

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 2020

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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 a celebration each day of the week, except Friday and Saturday. We offer a range of environments from more formal, traditional and choral services to smaller and more intimate opportunities for prayer and worship.

In 2020 the Covid-19 pandemic caused the suspension of all public worship in mid-March and the closure of all church buildings with the first national lockdown. The Benefice Advisory Group took the lead in reviewing the guidance from the government and the Church of England.

Initially the celebration of the Eucharist was provided by way of a livestreamed service each Sunday at 10.30am, with those sharing at home invited to share in spiritual communion. In May church buildings were allowed to open for individual prayer. Public services resumed in July with a Eucharist at St Oswald's, Warton on Saturdays at 11.00am. This included the celebration of the St Oswald's Patronal Festival when the preacher was the Venerable David Picken, Archdeacon of Lancaster.

In September the public Eucharist at St Oswald's was moved to Sundays at 11.00am, with the livestream service at 9.30am. A midweek Eucharist resumed on Wednesdays at St John's, Yealand.

A second lockdown lasting a month occurred from early November. When public services resumed in early December a second midweek Eucharist resumed on Thursdays at St Mary's, Borwick.

The number of people attending the public services was significantly down due to the Covid-19 restrictions that were in place, including social distancing, wearing of face coverings and no congregational singing. The risk assessment for St Oswald's had determined a maximum of 50 people able to attend; the risk assessment for St Mary's determined a maximum of 24 people able to attend.

Since the beginning of the first lockdown all midweek activities were suspended across the parish. This suspension also meant that no concerts could be held and the Festival of Christmas Trees was cancelled.

The pandemic also impacted greatly on the life events services of baptisms, weddings and funerals. Only one baptism took place during the year in February. One wedding took place in December with only 15 people able to be present. Six 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 six times during the year. The first meeting in February was in person; all other meetings were conducted using the Zoom online platform.

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 committees met in January, but did not meet during the pandemic.

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

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2020, held in October, there are 132 names on the church electoral roll; 119 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 PCC with minutes of its meetings for consideration and final decision making by the PCC. During 2020 from April the BAG met fortnightly 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 2020 until the date this report was approved are:

<i>Incumbent:</i>	The Revd Robin Figg	Chairperson
<i>Churchwarden:</i>	Mrs Sue Hopwood	(until Annual Meeting 2020)
<i>Deputy Churchwarden for St Mary's</i>	Mrs Sheila Barnes Mrs Joyce Tombs	(until ADCM 2020) (from ADCM 2020)
<i>Licensed Lay Ministers</i>	Mrs Annette MacKenzie Mrs Janet Thompson	Secretary
<i>Deanery Synod Representatives:</i>	Mrs Barbara Rucastle Mr Alan Thompson	(until APCM 2020)
<i>Elected Members:</i>	Mrs Marjorie Ashton Mr Harry Clarke Mrs Pat Dartnell Mr Keith Gaydon Miss Tracey Lawther Mrs Alison Semple Mrs Sandra Senior Mrs Joyce Tombs Mr Charlie Vereker Mrs Carolyn Wolstenholme	St Mary's representative (from ADCM 2020) (until APCM 2020) (from APCM 2020) St Oswald's Treasurer St Mary's representative (until ADCM 2020)

**Approved by the PCC on 12th May 2021
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 and to grow leaders. 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

The year 2020 will be remembered as the year of the Covid-19 pandemic. The new virus that first appeared in China towards the end of 2019 came to dominate every aspect of our lives across the world. As I write this report in spring 2021 the pandemic continues to impact our lives and it will continue to do so for quite some time to come.

We will remember the date 23rd March 2020 when the Prime Minister announced a national lockdown with the message “Stay at Home; Protect the NHS; Save Lives”. This took us into new territory: schools were closed for most pupils, non-essential shops were closed, people worked from home if possible, and church buildings were closed. Life felt very different and very strange.

The loss of in-person gathering for worship, and the suspension of all midweek activities was a shock and required us all to adapt very quickly. Like many local churches, we had to learn how to livestream services so those with online access could share in worship from their own home. For the first few weeks, including Holy Week and Easter, we broadcast services live from the Vicarage dining room, working within the constraints of simple equipment and standard broadband connection.

Another early task was to ensure we could stay connected across our church communities. As well as enhanced use of our Benefice website, *A Church Near You* pages and Facebook page, I began writing a weekly pastoral letter which was sent by email to a growing Benefice list and by post to those without an online connection; soon the mailings were being sent to over 120 email addresses and 24 postal addresses.

The wider Church also began to respond to the new situation. The Church of England established a Covid-19 Recovery Group to offer guidance to parishes in response to the government's regulations as these changed. An immense amount of work was done setting up new resources for use nationally and locally: online pre-recorded weekly services, a free telephone service with prayers and hymns to listen to, pre-recorded hymns and music from St Martin-in-the-Field, London for parishes to use in their own services. Our Diocese set up a Coronavirus Task Group which has provided regular briefings to help guide us through the complexities of the ever-changing situation.

In early May we were allowed to use our church buildings again for livestreaming services. This meant we began to broadcast a Sunday service from St John's and St Mary's alternately, making use of the B4RN superfast broadband available in these buildings. We could also include pre-recorded readings and prayers and improve the visual presentation of the services, which was appreciated by those sharing at home.

In late June we were allowed to open our buildings for individual prayer, which necessitated the churchwardens carrying out a risk assessment to ensure we could welcome people in a Covid-secure way. Then in mid-July we were able to resume in-person worship, which we did initially with a weekly service at 11.00am on Saturdays at St Oswald's, whilst continuing to livestream at 10.30am on Sundays.

The next phase of our journey through 2020 began in September when we moved the service at St Oswald's from Saturday to Sunday and resumed a midweek service on Wednesdays at St John's. The autumn is a busy time in the Church calendar and we were able to produce several pre-recorded special services: All Souls' Memorial, Remembrance Sunday, Advent Carols, Christmas Carols and Crib

Service. Following a second lockdown for a month into early December, we resumed in-person services again, including a service on Thursdays at St Mary's.

Unfortunately, a significant second Covid-19 wave arrived in late 2020 and a third lockdown was introduced at the start of 2021. As I write we are beginning the staged roadmap out of lockdown, hoping that all restrictions can be lifted by the summer.

It has been an immensely challenging time for everyone across all parts of society. The loss of all in-person worship for long periods and the continuing restrictions when we have resumed meeting for worship has been a painful experience for the Christian Church. We very much look forward to the resumption of a fuller pattern of services and midweek activities, which together express the fullness of our Church community life across our Benefice.

Early on during the pandemic it was clear that we would need to reflect on what being and doing Church means and, perhaps, reassess our priorities. The core need has been to encourage one another to hold on to our **belief** in the Love of God and thence discover how to **live** and **share** this Love in the context of a global pandemic.

At no time, of course, has Church stopped or been cancelled. What has happened is that we have learnt how to do, and be, Church differently. We have learnt how to do, and be, community differently out of a loving concern for one another.

The Diocesan Vision 2026 is summarised as 'Healthy Churches Transforming Communities'. As we reflect on the year 2020 and look ahead through 2021 and beyond, there are questions that will help us shape the post-pandemic Church in our Benefice as we seek to be a healthy Church transforming our community:

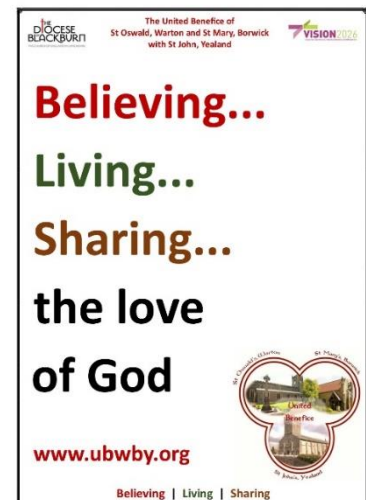
- i. What have we lost that we need to regain?
- ii. What have we lost that needs to stay lost?
- iii. What have we gained that we need to keep, and build upon?
- iv. What have we gained that we now need to lose for the future?

The Christian story centres on the events of Holy Week and Easter. "We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song." Flowing from this overarching story of the death and resurrection of Jesus our Lord is the realisation that every human story is one of a series of little deaths and resurrections. So, our experience of the Covid-19 pandemic must lead us to discover what we need to leave behind and what we need to hold on to and carry with us into the future. We must not expect the Church in 2021 to look the same as the Church in 2019.

But we can expect the Church to continue to centre its life on the life of the Jesus, who shows us what the true Love of God means and looks like. In our worship, in our nurture and in our outreach, we must be Christ centred and Jesus shaped. This is how the mission of the Church will be the same as the mission of Christ, which expressed in **The Five Marks of Mission** of the Anglican Communion is:

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.

Each year's annual meetings give us an opportunity to check ourselves against the framework of the mission of the Church, whether that is expressed through the vision words of the Anglican Communion,



our Diocese of Blackburn or our own Benefice. All these statements point us to the Love of God revealed in Jesus the Christ for all people everywhere.

Our annual meetings also give us an opportunity to acknowledge and give thanks for all that is offered by many people to support and enable our life of worship, nurture and outreach.

So, I would like to express my thanks to those who share the leadership of God's Church in the Parish of Warton: Sue Hopwood, Churchwarden (until the Annual Meeting in October); Joyce Tombs, St Mary's Churchwarden and treasurer; Sally Fletcher, St Mary's Churchwarden (from the ADCM); Janet Thompson, PCC secretary; Lesley Fairclough, DCC secretary (from the ADCM); Keith Gaydon, St Oswald's treasurer; Barbara Rucastle and Alan Thompson, Deanery Synod representatives (Barbara until the APCM); other PCC and DCC members; Annette MacKenzie and Janet Thompson, Licensed Lay Minsters.

Thank you to Peter Mann, retired clergy, for leading services across the Benefice. Thank you, also, to all those who lead and support the wide range of church-based groups and activities which are part of the life of St Oswald's and St Mary's and the Benefice. The reports below show how many people give generously of their time and energy to the mission and ministry of God's Church here.

As we look beyond our 2021 annual meetings there will be the challenge referred to above to discover what the post-pandemic Church locally will look like. We will also need to consider how we engage with some significant wider Church issues, including:

- the Diocesan *Vision 2026 Implementation Plan (2021-2024)*;
- the Church of England *Living in Love and Faith* project looking at identity, sexuality, relationship and marriage;
- the Church of England Environment Programme, including the General Synod target for all parts of the church to work to become carbon 'net zero' by 2030.

Let me conclude by bringing us back to the core message of our faith, the good news of Jesus Christ, which is that God is Love (1 John 4.8). I was reminded recently of the writings of Mother Julian of Norwich, the 14th century mystic, who received a number of 'showings' or 'revelations' from God. She wrote:

Throughout the time of my showings, I wished to know what our Beloved meant. More than fifteen years later, the answer came in a spiritual vision. This is what I heard. "Would you like to know our Lord's meaning in all this? Know it well: love was his meaning. Who revealed this to you? Love. What did he reveal to you? Love. Why did he reveal it to you? For love. Stay with this and you will know more of the same. You will never know anything but love, without end."

Thank you all.

May the God of Love bless us in all we do and in all we are, now and always.

Deanery Synod

Mrs Barbara Rucastle and Mr Alan Thompson

There was only one meeting during 2020 and this was a Zoom meeting with Lancaster & Morecambe Deanery in October.

The meeting was very well organised by Carolyn Barton, the Diocesan Vision Coordinator. The speakers included Bishop Jill Duff and Archdeacon David Picken. We started with a short service, led by The Revd Nancy Goodrich, Area Dean of Tunstall.

The speakers took us briefly through the first sections of the 47 pages of 'Draft Vision 2026 Implementation Plan (2021 – 2024)' and we broke into small groups to discuss questions raised.

The sections included the Vision of 'Healthy Churches Transforming Communities' with A Vision of a Transformed Lancashire (pages 4-7) and Marks of a Healthy Church (pages 7-10).

Vision 2026 rests on Foundations (pages 10-12) with Building Blocks of Making Disciples (pages 13-16), Being Witnesses (pages 16-21), Growing Leaders (pages 22-24) and Inspiring Children and Young People (pages 24-28) with particular reference to our Church of England Primary and Secondary Schools.

Many hours of work have gone into the production of this draft vision, but I suspect most members of the synods had only skimmed through it beforehand, if that. There was so much information presented in the meeting that it was difficult to make any constructive comments, when overwhelmed by the detail.

Comments included the desire for good cooperation with Carlisle Diocese and the importance of caring for those less fortunate, both locally and world-wide. Action to meet human need locally is included under Being Witnesses, although current funding through Together Lancashire will not continue beyond this year.

At the end of the two-hour meeting, we were glad to have had the opportunity to know others better. We bid farewell by all (over 50 of us) joining in the Vision Prayer.

St Oswald's Church, Warton
Sue Hopwood - Churchwarden

Due to the postponement of the Annual Meetings in 2020 I agreed to delay my retirement from Churchwarden duties until the Autumn. There is now a vacancy for two Churchwardens.

On days the church has been open cleaning has been done appropriately. On the occasions services have been held there have been difficulties keeping some of the congregation socially distanced although every effort has been made. Any long-life food left in the kitchen has been removed and donated to the Food Bank or Homeless.

One lawn mower has been serviced at Barnfields and another two Chris Hopwood has serviced thus saving money for the church. All are now ready for Spring 2021.

There have been some problems with electricians in the choir vestry due to water ingress in the walls. This has not yet been fully solved. There have also been problems with the heating boilers. New rodent deterrents are needed.

There haven't been any social events and hopefully we can re-establish some in the coming year.

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

The year ended 31 December 2020 was, of course, the year when the country and the world were first impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. As a requirement of the initial national lockdown in March 2020, St Mary's closed its doors to the public. It reopened for individual prayer in the summer and autumn, but two further national lockdowns, together with intervening periods of regional and nationally tiered restrictions, meant St Mary's remained closed for public worship for almost all of the remainder of the year. A new weekly Thursday morning Eucharist was introduced from 3 December but was suspended on 31 December due to the increasing coronavirus risk. There was one funeral held in October, but no weddings or baptisms took place.

We had enjoyed an optimistic start to the year, full of hope that we would be able to put the new lobby extension, WC, heating system and hospitality facilities, to good use in the furtherance of our mission. These had been largely completed just before Christmas 2019. Plans were being developed and we had taken our first booking for a Diocesan meeting. Attendances had increased at the monthly Sunday Eucharist and those attending were able to share in fellowship over coffee and biscuits in our newly created hospitality area after the service. Sadly, by the time the new furniture had arrived in March 2020, the church, along with all places of worship, had had to close. The tables are still in their delivery packaging....

Instead, throughout the year, much time had to be spent undertaking ever-changing coronavirus risk assessments, devising the resultant necessary Covid-19 security measures, and introducing new procedures for cleaning, conducting services, and opening for individual prayer. My thanks go to all those who helped to implement these measures, and who continue to do so, to keep everyone safe.

An unexpected highlight of 2020 was the livestreaming of a fortnightly service from St Mary's, alternating with our sister church St John's, Yealand, for the benefit of the whole Benefice and beyond. The B4RN ultra-fast broadband service, which was installed in 2019 as part of the reordering, truly came into its own. Our thanks and admiration go to Robin and Elizabeth who conducted, filmed and produced these much appreciated services.

Sadly, due to national restrictions, none of our festivals nor usual fund raising events, such as our concerts, afternoon teas and other social activities, could be held. We have missed the income from these events but, more importantly, the joy of meeting with friends and neighbours in Christ.

Let us hope and pray that eventually in 2021 we shall be able to resume our fellowship and worship. Meanwhile I would like to thank Sheila Barnes who stepped down as St Mary's churchwarden after many years of service during 2020 and to wish her well for the future. The DCC now routinely meets by Zoom and I am grateful to all who participate and not least to Sally Fletcher for taking on the role of Deputy Churchwarden.

Safeguarding

Robin Figg

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

The team met with the Vicar in January. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic further meetings did not take place.

Safeguarding is a standing item on the PCC agenda and the PCC complies with the duty to have "due regard" to the House of Bishops' guidance in relation to safeguarding.

In 2020 there were no safeguarding incidents reported in the parish.

Baptisms

Annette MacKenzie

There were no baptisms during 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Bible Study Groups

Annette MacKenzie

The Borwick Bible Study group did not meet during 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

A Lent course took place led by the Vicar during Lent 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.

Breaking Bread

Annette MacKenzie

Breaking Bread was suspended in early March due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

St Oswald's Choir

Stephanie Burford, Choir Director

Choir Director, Stephanie Burford; Organist, Keith Worsman

This turned out to be a very strange year that began as usual, but soon came to an abrupt end in regards to choir participation. We had another successful jumble sale in February which raised over £800 in funds which we thought would assist our younger choristers in their annual trip to Bath, but this has been postponed indefinitely.

We began the year training three of our junior choristers so they would be able to take their Bronze medal, but all medals have been postponed indefinitely. I am very grateful to Trevor Blease, Stephen Sewell and Angela Sewell for giving up their time to teach the syllabus to the youngsters – hopefully medals will restart when it is safe.

Once lockdown began, choir rehearsals and church services came to a standstill. It wasn't until June that services resumed and we followed the RSCM guidance to only have one cantor in the Sunday service. This picked up in the Autumn and we were able to safely have six members of the choir singing, socially distancing and wearing masks. Our wonderful Junior choristers were able to put a recorded Christmas Carol service in 3 days before lockdown 2 – this went out online in December and was met with great positivity and enthusiasm.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Keith for assisting me with music choices and fantastic accompaniment throughout such a difficult period. We look forward to being a choir again in the near future.

St Oswald's Church Flowers

Gina Rosindale

Floral decoration of the church to compliment the church calendar and events, occupies the time of a 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.

However, opportunities were few during 2020, given the limited opening of the church building, but thanks to those who have put flowers in as and when the opportunity arose.

Looking forward to when a more “normal” service programme resumes, chancel and festival rotas will be on the board once we know when we are to resume, 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.

Coffee Stop *Gina Rosindale*

Coffee Stop, which would have been your regular weekly drop-in Tuesday morning venue has been sorely missed for most of the last year.

The opportunity to meet old and new friends and enjoy lovely home baked cakes and ever popular tea cakes served with a smile, quality tea and good Fairtrade ground coffee has been simply put on hold until we can spring back into action when allowed and we look forward to seeing you soon.

All ages can be catered for and we offer a warm welcome to regulars and visitors alike and feed and water a broad community cross section.

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 9.00 to 11.00 in St Oswald’s historic church

Faith Matters Group *Robin Figg*

This group meets to share conversation about a contemporary issue from a faith perspective. Meetings are held at St Mary’s, Borwick on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, with refreshments available from 10.45am and a shared conversation around the theme from 11.00am until 12 noon.

Meetings took place in January (Faith and Christmas: What was it all about?) and February (Faith and Assisted Suicide: Does God approve?). Meetings were the suspended due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Junior Church *Vanessa Alpin*

Junior Church has continued to run all through the year despite the pandemic. From April until the end of the Summer term parents were sent weekly PowerPoints that they could do with their children which included singing, bible stories and activities. They also had PowerPoints for each day of Holy week with a short reflective act of worship. Since September Junior Church sessions have been via Zoom.

There are nine children on the register aged from 4 to 10 and two baby siblings who like to give us a wave! There are six leaders who join the Zoom sessions as often as they are able and Robin joined us when there were no public services.

Topics this year have included stories Jesus told, the Acts of the Apostles, gifts and the miracles of Jesus. Junior Church has also contributed to the Benefice online services, particularly the services for Harvest Festival, Christ the King, the Crib Service and Mothering Sunday.

In the Summer, the Junior Church walked 500 miles which raised £1178 for ADM Nepal to buy a laptop and other things to help the children in two Children's homes in Kathmandu through their lockdown. At Christmas a further £155 was raised to buy the children warm socks for the winter. The Lent Challenge this year has been to collect food for the Morecambe Bay Foodbank.

Parish News Magazine

Angela Sewell

We have been unable to deliver copies of the Parish News since February 2020.

Kate Waddington has continued to produce the magazine which is then sent to the Vicar for proof reading and correction. The final version is then uploaded to the benefice website and some copies are printed and distributed to sites where they can be collected. Printed copies have been available for collection from our three churches and from Warton Post Office.

The adverts are produced as a separate insert for the centre of the magazine by Pam Bentley. This has received a positive feedback from readers as they are easier to find. The cost of inserting adverts is administered separately and previously there has been a waiting list of advertisers wanting space.

I have data bases listing all the delivery routes and houses receiving magazines with the exception of Borwick who sort their own. These are kept in the top of the filing cabinet in the vestry with a current copy of the magazine.

We are hoping that normal service will be resumed as soon as possible.

Pilgrim Course Group

Robin Figg

The *Pilgrim* course is a resource from the Church of England designed to help people discover the Christian way of life. The whole course consists of eight modules, each of which comprises six sessions.

The fourth module, The Eucharist, took place during January and February, with a group of 8 people meeting on Thursday evenings at the Vicarage. No further modules could take place due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Teens and Tweens

Linda Gardner

Well, there is not much to say. Our Teens and Tweens benefice group, which was growing, came to a full stop, with brakes on. Our fabulous and funny young people could not partake of the delightful Teens and Tweens events we had planned. We missed the summer BBQ and games, our favourite! The orienteering, the Maize Maze, Jump Rush, Bowling, Quiz night: all toast! There's a freezer full of cakes waiting for you and we have eaten all the chocolates. We did send flowers to our friends at Yealand House who host the summer BBQ to say we missed them. Most of all, we missed our Teens and Tweens. We missed your fabulousness!

Teens and Tweens will be back with more events as soon as we can. Till then, you are in our thoughts and prayers.

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

The Children's Society

Janet Mann

During the year the parish raised £583.65 for the Children's Society. This consisted of:

Box collection	£533.65
Christingle Service at St John's	£50.00

Owing to Covid 19 restrictions the Crib Service was online and people were asked to contribute to the Children's Society via their donations page, so we have no record of any amount given that day.

Many thanks to all those who supported both or either of these events, it is most appreciated. If anyone would like to support the Children's Society by having a box please contact Janet Mann on 01524 419252 or see her at church one Sunday.

Warton Men's Group

Chris Hopwood

For obvious reasons there has not been much happening with the men's group, but as soon as restrictions are lifted we shall REBUILD. Same place same time. First Monday in the month at 7.00pm at the George Washington for a pint and a natter. All welcome. Keep safe everyone.

St Oswald's Health and Safety

John Lawrence

Accident reports

With church being closed for much of the year due to COVID lockdowns there has been very little in the way of church attendance. There are no incidents to report for this year.

Safety Improvement Works

Trees works were undertaken in the churchyard to crown raise Yew trees to appease grave attendees and make safer for grass cutting in the top areas. Beech hedging has been reduced at two locations that has improved visibility around the site and will make future trimming safer and easier to undertake.

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? The

Vicar is following up on this. 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.

Chris Hopwood has in the past lifted with block and tackle a number of unstable headstones, dug them in deeper and reset them. Given the heaviness and risk in this operation I think it unreasonable to have volunteers undertaking this type of works.

St Oswald's Church Hall - Warton Community Wellbeing Centre

Ian Rosindale

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 rooms offer a venue at reasonable cost to individuals and organisations with a theme of community wellbeing at centre and are maintained and managed to a good standard.

The Main Hall – An airy, well lit, spacious room is an excellent venue for current users regularly hosting Yoga, Dog Agility, LDS Dance School and St Oswald's junior church and others such as the Craft Group to supplement the availability of the Village Hall. Private and infrequent charity and group meetings can be accommodated as well as the occasional local and general election.

Most of the above are evening activities leaving plenty of midweek, daytime capacity for potential hirers, day time weekends being busy with dancers and junior church.

Activity this year has clearly been decimated by the restrictions imposed by the Covid pandemic.

We have either been in full closure lockdown or in the middle months of relaxed restrictions only able to entertain the exempt activities, junior dancing, yoga, pilates and offer the gym for single household or individual use over reduced hours. Clearly the committee were kept busy in ensuring compliance with the regulations and managing a very different venue.

Income was hit hard and only by our self-employed contractors selfishly offering voluntary support to the enterprise were we able to negotiate our way through to where we are now, having diligently managed the essential requirements of both the activity and to conserve the property. We are not in rude financial health but finished the year with enough to meet all anticipated short-term costs but hope some initiatives under way may offer some funding as we were not eligible for any government grants or loans.

This hopefully will see us through until restrictions relax to allow us to once again open our doors to the community and welcome gym members, old and new.

So we are still here for the village and local area and use the Parish News, leaflet drops, notice board and church and village events to publicise our services but more than ever when we resume, need

additional users for the Hall and Fitness Rooms to enable us to maintain the building and local contractors and the specialist therapist users.

So your help, by telling friends and neighbours, at any opportunity, about what we have to offer would be much appreciated.

Thanks as always to all our users and supporters, Mark for his invaluable support and to the committee for keeping the enterprise afloat.

Finance Report and Accounts for the Parish of Warton for the year ended 31 December 2020

Joyce Tombs (St Mary's Treasurer)

Overall financial position

As described earlier in the Annual Report, the activities of the churches of St Oswald's, Warton and St Mary's, Borwick, and indeed those of the church hall in Warton, were all adversely affected by restrictions necessitated due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Prolonged periods of closure, limits on numbers allowed to attend public worship and funerals even when permitted, the postponing of weddings and baptisms, the inability to gather for social or fund-raising events, etc., all had a financial, as well as a spiritual and emotional, impact.

The result was an overall reduction in Unrestricted income of £20,290 (from £83,797 in 2019 to £63,507 in 2020). There was a saving in expenditure which, excluding the Parish Share payment to the Diocese, amounted to £10,068 (from £49,994 in 2019 to £39,926 in 2020). For each of the 3 years ended 31 December 2019, the Parish Share Request had been paid in full to the Diocese of Blackburn. However, this had taken a significant toll on the Parish reserves and, with an increased deficit inevitable, the Diocese agreed to reduce the 2020 Share payable to £36,000, being £18,263 less than that paid in 2019.

So, the net effect for the year was an overall deficit of £12,419 on Unrestricted Funds, with a corresponding reduction in bank balances, taking Unrestricted cash held down to just £34,730 at 31 December 2020. This represents almost exactly one third (or 4 months) of a more typical year's annual Unrestricted expenditure.

Movements on Restricted Funds principally represented income and expenditure relating to the reordering project at St Mary's and, to a lesser extent, the St Oswald's churchyard fund. Otherwise, due to uncertainties over income and practical constraints on the construction industry, there was little spent on repairs or planned maintenance, including works recommended in the latest Quinquennial Inspection Reports (QIRs). Overall, Restricted Funds, which include investments of £10,000, fell by £2,587 to £49,541. However, significant expenditure will be required in the short to medium term as and when QIR works are undertaken at both churches and hence there is currently no scope to derestrict any of these monies.

Parish Income

Faced with reduced opportunities to donate via collections at services or by planned giving envelopes, a number of donors from both churches kindly switched to giving by standing order. In addition, most people who historically had given by standing order continued to do so throughout 2020 and beyond. This was, and continues to be, greatly appreciated by the vicar and the PCC.

In addition, a Benefice-wide online donations facility was set up to which giving was encouraged via the services streamed on YouTube and via the Benefice website and Facebook page. In total some £4,303 was received via online giving across the Benefice plus an uplift from Gift Aid of £770 (which will be claimed in 2021). Of this sum £2,766 including Gift Aid was received online in response to the "Call to Pray and Give" appeal as launched by the Bishop of Blackburn in November 2020. This sum was boosted by a further £1,390 by individuals responding to the appeal by cheque or bank transfer together with Gift Aid of a further £250 (for 2021). Of the online sums collected £461 was allocated and paid to St John's, Yealand with the remainder remaining in the Parish of Warton. The PCC is grateful to the St John's PCC for assisting Warton Parish in this way.

The net result was that, remarkably, across the Parish, unrestricted voluntary income fell by just £3,645 below its 2019 level, with that of St Mary's actually increasing by £1,286. The PCC and DCC are extremely grateful to all those who kindly supported the Parish financially in this unusually difficult year.

However, there remains a significant shortfall in income below the expenditure needed to support the mission and ministry of the Parish and to maintain and operate its buildings. Hence a Stewardship Campaign, originally anticipated for 2020 prior to the pandemic, is being planned for later in 2021.

Receipts from events and other activities for generating funds, such as “Coffee Stops”, concerts, hall activities, etc., were severely curtailed due to legal restrictions on gatherings. Such income fell by £11,508 (55%) although this was partially offset by a saving of £7,443 in hall running costs, mainly due to the partial waiving of fees by the contract managers.

Fees received for occasional offices were also reduced by some 60% to just £2,917 due to the restrictions imposed on the holding of such services.

Warton, St Oswald

With the exception of income and expenditure referred to above, receipts and payments were broadly in line with previous years. As in earlier years, the PCC is grateful for a grant of £1,260 received from the Elizabeth and Richard Wilson Charitable Fund towards the cost of maintaining its churchyard.

The PCC welcomed Keith Gaydon as the new St Oswald’s treasurer during the year and is very grateful for his input and experience.

Borwick, St Mary

Invoices and grant claims relating to the latter stages of Project 123 were handled in the early part of the year. During 2020 grants totalling £26,383 were drawn down, including £2,000 from the Elizabeth and Richard Wilson Charitable Fund towards the cost of new tables and chairs for the reordered space. The PCC is very grateful to all the organisations and individuals who contributed to the reordering project, without which it would not have been possible. Project invoices totalling £25,466 were paid in 2020. Unfortunately, there are ongoing problems with the new lobby roof which are currently being dealt with by the architect and main contractor. As a result, the final retention of £2,150 plus VAT in respect of the main contract has yet to be released and paid. Taking into account retentions paid and payable in 2021, the project has remained within budget. The net effect on St Mary’s reserves over the lifetime of the project will be a reduction of just under £4,500 compared with an initially allocated net cost to St Mary’s of £10,000.

Reserves

2021 will be a challenging year financially as utility costs, not least for electricity, have risen and building repairs and maintenance are necessary at both churches; yet activities and the related income are still depressed due to ongoing coronavirus restrictions. Both St Mary’s and St Oswald’s will need to contribute significantly more to the Warton Parish share if the Parish is to be closer to meeting the Diocese of Blackburn’s 2021 Request of almost £60,000. Hence the Stewardship campaign referred to above will focus on both St Mary’s and St Oswald’s.

In this context, the current level of reserves is considered appropriate.

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 2020.

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: 14th May 2021

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Warton
Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2020

Receipts and Payments Accounts

	Note	COMBINED			Total 2019 £
		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	
RECEIPTS	1				
Voluntary Receipts					
Planned giving		26,990	-	26,990	30,242
Collections at services		2,762	-	2,762	7,761
All other giving/voluntary receipts		8,788	1,399	10,187	10,403
Gift Aid recovered		10,686	-	10,686	10,578
		<u>49,226</u>	<u>1,399</u>	<u>50,625</u>	<u>58,984</u>
Activities for Generating Funds		9,257	-	9,257	20,765
Investment Income		973	-	973	1,061
Church Activities		2,917	-	2,917	7,286
Other Receipts		1,134	26,383	27,517	115,897
Total Receipts		<u>63,507</u>	<u>27,782</u>	<u>91,289</u>	<u>203,993</u>
PAYMENTS					
Church Activities					
Diocesan Parish Share contribution		36,000	-	36,000	54,263
Clergy and staffing costs		9,652	-	9,652	10,179
Church running expenses		22,061	887	22,948	26,246
Hall running costs		5,892	-	5,892	13,335
Major church repairs and maintenance		-	4,016	4,016	2,220
Mission giving and donations		1,323	-	1,323	2,029
Other expenditure		269	-	269	870
		<u>75,197</u>	<u>4,903</u>	<u>80,100</u>	<u>109,142</u>
Cost of generating funds		125	-	125	3,935
Governance costs		604	-	604	228
Other Payments					
Church building and reordering project		-	25,466	25,466	118,467
Total Payments		<u>75,926</u>	<u>30,369</u>	<u>106,295</u>	<u>231,772</u>
Excess/ (Deficit) of Receipts over Payments		<u>(12,419)</u>	<u>(2,587)</u>	<u>(15,006)</u>	<u>(27,779)</u>
Cash at bank and in hand on 1 January				89,277	117,056
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 December				<u>74,271</u>	<u>89,277</u>

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Warton
 Combined Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2020

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Investments					
St Mary's - Investment accounts					
Sharp Legacy Share Account	at valuation	5,807	-	5,807	5,432
Building Fund Share Account	at valuation	12,056	10,000	22,056	20,632
		<u>17,863</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>27,863</u>	<u>26,064</u>
Cash at Bank and in Hand					
St Oswald's					
Main current account		19,593	3,949	23,542	39,028
CBF Church of England Deposit Fund		-	30,000	30,000	30,000
E & R Wilson Churchyard Trust account		-	2,929	2,929	2,225
Church Hall account		4,698	-	4,698	3,629
Sub total St Oswald's		<u>24,291</u>	<u>36,878</u>	<u>61,169</u>	<u>74,882</u>
St Mary's					
Main current account		4,276	2,663	6,939	9,038
Diocesan held Deposit account		3,790		3,790	3,156
Diocesan held Sharp account		2,373		2,373	2,201
Sub total St Mary's		<u>10,439</u>	<u>2,663</u>	<u>13,102</u>	<u>14,395</u>
Total cash at bank and in hand		<u>34,730</u>	<u>39,541</u>	<u>74,271</u>	<u>89,277</u>
Total Cash and Investments	Note 17	<u>52,593</u>	<u>49,541</u>	<u>102,134</u>	<u>115,341</u>
Debtors					
St Mary's	DCMS Listed Places of Worship grant	-	-	-	<u>5,936</u>
Liabilities					
St Oswald's	Gas and electricity	-	-	-	<u>1,155</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 12th May 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

The Reverend Robin A R Figg
 Vicar and PCC Chairperson

Mrs Joyce Tombs
 St Mary's Treasurer

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Receipts and Payments Accounts

Warton, St Oswald

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
RECEIPTS					
Voluntary Receipts					
Planned giving		24,185		24,185	27,987
Collections at services		2,331		2,331	6,804
All other giving/voluntary receipts	2	7,619	1,399	9,018	6,349
Gift Aid recovered		9,543		9,543	9,643
		<u>43,678</u>	<u>1,399</u>	<u>45,077</u>	<u>50,784</u>
Activities for Generating Funds	3	9,257		9,257	19,594
Investment Income	4	167		167	219
Church Activities	5	2,826		2,826	7,135
Other Receipts	6	7,277		7,277	7,582
Transfers or receipts from other funds					
Total Receipts		<u>63,205</u>	<u>1,399</u>	<u>64,604</u>	<u>85,314</u>
PAYMENTS					
Church Activities					
Diocesan Parish Share contribution		36,000		36,000	54,263
Clergy and staffing costs	7	9,652		9,652	9,679
Church Running Expenses	8	18,405	887	19,292	22,226
Hall running costs		5,892		5,892	13,335
Major church repairs and maintenance	9		4,016	4,016	2,220
Mission giving and donations		1,323		1,323	2,029
Other expenditure		269		269	870
		<u>71,542</u>	<u>4,903</u>	<u>76,445</u>	<u>104,622</u>
Cost of generating funds		125		125	135
Governance costs		604		604	228
Transfers to other funds/branches		1,143		1,143	1,059
Total Payments		<u>73,414</u>	<u>4,903</u>	<u>78,317</u>	<u>106,044</u>
Excess/ (Deficit) of Receipts over Payments		<u>(10,208)</u>	<u>(3,504)</u>	<u>(13,712)</u>	<u>(20,731)</u>
Cash at bank and in hand on 1 January				74,882	95,613
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 December				<u>61,170</u>	<u>74,882</u>

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Receipts and Payments Accounts

Borwick, St Mary

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
RECEIPTS					
Voluntary Receipts					
Planned giving		2,805	-	2,805	2,255
Collections at services		431	-	431	957
All other giving/online receipts	10	1,169	-	1,169	4,054
Gift Aid recovered		1,143	-	1,143	935
	1	5,548	-	5,548	8,201
Activities for Generating Funds					
Fund raising		-	-	-	1,171
Investment Income	11	806	-	806	842
Church Activities	12	91	-	91	274
Other Receipts	13	-	26,383	26,383	113,750
Total Receipts		6,445	26,383	32,828	124,238
PAYMENTS					
Church Activities					
Diocesan Parish Share Contribution		4,500	-	4,500	4,500
Clergy and Staffing					
Contribution to Benefice Costs		500	-	500	500
Church Running Expenses	14	3,655	-	3,655	4,020
		8,655	-	8,655	9,020
Cost of Generating Funds		-	-	-	3,800
Other Payments					
Church Building and Reordering Project	16	-	25,466	25,466	118,467
Total Payments		8,655	25,466	34,121	131,287
Excess/ (Deficit) of Receipts over Payments		(2,210)	917	(1,293)	(7,048)
Cash at bank and in hand on 1 January		12,650	1,745	14,395	21,443
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 December		10,439	2,663	13,102	14,395
Cash is represented by					
NatWest Current account				6,939	9,038
Diocesan Deposit account				3,790	3,156
Diocesan Sharp Legacy account				2,373	2,201
	8			13,102	14,395

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Warton
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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 being 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.

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Warton
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Notes to the Accounts (continued)

	Warton, St Oswald			Total 2019 £
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	
2 All other giving/ voluntary receipts				
General and other donations	3,135	-	3,135	1,686
Call to Pray and Give Appeal	3,067	-	3,067	-
Donations towards Parish News	80	-	80	105
Specific donations/ collections	1,209	-	1,209	1,855
Votive stand	128	-	128	529
Grant to E&R Wilson Churchyard fund	-	1,260	1,260	1,561
Churchyard fund donations	-	30	30	105
Restoration fund donations	-	109	109	508
	7,619	1,399	9,018	6,349
3 Receipts from activities for generating funds				
Coffee stop	362	-	362	1,650
Coffee evenings	-	-	-	1,535
Proceeds from Breaking Bread	348	-	348	587
Parish News advertising	1,562	-	1,562	1,156
Choirs and concerts	-	-	-	893
Christmas fair, raffle and tree festival	-	-	-	3,381
Bingo evening	-	-	-	332
Church hall income	6,961	-	6,961	9,936
Book stall, crafty ladies	24	-	24	124
	9,257	-	9,257	19,594
4 Investment Income (Unrestricted)				
CBF Deposit Fund interest			167	219
			167	219
5 Income from Church Activities (Unrestricted)				
PCC fees (Weddings, funerals, etc.)			2,811	6,885
Fees for courses			-	190
Remembrance book entries			15	60
			2,826	7,135
6 Other Receipts (Unrestricted)				
Borwick, St Mary contribution to Parish Share			4,500	4,500
Borwick, St Mary contribution to benefice expenses			500	500
Yealand, St John contribution to benefice expenses			1,080	1,063
General and other			54	84
HMRC Gift Aid - St Mary's claim			1,143	936
3.5% War stock redemption			-	500
			7,277	7,582

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Notes to the Accounts (continued)

Warton, St Oswald

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
7 Clergy and Staffing				
Incumbent's expenses	1,406	-	1,406	1,261
Organist' and musical director's fees	4,620	-	4,620	4,750
Council tax - vicarage	3,216	-	3,216	3,097
Water rates - vicarage	395	-	395	403
Clergy telephone	15	-	15	168
	9,652	-	9,652	9,679
8 Church running expenses				
Parish training and mission	213	-	213	39
Church insurance - general allocation	4,198	-	4,198	3,379
Church insurance - churchyard fund allocation	-	-	-	928
Organ tuning	-	-	-	540
Church maintenance and cleaning	2,980	-	2,980	2,935
Upkeep of services	1,538	-	1,538	2,314
Junior church expenses	518	-	518	87
Printing and copier costs	2,518	-	2,518	3,235
Upkeep of churchyard	-	887	887	2,599
Printing, postage and stationery	1,038	-	1,038	1,387
Computer consumables and repairs	-	-	-	-
Church electricity and gas	5,174	-	5,174	4,221
Church water	216	-	216	138
Sundry expenses	-	-	-	175
Books and cards	11	-	11	248
	18,405	887	19,292	22,226
9 Church repairs and maintenance				
Renewals	-	-	-	-
Major repairs	-	4,016	4,016	2,220
	-	4,016	4,016	2,220

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	Borwick, St Mary			
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
10 All other giving/ voluntary receipts				
General and other donations	400	-	400	154
Call to Pray and Give Appeal	538	-	538	-
Other online giving	231	-	231	-
Specific donations	-	-	-	100
Project 123 Donations	-	-	-	3,800
	<u>1,169</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,169</u>	<u>4,054</u>
11 Investment Income (Unrestricted)				
Dividends received on Parish Investments			782	759
Interest received on Diocesan held deposit accounts			24	83
			<u>806</u>	<u>842</u>
12 Income from Church Activities (Unrestricted)				
Occasional fees			91	274
			<u>91</u>	<u>274</u>
13 Other Receipts (Restricted)				
Grants received for Project 123 - Construction and Reordering				
Vera Wolstencroft Children and Animal Charitable Trust			-	26,000
Diocese of Blackburn - Parish Vision Grant			-	59,035
Lancashire Environmental Fund			15,000	15,000
Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport: Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme (VAT)			9,383	13,715
Elizabeth and Richard Wilson Charitable Fund			2,000	-
			<u>26,383</u>	<u>113,750</u>
14 Church running expenses (Unrestricted)				
Church Insurance			1,643	1,583
Church utilities - electricity			1,402	1,447
- water			67	41
Church maintenance and cleaning			152	125
Organ maintenance			-	75
Upkeep of services			27	454
Upkeep of churchyard			225	260
Sundry expenditure			139	35
			<u>3,655</u>	<u>4,020</u>
15 Cost of Generating Funds				
A condition of being awarded a grant of £30,000 by the Lancashire Environmental Fund was the payment of a "Contributing Third Party" payment of £3,300 to the Landfill Operator in 2019. This payment was made by an individual on behalf of a number of individual donors but for clarity and completeness is shown in these accounts as a receipt and corresponding payment.				
16 Church construction and reordering (Restricted)				
Main construction contract			17,396	83,225
Heating contract			1,245	28,319
Architects' fees for church reordering			2,400	6,228
Heating Consultant's Fees			875	-
LCC conditional discharge fee			-	136
Tree consultancy			-	250
Furniture and Equipment			3,550	309
			<u>25,466</u>	<u>118,467</u>

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17 Movement on Funds

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Total Unrestricted	Restricted Funds	Total 2020
		£	£	£	£	£
St Oswald's						
Fund Balances at 1 January 2020		32,147	2,353	34,500	40,382	74,882
Movement in year: Receipts		63,100	105	63,205	1,399	64,604
Payments		73,414	-	73,414	4,903	78,317
Excess/ (Deficit) of Receipts over Payments		(10,314)	105	(10,209)	(3,504)	(13,713)
Fund Balances at 31 December 2020		21,833	2,458	24,291	36,878	61,169
St Mary's						
Fund Balances at 1 January 2020		28,713	-	28,713	11,745	40,458
Movement in year: Receipts		6,445	-	6,445	26,383	32,828
Payments		8,655	-	8,655	25,466	34,121
Excess/ (Deficit) of Receipts over Payments		(2,210)	-	(2,210)	918	(1,293)
Increase/(decrease) in market value of investments		1,799	-	1,799	-	1,799
Fund Balances at 31 December 2020		28,302	0	28,302	12,663	40,964
Combined Funds						
Fund Balances at 1 January 2020		60,860	2,353	63,213	52,127	115,340
Movement in year: Increase/(decrease) in market value of investments		(12,524)	105	(12,419)	(2,586)	(15,005)
		1,799	0	1,799	0	1,799
Fund Balances at 31 December 2020		50,135	2,458	52,593	49,541	102,134

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

		Balance at 01-Jan-20	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance at 31-Dec-20
		£	£	£	£	£
Designated Funds						
Flower Fund	St Oswald's	279	-	-	-	279
Verger Fund	St Oswald's	2,074	105	-	-	2,179
		2,353	105	-	-	2,458
Restricted Funds						
<i>St Oswald's -</i>						
R & F Wilson Churchyard Trust		490	1,290	887	-	893
Churchyard Fund (closed)		-	-	-	-	-
Restoration and Fabric Fund		39,892	110	4,016	-	35,986
		40,382	1,399	4,903	-	36,878
<i>St Mary's -</i>						
Project 123		11,745	26,383	25,466	-	12,663
		52,127	27,783	30,369	-	49,541