

The Parish of St Oswald, Warton and St Mary, Borwick



Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Warton for the year ended 31st December 2021

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Aim and Purposes

Warton Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Robin Figg, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our churches and to become part of our parish community. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the different groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

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

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Outreach work.

We seek to develop our life together as we affirm individual strengths; value diversity; nurture growth, vocations and leadership; work towards accessibility and respect and sustain our environment.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of St Oswald's Church, the Church Hall and St Mary's Church, Borwick, which has its own District Church Council (DCC) with delegated powers from the PCC.

Achievements and Performance

The PCC is keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. Our worship is centred on the Eucharist; our usual pattern of services includes Sunday and midweek Eucharists across the Benefice. We offer a range of environments from more formal, traditional and choral services to smaller and more intimate opportunities for prayer and worship.

In 2021 the Covid-19 pandemic continued to mean a reduced pattern of public worship for the first half of the year; when public worship was permitted we continued to livestream a service without a congregation each Sunday from either St John's or St Mary's and hold a public service at St Oswald's.

In September we resumed a fuller pattern of services. This included livestreaming a public Eucharist from St John's every Sunday at 9.15am, with the public Eucharist at St Oswald's every Sunday at 11.00am and a public Eucharist at St Mary's twice a month at 9.15am.

As in 2020, the Benefice Advisory Group continued to take the lead in reviewing the guidance from the government and the Church of England and proposing to the two PCCs in the Benefice what the next phase of the worship 'unlock' plan should look like.

In September we welcomed the Venerable David Picken, Archdeacon of Lancaster, to the St Mary's Patronal Festival Eucharist. During the service Archdeacon David dedicated the new facilities at St Mary's.

The number of people attending the services has remained significantly below the pre-Covid-19 attendance levels.

Midweek activities, such as Coffee Stop and Breaking Bread, only resumed in the autumn. Numbers attending these activities have got back to the pre-pandemic levels which is very good.

One concert by the Eversley Choir was held at St Oswald's in autumn. For a second year the Festival of Christmas Trees did not take place.

A third national lockdown called at shortly before Christmas due to the omicron variant of the coronavirus meant that the Christmas Carol Service at St Oswald's and the Crib Service at St John's were cancelled. A Carol Singing event at the Old Rectory in Warton was arranged at short notice which was extremely successful.

The number of life events services of baptisms and weddings was again down on pre-pandemic levels. Only two baptisms took place during the autumn, one at St Mary's and one at St Oswald's; four weddings took place between July and November. Seven funerals took place and three burials of cremated remains.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules and the legal Scheme which established St Mary's as a District Church with a DCC.

The Warton PCC consists of the incumbent (the Vicar), the Parochial Churchwardens, the Deputy Churchwardens for St Mary's, the Deanery Synod representatives, the Licensed Lay Ministers, 10 members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the St Oswald's part of the electoral roll and 2 members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the St Mary's part of the electoral roll. All those who attend our services are encouraged to register on the electoral roll and stand for election to the PCC and DCC as appropriate.

The PCC members are 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 full PCC met four times during the year. The first two meetings in February and June were conducted using the Zoom online platform; the latter two meetings in September and December were held in person. One extraordinary meeting was conducted by email correspondence as permitted by the recently revised Church Representation Rules.

Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has two committees which deal with aspects of parish life specific to St Oswald's. These are the St Oswald's Mission and Ministry Committee and the St Oswald's Fabric and Finance Committee. The committees are responsible to the PCC and report back to it, with minutes of their decisions being received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary. The Fabric and Finance Committee met in July and October. The Mission and Ministry Committee met in November; at this meeting it was agreed to explore a new approach to exploring mission at St Oswald's and beyond with a new 'Looking Forward Group' to meet in 2022.

The St Mary's DCC met five times during the year. The first three meetings were conducted using the Zoom online platform; the last two meeting were held in person.

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2021, held in May, there were 131 names on the church electoral roll; 118 names in the St Oswald's part and 13 names in the St Mary's part.

There is a Benefice Advisory Group (BAG) which consists of the Vicar and two members of each church. The BAG meets to consider diary planning and other matters that affect the whole benefice. The BAG reports back to the two PCCs in the Benefice with minutes of its meetings for consideration and final decision making by the PCCs. During 2021 the BAG met approximately monthly to consider the Covid-19 guidance provided by the government and the Church of England.

Administrative information

St Oswald's Church (the Parish Church) is situated in Main Street, Warton and St Mary's Church, Borwick (a District Church/Chapel of Ease) is situated between the villages of Borwick and Priest Hutton. The churches are part of the United Benefice of Warton and Borwick with Yealand, in the Deanery of Tunstall, in the Diocese of Blackburn, within the Church of England.

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2020) and is registered with the Charity Commission (R.1146393).

PCC members are either ex-officio, elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (the APCM) holding office for three years, or co-opted by the PCC. Members of the Deanery Synod are ex-officio members of the PCC, holding office for three years; they are also elected by the APCM. All appointments and elections are done in accordance with the Church Representation Rules 2020.

PCC members who have served at any time from 1st January 2021 until the date this report was approved are:

<i>Incumbent:</i>	The Revd Robin Figg	Chairperson
<i>Churchwarden:</i>	2 x vacancies	
<i>Deputy Churchwarden for St Mary's</i>	Mrs Joyce Tombs	St Mary's Treasurer
<i>Licensed Lay Ministers</i>	Mrs Annette MacKenzie Mrs Janet Thompson	Secretary
<i>Deanery Synod Representatives:</i>	Mr Alan Thompson	
<i>Elected Members:</i>	Mrs Marjorie Ashton Mr Harry Clarke Mr Keith Gaydon Miss Tracey Lawther Mrs Alison Semple Mrs Sandra Senior Mr Charlie Vereker Mrs Carolyn Wolstenholme	St Mary's representative (until ADCM 2021) St Oswald's Treasurer (until APCM 2021)

**Approved by the PCC on 12th May 2022
and signed on its behalf by the Reverend Robin Figg (Chairperson)**

Reports from Church Officers, Committees and Organisations

Vicar's Report

Robin Figg

“Heavenly Father, we embrace your call for us to make disciples, to be witnesses,
to grow leaders and inspire children and young people.

Give us the eyes to see your vision, ears to hear the prompting of your Spirit
and courage to follow in the footsteps of your Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.”

The Diocesan Vision 2026 Prayer

In last year's Vicar's report, I noted that, 'We are beginning the staged roadmap out of lockdown, hoping that all restrictions can be lifted by the summer'. If only that had come to pass! As it was, from beginning to end, life continued to be shaped by the Covid-19 pandemic in 2021. As I write this report, the pandemic is certainly not over, but we are learning what it means to live with Covid.

So, it is not just 2020 that will be remembered as the year of the Covid-19 pandemic; 2021 is now added to this category. Two years on from the start of the first national lockdown on 23rd March 2020, it can be hard to remember all that we have been through together.

On 6th January 2021 the Prime Minister announced the third national lockdown, just two days after children had returned to school in anticipation of some resumption of normality in their education. In February the Roadmap was published, with its four steps to take us out of lockdown; Step 4, which removed legal limits on social contacts, came into effect on July.

Having learnt much about the way viruses work, with their ability to mutate into different variants, we found the end of 2021 being impacted by the emergence of the omicron variant. This necessitated the implementation of Plan B with certain restrictions reimposed for our safety.

All this meant that as we travelled through the year we continued to try different ways to maintain our life of worship and activities.

Having resumed some public worship in March, we offered a hybrid pattern of services for Holy Week and Easter, with one online service and one public service for each of the principal days of the week.

In July, having received a grant to purchase the necessary equipment, we took a significant step forward when we began livestreaming the Sunday 9.15am Parish Eucharist from St John's; it was very good to livestream a regular service with a congregation in the building. Whilst the number of people watching these services is small, we see this as an important part of our mission & ministry to enable those who cannot attend public worship for whatever reason to share with us in worship.

The next major step forward was in September when we resumed a full pattern of services across the Benefice, with the Sunday services including congregational singing inside for the first time since March 2020.

Through the year the Benefice Advisory Group (BAG) continued to meet regularly to review the guidance received from the Church of England and the Diocese of Blackburn. As the Government lifted restrictions it meant greater responsibility fell on local decision-making bodies which was not always straight forward. The BAG was aware of diverse views across our church communities about how best to keep each other safe.

The Lent course was held online and used the 'Looking Out In Lent' course prepared by the Diocese, with input from the Bishops and Archdeacons. One session looked at our engagement with environmental issues and this led to the Warton Crag exhibition held in St Oswald's Church in July. There was then a follow up 'Caring for Creation' course in September. The hope is that there will be ongoing engagement with environmental issues in the Benefice.

The two years of the Covid-19 pandemic have had a significant impact on the life of the Church in this parish and in the Benefice. There has been a reduction in the average weekly attendance at services and a reduction in the level of activities. Whilst Knit & Natter restarted in the autumn, it was realised that it was not possible to restart the monthly Tea @ St John's or the Mini Church gatherings in the Village Hall. We hope that occasional social events and Mini Church services may be possible in the future.

Towards the end of 2021 a new 'Looking Forward Working Group' emerged with the aim of reviewing the strategy for mission and outreach across the Benefice as we continue to unlock from the Covid-19 pandemic. The working group includes representatives of different activities in the Benefice and will aim to help the Benefice move 'from decline to growth'. The initial focus of the group will be reaching out to families and young people, looking for opportunities for new events and activities. We look forward to seeing some of the fruit of this work during 2022.



This initial focus of the Looking Forward Working Group picks up the fourth strand the Diocesan Vision 2026 and reflected in



of the Vision Prayer quoted at the top of this report: **'To inspire children and young people'**. The aim of Vision 2026 is to see **'Healthy Churches Transforming Communities'**. In the Benefice we are expressing this through our call to **believe, live and share the Love of God**.

In the wider Church in the Anglican Communion this mission of the Church is often expressed in **The Five Marks of Mission**:

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

As we come to the 2022 annual meetings which provide an opportunity to reflect on the past year and look forward to what may lie ahead (mindful of the continuing impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and the new impact of the war in Ukraine, with the consequential cost of living crisis), we know that we must hold fast to the good news of the Love of God revealed in Jesus the Christ for all people everywhere.

In 2022 we are looking forward as a nation to celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. As a nation, and as the Church, we must also continue to face the challenge of the climate crisis; the Church of England has challenged itself to be carbon net zero by 2030.

In our Diocese there will be significant change this year when Bishop Julian retires in July after nearly nine years as Bishop of Blackburn. The process to find a new diocesan bishop has already begun, although the next Bishop of Blackburn will not be in place before summer 2023.

Globally, nationally and locally we all face ongoing change and challenge as we journey on. As Christians we do so knowing that we are 'an Easter people and Alleluia is our song'. We are part of God's Church and our focus must always be the Love and Light that flow from the living God.

As we come to our annual meetings we acknowledge and give thanks for all that is offered by many people to support and enable the life of God's Church in this Parish and the wider Benefice to continue through our worship, nurture and outreach.

So, I would like to express my thanks to those who have shared the leadership of God's Church in the Parish of Warton and Borwick during 2021: Joyce Tombs, St Mary's Churchwarden and treasurer; Sally Fletcher, St Mary's Churchwarden; Janet Thompson, PCC secretary; Keith Gaydon, St Oswald's

treasurer; Alan Thompson, Deanery Synod representatives; other PCC and DCC members; Annette MacKenzie and Janet Thompson, Licensed Lay Minsters.

Thank you, also, to Peter Mann, for leading services across the Benefice. Thank you to our organists and choir at St Oswald's; a special thanks here to Steph Burford who stepped down as choir director at the end of 2021,

Thank you to all those who lead and support the range of church-based groups and activities which are part of the life of St Oswald's and St Mary's and the wider Benefice. Many of these groups and activities are reported on below and help to show the breadth of the mission and ministry of God's Church here.

Now may the living God of Love and Light bless us in all we do and in all we are.

Deanery Synod *Mr Alan Thompson*

During 2021 there were no meetings held of the Tunstall Deanery Synod.

In June 2021 the Area Dean, the Reverend Nancy Goodridge, moved to a new parish and the Area Dean vacancy still stands. The PCC was kept informed during the year of the ongoing situation regarding Tunstall Deanery. New appointments announced for 2022 in the Deanery were: The Reverend Jane Lee as Priest-in-Charge of the East Lonsdale Benefice and The Reverend Peter Hamborg as Vicar of Bolton-le-Sands Holy Trinity with Nether Kellet St Mark. Benefices still awaiting appointments are Over Kellet St Cuthbert, and Hornby with Claughton & Whittington with Arkholme & Gressingham.

St Oswald's Church, Warton *Churchwardens*

Since the Annual Meetings held in October 2020 there have been two vacancies for the post of churchwarden for St Oswald's. There is therefore no formal St Oswald's churchwardens' report.

Day-to-day oversight and care of St Oswald's church and churchyard has kindly been carried out by a number of volunteers who give of their time generously.

Chris & Sue Hopwood have continued to help ensure the church is opened daily for visitors and have dealt with fabric matters as they have arisen. Chris Hopwood has also continued to coordinate the team of volunteers who ensure the churchyard is kept in an excellent condition.

On Sundays Marjorie Ashton has kindly coordinated the welcomers at the 11.00am Eucharist.

To everyone who has helped in any way with our Sunday and midweek services, with the church cleaning, with general maintenance and other essential tasks around the church and churchyard a big thank you.

St Mary's Church, Borwick *Joyce Tombs – Deputy Churchwarden*

As everywhere, life at St Mary's continued to be affected by the Covid-19 pandemic throughout 2021. At the beginning of the year, during the third national lockdown, the church was once again closed for public worship. But it reopened on 18th March 2021 with the resumption of the Thursday morning Eucharist that had been introduced briefly in December 2020. This was timetabled to complement

other midweek and Sunday services across the Benefice and continued throughout the summer. Meanwhile the hours of opening for individual prayer were restricted to Sundays only to allow the necessary time for cleaning or disinfection between visitors and services. Throughout this period a Eucharist was livestreamed on alternate Sundays from St Mary's or St John's, Yealand, by the Vicar and his wife, Elizabeth; a service which was greatly enjoyed and appreciated within the Benefice and beyond.

On 5th September 2021 Sunday communal worship was resumed with a well-attended and uplifting service led by the Venerable David Picken, Archdeacon of Lancaster, to celebrate the St Mary's Patronal festival. The occasion was also used to dedicate and give thanks for the new facilities which had been added in December 2019; (the service originally planned for March 2020 having been cancelled due to the first national lockdown).

This marked the beginning of a new pattern of services comprising a 9.15am Eucharist on the first and third Sundays of each month and an 11.00am service on the second Tuesday of each month. Attendances are relatively low, but the DCC are committed to building on this in the coming year.

The Harvest Festival was held in St Mary's on 3rd October 2021 and a Eucharist on Christmas Day. We look forward to celebrating more of the great Christian festivals in 2022 and to enjoying the reintroduction of refreshments after services. So much was missed over the last two years...

It is hoped to livestream public worship from St Mary's in due course and the necessary computer equipment was purchased in the year with the help of a much-appreciated grant from the Elizabeth and Richard Wilson Charitable Fund. The lighting conditions and camera angles, etc., need to be improved and the balance of the grant will be used to tackle these issues in due course. Meanwhile the Sunday Eucharist is livestreamed weekly from St John's using our equipment.

The District Church Council met throughout the year initially on Zoom but eventually "in person" meetings were reintroduced in September. Sadly, there have been ongoing difficulties with the extension. The new lobby was not watertight and, following various ineffective repairs, eventually had to be completely reroofed by new sub-contractors. Even then, further repairs had to be undertaken to the damp-proofing, etc. At the time of writing some niggling snagging issues remain but otherwise the main problems appear to have been solved.

Activities were once again curtailed due to Covid restrictions, but an Open Garden event was held in Docker on 8th August at the home of the late Mr Geoff Ford. Despite the inclement weather over £300 was raised for St Mary's. We are extremely grateful to Mr Ford's family for enabling us to go ahead with this despite their sad and untimely loss.

Social and fund-raising events are being resumed in 2022, some two years after the reordering project. The challenge will be to attract visitors back into church after the disruption, uncertainty and fears during the pandemic (which of course have not yet gone away).

Meanwhile I would like to give my sincere thanks to all those who support St Mary's; to Robin our Vicar, to Janet and Annette our LLMs, to those who give financial support, to the members of the DCC, to those who clean, decorate, maintain, lock and unlock the church, to welcomers and readers at services, and, not least, to my fellow Deputy Churchwarden, Sally Fletcher, and her parents, who work tirelessly to undertake or coordinate much of the above. Special thanks go to Harry Clarke, who officially retired from the DCC in May 2021 after an incredible 50 years of service to St Mary's; truly the end of an era! Thank you all.

Safeguarding

Alison Semple

During 2021 the Benefice Safeguarding Team comprised Alison Semple (Parish Safeguarding Officer for Warton), Kate Bethel (Parish Safeguarding Office for Yealand) and Tracey Lawther (Children's Champion).

It is important to note that the PCC has due regard of the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Practice Guidance.

The Safeguarding Team was unable to meet during lockdown but work started again on key safeguarding duties when our churches reopened and activities resumed. We have reviewed our policies and audited our practice using the diocese toolkit creating a series of actions for the team and for other church leaders. A Safeguarding file has been produced for each church in the benefice and the church hall and will be placed somewhere accessible in each building.

We are working through DBS checks for PCC members and church members undertaking work with children and vulnerable adults and reviewing our training schedule to see if we can take advantage of the new online courses offered by the diocese to ensure that everyone identified as having training needs is able to access the courses.

We cannot stress enough the importance of training when creating a safe community of practice. In the coming year we will ensure that all PCC members and anyone in a role that involves work with children, young people or vulnerable adults have completed online Basic Awareness and Foundation training, and that all clergy, Licensed Lay Ministers and Safeguarding Officers have completed Leadership training in addition. We will also encourage attendance at Raising Awareness of Domestic Abuse training and Safer Recruitment and People Management training.

We are working in a context in which historic abuse cases in the church are still being dealt with and we must be committed to ensuring that safeguarding is at the heart of what we do. This means knowing how to spot the signs that abuse is happening, knowing what to do about it and understanding that abuse can happen anywhere.

The Safeguarding Team will implement a series of awareness raising activities including scenario discussions at PCC, parish safeguarding drop-ins and the use of the Lancashire Safeguarding Hub's 7-minute briefings to keep all members of the church community informed about safeguarding issues.

We await the publication in May 2022 of a national report following a review of all case files and cases of concern within the Church of England. The report will have key themes and recommendations for us all to be aware of. This will be discussed at PCC when it is published.

In 2021 there were no safeguarding incidents reported in the parish.

Baptisms

Robin Figg

After two baptisms in January 2020, there were no further baptisms until August 2021.

A baptism took place at St Mary's in August and a baptism took place at St Oswald's in December.

Breaking Bread

Annette MacKenzie

After an extended break due to the Coronavirus pandemic, our weekly Breaking Bread restarted in September 2021. Happily, our volunteers were all enthusiastic to come again.

Unfortunately, we then had a break from December until February 2022 – again because of the prevalence of the virus. We restarted with our delayed Christmas party, which was greatly enjoyed by all. The number of our attendees has increased and we look forward with confidence in continuing this ministry.

St Oswald's Choir

Alison Semple

Choir Director, Stephanie Burford (until 31st December 2021); Organist, Keith Worsman

The choir was unable to practise properly or to sing in services during lockdown and we missed being together and singing with the congregation. We moved to a system of rehearsing anthems and communion hymns in small groups, recording them for online services and attending services when we could to provide limited music to support worship. The lockdown helped us to realise how precious the opportunity to contribute to ministry was to us.

We were delighted to be able to practise and take part in services again as restrictions eased, although mindful that some choristers still needed to be very careful and needed reassurance. We tested before attending, sanitised, stayed away with symptoms and had back up plans for when anyone had to isolate.

We managed to put together music for Harvest, Remembrance, All Saints and All Souls and Christmas. To mark the seasons and festivals in this way is an important aspect of our music. Christmas was difficult for us. We moved to a recorded Carol Service on the advice of the Benefice Advisory Group but were so determined to tell the Christmas story through carols with the community that we organised an outdoor Carol Service in the Old Rectory. In spite of having only 3 days to pull this together, we had fantastic support from fellow church goers and family members and the event was attended by over 250 people, many of whom had not attended a Carol Service before. It was such a magical and inclusive event we hope to do it again.

Christmas also marked the departure of Steph Burford as Choir Director. We thanked Steph for her work in leading the choir and we continue to be grateful to her for helping with the music selection as her expertise in working with the liturgy to create appropriate and inspirational music schedules for services is invaluable.

A working group was formed with the consent of the PCC to consider the future direction of the choir. The decision was taken to move forward with a team of choristers sharing responsibility for leading the music, whilst every chorister has stepped forward to help in some way so that the responsibilities are shared. We are particularly grateful to Stephen Sewell, Trevor Blease and Natalie Miller for directing, to Rhian Burford who continues to do a fantastic job directing our Youth Choir, and to Gill Helliwell who has taken on the music curation. We have applied for a faculty to permit the construction of music storage in the choir vestry so that choristers can each be responsible for their music. This cuts down the amount of work before and after services. We have also moved to one practice a week in Ordinary Time.

We would like to express our continued gratitude to Keith Worsman, our organist, whose expertise and support is invaluable.

We aim to review the new arrangements on March 21st 2022 when we will also discuss ways to recruit younger choristers as many of our wonderful youth members graduate to the adult choir this year.

We are also committed to contributing to the “Looking Forward” project and doing all we can to support welcoming, outreach and ministry to ensure that we still have a congregation to sing with for many years to come.

St Oswald’s Church Flowers

Gina Rosindale

Floral decoration of the church was much reduced during 2021 given a reduced church calendar and events. However, our small but dedicated team of volunteers who very kindly give of their self and gifts to design and arrange a floral backdrop for all church visitors and users were again available when needed.

However, despite opportunities being few this year, thanks to those stalwarts who have put flowers in as and when the opportunity arose.

Our more normal service programme has resumed and Chancel and Festival Rotas are on the board, so if those who regularly help could fill in when they are available to help it would be much appreciated and anyone new who would like to assist with flowers please contact me or any of the other ladies known to you, details on the Flower Rota on the board at the back of church, or direct to me on 01524 736633.

Coffee Stop

Gina Rosindale

Coffee Stop, which would have been your regular weekly drop-in Tuesday morning venue, was unable to run for all of 2021.

Re-opening in early 2022 we were able to greet old and new friends and once again enjoy lovely home baked cakes and ever popular tea cakes served with a smile, quality tea and good Fairtrade ground coffee once again flowing.

Though not strictly last year’s content, our numbers have gradually built and I am able to say we are back in business.

All ages can be catered for and we offer a warm welcome to regulars and visitors alike and are able to feed and water a broad community cross section. However, we have lost a few volunteers whilst inactive and we really need a few more people to join our team and help with providing baked goods, serving and mingling with our “customers”. Anyone wishing to know more or interested in joining please contact Gina Rosindale on 01524 736633

As always, a large thank you to all our helpers and supporters who give Coffee Stop the value it has providing a café interlude Tuesdays 9.00am to 11.00am in St Oswald’s historic church.

Junior Church

Vanessa Alpin

Junior Church has continued throughout the pandemic. In 2021 sessions ran via Zoom until we returned to face-to-face meetings in the hall in June. Initially there were a lot of precautions in place

to minimise the spread of Covid, but we have been able to gradually lift these. We have just started to join the congregation at the end of the service for Communion and to tell everyone what we have learnt.

There are 15 children on the register ranging from 1 to 11 years of whom 3 are under 3 years and 8 attend regularly. There are a few occasional visitors. Children under 3 are accompanied by a parent. We have a rota of five leaders, three for each session.

Topics this year have included The Events after Easter, Called by God, Giving Thanks, On the Road to Bethlehem and Jesus – the Early Years.

As part of the Called by God topic, Reverend Robin came to talk to us about his calling to be a priest, Phil Moore from the Lancaster and District Homeless Action Service came and talked about his calling to serve others and Fran McEvoy talked to us via Zoom about the many different callings she has had through her life and her current strong sense of calling as a widow in her 60's, to train to be a prison chaplain. We finished this topic with a visit to Hynning Monastery where we had a wonderful session with the Sisters in which we heard from six of them about how they were called to become Nuns. This was followed by a Junior Church family picnic in the gardens.

Junior Church have joined the congregation and contributed to the All Together services for Harvest Festival and Christ the King and we contributed to the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial. We also offered badge making crafts at the Warton Big Back Together Bash gathering in the Summer.

We have recently launched our 2022 Benefice-wide Lent Challenge in support of The Olive Branch in Lancaster. One of their volunteers has been to talk to us about their work and we are looking forward to a visit to their foodbank at the start of the holidays.

Parish News Magazine

Angela Sewell

Printing of the Parish News was resumed for September 2021 with almost 1300 copies printed and distributed. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the volunteers who have delivered the magazine across the Benefice for many years.

Following a decision by the PCCs the March 2022 edition onwards will be available mainly on-line. Copies will be printed and delivered to those who have asked for one and there will be copies available in each of the churches and in Warton Post Office. Availability will be monitored and topped up if needed.

We continue to post copies to members of the congregation who have moved away and asked to receive one.

The current print run as from March 2022 is 174 copies: 50 for St Oswald's, 30 for St John's, 20 for St Mary's, 30 for Warton Post Office, 9 posted and 35 delivered by volunteers. My thanks go to Hilary Blease for assistance with printing and to Kate Waddington for editing and production.

There has been some disquiet expressed about the move to a mostly on-line magazine. The reasons usually cited are the loss of opportunity for outreach to the local communities and the difficulty of access for older readers.

Study Groups

Robin Figg

A Lent Course was held in 2021 using the Diocesan Lent Course talks from our Bishops and Archdeacons. The title of the course was 'Looking out in Lent' and used the Gospel of Mark. The course took place on Zoom.

The *Faith Matters* group resumed meeting at St Mary's in September, meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from midday to discuss contemporary issues from a faith perspective.

In September and October, a course titled 'Caring for Creation' was held at St John's on Wednesday mornings.

The Borwick Bible Study group did not meet during 2021. It is hoped that the group will resume meeting in 2022.

Teens and Tweens

Linda Gardner

The Tweens and Teens were unable to meet during 2021 due to Covid restrictions.

A programme of events is planned for 2022 and the first meeting took place in March at Jump Rush when we welcomed old and new members back.

Please keep checking the Tweens and Teens Facebook page for updates of future events.

The Children's Society

Janet Mann

During 2021 the parish raised £706.55 for the Children's Society. This was entirely by Box donations as the Crib Service and Christingle which often raise money were held on-line.

Many thanks to all those who support the Children Society this way, it is most appreciated and if anyone else would like to have a box please contact Janet Mann on 01524 419252.

Warton Men's Group

Chris Hopwood

After a slow re-start after the lockdowns, the Men's Group is building up again. The Christmas Turkey Dinner was well attended at the George Washington with 19 men attending, and all enjoying a super meal.

St Oswald's Churchyard

Chris Hopwood

Although another difficult year we have been able to keep the churchyard tidy. As everyone is getting older we are struggling to get enough volunteers for the grass cutting. This year the bank is being left

uncut and sown with wild flower seeds. Hopefully the seeds will take. I have now serviced all the mowers myself which has helped the church finances.

St Oswald's Health and Safety

John Lawrence

Accident reports

There was one accident reported in the book on 27th October 2021 when someone slipped outside church whilst bringing in the display board; this resulted in an injury to the right knee which required medical attention. A full recovery was made. The flagstone was cleaned of algae.

Covid Measures

COVID remains with us but seems to be of weakening strains and government guidance is a relaxation on the necessity to wear face coverings. At church local level the wearing of a face mask is requested at the taking of communion.

Safety Improvement Works

The secondary and final cuts were undertaken to the line of four yew trees adjacent to the garden wall of 69 Main Street on 22nd November 2021.

Ongoing enquiries Headstones Safety

Unstable headstones has been a topic under review this year since there are a reasonably large number of tall, heavy headstones which, whilst stable when untouched, can be physically rocked but would have to be forced over. They are nonetheless what I would deem unstable.

Whilst they are unlikely to fall of their own accord, I believe we have a duty to make them as safe as we can. It doesn't appear to be newer headstones for two reasons:

1. Newer ones are typically half the height or less.
2. New ones comply with latest regulations having a plinth and dowelled rods thus providing a stable base.

The questions arising are:

What is the Diocese's view on dealing with unstable stones (action taken in other parishes to address similar issues) and if no funds exist at a local level are there any central funds to deal with this? Enquiries continue. My understanding is that ongoing maintenance costs for the headstones would sit with the relatives of the deceased.

Where relatives can be found, approach for funds to make good or potentially return headstones to them.

Options where relatives cannot be found due to the age of the grave or are unwilling to fund remedial works we could have them dug in at a deeper depth ($\frac{1}{3}$ or $\frac{1}{2}$ buried to make stable) or sods and topsoil removed over the graves with stones laid in then re-turfed. From a graveyard tidiness and management perspective the grass cutters don't wish to see them laid flat since it looks untidy and creates a potential trip hazard.

The majority of stones in the unstable category have generally had burials older than 80 to 100 years ago so tracing relatives could be problematic.

On a quick survey I would estimate 10 to 15 stones in the category of action required soon.

One headstone came down / broke in a storm in early 2022.

I would like to see some action taken this year to address this matter since it has been in my annual report for the 3rd successive year. From a H&S perspective, to be in full knowledge of a potential risk and not take steps to address the issue does open the church to an element of liability.

Consideration could be given to the course of action that Lancaster City Council is following within their cemeteries. The church might wish to adopt some or all of the same approach.

St Oswald's Church Hall & Warton Community Wellbeing Centre

Tracey Lawther

Situated at the centre of Warton Village, the Hall operates as a not for profit community focussed enterprise, looked after by a voluntary committee. The hall and fitness room offer a venue at a reasonable cost, to individuals and organisations, with a theme of community wellbeing at the heart of our work.

The main hall is an airy well lit, spacious room and is an excellent venue for its current users, regularly hosting Yoga, Pilates, LDS Dance School, and St Oswald's Junior Church, as well as private bookings for parties, charity events, group meetings, and the occasional Local and General elections.

Most of the above activities are evenings and weekends, leaving plenty of midweek, daytime capacity for potential hirers.

Over the past year, we said a fond farewell to some members of the committee, who had all been with us since the onset of the project, and I want to acknowledge and thank them for their foresight and valued contributions they have made over the years. We would not be where we are without them.

We have recently welcomed Hannah Hayes to the team, as our gym coordinator, to work alongside Carol Wolfenden, who manages the main body of the Hall.

Hannah Hayes has settled into the role exceptionally well, and has lots of new ideas for activities and events, so watch this space.

We have recently had some new committee members join us, and we only currently have a vacancy for a Chair and a Secretary. If you are interested, or wish to discuss the role, please get in touch.

We would appreciate your help by telling friends and neighbours at any opportunity, about what the centre has to offer.

Thank you as always to all our users and supporters, Mark for his invaluable inductions, and the community, for keeping the enterprise afloat

Finance Report and Accounts for the Parish of Warton for the year ended 31 December 2021

Keith Gaydon (St Oswald's Treasurer)

Joyce Tombs (St Mary's Treasurer)

Overall parish financial position

2021 was another atypical year due in part to the impact of the pandemic on the activities of the churches but also several other factors which combined to produce some odd and misleading results. The main headline that it appears can be taken away from this year's statement is that overall the parish had a deficit of £602 for the year. Given that the deficits for 2020 and 2019 were £15,006 and £27,779 respectively this could be seen as something of a success. However, if we examine the figures more closely, we can see that it is not as straightforward as it seems.

The Parish Share requested by the Diocese for 2021 was £59,984. The PCC decided that it would not be possible to pay this amount without reducing our reserves to an unacceptable level, possibly wiping them out entirely, and the amount paid was £36,000, the same as in 2020, meaning we ended the year owing the Diocese £23,984.

The Gift Aid income for 2021 is nil (in 2020 it was £10,686). Although Gift Aid claims for a total of £8,818 were submitted to HMRC during the year no money was received in time to be included in the accounts. We have now received this money and it will be included in the 2022 accounts.

St Oswald's received a donation of £6,576 from an anonymous donor in the USA.

As detailed in St Mary's statement (below) they received a one-off payment of £4,000 when they transferred their bank account from NatWest to the Co-op bank.

The Church Hall accounts showed a surplus of £7 415 but this included Covid grants of £2,435 and a one-off payment of £1,250 for transferring the Hall bank account from NatWest to the Co-op Bank.

So, if we had paid the Parish Share in full, received the Gift Aid but none of the one-off receipts we would have had a deficit of just over £30,000, which is a sobering thought.

Warton, St Oswald

St Oswald's receipts

St Oswald's receipts for 2021 was £74,281, an increase of £9,677 from the previous year. This figure includes the donation of £6,576 and the one-off payments and grants to the Church Hall account mentioned above but not the 2021 Gift Aid claim.

Planned giving rose slightly as did collections at services. By the end of the year we had not seen the final outcome of the stewardship campaign on regular monthly giving as some of the standing orders had not started but one-off donations totalled £945. Regretfully, we did lose several regular givers during the year some sadly died but others moved on to pastures new.

The only activities which generated finds during the year were the Parish News advertising (£1,682) and Coffee Stop and Breaking Bread (£360).

The continuing very low interest rates means not only that the income from our investments totalled just £30 from a fund of £30,000, but also that the churchyard grant from the E and R Wilson Charitable Fund was less than half the previous year at £499.

At this point I would like to register my thanks to Janet Mann and Jean Robinson, who are responsible for counting and banking all the cash and cheques that come in, and Malcolm Brown who processes and submits or Gift Aid claim each year. These are invaluable services, and it would be much, much more difficult for me to do this job without their help.

St Oswald's expenditure

The overall financial position was helped by a reduction in expenditure of £4,038, although almost all this reduction was the result of no major work or repairs being necessary in 2021. All the other areas remained broadly the same as the previous year.

Funds

The Flower fund (a designated fund) stood at £420, an increase of £141 over the year. The Verger fund (a designated fund) stood at £2,429. As we do not currently have a verger, the verger's fees from weddings and funerals are paid into this fund and the PCC can use the money for specific purposes. The Junior Church fund (a new designated fund) stood at £500 as the result of a donation.

The Churchyard fund (a restricted fund) was empty at the end of the year. It will continue to receive money each year from the E and R Wilson Charitable Fund, but this is unlikely to be enough to cover all the costs and therefore in future the additional costs will be met from general funds.

The Restoration fund (a restricted fund) stood at £37,012 an increase of £1,026. There were no major works or repairs in 2021 and therefore nothing was spent from this fund.

The end of the year the general account contained £20,811.

Borwick, St Mary

Unrestricted funds

During 2021 the number of services, activities and fundraising events held at St Mary's were, for the second year running, adversely affected by the Covid-19 restrictions. However, voluntary income received in 2021 totalled £4,411 which, excluding Gift Aid, was almost exactly the same as in 2020. This was in part due to the Giving in Grace stewardship campaign held in Autumn 2021 which led to receipts from one-off donations plus new and increased donations from regular givers totalling £520 in 2021. This is pledged to rise to an additional £1,400 per annum from 2022. This extra giving offset a reduction from collections at services and the loss of planned giving from a number of long-standing donors who sadly have died. Our grateful thanks go to all, whether longstanding or new, who give generously to support our mission.

The 2020 Gift Aid reclaim from HMRC was not received until January 2022 and so is not included in the 2021 receipts and payments account. This amounted to £877 and will be reported in 2022.

Except for £322 raised at the Open Garden event in August no other fundraising events were undertaken due to the uncertainties of the Covid-19 pandemic. However, St Mary's benefitted from an exceptional one-off receipt of £4,000, by taking advantage of a government-backed incentive to switch its bank account away from NatWest Bank. As a result, total unrestricted receipts rose from £6,445 in 2020 to £9,606 in 2021.

Against this, general expenditure rose by £911, due mainly to an increase in utility costs of £897 and in other costs associated with the gradual resumption of services following closures and restrictions in 2020 and early 2021. St Mary's paid £4,300 to St Oswald's as its contribution towards the overall Parish Share. It is planned to increase this in 2022.

Overall receipts on the unrestricted (or general) fund exceeded payments by £40 (2020 £2,210 deficit).

Restricted Funds

A new restricted fund was created with the receipt of a grant of £1,000 from the Elizabeth and Richard Wilson Charitable Fund for the provision of equipment needed to enable the live streaming of

communal services of worship. Of this £567 was spent on equipment in 2021 with the balance carried forward. The existing restricted fund for the construction and reordering project reduced by £1,077 with the payment of the retention on the heating contract and the purchase of additional equipment. The retention of £2,100 plus VAT on the main contract has not been released.

Overall, payments on the restricted funds exceeded receipts by £644.

Financial Position

The resultant cash balances at 31 December 2021 were £12,498 (2020: £13,102). The market value of the investments held on behalf of St Mary's via the Diocese was £31,870, an increase of £4,007 over the year. Taken together with the net cash reduction of £604 this resulted in an increase in reserves of £3,603 from £40,965 to £44,368. Of this £32,349 is unrestricted and £12,019 restricted.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees/Members of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Warton

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above for the year ended 31 December 2021.

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

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

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Parochial Church Council as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts did not accord with the accounting records;

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

Mr Trevor Williams

Address: 3 Kershaw Drive, Lancaster LA1 3FY

Date: 26th April 2022

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Warton
Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2021

Receipts and Payments Accounts	Notes	COMBINED			Total 2020 £
		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	
RECEIPTS	1				
Voluntary Receipts					
Planned giving		28,952	-	28,952	26,990
Collections at services		3,648	-	3,648	2,762
All other giving/voluntary receipts		15,295	1,864	17,160	10,187
Gift Aid recovered		-	-	-	10,686
		<u>47,895</u>	<u>1,864</u>	<u>49,759</u>	<u>50,625</u>
Activities for Generating Funds		17,256	-	17,256	9,257
Investment Income		843	-	843	973
Church Activities		5,406	-	5,406	2,917
Other Receipts		5,752	1,000	6,752	27,517
Total Receipts		<u>77,152</u>	<u>2,864</u>	<u>80,016</u>	<u>91,289</u>
PAYMENTS					
Church Activities					
Diocesan Parish Share contribution		36,000	-	36,000	36,000
Clergy and staffing costs		9,565	-	9,565	9,652
Church running expenses		17,293	1,778	19,071	22,948
Hall running costs		7,477	-	7,477	5,892
Major church repairs and maintenance		4,695	-	4,695	4,016
Mission giving and donations		810	-	810	1,323
Other expenditure		1,229	-	1,229	269
		<u>77,069</u>	<u>1,778</u>	<u>78,847</u>	<u>80,100</u>
Cost of generating funds		120	-	120	125
Governance costs		6	-	6	604
Other Payments					
Church building and reordering project		-	1,077	1,077	25,466
Livestreaming Equipment		-	567	567	-
Total Payments		<u>77,196</u>	<u>3,422</u>	<u>80,617</u>	<u>106,295</u>
Excess/ (Deficit) of Receipts over Payments		(44)	(558)	(602)	(15,006)
Transfer between funds		(47)	47	-	-
		(91)	(511)	(602)	(15,006)
Cash at bank and in hand on 1 January				74,271	89,277
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 December				<u>73,669</u>	<u>74,271</u>

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Warton
 Combined Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2021

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Investments				
St Mary's - Investment accounts				
Sharp Legacy Share Account at valuation	6,642	-	6,642	5,807
Building Fund Share Account at valuation	15,228	10,000	25,228	22,056
	<u>21,870</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>31,870</u>	<u>27,863</u>
Cash at Bank and in Hand				
St Oswald's				
Main current account	10,004	7,011	17,015	23,542
CBF Church of England Deposit Fund	-	30,000	30,000	30,000
E & R Wilson Churchyard Trust account	2,043	-	2,043	2,929
Church Hall account	12,113	-	12,113	4,698
Sub total St Oswald's	<u>24,160</u>	<u>37,011</u>	<u>61,171</u>	<u>61,169</u>
St Mary's				
Main current account	3,503	2,019	5,522	6,939
Diocesan held Deposit account	4,433	-	4,433	3,790
Diocesan held Sharp account	2,543	-	2,543	2,373
Sub total St Mary's	<u>10,479</u>	<u>2,019</u>	<u>12,498</u>	<u>13,102</u>
Total cash at bank and in hand	<u>34,639</u>	<u>39,030</u>	<u>73,669</u>	<u>74,271</u>
Total Cash and Investments	<u>56,509</u>	<u>49,030</u>	<u>105,539</u>	<u>102,134</u>
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Debtors

Gift Aid claims in respect of the year 2020 were made in April 2021 and September 2021 for St Oswald's and St Mary's respectively.

As at December 2021 neither church had received payment .

Debtors at 31 December 2021 were:

	2021	2020
Gift Aid reclaim - St Oswald's	7,940	-
Gift Aid reclaim - St Mary's	877	-
	<u>8,817</u>	<u>-</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 12th May 2022
 and signed on its behalf by:

The Reverend Robin A R Figg

Mr Keith Gaydon

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Warton
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Receipts and Payments Accounts

		Warton, St Oswald			
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
RECEIPTS					
Voluntary Receipts					
		26,077		26,077	24,185
		3,323		3,323	2,331
	2	14,084	1,864	15,949	9,018
		-		-	9,543
		<u>43,484</u>	<u>1,864</u>	<u>45,348</u>	<u>45,077</u>
Activities for Generating Funds	3	16,934		16,934	9,257
Investment Income	4	30		30	167
Church Activities	5	5,346		5,346	2,826
Other Receipts	6	6,623		6,623	7,277
Transfers or receipts from other funds		-	-	-	-
Total Receipts		<u>72,417</u>	<u>1,864</u>	<u>74,281</u>	<u>64,604</u>
PAYMENTS					
Church Activities					
		36,000	-	36,000	36,000
	7	9,565	-	9,565	9,652
	8	17,293	1,778	19,072	19,292
		7,477	-	7,477	5,893
	9	-	-	-	4,016
		810	-	810	1,323
		1,229	-	1,229	269
		<u>72,374</u>	<u>1,778</u>	<u>74,152</u>	<u>76,445</u>
Cost of generating funds		120	-	120	125
Governance costs		6	-	6	604
Transfers to other funds/branches		-	-	-	1,143
Total Payments		<u>72,501</u>	<u>1,778</u>	<u>74,279</u>	<u>78,317</u>
Excess/ (Deficit) of Receipts over Payments		(84)	86	2	(13,713)
Transfer between funds		47	(47)	0	
Cash at bank and in hand on 1 January				61,169	74,882
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 December				<u>61,171</u>	<u>61,169</u>

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Receipts and Payments Accounts

Borwick, St Mary

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
RECEIPTS					
Voluntary Receipts					
Planned giving		2,875	-	2,875	2,805
Collections at services		325	-	325	431
All other giving / voluntary receipts	10	1,211	-	1,211	1,169
Gift Aid recovered		-	-	-	1,143
		<u>4,411</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,411</u>	<u>5,548</u>
Activities for Generating Funds					
Fund raising		322	-	322	-
Investment Income	11	813	-	813	806
Church Activities	12	60	-	60	91
Other Receipts	13	4,000	1,000	5,000	26,383
Total Receipts		<u>9,606</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>10,606</u>	<u>32,828</u>
PAYMENTS					
Church Activities					
Diocesan Parish Share Contribution		4,300	-	4,300	4,500
Clergy and Staffing					
Contribution to Benefice Costs		571	-	571	500
Church Running Expenses	14	4,695	-	4,695	3,655
		<u>9,566</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,566</u>	<u>8,655</u>
Cost of Generating Funds					
		-	-	-	-
Other Payments					
Church Building and Reordering Project	15	-	1,077	1,077	25,466
Livestreaming equipment		-	567	567	-
Total Payments		<u>9,566</u>	<u>1,644</u>	<u>11,210</u>	<u>34,121</u>
Excess/ (Deficit) of Receipts over Payments		40	(644)	(604)	(1,293)
Cash at bank and in hand on 1 January		10,439	2,663	13,102	14,395
Cash at bank and in hand at period end		<u>10,479</u>	<u>2,019</u>	<u>12,498</u>	<u>13,102</u>
Cash is represented by					
Current account				5,522	6,939
Diocesan Deposit account				4,433	3,790
Diocesan Sharp Legacy account				2,543	2,373
				<u>12,498</u>	<u>13,102</u>

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Warton
Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2021**

Notes to the Accounts

1 Accounting Policies and Explanatory Information

1.1 Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, using the receipts and payments basis.

The PCC has legal ownership of all assets, and responsibility for all liabilities, within the Ecclesiastical Parish, which comprise those of the Parish Church of St Oswald's, Warton, the District Church of St Mary's, Borwick, and the Church Hall at Warton. Each entity manages, operates and accounts for its finances separately under the oversight of the PCC. However, for the purposes of these Financial Statements the receipts and payments arising from the Church Hall are included within the receipts and payments account of St Oswald's Church. A separate receipts and payments account is presented for St Oswald's and St Mary's, together with explanatory notes on each. A combined receipts and payments account is presented to show the overall receipts and payments for the Parish as a whole. Transactions whereby St Oswald's receive monies which are subsequently paid over to St Mary's are eliminated on consolidation to prevent double counting. A combined statement of assets and liabilities is presented together with a note showing the movement on all the underlying funds.

1.2 VAT

As the PCC is not registered for VAT, all figures are shown gross, that is inclusive of VAT, where applicable. Under the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme as operated by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, eligible VAT is recovered by way of a grant.

1.3 Grants

Grants awarded, including the above LPOW grant, are treated as income when drawn down and received. Amounts claimed but not received at the year end are included as debtors in the statement of assets and liabilities.

1.4 Funds

Unrestricted Funds

These represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC.

Restricted Funds

These are funds which are required to be used solely in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or funders, or have been raised by the PCC for particular purposes.

Designated Funds

These are funds which, although not legally restricted, are allocated for a particular purpose by the PCC.

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Notes to the Accounts (continued)

	Warton, St Oswald			
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
2 All other giving/ voluntary receipts				
General and other donations	12,156		12,156	3,135
Call to Pray and Give Appeal	-		-	3,067
Donations towards Parish News	140		140	80
Specific donations/ collections	1,770		1,770	1,209
Votive stand	18		18	128
Grant to E&R Wilson Churchyard fund		499	499	1,260
Churchyard fund donations		339	339	30
Restoration fund donations		1,026	1,026	109
	14,084	1,864	15,949	9,018
3 Receipts from activities for generating funds				
Coffee stop	187		187	362
Proceeds from Breaking Bread	173		173	348
Parish News advertising	1,682		1,682	1,562
Church hall income	14,892		14,892	6,961
Book stall, crafty ladies	-		-	24
	16,934	-	16,934	9,257
4 Investment Income (Unrestricted)				
CBF Deposit Fund interest			30	167
			30	167
5 Income from Church Activities (Unrestricted)				
PCC fees (Weddings, funerals, etc.)			5,296	2,811
Fees for courses			50	-
Remembrance book entries			-	15
			5,346	2,826
6 Other Receipts (Unrestricted)				
Borwick, St Mary contribution to Parish Share			4,300	4,500
Borwick, St Mary contribution to benefice expenses			571	500
Yealand, St John contribution to benefice expenses			1,752	1,080
General and other			-	54
HMRC Gift Aid - St Mary's claim			-	1,143
			6,623	7,277

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Notes to the Accounts (continued)

Warton, St Oswald

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
7 Clergy and Staffing				
Incumbent's expenses	990	-	990	1,406
Organist' and musical director's fees	4,620	-	4,620	4,620
Council tax - vicarage	3,344	-	3,344	3,216
Water rates - vicarage	392	-	392	395
Clergy telephone	218	-	218	15
	9,565	-	9,565	9,652
8 Church running expenses				
Parish training and mission	-		-	213
Church insurance	4,205		4,205	4,198
Organ tuning	1,080		1,080	-
Church maintenance and cleaning	1,558		1,558	2,980
Upkeep of services	1,022		1,022	1,538
Junior church expenses	341		341	518
Printing and copier costs	2,027		2,027	2,518
Upkeep of churchyard		1,778	1,778	887
Printing, postage and stationery	1,756		1,756	1,038
Computer consumables and repairs	-		-	-
Church electricity and gas	4,937		4,937	5,174
Church water	108		108	216
Sundry expenses	261		261	-
Books and cards	-		-	11
	17,293	1,778	19,072	19,292
9 Church repairs and maintenance				
Renewals	-	-	-	-
Major repairs	-	-	-	4,016
	-	-	-	4,016

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Notes to the Accounts (continued)

	Borwick, St Mary			
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
10 All other giving/ voluntary receipts				
General and other donations	710	-	710	400
Giving in Grace Campaign	350	-	350	-
Call to Pray and Give Appeal	-	-	-	538
Other online giving	151	-	151	231
	1,211	-	1,211	1,169
11 Investment Income				
Dividends received on Parish Investments	810	-	810	782
Interest received on Diocesan held deposit accounts	3	-	3	24
	813	-	813	806
12 Income from Church Activities				
Hire/ use of church building	60	-	60	-
Occasional fees	-	-	-	91
	60	-	60	91
13 Other Receipts				
Grants received - Construction and Reordering				
Lancashire Environmental Fund	-	-	-	15,000
Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport: Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme (VAT)	-	-	-	9,383
Elizabeth and Richard Wilson Charitable Fund	-	-	-	2,000
Grants received - livestreaming				
Elizabeth and Richard Wilson Charitable Fund	-	1,000	1,000	-
Other - bank switching incentive	4,000	-	4,000	-
	4,000	1,000	5,000	26,383
14 Church running expenses (Unrestricted)				
Church Insurance	1,662	-	1,662	1,643
Church utilities - electricity	2,307	-	2,307	1,402
- water	59	-	59	67
Church maintenance and cleaning	60	-	60	152
Organ maintenance	95	-	95	-
Upkeep of services	186	-	186	27
Upkeep of churchyard	290	-	290	225
Sundry expenditure	37	-	37	139
	4,695	-	4,695	3,655
15 Church construction and reordering (Restricted)				
Main construction contract	-	-	-	17,396
Heating contract	-	758	758	1,245
Architects' fees for church reordering	-	-	-	2,400
Heating Consultant's Fees	-	-	-	875
LCC conditional discharge fee	-	-	-	-
Tree consultancy	-	-	-	-
Furniture and Equipment	-	319	319	3,550
	-	1,077	1,077	25,466

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17 Movement on Funds

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Total Unrestricted	Restricted Funds	Total 2021
		£	£	£	£	£
St Oswald's						
Fund Balances at 1 January 2021		21,833	2,458	24,291	36,878	61,169
Movement in year: Receipts		71,129	1,288	72,417	1,864	74,281
Payments		(72,104)	(397)	(72,501)	(1,778)	(74,279)
Transfers		(47)	-	(47)	47	-
Excess/ (Deficit) of Receipts over Payments		(1,022)	891	(131)	133	2
Fund Balances at 31 December 2021		20,811	3,349	24,160	37,011	61,171
St Mary's						
Fund Balances at 1 January 2021		28,302	-	28,302	12,663	40,965
Movement in year: Receipts		9,606	-	9,606	1,000	10,606
Payments		9,566	-	9,566	1,644	11,210
Excess/ (Deficit) of Receipts over Payments		40	-	40	(644)	(604)
Increase/(decrease) in market value of investments		4,007	-	4,007	-	4,007
Fund Balances at 31 December 2021		32,349	-	32,349	12,019	44,368
Combined Funds						
Fund Balances at 1 January 2021		50,135	2,458	52,593	49,541	102,134
Movement in year: Receipts		(982)	891	(91)	(511)	(602)
Increase/(decrease) in market value of investments		4,007	-	4,007	-	4,007
Fund Balances at 31 December 2021		53,160	3,349	56,509	49,030	105,539

The movements on the above designated and restricted funds during the year were:

		Balance at 01-Jan-21	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance at 31-Dec-21
		£	£	£	£	£
Designated Funds						
Flower Fund	St Oswald's	279	538	397	-	420
Vegger Fund	St Oswald's	2,179	250	-	-	2,429
Junior Church	St Oswald's	-	500	-	-	500
		2,458	1,288	397	-	3,349
Restricted Funds						
<i>St Oswald's -</i>						
R & F Wilson Churchyard Trust		893	838	1,778	47	-
Churchyard Fund (closed 2020)		-	-	-	-	-
Restoration and Fabric Fund		35,986	1,026	-	-	37,012
<i>sub total St Oswald's</i>		36,879	1,864	1,778	47	37,012
<i>St Mary's -</i>						
Livestreaming		-	1,000	567	-	433
Project 123		12,663	-	1,077	-	11,586
<i>sub total St Mary's</i>		12,663	1,000	1,644	-	12,019
<i>Combined Restricted Funds</i>		49,542	2,864	3,422	47	49,031