

Part of the Benefice of St Paul's, St James' and St Michael's

Date: Wednesday 16th May 2023
 Venue: in the St Paul's Parish Hall, Blackpits Road, Norden
 Time: 7.40pm (immediately following the Parish meeting)

Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2023**Minutes****1 Welcome**

The Vicar, Rev Jason Powell, welcomed parishioners to the annual meeting and opened the meeting with a prayer.

1.1 Present & Apologies

Name		Office
Rev Jason Powell	Present	<i>Chair</i>
Andrew Mawson	Present	
Carol Whitehead	Present	
Chris Verey	Present	
Geoff Whitehead	Present	
Ian Short	Present	<i>Minutes</i>
Jacqui Slater	Present	
Jane Clegg	Present	
Jenny Buckley	Present	
Jill Verey	Present	
Jim Gartside	Present	
John Slack	Present	
Julia Slack	Present	
Kirsten Rutherford	Present	
Rodney Fowler	Present	
Clifford Harker	Apologies	
Jane Gartside	Apologies	
Jenny Short	Apologies	
John Richardson	Apologies	
Monica Fowler	Apologies	
<i>Parishioners present</i>	15	

2 Minutes of 2022 APCM

The minutes of last year's St Paul's APCM meeting, held on Wednesday 8th April 2022 have been published on the church noticeboard and were available at the meeting.

They were approved unanimously without comment.

Proposed: Rodney Fowler Seconded: Chris Verey All in favour.

3 Annual Report

The PCC Annual Report for 2022, compiled in compliance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Church Representation Rules 2020, has been made available in church and on the website, and is attached to these minutes.

The PCC Annual Report 2022 was unanimously approved by the meeting

3.1 Electoral Roll

Monica Fowler is our Electoral Roll officer.

There has been a net increase of 2 from 2022, and we now have 78 names on the Electoral Roll.

Monica Fowler agreed to continue as Electoral Roll officer, and this was unanimously agreed by the meeting.

3.2 Treasurer's Report

John Richardson, the Treasurer, had submitted the annual accounts for 2022 to the meeting. The accounts and Treasurer's report have been made available in church and on the website. In the Treasurer's absence the Secretary read highlights of his report. The full report and the accounts are attached to the Annual Report.

The particular fundraising challenges of 2020 and 2021 now appear to be behind us. However, current energy costs are of significant concern (our latest quarterly gas bill is £2,143, up from £552 for the same period last year), and is likely to have significant impact on this years finances.

We have again failed to make our full Parish Share contribution, but it is hoped that we can make full contribution in 2023.

Jacqui Slater queried a comment in the report that the expenditure on the General Account showed an 'increase of £8,114.61 (+20%) from 2021, which is mostly accounted for by the increase in Parish Share'.

Due to the decision to limit our Parish Share payment, the amount paid was little different between 2021 and 2022.

Ian suggested that this was likely to be an editing error and Jacqui agreed to raise the matter directly with the Treasurer. It was not considered sufficient to formally query the accounts.

Jim Gartside proposed that the 2022 accounts be accepted by the meeting; seconded by Geoff Whitehead; all in favour.

3.3 Independent Examiner's Report

The independent examiner, Phil Herd, has submitted a report on the 2022 accounts, which is attached to the Annual Report and indicates no matters of concern.

3.4 PCC Secretary

The membership and administration of the committee is detailed in the Annual Report.

3.4.1 Fabric

Ian Short read highlights from the Fabric report, which is included in the PCC Annual Report.

John Slack asked about the proposal to replace the heating system – is it necessary to replace all the pipes and radiators; why not just replace the boiler?

Jason explained that we have been advised by the company that has looked after the system for many years that the largely Victorian pipework is no longer fit for purpose and would not cope with a modern system.

John also asked whether 'green' options such as infra-red, solar panels and heat pumps are being considered. Ian explained that we have made initial enquiries of two companies that specialise in low carbon church heating – options are possible, but difficult due to the challenges involved in making the church building draught-proof. We are at very early stages and all options are being considered.

There were no further questions or comments other than to thank Rodney Fowler and the churchwardens for their work looking after the church building and grounds.

3.4.2 Pastoral Care

The Afternoon Tea Drop In has been a big success. Its aim is to provide a place for people who have difficulty getting to church to come and have fellowship.

We now have approximately 25 or more people coming with a team of 4-6 who provide cakes and serve drinks. It is obviously meeting a need.

Visiting parishioners in their homes and in care homes could be better – it needs a bigger team of volunteers, and better co-ordination. The number of Home Communion requests has increased significantly and currently it's only the vicar that can provide this.

3.4.3 Music

John Slack tabled a report which has been added to the final Annual Report which will be appended to these minutes.

3.5 Safeguarding

Jane Clegg's Safeguarding Statement is included in the PCC Annual Report.

Jane emphasised the need for all PCC members to undertake basic Safeguarding awareness training. Most have done so and sent her their certificates.

Jason thanked Jane for her commitment and support to the whole benefice. It has proved to be a challenge finding people willing and able to support Jane, but a member of the @7 congregation has recently stepped forward, so we are optimistic.

The PCC is aware of its duty to have 'due regard' to guidance under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, which also applies to the safeguarding handbook.

St Paul's Safeguarding Policy was considered by the meeting and unanimously approved.

3.6 Deanery Synod Report

Ian Short, one of our Deanery Synod representatives for 2022, gave a brief summary of the work of the Deanery Synod, which is incorporated in the Annual Report.

Jason briefly explained the structure and function of Synods in the Church of England and called for nominations as all Deanery Synod Lay representatives are up for election this year.

4 Looking to the Future

The Vicar tabled his formal report of parish activity. The report has been added to the final Annual Report which is appended to these minutes.

Jason highlighted some of the key points:

- The report is necessarily Benefice-wide
- The @7 service is very important, as it has 100-150 regular attendees. It is our opportunity to deliver the Gospel message to families in the Benefice. Behaviour (of the parents in particular!) has improved this year, and a few families have started to attend other services as well. Jason particularly thanked Jane Clegg and the other 3 members of the @7 team for their hard work and enthusiasm.
- PCC will be asked to agree a plan of work for the next few years – and then to deliver on it. There is a very important 12 months coming up as we decide how to replace the heating system and take advantage of the opportunity such a major change will provide. When the congregation is asked what changes they want to see, a consistent theme is to get rid of the pews and create a flexible space that will enable us to use the building for more than just a couple of hours every Sunday. If we lose the pipes and radiators, that becomes a viable option.
- Welcoming will be a focus
- We need to interact with the village in the place where they are
- Mission Community is working, especially the Breathe service and coming together to support each other's activities – this will increase further
- Fundraising continues to be a challenge. The Christmas Fair continues to be vital to keep us afloat, but we will need to do much more. There was a brief discussion of plans to hold a creative event with art displays and local community involvement for this year's Heritage Open Days.

5 Elections and Appointment

5.1 Deanery Synod Reps

St Paul's is entitled to three seats.

Ian Short was proposed by Andrew Mawson and Seconded by Jenny Buckley

There being no other nominations Ian Short was elected unopposed.

We therefore have 2 vacancies.

5.2 PCC Members

The Church Representation Rules allow a parish with 78 on the Electoral Roll to have up to 9 lay members on the PCC, plus clergy, churchwardens and Deanery Synod reps.

As agreed in 2022, the term of office of PCC lay members is 3 years, with 1/3 of them stepping down each year. It is hoped that this will encourage other members of the congregation to step forward and join the PCC.

As we currently have 4 vacancies, no lay members are required to step down this year, and all have agreed to continue.

We have received one new nomination, John Slack, who was approved unanimously.

The following will therefore serve as lay members of the Parochial Church Council for 2023:

Jim Gartside	(to 2025)	Rodney Fowler	(to 2025)
Sarah Clay	(to 2025)	John Slack	(to 2026)
Jane Clegg	(to 2025)	John Richardson	(to 2025)

Ex-officio members are the Vicar, the 2 Churchwardens and the Deanery Synod representative, making a total membership of 10.

5.3 Independent Examiner

The meeting unanimously agreed to re-appoint Phil Herd as Independent Examiner. We believe he is happy to continue, but if he is not then the meeting agreed the PCC can appoint another suitable person.

6 Any Other Business

There was no other business.

7 Meeting closed

There being no other relevant business the Vicar thanked everyone for attending and thanked all those who have agreed to take on roles within the parish. He then closed the meeting at 9.55pm with the Grace.

PCC Secretary's Annual Report for 2022-3

1 Introduction

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity – the members are Charity Trustees and must ensure that the right policies and procedures are in place to ensure good governance and compliance. This report is compiled in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 and the Church Representation Rules 2020.

2 Aim and Purposes

The PCC consults and co-operates with the parish priest on matters of general concern and importance to the parish, and in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical.

The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the church buildings and management of the parish finances.

Our objective is to enable as many people as possible to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ and find faith in God.

Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music, and sacrament. We aim to enable people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through the Five Marks of Mission adopted by the General Synod of the Church of England in 1996:

- To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
- To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
- To respond to human need by loving service
- To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

3 Membership and Administration

3.1 Membership

Following the annual revision during March and April 2023, there are **currently 78 names on the Electoral Roll**, which is net change of +2 from last year.

The Electoral Roll officer is Monica Fowler.

The PCC consists of the Vicar, 2 Churchwardens, 3 Deanery Synod representatives, and 9 elected lay members. The membership is 14 people. At the end of 2022-3 we have 4 vacancies.

PCC members all completed the Trustee Eligibility declaration and HMRC Fit and Proper Persons declaration as required by law. These documents are held on file by the PCC Secretary.

3.2 Meetings

The PCC met 7 times during the year:

Wednesday 8 April 2022 - immediately after the APCM to appoint officers

Wednesday 18 May 2022 – in Church

Wednesday 13th July 2022 – in the churchyard

Wednesday 7 September 2022 – in St Paul's Parish Hall

Wednesday 9 November 2022 – in the Parish Hall

Tuesday 7 February 2023 – in the Parish Hall

Tuesday 25 April 2023 – in church

3.3 Attendance

The average attendance at the seven PCC meetings held during the year was 6.5 members per meeting. Actual attendance was 61% of possible attendance.

All meetings reached a quorum of 5 members attending.

Our curate, Rev Hazel Stoddart and ordinand, Kirsten Rutherford both attended occasional PCC meetings during the year.

3.4 Officers

PCC Officers were elected at the PCC meeting on 8 April 2022 that immediately followed the APCM.

3.4.1 Chair

All meetings were chaired by Rev Jason Powell.

Andrew Mawson was re-appointed Vice Chair.

3.4.2 Secretary

Ian Short was re-appointed PCC Secretary.

3.4.3 Treasurer

John Richardson was re-appointed Treasurer.

3.4.4 Independent Examiner

The APCM confirmed Philip Herd CPFA, 16 Shearing Avenue, Rochdale to act as Independent Examiner for the accounts.

3.4.5 Standing Committee

The Standing Committee of the PCC consists of the Incumbent, both Churchwardens, PCC Treasurer and PCC Secretary. The Standing Committee is a sub-committee of the PCC authorised and accountable by and to the committee for the routine work of the PCC between meetings.

3.4.6 Parish Hall Committee

The only other sub-committee of the PCC is the Parish Hall Committee, which is responsible to the PCC for the management of the Parish Hall in Black Pits Road.

4 Worship and Mission

Our Mission is to proclaim the Good News, it is why we're here, and it is always high on the PCC agenda. We now have a Mission Action Plan for our Mission Community that will form the basis of our work together. This recognises the current activities and strengths of each of the churches and will enable us to co-operate and support each other.

Priorities and highlights have included

- Holding a meeting in the Parish Hall in July to work up an action plan for the benefice
- Introduction of the new Mission Community 'Breathe' service at St Michael's - a relaxed contemporary worship with contemplation, making use of the technology available at St Michael's.

- Special services with the local community to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, and to mark Her Majesty's funeral
- Communication – monthly pew sheets are working well and are now regularly posted on the website. We have increased the use of the Benefice Facebook page to promote St Paul's events. However we are aware that there is still very much more to do.
- Exploring options to improve the welcome received by visitors at St Paul's
- Discussions with local people about how St Paul's can be more relevant to them
- Continuing to manage the churchyard in line with Eco-church and the 5th Mark of Mission, and gradually evolving our practices to minimise our impact on the environment.
- Modernising the options for donations by introducing a more prominent contactless payments terminal in church (provided free of charge by the Diocese).
- Opening a Garden of Remembrance in our churchyard for the interment of cremated remains in line with the latest diocesan regulations.

5 Vicar's Report 2022-23

Rev Jason Powell reports:

5.1 Children, Youth and Families

Over the last year, we have seen some families come and some go. It is always a little sad to see families leave for the next step of their journey, and we hope that perhaps something of the gospel goes with them as they move on. Our @7 team have worked incredibly hard this year, with decreasing support, to share the gospel with families in an engaging, fun way that also brings home the hope and joy of the good news of Jesus Christ. The service continues to develop its liturgy, and the team is exploring options to continue the development of the service. It is remarkable that such a small group of people, just four people, carry the whole weight of family ministry for the benefice. I am ever grateful to them for all their time, energy and enthusiasm.

Over the year, families have begun to explore the benefits of the benefice, such as our BCP 3 pm service every Sunday! It has been a joy to meet families at St James who are engaging with BCP and have found the chapel to be a warm, welcoming space.

School links have continued to grow as we have seen several local schools visit our buildings and learn about our faith. Of note was a recent visit by Caldershaw Primary to St Paul's, and we used the new visitor's books. The children loved exploring and discovering and had great follow-up questions at the end of our time together. In addition, Stuart Willis and I have been to Whittaker Moss to share in the Harvest Assembly and Easter Assemblies. We hope to be able to share more in the life of these schools as we move forward.

Aside from our local non-faith schools, we are delighted with the growing connection to St Michael's. Each week Kirsten and I go to Biblical Buffet for lunch with year six and year five children to talk about life and think about big questions. Since the covid restrictions have been lifted, we have seen a return to some familiar practices, such as services in church for the end of term. In addition to the return of these events, we were also blessed with a full church for a Carol Service at St Michael's which was greatly enhanced by the addition of the school choir. Mrs Willis and the choir sang out, making the evening even more joy-filled and memorable.

I have made trips out to the local Scout groups when invited. It has been an absolute pleasure to see the work that goes on.

Baptisms had slowed down in frequency. However, this lull has since been reversed. We hold baptism services every 1st and 3rd Sunday, often with multiple families in attendance.

Finally, we have had enquiries regarding confirmation from children who have moved on to high school. These children have been inspired to take their faith seriously and take the next steps on their faith journey. I look forward to running confirmation classes and supporting them before the bishop as they take the next step.

5.2 Pastoral Care

Pastoral care across the benefice continues to be something we need to improve. That said, we have made great advances in this area as a benefice. Our team regularly puts on coffee and chats, as well as a wonderful Christmas lunch. I know the team work very hard, and I appreciate the time given up to help those who are lonely meet up with others. But, the actual worth is found in the praise of those who attend the events.

I visit and/or make regular phone calls with a number of Home Communicants and housebound. Throughout the year, there has been a steady number of funerals. It has been a great privilege to spend time with the families as they plan the funeral of their loved ones. For some, there has been the opportunity to continue to provide pastoral support with visits and phone calls.

5.3 Highlights and points of note

There have been many highlights, such as the Carol Service at St Michael's and the incredible flower displays at St James for the Jubilee or the Craft and Cake in St James Parish Hall. Equally, St Paul's daring nature to take the service out of the building and into the village has been met with a positive response from Norden village. So too, has the desire to learn from the village about how the church might make better connections so they might serve and share the gospel better.

We began Mapping Mark during Lent. A 5 session course exploring some of the themes of Mark's gospel. The idea behind getting people together was to create a space for people to share their thoughts and grow in Christian fellowship. The hope is that people will take more responsibility for their faith and learn to talk about their faith easily and confidently. It seemed to go well, with positive feedback from the small groups which took up the course. We ran Mapping Matthew during Lent and had many more people take away a copy of the material. Some did it in twos or threes, while others joined a larger group. There have certainly been seeds sown as some of the groups have deepened friendships, begun new friendships and allowed people to talk about their faith.

As a benefice, we have seen a number of people have to step back from key roles due to ill health or changing circumstances. The number includes communion assistants, ALMs, Churchwardens and even our curate, Hazel, whose time with us has come to an end. I am grateful to everyone who gave their time and energy to the church. It does, of course, mean we are left in need of people willing to serve Jesus and help us take the next steps and breathe life into the dry bones of the church.

Kirsten Rutherford continues to minister in our benefice as an ordinand. Walking with Kirsten while she studies at Emmanuel College in preparation for ordination has been a great joy and privilege. She has brought much to our benefice, not least overseeing the rota for Morning Praise, helping draft liturgy, taking on responsibilities handed over from Hazel and playing a vital role in our benefice's pastoral and missional life.

The Wednesday Holy Communion Service continues to be a highlight of the week as a small quiet service with a growing and faithful congregation which often tips over 20. Indeed, our Sunday and

Thursday worship has returned to more or less pre-covid figures. While the numbers have risen, this is not because all the faithful have returned; instead, it is because we have welcomed new individuals and families into the family of God.

Since the reorganising of deanery borders and the implementation of the new Mission Communities, we have continued to have a positive experience in our Mission Community. We have celebrated Ash Wednesday and the Easter Sunrise together, and clergy have gathered to support one another and share resources.

Our Ecumenical work has begun again. We hosted the local Christian Unity service at St Paul's, and since then, clergy/ church leaders have met to discuss working together. The result so far has been to offer a time of fellowship with Coffee, Cake and Chat. We are hopeful of growing links and supporting each other.

The addition of St Clements to our benefice has yet to take place.

Our monthly Breathe Service has been a wonderful gift to our benefice and the broader mission community. As we have met to sing and pray together, we have found that the mixed congregation from across the MC has gotten into the swing of things. At our last service, people were so immersed that they remained quietly praying even after the service finished. While this service didn't get off the ground as anticipated (the first service fell at the time of the Queen's death), it has found its footing as a quiet, reflective space with an opportunity to engage with the broader world of Christian music and prayer. We have already been able to enjoy services organised and led by families and young people each time, bringing new insights and opportunities to discover the living God again.

5.4 Other ministries

Over the year, I have continued to offer Spiritual Direction to several people from across the diocese. Connected to this has been the opportunity to tutor on the Manchester Spiritual Companion course. Tutoring there, I have also tutored on the Authorised Lay Ministry course.

I have undertaken the Ignatius exercises as part of my ongoing development as a priest and Christian. The first part of this took place in November.

Alongside my benefice responsibilities, I am the Mission Community Leader, which provides me with further training and the opportunity to work with colleagues in our MC and with other MC leaders. I continue to be a Governor and available to the school for pastoral support."

6 Church Fabric

As required by the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018, the Churchwardens, Andrew Mawson and Jenny Buckley, regularly inspect the building and grounds and, in consultation with the PCC and the Vicar, arrange necessary remedial work. We are particularly grateful to PCC member Rodney Fowler who supports the wardens as our Fabric co-ordinator.

2022 was another frustrating year as the Roof project is still not finally closed. Due to the insolvency of the main contractor and the Covid pandemic disrupting our plans we have underspent on the project and will be required to refund approximately £13000 to Heritage Lottery Fund. Fortunately this money is already ringfenced for the project so will not affect other funds.

Other fabric related activity included:

- Completing the roof project works
 - Stripping and repainting Baptistry Walls and Ceiling, including Toilet area.
 - Replacing outdoor light fittings at Vestry Door and North Aisle door.

- Removing the inappropriate light fitting outside the south door and installing it in the tower to replace temporary lights and unacceptable wiring.
- Attention to displaced lead flashing adjacent to tower / Nave roof
- Establishing the Garden of Remembrance mentioned above
- The church boiler developed a gas leak and required running repairs. The system is working again, but we have been informed that the boiler is likely to pack up altogether very soon. The entire heating system will need replacing, and we are exploring options. The cost is likely to be well in excess of £50k so will require a major fundraising effort.
- Safe removal of asbestos found in the boiler room will be required
- Investigating the option of restoring and cleaning the stained glass windows - £28k plus scaffolding
- Replacing the photocopier with a more cost-effective model
- We are grateful to the Parish Hall committee for their work upgrading the lighting and repainting the Hall
- We continue to keep health and safety under review and have undertaken a variety of minor remedial works as they became necessary.

The Terrier is available for inspection in the vestry and at the APCM.

7 Music and Choir

John Slack has given this report for 2022-3:

“The current standing of the choir is two basses, one tenor, two altos and three sopranos. In years gone by until the mid 2000s we had between fifteen and twenty members and when someone left, invariably someone else would take their place, this has not occurred for the last almost couple of decades. I don’t know if we are considered a snobby or elitist lot or people just don’t want to commit themselves. I have, in the past run a course of ‘learn to read music’ which may help and I am happy to restart if there is any interest-just let me know first!

Despite all this, we continue to try our best to lead the worship in church and also to try to maintain a repertoire of the best choral music that we can manage, usually at evensong which is on the first Sunday of the month. Unfortunately, we have not been able to do this in May and June.

As the choir, we continue to run the refreshments for the Christmas fair and in order to pay for the turkeys and other expenses we continue to do the harvest supper and quiz.

I continue to do occasional lunch time organ recitals with varying attendances although the Christmas ‘extravaganza’ continues to be fairly successful. All donations go to appropriate charities.

The organ is now well out of guarantee, it continues to perform adequately but, as I have said on many previous occasions, it will not last for ever and it would be prudent to establish an organ fund to ensure that repairs and finally a replacement are catered for.

Finally, one more invitation, if you fancy singing, with or without the weekly commitment, we would be delighted to see you on a Wednesday evening at seven thirty.”

8 Finance

Please see John Richardson’s Treasurer’s report, appended to this document.

9 Pastoral Team

A report on the work of the Benefice Pastoral Team from Rev Hazel Stoddart, who led the team prior to her maternity leave:

- Afternoon Tea Drop In has been a big success. Its aim is to provide a place for people who have difficulty getting to church to come and have fellowship. Sometimes we plan activities (i.e. a games afternoon, eucharist, singing, quiz). At our first session we had 10-12 people (including the team) and we now have approximately 25 or more people coming with a team of 4-6 who provide cakes and serve drinks. It is obviously meeting a need and, although being predominantly St Paul's focused, it is a great way to bring people together from the three parishes in the benefice.
- The team expressed interest in visiting care homes in the local area. Hazel tentatively made enquiries about this but didn't get very far from connections she had, and Hazel had the impression that the team were keen for it to be clergy-led - something neither Jason nor she have had much time for (especially given the time that goes into home communion, for example). Hazel recommended a 'home communion training day' if Jason was to do one so that this job could be shared amongst the team.
- Co-ordinated Admin efforts - this continues to be done in an informal way, would be good to have a shared google form to include prayer lists, people who are wanting visiting and/or home communion and people to invite to things such as the Christmas meal and for cards to be sent, etc.
- The buddy system idea was raised and advertised in our pew sheets over a number of months - there was very little interest expressed and so nothing more was done.
- We have a WhatsApp group for the pastoral team with 11 people (including myself) representing all three parishes in the benefice which has good communication.

10 Children and Young People

A report from Jane Clegg:

Our @ 7 children's service takes place at 7pm on a Thursday evening. It runs on alternate weeks between St Paul's church Norden and St. Michael's church Bamford in our benefice. The service runs during school term times and breaks during the summer holidays.

The sessions are run by our team consisting of Rev Jason Powell, Stuart Willis, Jill Din, Natalie Butterworth and myself, Jane Clegg. Jemima helps out with the 'welcome' and register signing. Each service last approximately 30 to 40 minutes and during this time the children have the opportunity in helping to lead the service which consists of;

- A welcome
- Confession
- A chance to say "God forgives"
- A bible story which is relevant to Sunday's Gospel.
- 3 questions relating to the bible story for the adults and children to discuss.
- Time to reflect on questions and take feedback.
- The Creed
- Prayers
- Notices
- Birthday shoutouts.
- Final blessing.

The service is presented with the use of PowerPoints which are displayed on screen and the children have the opportunity to take it in turns to control the projector.

We currently have approximately 65 parents and 65+ children attend this service on a regular basis. At the end of the service a register is taken of parents and children attending. This information is uploaded to a spreadsheet and kept over a 5-year period to use during the completion of applications to High schools and entrance to St Michael's school.

In 2022 we also ran an @ 7 Service chocolate Tombola Stall at the St. Paul's annual Christmas fair which was successful in raising funds towards the church.

11 Safeguarding

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

PCC members are expected to undertake Safeguarding awareness training. Most members have now done this and provided certificates of completion, the remainder have undertaken to do so as soon as possible.

Our Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator for the protection of children and vulnerable adults is Jane Clegg – her contact details are on the noticeboards in church, scout hut and parish hall.

"Safeguarding Report for St. Pauls 2022

I, Jane Clegg of 5 Hutchinson Road, Norden, Rochdale OL11 5TX am currently in the role of safeguarding officer for St. Pauls church Norden, Rochdale.

I am responsible for the protection of children, young people and vulnerable adults involved in church activities.

I am committed to:

- Promote a safer environment and culture.
- Safe recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibilities relating to children, young people and vulnerable adults.
- Care pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse and other affected persons.
- Care pastorally for those who are subject of concerns or allegations of abuse and other affected persons.
- Respond to those that may pose a present risk to others.

There have been no incidents during the period of commencing my role in 2017 to present.

I have completed 1 online training session in 2020 and have completed 2 DBS check renewals in 2020. I will continue to keep all our people updated.

There are safeguarding policies displayed in church, scout hut, village hall and side rooms which are updated and changed when necessary.

There is a newly updated safeguarding policy which can be accessed through our benefice website. This concludes my report for 2022."

12 Deanery Synod Report

We are in Rochdale Deanery, with Rev Karen Smeeton as full-time Area Dean.

Our representatives on Rochdale Deanery Synod are Clifford Harker, Lisa Almond and Ian Short.

Appointments run for 3 years, and elections are now due. Newly elected representatives will hold office from 1st July 2023 until 30th June 2026.

Deanery Synod met 4 times during 2022-3.

The main topics discussed were:

- Deanery MAP
- Young People
- Supporting Lay ministry

13 Conclusion

2022 has felt like a return to 'normal' after the enormous challenges of 2020-1, but has not been without challenges of its own – the boiler, the roof, escalating costs of heating, donations barely holding their own as people struggle with the cost of living.

The Parish Hall remains a very valuable asset, in use 7 days a week for community groups, parties, meetings and events. We are very grateful to the small group of dedicated people that look after the hall. The continued success of the hall depends on all of us lending a hand when it's needed – in particular helping to organise the most important fundraising event of the year, the Christmas Fair. Under Rev Jason's leadership, the PCC is working to further improve connections with the local community – we look forward to the purchase of the promised new vicarage and having Jason living in the village, which will be a significant step towards us being seen as an integral part of local life.

With God's help we'll continue to build on our strengths and fix our weaknesses as we move forward, seeking to understand and implement His plan for our village.

Here are some encouraging thoughts from people who do their bit in church life:

"From a Sidesperson: Apart from trying to count every adult and child, it is one of the most enjoyable of duties. To meet and greet, to help with doors and the correct books, to assist newcomers to meet others. Try it!"

"From a lesson reader: A very worthwhile few minutes every few weeks. Not only do you appreciate speaking slowly and loudly, but can make passages you barely remembered sound interesting."

"From a PCC member: A couple of hours of my time every couple of months is a great way of contributing to the life and work of St Paul's; deciding how best to make our church fit for the future is a challenge for all of us, and it's good to know that I'm playing my part. The more different ideas and views we have, the healthier the debate and the more likely we are to make good decisions that everyone can support. Come and join us!"

Thank you to the PCC members for their commitment to the life and work of St Paul's.

Thank you as well to all the other people in our church family that do so much, often unsung, unthanked, and sometimes even un-noticed. We're very grateful to each and every one of you.

Anyone who is over 16, receives holy communion, and is on the Electoral Roll of the parish is very welcome to put themselves forward for election to the PCC.

So, think and pray about it.

Does the PCC reflect your views?

Is God calling YOU to join the PCC and work with us to make church more relevant to people like you?



Ian Short

PCC Secretary,

St Paul's, Norden

NORDEN ST PAULS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING APRIL 2023

TREASURER'S REPORT ON 2022 ACCOUNTS

INTRODUCTION

The particular fundraising challenges of 2020 and 2021 now appear to be behind us. However, current energy costs are of significant concern (our latest quarterly gas bill is £2,143, up from £552 for the same period last year), and is likely to have significant impact on this years finances. We have again failed to make our full Parish Share contribution, but it is hoped that we can make full contribution in 2023 (2020 we paid 66.7% of the share, 2021 we have paid 85%, 2022 we paid 82.3%).

GENERAL FUND

Income on this fund was £41,925.14 - again increased from last year (up £2,658.99 - 6.7%), but is still down £1,653.63 (-4%) from 2019.

However, a significant amount of this increase is due to us processing Charitable collections through our accounts (such as Christian Aid and Ukraine DEC appeal), so does not contribute to our overall finances.

Direct Giving is increased by 2.5% from last year (up £887.79 to £33,948.82), and the Christmas Fair takings increased by 15% from last year (which raised £4,123.46 compared with £3,577.68 in 2021 - still down slightly on the figure of £4,370.37 in 2019)

Direct Giving is still down by £3,349.55 compared to 2019

Fees were down slightly from £2,227.00 in 2021 to £2,054.00 in 2022 - however, this is still significantly lower than the £4,670 received in 2017 before the roof project was started and restrictions were imposed.

Expenditure on this fund was £45,529.24, an increase of £8,114.61 (+20%) from 2021, which is mostly accounted for by the increase in Parish Share.

Clergy and Benefice expenses were increased from £1,541.63 last year to £3,378.47.

Running expenses were up from £7,621.47 to £10,731.21 - mostly due to increased energy costs and heating system repairs..

Parish hall expenses were fairly level from £1,096.34 to £1,147.24.

Honoraria increased from £460 to £2,200 (due to a return to a normal level of activity), and Admin costs reduced slightly from £869.75 to £794.36

The £1,851.52 surplus from last year has become a deficit of -£3,604.10 this year. This deficit was transferred to the Restoration Fund.

RESTORATION FUND

This fund is the major permanent capital fund of the Church.

Income for the year was £8,210.06, compared with £1,314.36 last year. These figures are primarily derived from a substantial legacy and a Fuel Cost Grant.

Expenditure on the Restoration Fund was £3,604.10, to cover the deficit in the General Fund.

The fund benefitted from an interest payment of £32.58, with a final balance of £25,439.46, which is an increase of £4,605.96

MISSION FUND

This fund was newly created in 2019, based upon a contribution from the Diocese to treat knotweed in the churchyard, and a donation from the Parish Hall.

There was no income to this fund in 2022, and expenditure was £528 (knotweed treatment).

The fund benefitted from an interest payment of £3.14, with a final balance of £1,694.94, which is a decrease of £524.86

WASTE PAPER FUND

Income from Waste Paper was £168.00 which was up from £142.40 in 2021.

Half the receipts (£84.00) go to the uniformed organisations, whose leaders help with the skip loading.

This fund made a contribution of £35.74 to buy goods for the Christmas Fair.

The fund benefitted from an interest payment of £2.10, with a final balance of £1,282.85, which is an increase of £50.36

FABRIC FUND

AH OGDEN FUND

Both funds benefitted from a small amount of interest with no expenditure leaving balances carried forward of £1,569.56 and £871.71 respectively.

GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE FUND

This fund was newly created in 2022, based upon a grant from RMBC and a donation.

Fund expenditure was £2,612.16

The fund benefitted from an interest payment of £1.12, with a final balance of £638.96

ROOF FUND

Some progress has been made on the roof project, which is now almost complete. Works with a total expenditure of £10,443.39 were carried out in 2022. Fund income was £2,299.13, comprising VAT reclaimed on the works.

As has been stated in the last 2 reports, it is hoped that the works will be completed in 2023, and the Roof Fund can be wound up.

PARISH HALL ACCOUNTS

The Parish Hall Accounts are incorporated into the PCC Accounts for presentation to the AGM. The accounts are held by the Parish Hall Committee for the day-to-day running of the Hall.

BALANCE SHEET

PCC Funds sheet has experienced an increase during 2022 - however, the increase is less than the amount received in a legacy, and was assisted by failing to make our full Parish Share contribution. Parish Hall Funds have decreased significantly due to major refurbishment costs, which are now completed.

The End of year balance of the PCC Assets has increased by £4,774.33 to £31,497.48. When the Parish Hall balance of £10,506.12 is added the total Church funds are £42,003.60

The temporary Roof Fund stands at £ 14,469.22 giving a Balance Sheet total of £56,472.82

OUTLOOK FOR 2023

Income from Regular Giving, Fundraising and Fees, having recovered significantly compared from 2020 to 2021, is modestly improved again for 2022, but looks unlikely to fully return to levels experienced before 2020.

The increased costs associated with heating and lighting are likely to remain challenging.

There are some major anticipated expenditure items outstanding :

- Church Boiler Replacement
- Decoration of the church interior

An underpayment of our parish share was made in 2022, with the anticipation that we would return to making a full contribution in 2023. It remains to be seen whether this will be possible.

John Richardson

Treasurer

21st March 2022

ST PAUL'S CHURCH, NORDEN
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 December 2022

GENERAL FUND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

INCOME		
	2021	2022
<u>DIRECT GIVING</u>		
Regular Gift-Aided Giving	£18,431.20	£15,499.50
One-Off Gift-Aided Giving	£75.00	£45.00
Cash Collections - Income Tax Recoverable	£4,844.70	£7,884.54
Income Tax Recovered	£5,881.13	£5,884.63
Non-Gift-Aided Envelopes and regular giving	£3,829.00	£4,635.15
Sub-Total	£33,061.03	£33,948.82
Christian Aid Donations	£0.00	£1,185.07
Petrus	£0.00	£99.40
Childrens Society Donations	£0.00	£360.13
Other Donations	£400.44	£20.90
DEC Ukraine Appeal	£0.00	£133.36
Sub-Total	£33,461.47	£35,747.68
<u>ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS</u>		
Christmas Fair	£3,577.68	£4,123.46
Parochial Fees - Weddings/Funerals	£2,227.00	£2,054.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	£39,266.15	£41,925.14

EXPENDITURE		
	2021	2022
<u>GRANTS</u>		
Childrens Society	£260.64	£360.13
Christian Aid	£0.00	£1,185.07
DEC Ukraine Appeal	£0.00	£133.36
Other	£64.80	£0.00
National Churches Trust	£0.00	£0.00
Petrus	£0.00	£99.40
Sub-Total	£325.44	£1,777.96
<u>RELATED TO THE WORK OF THE CHURCH</u>		
Parish Share	£25,500.00	£25,500.00
<u>CLERGY AND OTHER MINISTRY EXPENSES</u>		
Ministry Team Working Expenses	£355.64	£2,962.50
Benefice Expenses	£1,185.99	£415.97
Sub-Total	£1,541.63	£3,378.47
<u>CHURCH RUNNING EXPENSES</u>		
Electricity	£1,861.07	£661.03
Gas	incl in above	£2,580.65
Water	incl in above	£340.42
Caretaker	£4,708.61	£1,560.00
Insurance	incl in above	£3,217.78
Fire Extinguishers	£102.35	£135.00
Other	£0.00	£1,250.72
Upkeep of Services	£597.96	£222.00
Upkeep of Churchyard	£351.48	£763.61
Sub-Total	£7,621.47	£10,731.21
<u>TRADING</u>		
Parish Hall Expenses	£1,096.34	£1,147.24
<u>SALARIES & SUPPORT COSTS</u>		
Honoraria	£460.00	£2,200.00

ST PAUL'S CHURCH, NORDEN

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 December 2022

FUND RAISING AND CHURCH ADMIN

Christmas Fair - Paper Fund	£0.00	£0.00
Christmas Fair - PCC Fund	£216.13	£322.02
Administration	£653.62	£472.34
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£37,414.63	£45,529.24
SURPLUS/LOSS TRANSFERRED TO RESTORATION ACCOUNT	£1,851.52	-£3,604.10

ST PAUL'S CHURCH, NORDEN
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 December 2022

<u>RESTORATION FUND (DESIGNATED)</u>	2021	2022
Balance Brought Forward	£17,301.49	£20,833.50
<u>INCOME</u>		
Grants	£0.00	£0.00
Legacies	£1,121.50	£6,858.48
Fuel Cost Grant	£0.00	£1,250.00
Donations	£0.00	£0.00
Sales	£100.76	£13.00
Quiz Receipts	£75.00	£56.00
Parish Hall Committee	£0.00	£0.00
Interest	£17.10	£32.58
Sub-Total	<u>£18,615.85</u>	<u>£29,043.56</u>
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Loss Transferred from General Account	-£2,217.65	£3,604.10
Sub-Total	<u>-£2,217.65</u>	<u>£3,604.10</u>
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD	<u>£20,833.50</u>	<u>£25,439.46</u>

<u>MISSION FUND</u>	2021	2022
Balance Brought Forward	£2,745.08	£2,219.80
<u>INCOME</u>		
Donation from Parish Hall	£0.00	£0.00
Diocese Contribution - r.e. Land for Knotweed treatment	£0.00	£0.00
Interest	£2.72	£3.14
Sub-Total	<u>£2,747.80</u>	<u>£2,222.94</u>
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Knotweed Treatment	£528.00	£528.00
Miscellaneous	£0.00	£0.00
Sub-Total	<u>£528.00</u>	<u>£528.00</u>
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD	<u>£2,219.80</u>	<u>£1,694.94</u>

<u>WASTE PAPER FUND (DESIGNATED)</u>	2020	2022
Balance Brought Forward	£1,309.95	£1,232.49
<u>INCOME</u>		
Sonoco Receipts	£0.00	£168.00
Receipts from Sonoco less Uniformed Organizations Share	£71.20	£0.00
Interest	£1.34	£2.10
Sub-Total	<u>£1,382.49</u>	<u>£1,402.59</u>
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Uniformed Organisations Share	£0.00	£84.00
Christmas Fair	£150.00	£35.74
Sub-Total	<u>£150.00</u>	<u>£119.74</u>
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD	<u>£1,232.49</u>	<u>£1,282.85</u>

<u>FABRIC FUND (DESIGNATED)</u>	2021	2022
Balance Brought Forward	£1,565.48	£1,567.05
<u>INCOME</u>		
Donations (Non-Gift Aided)		
Interest	£1.57	£2.51
Sub-Total	<u>£1,567.05</u>	<u>£1,569.56</u>
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		

ST PAUL'S CHURCH, NORDEN
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 December 2022

None

BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD

Sub-Total	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£0.00</u>
	<u>£1,567.05</u>	<u>£1,569.56</u>

ST PAUL'S CHURCH, NORDEN
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 December 2022

AH OGDEN FUND (RESTRICTED)	2021	2022
Balance Brought Forward	£869.42	£870.31
INCOME		
Interest	£0.89	£1.40
Sub-Total	£870.31	£871.71
EXPENDITURE		
None		
Sub-Total	£0.00	£0.00
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD	£870.31	£871.71

GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE FUND (DESIGNATED)	2021	2022
Balance Brought Forward	£0.00	£0.00
INCOME		
RMBC	£0.00	£2,000.00
Donations	£0.00	£1,250.00
Interest	£0.00	£1.12
Sub-Total	£0.00	£3,251.12
EXPENDITURE		
PNS Landscapes	£0.00	£2,612.16
Sub-Total	£0.00	£2,612.16
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD	£0.00	£638.96

ROOF FUND (DESIGNATED)	2021	2022
Balance Brought Forward	£45,525.60	£22,613.48
INCOME		
VAT Recovered	£2,935.48	£2,299.13
Donations	£0.00	£0.00
English Heritage	£0.00	£0.00
Sub-Total	£48,461.08	£24,912.61
EXPENDITURE		
High Barn Construction	£1,260.00	£4,932.00
Insurance	£0.00	£0.00
Delta Electrical	£8,019.20	£843.60
Storah	£215.54	£0.00
H Bell	£16,352.86	£668.00
Bamford Print	£0.00	£3,999.79
Robinsons Preservation	£0.00	£0.00
Sub-Total	£25,847.60	£10,443.39
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD	£22,613.48	£14,469.22

ST PAUL'S CHURCH, NORDEN
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 December 2022

STATEMENT OF BALANCES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 December 2022

<u>FUND BALANCES</u>	2021	2022
Restoration Fund	£20,833.50	£25,439.46
Mission Fund	£2,219.80	£1,694.94
Waste Paper Fund	£1,232.49	£1,282.85
Fabric Fund	£1,567.05	£1,569.56
AH Ogden Fund	£870.31	£871.71
Garden of Remembrar	£0.00	£638.96
PCC Funds	£26,723.15	£31,497.48
Parish Hall Funds	£16,598.17	£10,506.12
Total Church Funds	£43,321.32	£42,003.60
Roof Fund	£22,613.48	£14,469.22
TOTAL	£65,934.80	£56,472.82

<u>INVESTMENTS AT COST</u>	2021	2022
Diocese - AH Ogden	£260.00	£260.00
Diocese - Wolfenden	£500.00	£500.00
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
<u>PCC Funds</u>		
Barclays Current a/c	£5,068.40	£4,346.92
Barclays Savings a/c	£34,144.48	£28,670.40
Santander a/c	£4,375.94	£6,395.84
Debtor (tax reclaim)	£1,619.63	£1,532.06
Debtors (uncleared receipts)	-£262.20	-£568.51
Creditors (uncleared Paymen	£3,500.38	£4,789.99
Cash In Hand - PCC	£130.00	£40.00
<u>Parish Hall Funds</u>		
Bank	£18,089.18	£12,178.21
Cash	£27.23	£0.00
Pending Transactions	-£1,518.24	-£1,672.09
TOTAL	£65,934.80	£56,472.82

The current values of investments are:-

AH Ogden	£247.26
Wolfenden	£587.42

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, NORDEN, ROCHDALE
PARISH HALL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

2021		2022
£17,067.44 Balance Brought Forward - Bank		£18,089.18
<u>£49.49</u> Balance Brought Forward - Cash		<u>£27.23</u>
£0.00 Balance Brought Forward - Pending Transactions		-£1,518.24
£17,116.93 Balance Brought Forward - TOTAL		£16,598.17
Income :		
£2,049.00 Art and Drama Groups		£3,502.00
£5,256.00 Dance Groups		£7,482.00
£200.00 Local Councillors/Elections		£250.00
£1,168.00 Baby Group		£672.00
£928.00 Casual Hire		£2,141.00
£60.00 Donations		£200.00
£9,661.00 Income TOTAL		£14,247.00
Expenditure :		
-£1,318.71 Heating and Lighting		-£1,937.15
-£571.45 Cleaning		-£616.71
-£6,500.00 Repairs & Maintenance	Fascias & Gutters	
-£392.68 Repairs & Maintenance	Other	-£16,414.38
-£1,152.77 Insurance		-£1,343.58
£0.00 Contribution to PCC		£0.00
-£244.15 Miscellaneous		
-£10,179.76 Expenditure TOTAL		-£20,311.82
<u>£16,598.17</u> BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD		<u>£10,533.35</u>
£18,089.18 Balance at Bank		£12,178.21
£27.23 Cash In Hand		£0.00
-£1,518.24 Pending Transactions		-£1,672.09
£16,598.17 TOTAL		£10,506.12

Accounts Prepared by : John Richardson

Accounts examined by :



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
St Paul's Church, Norden, Rochdale

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31/12/2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2022.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (retired member).

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities / (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date: 02/05/2023

Name: Phillip Herd

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): CIPFA

Address: 16 Shearing Avenue
Rochdale
OL12 7QY

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

None.

Part of the Benefice of St Paul's, St James' and St Michael's

Date: Wednesday 16th May 2023
Venue: in St Paul's Parish Hall, Blackpits Road, Norden
Time: 7.30pm

Parish Church Meeting 2023

Minutes

1 Welcome

The Vicar, Rev Jason Powell, opened the meeting at 7.35pm and welcomed parishioners to the 2023 Parish Church meeting, called to elect the two Churchwardens for 2023-2024.

1.1 Present & Apologies

Name		Office
Rev Jason Powell	Present	<i>Chair</i>
Andrew Mawson	Present	
Carol Whitehead	Present	
Chris Verey	Present	
Geoff Whitehead	Present	
Ian Short	Present	<i>Minutes</i>
Jacqui Slater	Present	
Jane Clegg	Present	
Jenny Buckley	Present	
Jill Verey	Present	
Jill Verey	Present	
Jim Gartside	Present	
John Slack	Present	
Julia Slack	Present	
Kirsten Rutherford	Present	
Rodney Fowler	Present	
Clifford Harker	Apologies	
Jane Gartside	Apologies	
Jenny Short	Apologies	
John Richardson	Apologies	
Monica Fowler	Apologies	
<i>Parishioners present</i>	15	

2 Church Wardens

The Vicar has received two nominations for churchwardens:

ANDREW MAWSON proposed: Rodney Fowler seconded: Monica Fowler
JENNY BUCKLEY proposed: Rodney Fowler seconded: Andrew Mawson

There were no other nominations.

Each of them has consented to continue to serve, and is not disqualified from serving, as churchwarden in this parish.

All in favour; None against; No abstentions.

Andrew and Jenny were therefore elected to serve as Churchwardens for St Paul's for 2023-2024.

3 Meeting closed at 7.40pm

Date: Wednesday 16th May 2023
Venue: in the St Paul's Parish Hall, Blackpits Road, Norden
Time: 9.55pm (immediately following the APCM)

Parochial Church Council Meeting

Minutes

1 Welcome

The Vicar welcomed members to this PCC meeting called to elect the officers of the new committee.

1.1 Present and Apologies

Name	Current meeting	
Rev Jason Powell		Vicar Chair
Andrew Mawson		Churchwarden
Ian Short		Deanery Synod (Minutes)
Jane Clegg		Lay member
Jenny Buckley		Churchwarden
Jim Gartside		Lay member
John Richardson	Apologies	Lay member
John Slack		Lay member
Rodney Fowler		Lay member
Sarah Clay	Apologies	Lay member
Members Present	8	Quorum = 4

2 Election of Officers

The Minister is the Chair of the PCC.

The following officers were elected unanimously and unopposed:

Vice Chair: Andrew Mawson
Secretary: Ian Short
Treasurer: John Richardson
Safeguarding Coordinator: Jane Clegg

3 Sidespeople

It was agreed that Jenny Buckley will continue to organise the Sidespeople rota.

4 Standing Committee

The Standing Committee, authorised to take decisions between PCC meetings, consists of: The Vicar; The PCC Secretary; The PCC Treasurer; The Churchwardens

5 **Future Meetings**

The next meeting will be in Church at **7.30pm on Tuesday 11th July 2023**

6 **Meeting closed**

The Vicar closed the meeting at 10:05pm with a prayer.