

EUXTON PARISH CHURCH
ANNUAL MEETINGS 2022

Wednesday 18 May 2022, 7.30pm in the Church Community Centre

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 2021	✓	S Lee
6.	Appointment of independent examiner for the coming year	Verbal	S Lee
7.	Annual fabric report	✓	A Grant
8.	Deanery Synod report	✓	Revd J Smith
9.	Safeguarding report	✓	Revd J Smith
10.	Elections to PCC (5 x 3-year vacancies; 3 x 2-year vacancies)	Verbal	Revd J Smith
11.	Looking forward – church vision and priorities	Verbal	Revd J Smith

EUXTON PARISH CHURCH
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PARISHIONERS HELD ON 12 MAY 2021 AT 7.30PM
BY VIDEOCONFERENCE

Present:	Revd J Smith (Incumbent, in the Chair)	A Givens	G Mitchell
	M Ainscough	T Givens	J Mitchell
	A Armstrong	A Grant	K Power
	G Bolton	E Heaton	A Reid
	R Braddock	T Hodges	M Rooney
	K Bushell	P Howard (Secretary)	G Steele
	R Edge	G Jones	Joan Thompson
	V Fairbrother	S Lee (Treasurer)	John Thompson
	C Glen	J Melling	

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, Matt Power, Tim Steele, Helen Waugh and Sue Whyte.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 20 October 2020 were **APPROVED** 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; and
- (b) Mr Kelv Bushell.

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 12 MAY 2021 AT 7.35PM BY VIDEOCONFERENCE

Present:	Revd J Smith (Incumbent, in the Chair)	A Givens	G Mitchell
	M Ainscough	T Givens	J Mitchell
	A Armstrong	A Grant	K Power
	G Bolton	E Heaton	A Reid
	R Braddock	T Hodges	M Rooney
	K Bushell	P Howard (Secretary)	G Steele
	R Edge	G Jones	Joan Thompson
	V Fairbrother	S Lee (Treasurer)	John Thompson
	C Glen	J Melling	

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.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Alexandra Howard, Anne Howard, Matt Power, Tim Steele, Helen Waugh and Sue Whyte.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 20 October 2020 were **APPROVED** as a true and accurate record.

4. Report on changes to the electoral roll

A report had been circulated with the agenda to set out the electoral roll as at 31 December 2020.

The meeting received the report on changes to the electoral roll and noted the content.

5. Annual report of the PCC

The Secretary presented a report which had been circulated with the agenda. There were no questions on the content of the report.

6. Annual report and financial statements for year ended 31 December 2020

The Treasurer presented the annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 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, whilst the financial position had improved compared with the previous year, the position remained challenging. There were no questions raised.

The meeting received and noted the annual report and financial statements for year-ended 31 December 2020.

7. Appointment of independent examiner for the coming year

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

8. 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.

9. Review of 2020 and look forward to 2021

The Chair shared a video to provide a review of 2020 and thanked everyone who had contributed to the work of the church over the year.

10. Elections to PCC

The Chair noted that there were six vacancies for lay members of the Parochial Church Council and that three nominations had been received. As a result, the following individuals were **APPOINTED** to serve on the PCC:

- (a) Marion Ainscough for a one-year term, due to her reaching her maximum term of office in 2022;
- (b) Gail Bolton for a three-year term; and
- (c) Gareth Jones for a three-year term

11. Date, time and venue of next meeting

The meeting noted that, subject to any future guidance received from the Church of England, the next Annual Parochial Church Meeting would take place before the end of May 2022.

With no further business, the meeting concluded at 7.55pm in prayer.

Chair

Date:.....

Electoral Roll as at 31 December 2021

Total on roll : 180

Resident in the parish : 140

Resident outside the parish : 40

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 ten occasions during 2021. Each meeting was well-attended, and the attendance of each PCC member is shown in the table below. Please note that some meetings during the year were organised at relatively short notice, to take decisions related to changes to the prevailing COVID-19 restrictions or in relation to the roof works, and attendance figures should be viewed in this context.

Name	A	B	%	Name	A	B	%
Revd Jo Smith	8	10	80	Anne Howard	8	10	80
Marion Ainscough	10	10	100	Paul Howard	10	10	100
Revd Amy Bland	5	5	100	Gareth Jones	6	7	86
Gail Bolton	6	7	86	Jenny Leap	8	10	80
Rose Braddock	9	10	90	Shona Lee	9	10	90
Kelv Bushell	6	7	86	Janice Philips	0	3	0
Becky Edge	3	3	100	Matt Power	7	10	70
Christine Glen	10	10	100	Andrea Reid	3	3	100
Rosemary Goodwin	9	10	90	Janice Smith	1	3	33
Andrew Grant	9	10	90	Gill Steele	8	10	80
Edwin Heaton	7	10	70	Susan Whyte	6	10	60
Tony Hodges	7	10	70				

A: Number of meetings attended

B: Total number of meetings possible

Membership

The global COVID-19 pandemic continued to affect every aspect of church life during 2021 and parish governance was similarly impacted. The continuing high level of COVID-19 cases in the region meant that it was necessary to hold the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in May by video- and teleconference for the second year.

At the APCM the following appointments were made:

- Marion Ainscough was elected as a lay member of the PCC for a one-year term of office, concluding at the APCM in 2022; and
- Gail Bolton and Gareth Jones were elected as lay members of the PCC for three-year terms of office, concluding at the APCM in 2024.

At the PCC meeting on 18 May 2021 Andy Grant was reappointed as the PCC's Vice-Chair, Shona Lee was reappointed as the Treasurer and I was reappointed as Secretary.

Summary of business transacted

The table below shows the business transacted by the PCC at each of its meetings during the year:

February 2021	March 2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of 2020's achievements PCC Tonight – why the PCC exists Discussion around principles of fundraising Approval of Authorised Lay Ministry applications Indicative vote on reopening the building for public worship Appointment of Health and Safety Officer Approval of Safeguarding Policy 2021 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PCC Tonight – how PCC should operate Decision to accept funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund which is funded by the National Lottery and to allow raffles in person but not to undertake any activities which require a gambling licence Approval of budget for 2021
April 2021	May 2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of the annual report and accounts 2021 Approval of management representation letter 2021 Agreed the way in which a legacy would be used Approval of appointment of an architect and quantity surveyor and associated expenditure for the roof works Approval of PCC Code of Conduct 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PCC Tonight – worship Appointment of officers Received update on new Curate Approval of Social Media Policy Approval of the disposal of old <i>Junior Praise</i> hymn books
June 2021	July 2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Short meeting to approve the award of contract for the roof and financial decisions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PCC Tonight – life as a church community Approval of the use of the Parish Giving Scheme Approval of Cash Handling Policy Decision not to allow any further benches in the church yard Decision not to make a donation to St Michael's C of E High School
August 2021	September 2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Short meeting to approve the closure of the church building during the period of the roof works 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PCC Tonight – Ministry in its widest context Approval of a £250 spending limit Receipt of feedback from Archdeacon's Visitation Approval of Pastoral Visiting Guidelines Approval of Lone Working Policy Approval of Legacy Policy

October 2021	November 2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Review of expenditure >£250 ▪ Approval to plaster the chancel arch ▪ Approval of youth group risk assessment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PCC Tonight – how God’s love is taken outside church and into community ▪ Approval of electrical survey and removal of unnecessary cables ▪ Agreement to clean ceiling and paint both ceiling and woodwork ▪ Approval of 2022 budget for PCC ▪ Approval of fees for 2022 ▪ Approval of operating income budget and total running costs for Church Community Centre ▪ Approval of Safeguarding Policy 2022 ▪ Approval of appointment of Foundation Governor for Trinity C of E Methodist Primary School

Financial position

The parish had been operating at a deficit for some years – that is to say that more was being spent than was being received. The PCC has monitored income and expenditure throughout the year and all non-essential expenditure was challenged by the Standing Committee between meetings. As a result, we ended the year in a surplus position which is testament to the oversight and management undertaken by our finance team, 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 2022 once we are able to return to some form of normality.

Church roof

Roof works commenced during the year and have been a major focus for parish fundraising. At the time of writing, we have only £43,000 left to find compared with total costs of c.£330,000 and the works are on track to be completed in time for the church to reopen in June 2022. We are extremely grateful for the continued focus of the fundraising and the grant application teams during the year, which have been instrumental in delivering this position.

Parish governance

In September 2021, we had our annual visitation by the Archdeacon of Blackburn, who was accompanied by Fr Neil Kelley, the Area Dean for Chorley. A number of matters were raised in relation to the governance arrangements in place, which I am pleased to say have all been addressed and reported to the Archdeacon as complete.

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
- Stephanie Crake, Health and Safety Officer
- Clare Holt, Safeguarding Officer
- Ruth Robinson, Gift Aid Officer

At the APCM 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 or, alternatively, 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 your faithfulness to God we could not have achieved what we have achieved, nor all that God has called us to do in order to share his love with our community.

PAUL HOWARD
PCC Secretary

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF EUXTON PARISH CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

INCUMBENT

The Reverend J. Smith

Registered Charity Number: 1130598

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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 2021, 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

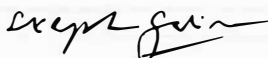
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or 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
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Lancashire PR7 1LB

Dated: 11 May 2022

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF EUXTON PARISH CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Note	Un- restricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2(a)	241,182	440	241,622	114,867
Church activities	2(b)	4,091	521	4,612	7,802
Other trading activities	2(c)	5,306	26,496	31,802	25,422
Investments	2(d)	290	51	341	402
Other	2(e)	147	-	147	5
Total income and endowments		251,016	27,508	278,524	148,498
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	3(a)	-	1,796	1,796	1,011
Church activities	3(b)	228,231	49,230	277,461	143,275
Other	3(c)	830	-	830	820
Total expenditure		229,061	51,026	280,087	145,106
Net gains (losses) on investments		-	1,649	1,649	741
Net income/ (expenditure)		21,955	(21,869)	86	4,133
Transfers between funds	8	8,250	(8,250)	-	-
		30,205	(30,119)	86	4,133
Other recognised gains/ (losses):					
Gains (losses) on revaluation of fixed assets		-	387,626	387,626	-
Net movement in funds		30,205	357,507	387,712	4,133
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		58,790	1,068,016	1,126,806	1,122,673
Total funds carried forward		88,995	1,425,523	1,514,518	1,126,806

All amounts are derived from continuing activities. There were no incoming resources attributable to geographical markets outside the United Kingdom (2020 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 2020 is set out in note 4 of the accounts.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF EUXTON PARISH CHURCH

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Note	£	2021 £	£	2020 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	7(a)		1,380,359		1,028,127
Investments	7(b)		<u>14,878</u>		<u>30,509</u>
			1,395,237		1,058,636
Current assets					
Debtors	9	<u>6,922</u>		<u>13,595</u>	
Cash at bank and in hand:					
Community Centre account		27,211		16,865	
Church General account		118,667		39,014	
Church Deposit account		33		33	
Choir account		438		438	
Flower fund account		-		661	
Euxton singers account		<u>1,993</u>		<u>1,367</u>	
		<u>148,342</u>		<u>58,378</u>	
		<u>155,264</u>		<u>71,973</u>	
Liabilities					
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>35,983</u>		<u>3,803</u>	
Net current assets			<u>119,281</u>		<u>68,170</u>
Total net assets			<u>1,514,518</u>		<u>1,126,806</u>
The funds of the charity:	8				
Unrestricted income funds			88,995		58,790
Restricted income funds		42,899		73,018	
Revaluation reserve		<u>1,382,624</u>		<u>994,998</u>	
			<u>1,425,523</u>		<u>1,068,016</u>
Total charity funds			<u>1,514,518</u>		<u>1,126,806</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: 8th May 2022

Slee
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 2021

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 2021

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 2021

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 2021

	Un- restricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
2. Income and endowments from:				
(a) <u>Donations and legacies</u>				
Planned giving:				
- Gift Aid Donations	47,293	-	47,293	45,826
- Income tax recoverable	12,628	-	12,628	12,355
- Other Planned Giving	1,446	-	1,446	551
Collections (open plate) at all services	2,288	40	2,328	1,604
Sundry donations	24,413	400	24,813	40,276
Legacies	108,831	-	108,831	5,000
Special collections	48	-	48	-
Grants	44,235	-	44,235	9,255
	<u>241,182</u>	<u>440</u>	<u>241,622</u>	<u>114,867</u>
(b) <u>Church activities</u>				
Fees	3,733	-	3,733	5,856
Church heating	250	-	250	982
Community Centre lettings	-	521	521	740
Magazine sales	-	-	-	224
Remembrance plaques	108	-	108	-
	<u>4,091</u>	<u>521</u>	<u>4,612</u>	<u>7,802</u>
(c) <u>Other trading activities</u>				
Magazine adverts	-	-	-	315
Fundraising events	5,306	-	5,306	3,722
Choir fund	-	-	-	-
Flower fund	-	153	153	186
Euxton Singers	-	2,164	2,164	708
Community Centre lettings	-	22,116	22,116	19,196
Community Centre fundraising	-	2,063	2,063	1,295
	<u>5,306</u>	<u>26,496</u>	<u>31,802</u>	<u>25,422</u>
(d) <u>UK Investments</u>				
Dividends	282	-	282	273
Interest	8	51	59	129
	<u>290</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>341</u>	<u>402</u>
(e) <u>Other</u>				
Miscellaneous	147	-	147	5
	<u>147</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>147</u>	<u>5</u>
Total income and endowments	<u>251,016</u>	<u>27,508</u>	<u>278,524</u>	<u>148,498</u>

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF EUXTON PARISH CHURCH

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	Un- restricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
3. Expenditure on:				
<i>(a) Raising funds</i>				
Choir fund	-	-	-	145
Flower fund	-	258	258	201
Euxton Singers	-	1,538	1,538	665
	-	1,796	1,796	1,011
<i>(b) Church activities</i>				
Parish share	67,125	-	67,125	60,900
Clergy expenses	-	-	-	-
Housing	3,364	-	3,364	2,598
Visiting clergy	-	-	-	180
Upkeep services	1,266	-	1,266	818
Church running expenses	2,664	-	2,664	2,389
Church maintenance	148,872	-	148,872	4,405
Insurance	1,726	-	1,726	1,532
Salaries/retainer	-	-	-	3,278
Car park/church yard	1,904	-	1,904	576
Remembrance plaques	-	-	-	2,028
Books/magazine costs	-	-	-	376
General costs	182	-	182	2,010
Missionary & charitable giving	-	-	-	315
Special collections	48	-	48	-
Independent examination	1,080	-	1,080	1,140
Community Centre:				
General running costs	-	11,229	11,229	25,094
Inspections	-	881	881	2,314
Renovations/maintenance	-	1,727	1,727	3,947
Depreciation	-	35,393	35,393	29,375
	228,231	49,230	277,461	143,275
<i>(c) Other</i>				
Books	182	-	182	-
Administration	583	-	583	680
Miscellaneous	65	-	65	140
	830	-	830	820
Total expenditure	229,061	51,026	280,087	145,106

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4. Statement of Financial Activities analysis of comparative figures

	Un- restricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	106,282	8,585	114,867
Church activities	7,062	740	7,802
Other trading activities	4,037	21,385	25,422
Investments	395	7	402
Other	5	-	5
Total income and endowments	117,781	30,717	148,498
Resources expended			
Raising funds	-	1,011	1,011
Church activities	83,143	60,132	143,275
Other	820	-	820
Total expenditure	83,963	61,143	145,106
Net gains (losses) on investments	-	741	741
Net income/ (expenditure)	33,818	(29,685)	4,133
Transfers between funds	-	-	-
	33,818	(29,685)	4,133
Other recognised gains/ (losses):			
Gains (losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	33,818	(29,685)	4,133
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward	24,972	1,097,701	1,122,673
Total funds carried forward	58,790	1,068,016	1,126,806

5. Staff costs and numbers

	2021 £	2020 £
Wages and salaries	-	15,583
Social Security costs	-	-
	-	15,583

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

	2021	2020
Church	-	1
Community Centre	-	1

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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 and the curate Revd. Amy Bland who are members of the PCC received working expenses of £696 and £304 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 £11,011. 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 01.01.21	1,104,500	70,500	20,821	15,777	1,211,598
Added in year	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluation in year	226,306	14,445	-	-	240,751
At 31.12.21	1,330,806	84,945	20,821	15,777	1,452,349
Depreciation					
At 01.01.21	138,062	8,813	20,820	15,776	183,471
Charge for year	33,270	2,124	-	-	35,394
Revaluation in year	(138,062)	(8,813)	-	-	(146,875)
At 31.12.21	33,270	2,124	20,820	15,776	71,990
Net book values					
At 31.12.21	1,297,536	82,821	1	1	1,380,359
At 31.12.20	966,438	61,687	1	1	1,028,127

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 2021 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	2021	2020
	£	£
Church deposit fund – cost	1,755	19,036
Church investment fund – valuation	<u>13,123</u>	<u>11,473</u>
	<u>14,878</u>	<u>30,509</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 consist of the annual interest receivable and the transfer of unrestricted funds of £17,288 to assist in the funding of the roof works and the movements in the Church investment fund consist of the annual surplus on revaluation, which reflects the quoted market price. The restricted funds' investments consist of £1,755 (2020 £1,754) in the Church deposit fund and the total of £13,123 (2020 £11,473) in the Church investment fund.

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
8. Analysis of net assets by fund				
Fixed assets for Church use	1	1,380,358	1,380,359	1,028,127
Investment fixed assets	-	14,878	14,878	30,509
Current assets	124,977	30,287	155,264	71,973
Current liabilities	(35,983)	-	(35,983)	(3,803)
Fund balance	88,995	1,425,523	1,514,518	1,126,806

Unrestricted funds

	General Fund	Designated Fund	Total
Balance b/fwd at 01.01.21	20,373	38,417	58,790
Income	83,347	167,669	251,016
Expenditure	(80,258)	(148,803)	(229,061)
	3,089	18,866	21,955
Transfer to designated funds	(17,288)	17,288	-
Transfer between funds	250	8,000	8,250
Balance c/fwd at 31.12.21	6,424	82,571	88,995

The designated funds have been earmarked for use in connection with the ongoing roof works.

Restricted funds

	Community Centre fund £	Caesar fund £	Other restricted funds £	Total £
Balance b/fwd at 01.01.21	1,047,275	5,000	15,741	1,068,016
Income	25,149	-	2,359	27,508
Expenditure	(49,230)	-	(1,796)	(51,026)
	(24,081)	-	563	(23,518)
Transfer between funds	(3,250)	(5,000)	-	(8,250)
Surplus (deficit) on revaluation of investments	387,626	-	1,649	389,275
	384,376	(5,000)	1,649	381,025
Balance c/fwd at 31.12.21	1,407,570	-	17,953	1,425,523

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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 and has been used in connection with the ongoing roof works. 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.

	2021	2020
	£	£
9. Debtors		
Income tax recoverable	5,599	8,306
Prepayments and accrued income	929	1,120
Other debtors	394	4,169
	<u>6,922</u>	<u>13,595</u>
	2021	2020
	£	£
10. Creditors		
Accountancy fees (including VAT)	1,080	1,122
Other accruals and deferred income	7,276	2,681
Roof works creditors	27,627	-
	<u>35,983</u>	<u>3,803</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, Revd. Joanne Smith, in promoting the whole mission of the church - pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical – across the parish. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church Community Centre on School Lane, Euxton.

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 church family. As in the previous year, that commitment required us to continue providing creative solutions as well as more traditional solutions because of the global COVID-19 pandemic, and this is discussed more fully in section 3 below.

2.2 The PCC continues to ensure that the fabric of the church and surroundings are well-maintained and this year we continued the 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 everyone to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

(a) Worship and prayer; encouraging growth as disciples of Christ, recognising and using their God-given gifts;

(b) Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish; 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 Church Community Centre.

2.4 The primary focus during 2021 was on responding to the changing COVID-19 landscape during the year and ensuring the continued provision of opportunities for worship and spiritual development, as well as fundraising for the roof project.

3. Achievements and Performance

3.1 Whilst worship in person was significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic during the first half of the year, we nonetheless continued to facilitate regular access to worship materials within the parish – either online, via socially distanced face-to-face services when permitted and via telephone. In this latter endeavour, we partnered with our neighbouring church, Buckshaw Village Church, to provide a weekly telephone service which includes a reading, sermon and prayers.

3.2 We also shared details 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

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Achievements and Performance (continued)

3.3 The PCC is committed to ensuring that there is a range of services open to all ages during the week and over the course of the year, giving the opportunity for each individual to grow in their discipleship, wherever they are on their journey with Jesus. We aim to provide something for everyone, and during the week we usually provide a communion service from the Book of Common Prayer, a more traditional communion or morning prayer service from Common Worship and all-age services, including a weekly Early Birds group during term time for pre-schoolers. We retained this commitment during 2021, subject to necessary amendments based on the prevailing national and local restrictions and, despite a national trend of declining church attendance, we are delighted that the number of people worshipping with us has actually grown since the start of the pandemic in 2020.

3.4 In late July 2021, all of our services, except for the recorded service accessed by telephone, returned to being held on-site in our church building. We were only there for a matter of weeks, however, and our church building was closed on 12 September 2021 to allow the roof works to commence. All on-site worship was then moved to the Church Community Centre. 2021 has therefore been another year in the parish which has shown that, whilst the church building may have been closed, God's church has been very much alive here in Euxton.

3.5 When we returned to providing on-site worship, we recognised the need to provide regular worship options for our younger parishioners and we therefore introduced a new weekly all-age service on a trial basis. This was extremely well-received, and this is now our most attended service.

3.6 In addition to our usual weekly services, we have also offered a number of formational opportunities, such as a facilitated prayer course and the provision of Lent and Advent self-study books. These opportunities provide people with space and structure to consider and grow in their own relationship with God, in a way that suits them best.

3.7 During 2021 we conducted 5 baptisms and 1 wedding, with the wedding ceremony being held at St John's Church, Whittle-le-Woods due to our church building being closed for renovation. 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 are delighted that we were able to return to providing these and preparing those involved.

3.8 During the year we conducted 26 funerals. 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.

3.9 In July 2021, we were thrilled to welcome a Curate to the parish. Revd Amy Bland began her three-year curacy with us and she quickly became an integral part of the parish and the ministry team. That ministry was further enhanced by the commissioning of three Authorised Lay Ministers during the year; two with a focus on worship leading and the third with a focus on youth ministry.

3.10 In November 2021, following our involvement in the diocesan Youth Learning Communities programme, we began to offer a new weekly youth group for those in school years 6 to 9.

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Achievements and Performance (continued)

Church and schools

3.11 We continue to enjoy strong links with our own school, Euxton Church of England Primary School, through the involvement of clergy, governors and parents. We also have a link with Trinity Buckshaw Primary School which is a joint Church of England and Methodist foundation in the parish, having a presence on the governing body. We also provide a Foundation Governor for St Michael's Church of England High School in Chorley.

3.12 In addition to these church schools, we have relationships with the other three schools in our parish. Many of our village schools would normally visit us and use our church building for their Christmas celebrations, although this has not been possible this year due to the closures as a result of COVID-19 and the roof renovation works. The effect of worshipping together at Christmas with those who do not usually attend church, as well as doing so in an historic and beautiful church rather than in a school hall, is immeasurable.

Volunteers

3.13 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. In particular, we would like to acknowledge the fact that one of our wardens, Kelvin Bushell, stood down during this year and to record our grateful thanks for his work over many years.

3.14 We are particularly pleased that we have begun to develop a number of different teams, to work together in different areas such as ministry and fundraising, and we have established teams of volunteers to undertake specific roles, such as leading intercessions, reading the Bible during services and providing the audio-visual support. We are truly grateful for the generosity of our congregation with their time.

Deanery Synod

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

4. Financial review

4.1 Financial performance for the year ended 31 December 2021 is summarised on page 2 in the Statement of Financial Activities.

4.2 This year has once again been a very difficult and challenging year from a financial perspective with on-going uncertainty as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and disruption due to the closure of the church building whilst costly repair work is undertaken. Expenditure did exceed income once again, however, the total income and endowments from all activities for the year amounted to £278,524, an increase of £130,026 (87.57%) in comparison to the previous year. This can be attributed to a legacy of £108,831 that we were blessed to receive in 2021 and continued efforts to raise the funds required for the repairs to the church roof which included successful grant applications totalling £33,110 from English Heritage, All Churches Trust and The Garfield Weston Foundation plus a further £11,125 of VAT we were able to reclaim through the Listed Places of Worship grant scheme.

4.3 The total expenditure for the year was £280,087 an increase of £134,981 (93.03%) compared to 2020. This increase in expenditure was due to the commencement of the repair works resulting in a spend of £148,803 on the works to the church building in 2021 and it is worth noting this includes a depreciation charge of £35,393 relating to the community centre buildings.

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Financial review (continued)

4.4 The resulting loss of £1,563 for the year before investment gains reverses the prior year surplus of £3,392 seen in 2020. Unrestricted income totalled £83,347 against expenditure of £80,258 resulting in a surplus of £3,089; the designated roof income totalled £167,669 against expenditure of £148,803 creating a surplus of £18,866 and restricted income totalled £27,508 against expenditure (including depreciation) of £51,026 generating a loss of £23,518. 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 remains committed to achieving financial balance by reducing expenditure, promoting different ways of giving and continuing to seek support from the diocese.

4.5 The balance sheet on page 3 shows total net assets of £1,514,518 (2020 -£1,126,806). Of these amounts cash balances across all organisations amount to £148,342 (2020 - £58,378), with accrued income of £5,953 and expenditure of £35,983 paid post year end. Although the cash at bank and in hand has increased significantly in year, it is important to note that £30,247 (20.39%) is held in restricted funds as detailed below in the reserves policy. This compares to £24,331 (41.7%) in the previous year. This change in percentage can be attributed to the fact that roof appeal income including a cash balance of £107,587 is held in a designated fund which appears in the unrestricted fund balances. A total of £137,834 (92.91%) of the cash balances relate to restricted or designated funds.

4.6 Planned giving (through gift aid donations, plate collections, standing orders and stewardship envelopes) and open plate collections in 2021 amounted to £51,027 – an increase of £3,046 (6.35%) from the prior year. All these methods of giving have been seen to increase in 2021 as services resumed following the lifting of restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020. The PCC remain keen to boost this level of giving and continue to increase the number of ways that giving can be received by the church including signing up to the Parish Giving Scheme in 2021. Sundry donations to unrestricted funds reduced by £15,006 (38.07%) compared to the prior year. This is mostly due to donations designated for the roof works which were boosted at the start of our appeal in 2020 plus an increase in donations received in 2020 from people who would usually give via the plate collection but were unable to do so whilst the church was closed. Donations to restricted funds also fell from £855 in 2020 to £440 in 2021. The PPC are thankful to all who have faithfully given throughout the pandemic and those who have increased their giving.

4.7 The church continues to play an active part in the community and were able to hold various fundraising activities throughout 2021 including chocolate bingo and an auction of promises which were held online raising £521 and £2,020 respectively. We also held an online balloon race jointly with Euxton CofE PTFA which raised a net £258 each. The Autumn Fair was also able to return and be held in person raising a further £1,232. Many other events were organised by individuals to raise funds for the church roof including a cake sale, sale of pens, sponsored events including running, walking, cycling and a danceathon. The PCC took the decision that all fundraising would be allocated to the designated roof fund until we have all the funding required. This prevented us from boosting our unrestricted income through fundraising efforts in 2021.

4.8 The activities of the Community Centre continue to make up a substantial part of these financial statements. Income from external general hire in the year increased by £2,920 (15.21%) to £22,116 showing some recovery following the decline due to restrictions in 2020. The community centre committee were also able to resume fundraising events during the year contributing an income of £2,063 an increase of £768 over the prior year

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Financial review (continued)

4.9 We continue to reclaim income tax on gift aid donations; this has contributed £12,628 to church funds in 2021 and a further £2,596 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. We have historically submitted Gift Aid Claims quarterly however, we signed up to the Parish Giving Scheme in 2021 and began to receive payments in November with the Gift Aid on these donations being received in the same month which has improved our cashflow further.

4.10 Our annual parish share payable to the Blackburn Diocese remains the most significant part of our overall expenditure. The total payable in 2021 amounted to £66,564 (2020 - £73,351). This was reduced from £79,564 following discussions with the diocese. A further £12,450 remained outstanding from 2020 which was reduced to £7,450 following discussions, leaving a total of £74,014. This equates to 94.03% 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 onwards so that the payment no longer includes diocesan fees, these are now paid over separately which totalled a further £4,210 in 2021.

4.11 Despite our best efforts we were only able to pay £67,125 of the parish share in 2021 reducing the underpayment to £6,888. The PCC has requested a further discussion with the diocese regarding how we may meet our parish share payments and clear this remaining 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. 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 Members of the PCC are acutely aware of their responsibilities to the church in respect of managing the finances which are discussed at every meeting. 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 Actions continue to reduce all areas of expenditure and the need to increase incoming resources such that the Church can continue to meet liabilities as they fall due remains. Expenditure on maintenance and repair will always be required on the structure and fabric of our beautiful old church building and the surrounding grounds. Significant investment is currently underway in the building and fundraising efforts will continue in order to secure the large sums still required to restore it to its best and maintain it going forwards ensuring that it remains fit for purpose and meets the needs of our growing congregation.

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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 £1,514,518 as at 31 December 2021, of which £88,995 is held in unrestricted funds; an increase of £30,205 compared to the previous year although this does include £82,571 of designated funds for the roof works. The balance of £1,425,523 is retained in various restricted funds as follows:

Community Centre Fund	£1,407,570
Legacies	£14,877
Church Organisations	£3,076

Please note that the £1,407,570 held in the Community Centre Fund includes land and Buildings currently held at the value of £1,380,357.

6. Plans for future periods

6.1 The key priority for the trustees in 2022 is to be a healthy church which transforms our community. To do this, we will focus on making disciples, growing leaders, being witnesses and inspiring children and young people. We will also focus on ensuring that the renovation works are concluded, which provides a focal point of Christian worship for our community.

6.2 We are also committed to ensuring 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 and curate, 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 Church 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 We will be reviewing our governance structure during 2022 and look forward to reporting any changes in next year's report.

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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 Representation Rules. The members of the PCC during 2021 and up to the date of approval of the accounts were:

- Revd. Joanne Smith, Incumbent (Chair)
- Mrs Marion Ainscough
- Revd. Amy Bland (from 4 July 2021)
- Mrs Gail Bolton (from 12 May 2021)
- Mrs Rose Braddock
- Mr Kelvin Bushell, Church Warden (to 9 October 2021)
- Mrs Rebecca Edge (to 12 May 2021)
- Mrs Christine Glen
- Mrs Rosemary Goodwin
- Mr Andrew Grant, Church Warden
- Mr Edwin Heaton
- Mr Tony Hodges
- Mrs Anne Howard
- Mr Paul Howard, Secretary
- Mr Gareth Jones (from 12 May 2021)
- Mrs Jenny Leap
- Mrs Shona Lee, Treasurer
- Mr Matthew Power
- Mrs Janice Phillips (to 12 May 2021)
- Mrs Andrea Reid (to 12 May 2021)
- Mrs Janice Smith (to 12 May 2021)
- Mrs Gill Steele
- Mrs Sue Whyte

This report was approved by the PCC on

and signed on its behalf by:

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Mrs Shona Lee
Treasurer

8th May 2022

Euxton Parish Church

Fabric Report 2020– 2021

This report covers the period from January to December 2021 which has been an interesting time in the life of the building. On January 6th the third national lockdown was put in place so we had to close the building, this time until mid-March when the lockdown ended and we could use the building again, albeit with all manner of rules and regulations in place, such as social distancing, no singing and mask wearing.

In 2019 it became apparent that we had no choice but to take action to solve the problem of water ingress to the building. If we had done nothing the building would have very quickly become unsafe and unusable. One timber expert estimated that the rotted ends of the roof purlins would have only been able to support the roof for another four to five years. We could not be the stewards who watched over the end of the building after over 700 years of its existence so a major building and conservation project was started.

The table below shows the top level pre-project milestones with the initial planned completion dates:

Dimensional Survey	End Jan 21
Architect's drawings & detailed information	End Feb 21
Quantity Surveyor's schedule of works	End Mar 21
Faculty Application	Mar 21
Tender process	Mid Mar – early April 21
DAC meeting	Early Apr 21
Faculty approval	Early July

As well as the tasks in the table a lot of other preparatory work was carried out. The organ was dismantled and removed to a safe storage site, the audio-visual system was dismantled and stored safely. All the hymn books, service books, bibles and other items, including the extremely heavy lectern, were packed away and stored safely. All the pre-project tasks required a great deal of work but were completed in time for Lloyd & Smith, our chosen contractor, to start work in September. The need to install scaffolding inside the church meant we had to move out of the building once more and start holding all our services in the Church Community Centre. Work on the project has been progressing well but timescales have been slightly impacted by the pandemic, not only in terms of worker absence but also with supply chain problems resulting from the pandemic. The work is being done to an extremely high standard and we plan to be back in the church building in mid-June 2022.

While all that work was going on another group of people were working hard to prepare and submit applications for grants to help pay for the work. A number of these applications were successful and we are very grateful for the hard work of this team.

In the church yard another large ash tree was found to be suffering from ash die-back disease and had to be felled. We continue to closely monitor all the trees in the church yard for early signs of disease and take appropriate action such as the removal of dead branches as required. Unfortunately there is no cure for ash die-back and we may have to fell more trees in 2022.

I would like to thank all our willing volunteers for their continuing and much valued help in everything from putting out the chairs for services in the community centre to mowing the grass in the churchyard. “Good job guys” as our American friends would say!

Andy Grant

Churchwarden

DEANERY SYNOD REPORT

There was only one Deanery Synod meeting during the year, and this was held at St James Wrightington in October 2021. It was the first “in person” meeting since lockdown restrictions were eased, and the first with Fr Neil Kelley presiding as Area Dean. The format of the meeting was changed slightly, as it was held entirely in the newly refurbished church hall, and began with refreshments!

The first item of business was the Treasurer’s Report. Lorraine Smith told us that Yorkshire Bank had now transferred our account to Virgin Money and updated on the balance in the account, with suggestions invited as to what the money might be spent on.

Fr Kelley stressed how important it was to meet again after lockdown, and was pleased the meeting was so well attended. He said that we must have the opportunity to reflect on the last 2 years. We then discussed in small groups:

- What have we lost from our worshipping communities? (Sharing the peace physically/no confirmations/junior church/coffee & fellowship)
- What blessings have we gained? (Zoom/dial a Sermon/Live stream services/thinking outside the box)
- In what areas do we need help & support, & could we offer help to another parish (Finance/Parish share)

Fr Kelley intends to discuss financial implications of lockdown at the monthly clergy meetings. Many people mentioned that some parishioners were not as involved in church life as they once were.

The meeting concluded with a short service of Compline

Safeguarding report

The PCC reviewed and agreed the Safeguarding Policy at its meetings in February & November 2021.

All Church Officials and Leaders are DBS checked at the enhanced level. This year we have processed a number of applications and renewals as well as encouraging and enabling the appropriate training.

There were no matters of Safeguarding concern in 2021.

Safeguarding is a permanent item on all PCC agendas.

With thanks to Gail Bolton our Safeguarding Administrator for all her work.

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