



EUXTON PARISH CHURCH
ANNUAL MEETINGS 2021
Wednesday 12 May 2021, 7.30pm

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION	
Due to the current situation with COVID-19 the meeting will only be accessible online or by telephone this year	
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A. ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS FOR THE ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS

Meeting open to all those whose names are entered on the electoral roll of the parish and those who reside in the parish and whose names are entered on a register of local government electors

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of previous meeting
3. Election of Churchwardens

B. ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Meeting open to those whose names are entered on the roll of the parish and specified others

No	Item	Encl.	Presenter
1.	Apologies for absence	Verbal	Revd J Smith
2.	Minutes of the previous meeting	✓	Revd J Smith
3.	Report on changes to the electoral roll	✓	Revd J Smith
4.	Annual report of the PCC	✓	P Howard
5.	Financial statements for year ended 31 December 2020	✓	S Lee
6.	Appointment of auditors for the coming year	Verbal	S Lee
7.	Annual fabric report	✓	Wardens
8.	Review of 2020 and look forward to 2021	Verbal	Revd J Smith
9.	Elections to PCC (5 x 3-year vacancies; 1 x 1-year vacancy)	Verbal	Revd J Smith

EUXTON PARISH CHURCH

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PARISHIONERS HELD ON 20 OCTOBER 2020 AT 8.00PM

BY VIDEOCONFERENCE

Present:	Revd J Smith (Incumbent, in the Chair)	A Givens	A Reid
	M Ainscough	E Heaton	G Steele
	A Armstrong	T Hodges	Joan Thompson
	R Braddock	P Howard (Secretary)	John Thompson
	K Bushell	G Jones J Leap	J Vanderpuye
	R Edge	S Lee (Treasurer)	H Waugh
	V Fairbrother	G Mitchell	D Whyte
	M Fifer	J Mitchell	S Whyte
	C Glen	P Owen	
	R Goodwin	K Power	
	A Grant	M Power	

1. Chair and quorum

Revd Jo Smith took the chair and noted that the meeting had been convened in accordance with the provisions of ss. 4 and 5 of the Churchwardens Measure 2001.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Alexandra Howard, Anne Howard, J Lewis, Janice Smith and T Steele.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 9 April 2019 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

4. Election of churchwardens

The Chair confirmed that nominations had been received, duly proposed and seconded and accompanied by the necessary statements to confirm that the nominees were willing to serve and were not disqualified from serving, for the following individuals:

- (a) Mr Andrew Grant, proposed by K Grant and seconded by P Howard; and
- (b) Mr Kelv Bushell, proposed by S Lee and seconded by P Howard.

The candidates were duly **ELECTED UNOPPOSED**.

There being no further business to transact, the meeting was declared closed.

Chair

Date:.....

EUXTON PARISH CHURCH
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
HELD ON 20 OCTOBER 2020 AT 8.05PM BY VIDEOCONFERENCE

Present:	Revd J Smith (Incumbent, in the Chair)	A Givens	A Reid
	M Ainscough	E Heaton	G Steele
	A Armstrong	T Hodges	Joan Thompson
	R Braddock	P Howard (Secretary)	John Thompson
	K Bushell	G Jones J Leap	J Vanderpuye
	R Edge	S Lee (Treasurer)	H Waugh
	V Fairbrother	G Mitchell	D Whyte
	M Fifer	J Mitchell	S Whyte
	C Glen	P Owen	
	R Goodwin	K Power	
	A Grant	M Power	

1. Chair and quorum

Revd Jo Smith took the chair and noted that due notice of the meeting had been given. She therefore declared the meeting duly convened and constituted and led the meeting in prayer.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Alexandra Howard, Anne Howard, J Lewis, Janice Smith and T Steele.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 9 April 2019 were **APPROVED** as a true and accurate record and were duly signed by the Chair.

4. Report on changes to the electoral roll

The Chair noted that a report had been circulated with the agenda to set out the electoral roll as at 31 December 2020. She noted that as at 5 October 2020 there were now a total of 182 people on the roll.

The meeting received the electoral roll report and noted the content.

5. Annual report of the PCC

The Secretary presented the annual report of the Parochial Church Council which had been circulated with the agenda. There were no questions on the content of the report.

The meeting received the report and noted the content.

6. Annual report and financial statements for year ended 31 December 2019

The Treasurer presented the annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019 which had been circulated with the agenda. She confirmed that these had

been subject to independent examination and drew particular attention to the fact that expenditure had exceeded income by £36,000 during the year. She confirmed that steps had been put in place to review all expenditure in the current year. There were no questions raised.

The meeting received and noted the verbal update and received the annual report and financial statements for 2019.

7. Report on the fabric of the church

The churchwardens presented a report which had been circulated in advance of the meeting to outline the issues relating to the fabric of the church.

The meeting received the report and noted the content.

8. Report on proceedings of the Deanery Synod

The Vicar noted that a report had been circulated in advance of the meeting to summarise the activities of the Deanery Synod during the previous year. There were no questions raised.

The meeting received the report and noted the content.

9. Elections

(a) PCC members

The Chair noted that there were nine vacancies for lay members of the Parochial Church Council and that eight nominations had been received as follows:

- (i) R Braddock, proposed by G Steele and seconded by A Reid;
- (ii) E Heaton, proposed by V Fairbrother and seconded by M Ainscough;
- (iii) T Hodges, proposed by R Edge and seconded by P Howard;
- (iv) Anne Howard, proposed by S Whyte and seconded by D Whyte;
- (v) P Howard, proposed by Alexandra Howard and seconded by S Lee;
- (vi) J Leap, proposed by A Grant and seconded by K Smith;
- (vii) S Lee, proposed by P Howard and seconded by Alexandra Howard; and
- (viii) M Power, proposed by K Power and seconded by H Waugh;

R Braddock, E Heaton and P Howard were **DULY ELECTED** to two-year terms of office concluding at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in 2022 and the remaining nominees were **DULY ELECTED** to three-year terms of office, concluding at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in 2023.

(b) Representatives on Deanery Synod

The Chair advised that there were three vacancies for representatives of the parish on Deanery Synod and that three nominations had been received as follows:

- (i) C Glen, proposed by K Utley and seconded by V Bowling;
- (ii) R Goodwin, proposed by A Grant and seconded by K Grant; and

(iii) G Steele, proposed by R Braddock and seconded by A Reid.

All three individuals were **DULY ELECTED** to the Deanery Synod for a three-year term, concluding at the Annual Public Meeting in 2023.

10. Appointment of auditors

The meeting **APPOINTED** R.P. Smith and Co Ltd as its independent examiners for the coming financial year.

11. Date, time and venue of next meeting

Subject to any future guidance received from the Church of England, the next Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place before the end of May 2021.

With no further business, the meeting concluded at 8.20pm in prayer.

Chair

Date:.....

Electoral Roll as at 31 December 2020

Total on roll : 181

Resident in the parish : 138

Resident outside the parish : 43

Andy Grant

Parochial Church Council Report

It is my pleasure to deliver this report of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. The purpose of the report is to provide an annual report on the proceedings of the PCC and the activities of the parish generally.

Meetings

We met as a PCC on five occasions during 2020. Each meeting was well-attended, and the attendance of each PCC member is shown in the table below:

Name	A	B	%	Name	A	B	%
Revd Jo Smith	5	5	100	Anne Howard	1	1	100
Marion Ainscough	4	5	80	Paul Howard	4	5	80
Viv Bowling	1	4	25	Jenny Leap	1	1	100
Rose Braddock	5	5	100	Shona Lee	5	5	100
Kelvin Bushell	5	5	100	Jean Lewis	1	4	25
Becky Edge	4	5	80	Janice Philips	2	5	40
Velma Fairbrother	4	4	100	Matt Power	1	1	100
Christine Glen	5	5	100	Richard Redfearn	0	4	0
Rosemary Goodwin	5	5	100	Andrea Reid	5	5	100
Andrew Grant	5	5	100	Janice Smith	1	5	20
Edwin Heaton	1	1	100	Gill Steele	5	5	100
Tony Hodges	1	1	100	Susan Whyte	3	5	60

A: Number of meetings attended

B: Total number of meetings possible

Membership

The global COVID-19 pandemic affected every aspect of church life during 2020 and parish governance was similarly impacted. The introduction of significant restrictions on travel and movement during March 2020 meant that the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) scheduled to take place in April could not go ahead. Instead the Bishop of Blackburn, Bishop Julian, approved an instrument which extended the term of office of those members of the PCC which would otherwise have come to an end in April.

The APCM eventually took place on 20 October 2020 and it was the first such meeting to be undertaken entirely by video- and teleconference.

Every three years the parish is required to elect its representatives on the Deanery Synod and this was required in 2020, in addition to elections for membership of the PCC. At the APCM the following appointments were made:

- Rose Braddock, Edwin Heaton and Paul Howard were elected as lay members of the PCC for two-year terms of office, concluding at the APCM in 2022;
- Tony Hodges, Anne Howard, Jenny Leap, Shona Lee and Matt Power were elected as lay members of the PCC for three-year terms of office, concluding at the APCM in 2023; and
- Chris Glen, Rosie Goodwin and Gill Steele were appointed as representatives of the parish on Deanery Synod for three-year terms, concluding at the APCM in 2023.

At the PCC meeting on 24 November 2020 Andy Grant was reappointed as the PCC's Vice-Chair, Shona Lee was reappointed as the Treasurer and I was reappointed as Secretary. Gill Steele was reappointed as the PCC Chair of the Community Centre Committee and Rose Braddock, Rosie Goodwin and Janice Smith were also reappointed as PCC members of that committee.

Summary of business transacted

There have been three significant areas of focus during 2020 – the parish's financial position, the deteriorating condition of the church roof and governance of the parish during the pandemic. Much of the routine business has necessarily had to be transacted by the Standing Committee (which comprises the Incumbent, the Wardens, the Treasurer and the Secretary) due to the ever-changing national guidance and the need to transact business between meetings.

Financial position

The parish has been operating at a deficit for some years now – that is to say that more was being spent than was being received. The Standing Committee has monitored income and expenditure on a weekly basis during the year and has challenged all non-essential expenditure. Whilst we have remained in a deficit position at the end of 2020 once restricted donations are discounted, the scale of the deficit is significantly reduced and this is testament to the oversight and management undertaken by our finance team, so ably led by Shona our Treasurer. We continue to scrutinise our outgoings and we hope to be able to focus on increasing our income during 2021 once we are able to return to some form of normality.

Church roof

The condition of the roof has continued to deteriorate and we have worked through the process of grant applications and instructing necessary investigations. Oversight of this key issue has been a high priority for both the Standing Committee and the wider PCC.

Parish governance

Although we have been impacted by COVID-19, we have maintained our focus on day-to-day matters too and we have strengthened our overall parish governance. During the year we have approved the following policies:

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| ▪ Complaints and Grievance Policy | ▪ Legacy Policy |
| ▪ Disciplinary Policy | ▪ Lone Worker Policy |
| ▪ Family Friendly Policy | ▪ Redundancy Policy |
| ▪ Health and Safety Policy | ▪ Safeguarding Policy |

We also applied for and received an audiovisual grant from the Diocese to provide a large screen television in church. This will not only allow us to make future services more interactive by

incorporating videos or other clips but also helps us to become more COVID secure as we are able to reduce our use of paper. More information on this is contained within the fabric report.

Other matters

We are fortunate to be supported by a wider team of people with specific responsibilities to help PCC members discharge their corporate governance responsibilities as trustees. These are:

- Gail Bolton, Safeguarding Administrator
- Clare Holt, Safeguarding Officer
- Ruth Robinson, Gift Aid Officer

In November 2020 we began to work through a course called PCC Tonight and the intention is to complete one module at each meeting we have. The purpose of the course is to encourage us all as PCC members to consider the purpose of the church and the PCC and to ensure that we have the knowledge and skills necessary to operate as leaders. We will be continuing these sessions throughout 2021.

At tonight's meeting we will be looking for new members to join our PCC, to replace those whose terms of office have come to an end. If you are not sure whether to stand for election, please do pray about it and the words at the end of this report from Peter's first epistle may help. Please also feel free to speak to someone to find out more about what the role entails.

All that remains is for me to thank all members of the PCC and indeed all members of the church – without you all we could not have achieved what we have achieved, nor all that we are destined to achieve.

PAUL HOWARD
PCC Secretary



Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them – not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

1 Peter 5:2-4



PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF EUXTON PARISH CHURCH

**ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

INCUMBENT

The Reverend J. Smith

Registered Charity Number: 1130598

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PR7 2RZ

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS TO THE
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF EUXTON PARISH CHURCH**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Parochial Church Council of Euxton Parish Church for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 2 to 12.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

I report in respect of my examination of the Trustees' accounts carried out under s.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 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

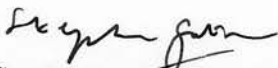
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed the examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by s. 130 of the Act;
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- (3) the accounts do 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.


Stephen Gardiner ACA CTA
Chartered Accountant
R.P. SMITH & CO LTD
2 Southport Road
CHORLEY
Lancashire PR7 1LB

Dated: 5 May 2021

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF EUXTON PARISH CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Note	Un- restricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2(a)	106,282	8,585	114,867	78,288
Church activities	2(b)	7,062	740	7,802	14,765
Other trading activities	2(c)	4,037	21,385	25,422	43,102
Investments	2(d)	395	7	402	454
Other	2(e)	5	-	5	665
Total income and endowments		117,781	30,717	148,498	137,274
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	3(a)	-	1,011	1,011	4,949
Church activities	3(b)	83,143	60,132	143,275	167,523
Other	3(c)	820	-	820	669
Total expenditure		83,963	61,143	145,106	173,141
Net income/ (expenditure)		33,818	(30,426)	3,392	(35,867)
Transfers between funds	8	-	-	-	-
		33,818	(30,426)	3,392	(35,867)
Other recognised gains/ (losses):					
Gains/ (losses) on revaluation of investment assets		-	741	741	1,693
Net movement in funds		33,818	(29,685)	4,133	(34,174)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		24,972	1,097,701	1,122,673	1,156,847
Total funds carried forward		58,790	1,068,016	1,126,806	1,122,673

All amounts are derived from continuing activities. There were no incoming resources attributable to geographical markets outside the United Kingdom (2019 none). All gains and losses recognised during the year are included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

The notes on pages 4 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

An analysis of the comparative figures for 2019 is set out in note 4 of the accounts.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF EUXTON PARISH CHURCH


BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Note	£	2020 £	£	2019 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	7(a)		1,028,127		1,057,502
Investments	7(b)		<u>30,509</u>		<u>29,687</u>
			1,058,636		1,087,189
Current assets					
Debtors	9		<u>13,595</u>		<u>5,244</u>
Cash at bank and in hand:					
Community Centre account			16,865		20,493
Church General account			39,014		9,298
Church Deposit account			33		33
Choir account			438		584
Flower fund account			661		676
Euxton singers account			<u>1,367</u>		<u>1,374</u>
			<u>58,378</u>		<u>32,458</u>
			<u>71,973</u>		<u>37,702</u>
Liabilities					
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	10		<u>3,803</u>		<u>2,218</u>
Net current assets			<u>68,170</u>		<u>35,484</u>
Total net assets			<u>1,126,806</u>		<u>1,122,673</u>
The funds of the charity:					
Unrestricted income funds	8		58,790		24,972
Restricted income funds			73,018		102,703
Revaluation reserve			<u>994,998</u>		<u>994,998</u>
			<u>1,068,016</u>		<u>1,097,701</u>
Total charity funds			<u>1,126,806</u>		<u>1,122,673</u>

The notes on pages 4 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

**Approved by the Parochial Church Council
of Euxton Parish Church and signed on its behalf**

Dated: 27th April 2021


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Mrs Shona Lee
Treasurer

Charity Registered Number: 1130598

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF EUXTON PARISH CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1. General information

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Euxton (known as Euxton Parish Church) is a corporate body established by the Church of England and is a Registered Charity (charity number 1130598). The Church is situated on Wigan Road, Euxton and is part of the Diocese of Blackburn within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Vicarage, Wigan Road, Euxton, Chorley, Lancashire PR7 6JH.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with the provisions of FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland'.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Church meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of land and buildings, which are shown at market value. The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the entity. The figures in the accounts are rounded to the nearest £.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Church's ability to continue as a going concern, particularly during the current Covid-19 health crisis since the annual Parish Share commitment is not a legally enforceable liability which could be postponed if circumstances require this.

The preparation of the financial statements may require the trustees to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported for assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date and the amounts reported for income and expenditure during the year. However, the nature of estimation means that the actual outcomes could differ from those estimates. The judgement that has had the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements relates to the estimate of the useful economic lives of the various fixed assets as set out in the accounts for the purpose of the depreciation charge.

Funds

Unrestricted income funds comprise accumulated surpluses and deficits on general funds that are available for use at the discretion of the PCC in furtherance of the general objectives of the Church and that have not been designated for other purposes by the Wardens of the PCC. Restricted income funds are funds subject to special conditions imposed by the donor and are not available for purposes other than those specified by the donor.

The accounts include all monetary transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of Church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF EUXTON PARISH CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Income

Turnover is the amount derived from ordinary activities and is stated net of VAT. All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Planned giving receivable under covenant is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on covenants or gift aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due.

Income from Church and trading activities

Rental income from the letting of Church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

Funds raised by fairs and similar events are accounted for gross.

Sales of magazines are accounted for gross.

Income from investments

Dividends and interest are accounted for when receivable.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold.

Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

Expenditure

Expenditure is included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT which cannot be recovered. Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that category. Donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC. The parish share is accounted for when payable. Any amount unpaid at the year end is provided for in the accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet.

Tangible fixed assets

Consecrated land and buildings and movable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by s.96 (2) (a) & (c) of the Charities Act 1993.

No value is placed on movable Church furnishings held by the Church wardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings and movable Church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the SOFA and separately disclosed.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Equipment used within the Church premises is stated at cost less depreciation calculated on a straight-line basis over 4 years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF EUXTON PARISH CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Community Centre and Annex

The property is stated at valuation. Depreciation on the property is provided for at 2.5% on a straight-line basis.

The carrying values of tangible fixed assets are reviewed for impairment if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable.

Investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are recognised at their transaction value. The charity does not acquire equity investments, put options, derivatives or other complex financial instruments. All non-cash deposits are revalued at their quoted market price at 31 December. The Statement of Financial Activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals during the year. Cash held on deposit with the CBF Church of England Funds is invested for long term purposes and is included within fixed assets.

Current assets

Trade and other debtors owing to the PCC are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Current liabilities

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF EUXTON PARISH CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Un- restricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
2. Income and endowments from:				
(a) <u>Donations and legacies</u>				
Planned giving:				
- Gift Aid Donations	45,826	-	45,826	50,030
- Income tax recoverable	12,355	-	12,355	14,391
- Other Planned Giving	551	-	551	1,858
Collections (open plate) at all services	1,604	-	1,604	6,081
Sundry donations	39,421	855	40,276	2,354
Legacies	5,000	-	5,000	-
Special collections	-	-	-	874
Grants	1,525	7,730	9,255	2,700
	<u>106,282</u>	<u>8,585</u>	<u>114,867</u>	<u>78,288</u>
(b) <u>Church activities</u>				
Fees	5,856	-	5,856	10,181
Church heating	982	-	982	300
Community Centre lettings	-	740	740	2,689
Magazine sales	224	-	224	1,035
Clergy reimbursement	-	-	-	560
	<u>7,062</u>	<u>740</u>	<u>7,802</u>	<u>14,765</u>
(c) <u>Other trading activities</u>				
Magazine adverts	315	-	315	215
Fundraising events	3,722	-	3,722	3,155
Choir fund	-	-	-	75
Flower fund	-	186	186	1,697
Euxton Singers	-	708	708	6,987
Community Centre lettings	-	19,196	19,196	25,318
Community Centre fundraising	-	1,295	1,295	5,655
	<u>4,037</u>	<u>21,385</u>	<u>25,422</u>	<u>43,102</u>
(d) <u>UK Investments</u>				
Dividends	273	-	273	265
Interest	122	7	129	189
	<u>395</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>402</u>	<u>454</u>
(e) <u>Other</u>				
Miscellaneous	5	-	5	665
	<u>5</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>665</u>
Total income and endowments	<u>117,781</u>	<u>30,717</u>	<u>148,498</u>	<u>137,274</u>

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	Un- restricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
3. Expenditure on:				
<i>(a) Raising funds</i>				
Stewardship scheme	-	-	-	393
Choir fund	-	145	145	-
Flower fund	-	201	201	1,832
Euxton Singers	-	665	665	2,724
	-	1,011	1,011	4,949
<i>(b) Church activities</i>				
Parish share	60,900	-	60,900	75,677
Clergy expenses	-	-	-	51
Housing	2,598	-	2,598	3,155
Visiting clergy	180	-	180	720
Upkeep services	818	-	818	978
Church running expenses	2,389	-	2,389	2,083
Church maintenance	4,405	-	4,405	1,729
Insurance	1,532	-	1,532	1,521
Salaries/retainer	3,278	-	3,278	9,123
Car park/church yard	576	-	576	836
Remembrance plaques	2,028	-	2,028	-
Magazine costs	376	-	376	1,294
General costs	2,010	-	2,010	-
Missionary & charitable giving	265	50	315	650
Special collections	-	-	-	530
Independent examination	1,140	-	1,140	1,206
Community Centre:				
General running costs	-	25,094	25,094	30,618
Inspections	648	1,666	2,314	1,612
Renovations/maintenance	-	3,947	3,947	6,365
Depreciation	-	29,375	29,375	29,375
	83,143	60,132	143,275	167,523
<i>(c) Other</i>				
Books	-	-	-	51
Administration	680	-	680	403
Miscellaneous	140	-	140	215
	820	-	820	669
Total expenditure	83,963	61,143	145,106	173,141

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4. Statement of Financial Activities analysis of comparative figures

	Un- restricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2019 £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	75,244	3,044	78,288
Church activities	12,076	2,689	14,765
Other trading activities	3,371	39,731	43,102
Investments	441	13	454
Other	665	-	665
Total income and endowments	91,797	45,477	137,274
Resources expended			
Raising funds	692	4,257	4,949
Church activities	98,053	69,470	167,523
Other	669	-	669
Total expenditure	99,414	73,727	173,141
Net income/ (expenditure)	(7,617)	(28,250)	(35,867)
Transfers between funds	12,433	(12,433)	-
	4,816	(40,683)	(35,867)
Other recognised gains/ (losses):			
Gains on revaluation of investment assets	-	1,693	1,693
Net movement in funds	4,816	(38,990)	(34,174)
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward	20,156	1,136,691	1,156,847
Total funds carried forward	24,972	1,109,701	1,122,673

5. Staff costs and numbers

	2020 £	2019 £
Wages and salaries	15,583	22,842
Social Security costs	-	-
	<u>15,583</u>	<u>22,842</u>

No employee earned £60,000 per annum or more. The average number of employees, analysed by function was:

	2020	2019
Church	1	2
Community Centre	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>

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Staff costs and numbers (continued)

The Church has also benefited from the services of unpaid general volunteers each year, the value of which is not recognised in the accounts. Further information, regarding the contribution made by volunteers to the Church's activities, is set out in the Trustees' Report.

6. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

The incumbent Revd. Joanne Smith who is a member of the PCC received working expenses of £616 during the year. No other payments or expenses were made to any other PCC member or related parties.

Donations were made in total by members of the PCC to the Church during the year of £13,661. Apart from this there were no other related party transactions during the year that require disclosure.

7. Fixed assets for use by the PCC

	Freehold land & buildings £	Freehold Annex £	Furniture & fittings £	Computer equipment £	Total £
(a) Tangible fixed assets					
Cost or valuation					
At 01.01.20	1,104,500	70,500	20,821	15,777	1,211,598
Added in year	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluation in year	-	-	-	-	-
At 31.12.20	1,104,500	70,500	20,821	15,777	1,211,598
Depreciation					
At 01.01.20	110,450	7,050	20,820	15,776	154,096
Charge for year	27,612	1,763	-	-	29,375
Revaluation in year	-	-	-	-	-
At 31.12.20	138,062	8,813	20,820	15,776	183,471
Net book values					
At 31.12.20	966,438	61,687	1	1	1,028,127
At 31.12.19	994,050	63,450	1	1	1,057,502

Freehold land and buildings comprise the Community Centre and land. The Community Centre property and the annex were revalued for insurance purposes by the insurance company in 2016 on a cost to rebuild basis and are included in these accounts at the revised valuation. This basis has been used as the best estimate of the fair value of the property since there is no market-based evidence available due to the specialised nature of the item and the Trustees feel that the cost involved in obtaining a specialised valuation for the property would outweigh any benefits derived from this. No original cost figure is available for these properties. Other fixed assets are shown at cost. All tangible fixed assets are used for or to support charitable purposes.

(b) Investment fixed assets

	2020 £	2019 £
Church deposit fund – cost	19,036	18,955
Church investment fund – valuation	<u>11,473</u>	<u>10,732</u>
	<u>30,509</u>	<u>29,687</u>

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Investment fixed assets (continued)

All of the above are UK investments, held to provide an investment return for the Church and are not programme related investments made primarily as part of the Church's charitable activities. The movements in the Church deposit fund and the Church investment fund consist respectively of the annual interest receivable and the annual surplus on revaluation, which reflects the quoted market price. The restricted funds' investments consist of £1,754 (2019 £1,747) in the Church deposit fund and the total of £11,473 (2019 £10,732) in the Church investment fund.

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
8. Analysis of net assets by fund				
Fixed assets for Church use	1	1,028,126	1,028,127	1,057,502
Investment fixed assets	17,281	13,228	30,509	29,687
Current assets	43,479	28,494	71,973	37,702
Current liabilities	(1,971)	(1,832)	(3,803)	(2,218)
Fund balance	58,790	1,068,016	1,126,806	1,122,673

Unrestricted funds

	General Fund	Designated Fund	Total £
Balance b/fwd at 01.01.20	24,972	-	24,972
Income	74,959	42,822	117,781
Expenditure	(79,558)	(4,405)	(83,963)
	(4,599)	38,417	33,818
Balance c/fwd at 31.12.20	20,373	38,417	58,790

The designated funds have been earmarked for use in connection with anticipated roof repairs in due course.

Restricted funds

	Community Centre fund £	Caesar fund £	Other restricted funds £	Total £
Balance b/fwd at 01.01.20	1,077,591	5,000	15,110	1,097,701
Income	29,816	-	901	30,717
Expenditure	(60,132)	-	(1,011)	(61,143)
	(30,316)	-	(110)	(30,426)
Transfer between funds	-	-	-	-
Surplus (deficit) on revaluation of investments	-	-	741	741
	-	-	741	741
Balance c/fwd at 31.12.20	1,047,275	5,000	15,741	1,068,016

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Restricted funds (continued)

The unrestricted funds represent general Church funds. The restricted funds comprise the Euxton Parish Church Community Centre Fund, the Caesar Fund originally established to cover the cost of rectifying the flooding problem in the graveyard and other minor restricted funds set up for various purposes as specified by the donors. The use of the Caesar Fund was also expanded at the donor's agreement to cover ongoing restoration work. The movements on the funds during the year are as set out above.

The PCC consider that the resources of each fund are held in the appropriate form to meet the particular fund's requirements.

	2020	2019
	£	£
9. Debtors		
Income tax recoverable	8,306	3,650
Prepayments and accrued income	1,120	1,547
Other debtors	4,169	47
	<u>13,595</u>	<u>5,244</u>
	2020	2019
	£	£
10. Creditors		
Accountancy fees (including VAT)	1,122	1,062
Other accruals and deferred income	2,681	1,156
	<u>3,803</u>	<u>2,218</u>

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1. Aims and Purposes

1.1 The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Euxton ("the PCC") has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Revd. Jo Smith, in promoting the whole mission of the church - pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical – across the parish. The PCC has responsibility for all activities of the Community Centre including (but not exclusively) the management, running, finances and maintenance.

2. Objectives and Activities

2.1 The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship and to become part of our parish community. During 2020 that commitment required us to provide novel and unusual solutions as a result of the global COVID-19 pandemic, and this is discussed more fully in section 4.

2.2 The PCC continues to ensure that the fabric of the church and surroundings are well-maintained and this year we launched an appeal to fund significant repairs to the roof of our Grade 2* listed church.

2.3 When planning activities for the year the PCC is mindful of the Charity Commission's guidelines with respect to public benefit and in particular the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

(a) Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus;

(b) Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish, including the sick at home and in hospital, the housebound, the elderly, the dying and the bereaved; and

(c) Missionary and outreach work. To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the church building and that of the Community Centre.

2.4 The primary focus during 2020 was on responding to the challenges faced by the COVID-19 pandemic and ensuring that we as a parish were able to continue to support members of the church family and others at a time of such increased need as well as preparatory works and investigations to enable the wider roof works to commence.

3. Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

3.1 Until March 2020 services continued in the building - including Sunday morning worship (Communion, Morning Prayer and Parade), TOAST (in the Community Centre) and midweek worship (Early Birds and Holy Communion).

3.2 Whilst worship in person was significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic from March onwards, we have continued to facilitate regular access to worship materials within the parish – either online, via socially distanced services in the building when permitted and via telephone. On Easter day 2020 we began our All Age services on zoom (more details in 3.3), which are also accessible by phone. We partnered with our neighbouring church, Buckshaw Village Church, to provide a weekly telephone service which includes a reading, sermon and prayers which has been available to all.

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Worship and Prayer (continued)

3.3 Since the first national lockdown in March 2020, the vast majority of our collective worship and prayer activity was undertaken online via zoom. We decided that it was right for us to provide a synchronous and interactive online service each week rather than pre-recording or streaming a more traditional service. This gave attendees the ability to interact and to participate, providing some much-needed normality in times of constant change. It also allowed us to replicate some of the usual face-to-face social activities, such as the ability for parishioners to catch up with one another after the service over coffee in virtual rooms, and to introduce new activities – who could have foreseen at the start of the year just how readily origami, scavenger hunts and quizzes could be incorporated into our worship!

3.4 Attendance at our services throughout the year has been extremely encouraging. The online services have been particularly well attended, with the number of households joining the services continuing to grow through the year and peaking at 98 from November 2020. Given that some of those households had multiple participants, we are extremely pleased at the reach we have been able to have. We are also delighted that worshippers from other parishes and indeed other areas of the country have chosen to come along to our services, and members of our regular congregation were able to join in services from their overseas holidays when these were permitted.

3.5 Where we could, we provided services of Morning Prayer in the church building or Community Centre to supplement our online offering. Because of social distancing requirements the attendance at these services was capped but they have nonetheless been well attended by members of our church family who prefer a face-to-face service rather than participating online.

3.6 We have also shared details, via our weekly email updates, of other options available, such as services provided by the Diocese which were streamed on their YouTube channel and the national Church of England's *Daily Hope Line* which provides music, prayers and reflections and other programmes available on TV and radio.

3.7 The PCC is committed to ensuring that there is a range of worship open to all ages and traditions, hence the provision of a variety of services and styles, subject to necessary amendments based on the prevailing national and local restrictions.

Discipleship

3.8 An online approach was also adopted to growing discipleship and we undertook three courses of study during the year (Alpha, The Bible Course and Acts bible study) which were well received and well attended. Due to the circumstances these all took place on zoom.

Authorised Lay Ministry

3.9 Towards the end of the year the PCC approved the application for training for Authorised Lay Ministry (ALM) for three members of our church family: Anne Howard (Youth), Paul Howard (Worship) & Helen Waugh (Worship). They all began their training in January 2021 with a view to being commissioned later in 2021.

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Occasional Offices

3.10 One of the negative impacts of the pandemic over the majority of this year has been that we have been unable to conduct baptisms and weddings as we normally would, and we were only able to conduct one baptism service, of twins, with a surprise wedding of the parents. In July, and under very strict restrictions, we held our second and only other wedding of the year. Each of these occasional offices is an event for both the family concerned and the community; a milestone in a person's life and we look forward to being able to return to providing these as soon as possible and in preparing those involved.

3.11 During the year we conducted 28 funerals as well as 3 burial of ashes services. Pastoral care is provided in all cases so that the joys and sorrows of life are marked and people are supported, loved and welcomed into the church with respect and sensitivity. We believe, and have seen it to be true in experience, that the Christian hope of resurrection is transformative. Accordingly, we issue Jesus's invitation to walk with Him through life to all people.

Children & Families

3.12 Prior to lockdown various children's groups took place. Toddlers and Early Birds service for our pre-school children and JAM (Jesus and Me) club for our primary school children. Sadly, due to the pandemic these were put on hold.

3.13 During the summer holidays, we held a joint holiday club, on zoom, with Buckshaw Village church, with the theme 'You've got the Power'. Whilst it was very different to gathering together in one place, we still had games, teaching, songs and prayers with activities for the week.

Outreach

3.14 January saw the annual outreach lunch, held in the Community Centre. As this would not be possible in 2021, a decision was taken to create Christmas Blessing Bags to be distributed to those who would normally be invited to the lunch along with our 2020 funeral families. A small team collated the bags and nominations which included food, drink, a Christmas card from Euxton CE Primary School and a leaflet about Christmas. These were very well received.

Building & Fabric

3.15 During the various periods of lockdown and other restrictions, we took the opportunity to commence some of the work on the fabric of the building by removing the plaster from the chancel arch to allow the walls to dry out. The impact of these works, coupled with periods of national or local restrictions, meant that for most of the year our church doors have been closed. That said, whilst the church building may have been closed, God's church has been very much alive in the parish.

3.16 In October, we launched our roof appeal, looking to raise £220,000 to stop the water ingress. There was an encouraging initial response and fundraising events (covid-secure) enabled us to finish the year having made a good start.

3.17 There have been issues with a number of trees in the graveyard suffering from Ash dieback and this has also been addressed.

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Building & Fabric (continued)

3.18 In the autumn, following a successful grant application and some generous donations, we installed a TV screen in church. Not only does this help with our covid-security but it also enables us to develop our services in church as well. This has been used at all services since the November lockdown.

Website

3.19 At the start of the year, we invested significant time and effort in developing a new website and this investment has served us well. The website, data management system and associated functionality allowed us to communicate directly with the vast majority of our parishioners by email on a weekly basis to keep them up to date. The website also allowed us to provide a centralised booking function for our face-to-face services, supplemented by a telephone booking option for those who prefer this approach.

Staffing

3.20 Terry Givens, our Verger, retired in January 2020. We thank Terry for all of his work, and especially over the vacancy. Steve Short, our Community Centre Manager retired in the summer and Joyce Anderson, our cleaner, finished with us also in the summer.

Church and schools

3.21 We continue to enjoy strong links with our own school, Euxton Church of England Primary School, through the involvement of clergy, governors and parents. The pandemic has led to an even closer working relationship with the school, offering practical and pastoral support, working together on fundraising and the provision of Christmas blessing bags. Reception class were also able to visit the church building, looking at how we celebrate Christmas. We also have a link with Trinity Buckshaw Primary School which is a joint Church of England and Methodist foundation in the parish, with representation on the governing body. We are also a foundation church for St Michael's Church of England High School in Chorley and as such we provide a governor on their governing body on a rotational basis.

3.22 In addition to the church schools mentioned above, we also have links with three other primary schools in the parish (Euxton Primrose Hill, Euxton Balshaw Lane and Euxton St Mary's). The pandemic has meant that things have been different this year, for example Euxton Primrose Hill Primary School normally use church for their Christmas gatherings. Through this year we have led assemblies for all the primary schools, jointly across the village as well as individually in some cases. This is an area that we are looking to develop as restrictions lessen.

Volunteers

3.23 Many people give their time and talents to make the church family a warm and vibrant community. The church would not function without them and we are grateful to all of them.

Deanery Synod

3.24 The PCC is represented on the Deanery Synod. This provides the church with important communication between the parish and the wider church.

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4. Financial review

4.1 Financial performance for the year ended 31 December 2020 is summarised on page 2 in the Statement of Financial Activities.

4.2 It has been a difficult year from a financial perspective. Whilst progress has been made in reducing our expenditure, we have felt the impact of the closure of the church buildings due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the uncertainty that has arisen as a result of the various restrictions that were in place throughout most of the year. Despite this, the total income and endowments from all activities for the year amounted to £148,498, an increase of £11,224 (8.2%) in comparison to the previous year. This can be attributed to the appeal that went out at the end of September to raise funds to restore the church building with roof repairs which we expect to cost in the region of £220,000.

4.3 The total expenditure for the year was £145,106 a reduction of £28,035 (16.2%) compared to 2019. Resulting in a surplus of £3,392 for the year. This is a turnaround from the prior year loss of £35,867. However, it should be noted that in 2020 £38,417 of income received was placed into designated funds relating to the roof works to be carried out in future years. Without this there would have been a deficit of £35,025. Financial performance and position remain an area of great importance and are discussed in detail at every PCC and standing committee meeting. The PCC is aware of the position and is committed to achieving financial balance by reducing expenditure, promoting different ways of giving and seeking support from the diocese.

4.4 The balance sheet on page 3 shows total net assets of £1,126,806 (2019 -£1,122,673). Of these amounts cash balances across all organisations amount to £58,378 (2019 - £32,458), with accrued expenditure of £3,803 paid post year end. Although the cash at bank and in hand remains at a reasonable level, it is important to note that £24,331 (41.7%) is held in restricted funds as detailed below in the reserves policy. This compares to £28,127 (86.7%) in the previous year. This change in percentage can be attributed to the fact that roof appeal income including a cash balance of £33,165 is held in a designated fund which appears in the general fund balances. A total of £57,496 (98.5%) of the cash balances relate to restricted or designated funds.

4.5 Planned giving (through gift aid donations, plate collections, standing orders and stewardship envelopes) and open plate collections in 2020 amounted to £47,981 – a reduction of £9,988 (17.2%) from the prior year. This reduction relates primarily to gift aid donations and open plate collections which were both affected by the closure of church buildings due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The PCC are keen to boost this level of giving and have worked hard during 2020 to increase the number of ways that giving can be received by the church reducing the need for cash handling where possible and promoting electronic payment methods. Sundry donations to unrestricted funds have increased by £37,067 compared to the prior year. However, this relates entirely to donations designated for the roof works. Donations to restricted funds increased to £855 in 2020 due to donations made to the community centre.

4.6 The church continues to play an active part in the community and despite the restrictions that were in place for most of the year successfully held an auction of promises and a Christmas fair online which raised £2,560 and £831 respectively.

4.7 The activities of the Community Centre continued to make up a substantial part of these financial statements. Income from external general hire in the year reduced by £6,122 (24.2%) to £19,196 in the year due to the closure of buildings due to restrictions in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Community Centre committee were unable to arrange most of the usual fundraising events during the year but those that did take place prior to the first lockdown in March contributed an income of £1,295 a reduction of £4,360 over the prior year.

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4.8 We continue to reclaim income tax on gift aid donations; this has contributed £12,355 to church funds in 2020 and a further £5,254 to the designated donations for the roof works. This is a highly important source of income and without which the cash position would be significantly worse. All who can are encouraged to increase their donation through the Gift Aid scheme. Included in the amount above are claims made under the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme (GASDS) which allows eligible charities to claim top up payments on any small cash donations they receive, up to a maximum of £8,000 in donations per year equating up to a further £2,000 in a tax year.

4.9 Our annual parish share payable to the Blackburn Diocese continues to be the most significant part of our overall expenditure. The total payable in 2020 amounted to £73,351 (2019 - £75,667). This equates to 109.7% of unrestricted donations and legacies (including income tax recoverable but excluding the designated funds). It is worth noting that the calculation for the parish share changed from 2020 so that the payment no longer includes fee payments, these are now paid over separately which totalled a further £3,049 in 2020.

4.10 Despite our best efforts we were only able to pay £60,900 of the parish share in 2020 leaving an underpayment of £12,450.36. The PCC is now in discussion with the diocese regarding the parish share and how we can meet payments in future years as well as clearing this underpayment. As the parish share is not a legally enforceable debt the underpayment is not shown as a liability on the balance sheet. However, the PCC are aware of the balance and remain committed to clearing this in addition to future payments should our financial position allow us to.

4.11 The fact that such a high proportion of income is already accounted for in the form of parish share means if any exceptional costs are encountered in the year, the PCC would be faced with a significant financial challenge.

4.12 The PCC members are acutely aware of their responsibilities to the church in respect of managing the finances. The majority of the church's income is from donors and the PCC is grateful to the congregation and the wider community for their continued financial support.

4.13 Action has been taken to reduce all areas of expenditure and the need remains to increase incoming resources such that the Church can continue to meet liabilities as they fall due. Expenditure on maintenance and repair will always be required on the structure and fabric of our beautiful old church building and the surrounding grounds. We are aware that significant investment is needed in the building in the immediate future and fundraising efforts will continue in order to secure the large sums required to restore it to its best.

5. Reserves policy

5.1 Reserves are held in short-term deposits and investments to ensure that they are readily available to meet the financial requirements of the Church's activities. Total charity funds equate to £1,126,806 as at 31 December 2020, of which £58,790 is held in unrestricted funds; an increase of £33,818 compared to the previous year although this does include £38,417 of designated funds for the roof works.

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The balance of £1,068,016 is retained in various restricted funds as follows:

Community Centre Fund	£1,047,275
Graveyard Fund	£5,000
Legacies	£13,228
Church Organisations	£2,513

6. Plans for future periods

6.1 The key priority for the trustees in 2021 is to increase discipleship. As followers of Jesus, we long to grow and increase discipleship over the coming year, that all of us will grow in our faith. Our prayer is that people will recognise their God-given gifts and use them to serve Him. Our longing is that as we grow as disciples, living lives that demonstrate God's love and grace, we too would grow in confidence to share our faith with others, encouraging them to follow Christ.

6.2 We will also ensure the long-term financial viability of the ministry of the church in Euxton. All expenditure is scrutinised and strategies to increase income are being considered. We also know that substantial expenditure will be required in order to repair damage to the chancel arch and we have launched a significant fundraising campaign as well as looking at other funding opportunities, such as grants.

7. Structure, Governance and Management

7.1 At Euxton Parish Church, membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent, churchwardens, Deanery Synod representatives and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church and who attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. All those who attend services or who have a connection with the parish are encouraged to register on the electoral roll.

7.2 The PCC is responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. The PCC continues to meet regularly. All members of the PCC are active members of the church, not only in committee but also as individuals. The Standing Committee and a dedicated Community Centre Committee meet between meetings and the results of the deliberations were reported to the PCC and were discussed and implemented where appropriate.

7.3 During most of 2020 we were unable to meet in person as a PCC and we therefore moved the transaction of business online. The Standing Committee also met frequently to review matters and to make decisions or formulate recommendations to the full PCC as appropriate.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF EUXTON PARISH CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

8. Administrative Information

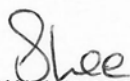
8.1 The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Euxton is situated on Wigan Road, Euxton. It is part of the Diocese of Blackburn within the Church of England. Its correspondence address is The Vicarage, Wigan Road, Euxton, Chorley, PR7 6JH.

8.2 The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a registered charity under registration number 1130598.

8.3 The method of appointing members of the PCC is set out in the Church Representations Rules. The members of the PCC during 2020 and up to the date of approval of the accounts were:

- Mrs Marion Ainscough
- Mrs Viv Bowling (to 20 October 2020)
- Mrs Rose Braddock
- Mr Kelvin Bushell (Church Warden)
- Mrs Rebecca Edge
- Mrs Velma Fairbrother (to 20 October 2020)
- Mrs Christine Glen
- Mrs Rosemary Goodwin
- Mr Andrew Grant (Church Warden and Vice-Chair)
- Mr Edwin Heaton (from 20 October 2020)
- Mr Tony Hodges (from 20 October 2020)
- Mrs Anne Howard (from 20 October 2020)
- Mr Paul Howard (Secretary)
- Mrs Jennifer Leap (from 20 October 2020)
- Mrs Shona Lee (Treasurer)
- Mrs Jean Lewis (to 20 October 2020)
- Mr Matthew Power (from 20 October 2020)
- Mrs Janice Phillips
- Mrs Andrea Reid
- Mrs Janice Smith
- Revd. Joanne Smith (Incumbent)
- Mrs Gill Steele
- Mrs Sue Whyte

This report was approved by the PCC on 27th April 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



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Mrs Shona Lee
Treasurer

Euxton Parish Church

Fabric Report 2020

This report covers the period from January to December 2020 when the building was out of use for large periods because of the COVID-19 pandemic. When the first lockdown ended and we were finally allowed to hold services in church again – only briefly as it turned out because a second lockdown was introduced in November – we had to comply with all manner of rules and regulations such as social distancing, no singing and mask wearing. In our small church building this meant that we could only safely accommodate a maximum of 16 four-person households.

All the routine safety work was carried out as required. The annual gas safety check and electrical PAT testing were carried out as normal, with neither check highlighting any issues. The fire extinguishers also had their annual check. The electrical installation test that is required to be done every five years also took place and found no significant issues in church.

The biggest issue with the fabric of the church is the continuing and worsening problem of water ingress through the roof at the eastern and western ends of the building. Our architect, Rebecca Grimshaw of Anthony Grimshaw associates, is highly experienced and very well thought of in the field of listed building repair and conservation and has been working closely with us and with the Blackburn diocesan advisers as we go through the process of repairing the building. It was estimated that the repairs will cost in the region of £220,000. Fundraising efforts have begun and a small team has been set up to explore what sort of grant funding could possibly be sought to help with the costs. A grant has already been obtained from English Heritage which will fund some invasive investigative work that will further inform the project.

Early in the year we were advised by a diocesan building specialist that the plaster on the chancel arch was becoming detached from the wall beneath to such an extent that it should be removed as soon as possible as it was now in a dangerous state and there was a risk that pieces could fall without warning. Somewhat fortuitously we received this news during the time that the building was closed during the first lockdown. Thanks to borrowed scaffolding and the help of volunteers we were able to remove the plaster without affecting services and at absolute minimum cost, the only expensive item being the skip to remove the plaster.

It rapidly became clear that we had not been a moment too soon as very large chunks of the plaster, 10 to 15 cm thick in places, came off the wall with little or no “persuasion” and one of those pieces actually bent the scaffolding pole it hit on the way to the floor. Thanks to the care that was taken, nothing apart from the scaffold pole was damaged during the removal process. Over the next few weeks it was possible to see how much water had actually been trapped in the chancel wall as it slowly changed colour, becoming noticeably lighter as it dried out.

We were able to clean the building in time to open for worship, albeit under COVID restrictions, until we were forced to close the building again for the second lockdown that started in November.

A number of grants to help parishes return to church worship after the first lock down were made available by Blackburn Diocese and we were fortunate enough to be given one to cover the majority of costs to instal audio-visual facilities in church, supported by additional donations from members of our congregation. This took the form of a large screen TV mounted on a stand in the pulpit which, among other things, lets us hold services without the need to distribute and collect prayer books or

service sheets which makes holding COVID secure services much, much easier and safer. As it happens, the installation of audio-visual facilities in church was also one of the objectives in our Mission Action Plan so we are very grateful to the diocese for their help.

In the church yard a large ash tree close to the church front door was found to be suffering from ash die-back disease and had to be felled. There are some other large trees in the church yard that are showing early signs of disease. These trees are being closely monitored and appropriate action such as the removal of dead branches is taken as required. Sadly, though there is no cure and we expect to have to fell more trees in 2021.

Other maintenance in the church yard included the cleaning of paths close to church to remove slippery algae, the levelling of a path that tree roots had disturbed and made uneven and the regular mowing of the grass. All this work was done by willing volunteers, apart from the tree felling which was done by professional contractors, and I would like on behalf of the church to thank them for their continuing and much valued help.

Andy Grant
Churchwarden