | 138,482 |
| Cash funds this year end | | | | | | |
| | 125,630 | - | - | - | 125,630 | |

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| | | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Charity Name Stalmine, St. James' Church PCC | | No. (if any) Excepted | |
| Receipts and payments accounts | | | |
| For the period from | Period start date 01 January 2023 | To | Period end date 31 December 2023 |



Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

| Categories | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Designated funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
|---|--|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| B1 Cash funds | Unrestricted Funds | 125,630 | - | - | - |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| | Total cash funds | 125,630 | - | - | - |
| | (agree balances with receipts and payments accounts) | OK | OK | OK | OK |
| B2 Other monetary assets | Details | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| B3 Investment assets | Details | | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
| | COIF Charity Funds | | Unrestricted | | |
| | Shawbrook Bank | | Unrestricted | | 76,532 |
| | Scottish Widows Bank | | Unrestricted | | 30,416 |
| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use | Details | | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| B5 Liabilities | Details | | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |

The notes attached on page 3 form part of these financial statements

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

| Signature | Print Name | Date of approval |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| <i>Paul E Buckmaster</i> | PAUL ERIC BUCKMASTER | 26/2/24 |
| <i>Gillian Mary Keighley</i> | GILLIAN MARY KEIGHLEY | 26/2/24 |

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| Charity Name Stalmine, St. James' Church PCC | | | No (if any) Excepted |
|---|--------------------------------------|----|-------------------------------------|
| Receipts and payments accounts | | | |
| For the period from | Period start date 01 January 2023 | To | Period end date 31 December 2023 |



Section C Notes

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

2. The movement in designated and restricted funds in the year were:

| | Bal b/f | Receipts | Payments | Transfer | Bal c/f |
|-------------|---------|----------|----------|----------|---------|
| Restricted: | - | | | | - |
| | | | | | - |
| | | | | | - |
| | | | | | - |
| Designated: | | 1,695 | 1,695 | | - |

3. Receipts and Payments analysis

| | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Designated funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ | Total funds to nearest £ | 2022 to nearest £ |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| Receipts | | | | | | |
| Other voluntary receipts | 5a | | | | | |
| Legacy | 500 | | | | 500 | - |
| Donations | 1,741 | | | | 1,741 | 2,105 |
| | 2,241 | - | - | - | 2,241 | 2,105 |
| Activities for generating funds | 5b | | | | | |
| Hire of Parish Office to Post Office | 2,442 | | | | 2,442 | 1,832 |
| Hire of Annexe | 30 | | | | 30 | 50 |
| Fashion Show | | 800 | | | 800 | 25 |
| | 2,472 | 800 | - | - | 3,272 | 1,907 |
| Receipts from Church Activities | 5c | | | | | |
| Fees paid to the PCC | 5,942 | | | | 5,942 | 3,281 |
| Compensation from Bank | | | | | - | 266 |
| Compensation for Power Cut | 180 | | | | 180 | |
| | 6,122 | - | - | - | 6,122 | 3,547 |
| Investment income | 5d | | | | | |
| COIF | 5 | | | | 5 | 5 |
| Bank Deposit Accounts | 164 | | | | 164 | 21 |
| Shawbrook Bank | 532 | | | | 532 | 456 |
| Scottish Widows | 228 | | | | 228 | 27 |
| easyfundraising | 21 | | | | 21 | 69 |
| | 950 | - | - | - | 950 | 577 |

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|--|--------------------------------|
| Charity Name Stalmine, St. James' Church PCC | No (if any) Excepted |
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Receipts and payments accounts

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| For the period from | Period start date 01 January 2023 | To | Period end date 31 December 2023 |
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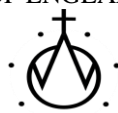


Section C Notes continued

3. Receipts and Payments analysis

| | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Designated funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ | Total funds to nearest £ | 2022 to nearest £ |
|--|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
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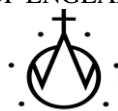
| Payments | | | | | | |
|--|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Designated funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ | Total funds to nearest £ | 2022 to nearest £ |
| Church Activities | | | | | | |
| Other Payments | 5e | | | | | |
| Assigned Fees | 2,382 | | | | 2,382 | 1,492 |
| Working expenses of clergy | 1,646 | | | | 1,646 | 2,195 |
| Church Running Expenses | 6,024 | | | | 6,024 | 4,592 |
| Church Maintenance | 2,057 | | | | 2,057 | 1,111 |
| Upkeep of Services | 2,223 | | | | 2,223 | 1,523 |
| Upkeep of Churchyard | 100 | | | | 100 | 481 |
| Support Costs - Training and Sunday School | - | | | | - | - |
| Major Repairs | - | | | | - | - |
| Bank Charges | - | | | | - | 112 |
| | 14,432 | - | - | - | 14,432 | 11,506 |
| Mission giving and donations | 5f | | | | | |
| Water Aid Collection (Lent) | 56 | 379 | | | 435 | 500 |
| Christian Aid Turkey/Syria Earthquake Appeal | 250 | | | | 250 | |
| Christian Aid Middle East Crisis Appeal | 250 | | | | 250 | 500 |
| Diocesan charities via Deanery Quiz | 200 | | | | 200 | |
| Trinity Hospice | - | - | | | - | 500 |
| Sponsorship of Missionaries in SE Asia via CMS | 1,200 | | | | 1,200 | 1,200 |
| Brian House Children's Hospice | | 400 | | | 400 | |
| Cardiac Risk in the Young | | 400 | | | 400 | 500 |
| Child Sponsorship | 180 | | | | 180 | 180 |
| Harvest Appeal - Macmillan Cancer Support | 34 | 516 | | | 550 | |
| | | | | | - | |
| | 2,170 | 1,695 | - | - | 3,865 | 3,380 |



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St James Church StalmineFinancial statement for the year ended 31st December 2023**Receipts and Payment Account**

| Receipts | | 2023 | 2022 |
|--|----|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Incoming resources from donors | 2a | 35,426 | 33,908 |
| Other voluntary incoming resources | 2b | 3,272 | 1,907 |
| Income from investments | 2c | 950 | 578 |
| Income from charitable & ancillary trading | 2d | 6,122 | 3,547 |
| | | <u>45,770</u> | <u>39,940</u> |
| Payments | | | |
| Grants | 3a | 3,865 | 3,380 |
| Activities directly relating to the Work of the Church | 3b | 44,545 | 46,672 |
| Church management and Administration | 3c | <u>50</u> | <u>50</u> |
| | | <u>48,460</u> | <u>50,102</u> |
| Excess of receipts over payments | | (2,690) | (10,162) |
| Bank balances at start of year | | <u>128,319</u> | <u>138,482</u> |
| Bank balances at end of year | | <u>125,629</u> | <u>128,319</u> |



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| <u>Receipts</u> | 2023 | 2022 |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ |
| <u>2a Incoming resources from donors</u> | | |
| Planned giving: -Covenants | 21,647 | 19,961 |
| Income tax received thereon | 6,345 | 5,673 |
| Collections | 5,193 | 6,169 |
| Gift day & Sundry donations | 1,741 | 2,105 |
| Legacy | 500 | |
| | <u>35,426</u> | <u>33,908</u> |
| <u>2b Other voluntary incoming resources</u> | | |
| Hire of extension etc, | 2,472 | 1,882 |
| Fashion show | <u>800</u> | <u>25</u> |
| | <u>3,272</u> | <u>1,907</u> |
| <u>2c Income from investors</u> | | |
| Easy fundraising | 21 | 69 |
| COIF charity funds | 5 | 5 |
| Bank interest | 164 | 21 |
| Shawbrook bank interest | 532 | 456 |
| Scottish Widows | <u>228</u> | <u>27</u> |
| | <u>950</u> | <u>578</u> |
| <u>2d Income from charitable & ancillary Trading</u> | | |
| Fees paid to PCC | 5,942 | 3,281 |
| Compensation from bank | | 266 |
| Compensation from electricity supplier | <u>180</u> | |
| | <u>6,122</u> | <u>3,547</u> |



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St James Church Stalmine

Financial statement for the year ended 31st December 2023

| Payments | 2023 | 2022 |
|--|-------------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ |
| <u>3a Grants</u> | | |
| Missionary & Church overseas | 1,200 | 1,200 |
| Relief & development agencies | 1,135 | 1,000 |
| Secular charity | <u>1,530</u> | <u>1,180</u> |
| | <u>3,865</u> | <u>3,380</u> |
| <u>3b Activities directly relating to The work of Church</u> | | |
| Ministry: | | |
| Diocesan quota | 30,113 | 35,166 |
| Assigned fees | 2,382 | 1,492 |
| Working expenses of Incumbent | 1,646 | 2,195 |
| Church running expenses | 6,024 | 4,592 |
| Church maintenance (incl. organ tune) | 2,057 | 1,111 |
| Cost of services incl. Piano | 2,223 | 1,523 |
| Upkeep of churchyard | 100 | 481 |
| Bank charges | <u> </u> | <u>112</u> |
| | <u>44,545</u> | <u>46,672</u> |
| <u>3c Church Management & Administration</u> | | |
| Admin costs | <u>50</u> | <u>50</u> |
| | <u>50</u> | <u>50</u> |



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Financial statement for the year ended 31st December 2023

Balances as at 31st December 2023

General Funds

| | |
|-----------------|---------|
| Nat West | £18,682 |
| Shawbrook Bank | £76,532 |
| Scottish Widows | £30,415 |

Signed for and on behalf of the Parochial Church Council who have approved the accounts

This 26th day of February 2024

Paul E Buchmasto Chairman

Ann Keighly Hon. Secretary

Paul E Buchmasto Hon. Treasurer



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Independent examiners statement

To the Church Council of st James Stalmine

Year ended 31st December 2023

The examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and the accounts have been prepared from those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosure in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters

No matter has come to my attention from my examination of the accounts for the year which requires further explanation .

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Shona M Beresford".

Shona M Beresford
Premiere accounting
6 Rydal Rd
Hambleton
Poulton le Fylde
8th February 2024