THE PARISH CHURCH OF

ST JOHN THE DIVINE HOLME IN CLIVIGER

ANNUAL REPORT

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2025

Priest in Charge : Rev Alex Frost

Curate in Charge: Rev Victor Sohail



Church Bank: Lloyds Bank PLC Manchester Rd Burnley

Independent Examiner: Kneeshaws Chartered Accountants,

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Background: The Parochial Church Council has the responsibility with the incumbent, for the promotion of the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelical, ecumenical, and social, within the ecclesiastical parish.

Membership: Members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) are either ex-officio or elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the current Church Representation Rules.

During the year the following have served as members of the PCC:

Curate in Charge: Victor Sohail from February 2026

Churchwarden: Julie Cambridge.

Deanery Synod Members: Julie Cambridge, Amanda Cattell.

Elected Members: Marie-Louise Nixon (minute secretary), Les Pickles, Joan Lamb (treasurer), Matthew Pickles, Ruth Pickles, Ivor Emo (deputy church warden), Jenny Jackson (parish safeguarding officer).

Two members are up for re-election in 2026:- Joan Lamb and Les Pickles. Due to not completing the necessary safeguarding training Les Pickles and Ruth Pickles are to be removed from the PCC. That has left us with space on the PCC and Michelle Leverett has kindly said she would join the PCC and Ivor Emo has now been voted in as a churchwarden.

This is also the year for re-election of Deanery Synod Members and the two candidates for this are Julie Cambridge and Ivor Emo.

The Standing Committee is the only committee required by law and consists of the Chairman, Churchwarden, Secretary, Treasurer and 1 Lay Person.

ALM: Amanda Cattell, Julie Cambridge

PCC Report

Being without an incumbent has meant that the churchwarden along with the help of the PCC has been busy trying to get cover during the year organizing for regular services along with baptisms, weddings and funerals and making sure that the church has been kept in good repair.

Most of the Sunday services were covered by Rev Paul Benfield, Rev Stephen Large and Canon Neil Barnes along with others.

The mid-week service continues to be held, with varying numbers but on the whole numbers are generally increasing, and Rev Stephen Large and Rev Paul Benfield cover them and latterly Rev Andrew Holmes. Having a young organist Theo, who started to learn to play the organ with help from Nigel, we now have music in church during the service on Wednesday and we now sing a hymn.

Several fundraising events took place over the year: Hymns with Pimms, the Christmas Fair, and we hired out Church House for Thieveley Fell Race and Nigel put on a concert in December which also included the Nine Lessons and Carols.

During the year we had help from Rev Steve Haskett with our parish profile to assist us in the appointment of a priest. An advertisement went out and we were unsuccessful at the time. Bishop Joe then came to us with a suggestion of a Curate in Charge who would need a Priest in Charge to oversee them. The Curate in Charge would perform all the tasks of the incumbent. There were then interviews in two stages. The Priest in Charge was interviewed in December and the Curate in Charge was interviewed in January 2026. Both interviews were successful and we licensed Rev Alex Frost as Priest in Charge and Rev Victor Sohail as Curate in Charge together in church on 23rd February 2026.

The Building and Churchyard.

Sincere thanks go to Matthew Pickles, Stephen & Rosana Jackson and the team who help to maintain the church yard. We also thank the people who clean and keep the church tidy throughout the year. We had our quinquennial inspection this year and we are working towards completing any work required in the report.

Church Services

Our Harvest Thanksgiving Service was held in September and Remembrance Day Service in November. Both services were well attended and supported by the Guides and Brownies.

We held the Nine Lessons and Carols Service on the Friday just before Christmas and Rev Charlie Hill took our service for Christmas Eve.

During the year we had 4 weddings, 8 baptisms, 3 funerals and 2 burial of ashes.

And thanks also to our church school for holding important services in church: their Harvest led by Lisa Fenton and Christmas service led by Mrs. Healey; Easter by Canon Munawar Din and the Final service for Year 6 along with awards led by Ian Parks who is the director of education at Blackburn Diocese.

Church attendance

The Electoral Roll was completely revised last year and due to additions, this year we now have 41 people recorded on the Electoral Roll, including some of whom reside outside of the parish. The average weekly attendance for services on Sunday is 15, and 4 children and for the service on a Wednesday evening, we started the year with on average 5 adults and by the end of the year we were seeing on average 6 adults and 2 children.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Church Life

Church life has seen a small growth in numbers both with adults and children, despite not having had a regular priest throughout the year to work with on the everyday running of things. Many thanks to the people who give their time freely and gladly to ensure this, many of whom work behind the scenes. The Churchwarden and the PCC wish to record their thanks for all their efforts to: -

Nigel Wilkinson, Matthew Murray and Theo Heath provided music for Sunday Services.

Miriam Shorrock and Winifred Rogers for arranging the flowers each week and decorating our church so beautifully and relevantly on special occasions.

Stephen and Rosanna Jackson and Matthew Pickles for keeping our graveyard looking bright and cheerful.

Jenny Jackson, Georgina Bentley and Michelle Robson provide us with teas and coffees, biscuits and cake as we enjoy fellowship after the Sunday Service, and for always serving us with a smile.

Julie Cambridge who is still the ALM for Administration and is due for re-licensing in October and hoping to expand on her Pastoral Care and Later Life ministries.

We would like to thank the Area Dean, Rev Andrew Holmes who has been a big help to us during the vacancy helping with services, weddings, funerals, PCC meetings and answering many questions and also other clergy who have helped us out by taking services: - Rev Stephen Large, Rev Paul Benfield, to name but a few and not forgetting Canon Neil Barnes.

Deanery Synod Report for APCM 13th May 2026

There have been 3 meetings of Deanery Synod this year. The first was at St Bartholomew's in Colne at the beginning of February to discuss the new diocesan vision goal as we are coming to an end of the current Vision 2026, Healthy Churches transforming Communities. The main speaker was Bishop Philip and Rev Mark Ireland who was the archdeacon at the time.

The next meeting was later in February at St John's Worsthorne and there was a discussion on vision for the deanery outlining how the Deanery could function as a more representative body, followed by a group discussion. A motion was proposed by Rev Kat Gregory Whitham that the Diocese should be asked that more student placements should be allocated to East Lancashire.

Final meeting was in October at St Matthew's in Burnley where there was a general update from General Synod, the area dean and treasurer. The main discussion was given by Rev Steve Haskett and Janet Sanderson about the

Centenary Mission Weekend in September 2026 where each church discussed ideas for what they could put on for this weekend.

Children's Ministry Report for APCM 13th May 2026.

Since the last APCM when it was reported that the children's ministry had been paused due to health issues there has been no significant input since then due to ill health.

Health and Safety

We have a Safeguarding policy and regular checks being made in accordance with the insurance company requirements for the Health and Safety regulations.

Over the year progress has been made in several areas regarding our work on Safeguarding. Members of the PCC have completed the necessary training and those who do not will be removed from the PCC.

Jenny Jackson and Julie Cambridge have been working on the Parish Dashboard and the Hub which are now developing. Julie and Jenny have attended several courses updating their awareness on safeguarding issues, the latest course on keeping the Dashboard and Hub up to date.

Julie is now the lead recruiter for DBS checks with Jenny, also able to assist.

Christian Aid

This year's Christian Aid Week continues as before collecting alongside the congregation of Mount Zion. Last years collection of £310 was forwarded to Christian Aid.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT	Year ended 31st December 2024 Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2024	2023
RECEIPTS	£	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources from donors					
Planned giving	6547			6547	9533
Collections and other giving	3523		0	3523	2281
Income tax recovered	4364			4364	1008
	14435	0	0	14435	12822
Other voluntary incoming resources					
Legacies				0	6000
Donations	912	368	0	1280	1762
Fund raising activities	6068			6068	6107
Grants		10000		10000	0
	6980	10368	0	17348	13869
Income from investments					
Bank interest		324		324	218
Dividends		702	0	702	691
	0	1026	0	1026	909
Income from charitable and ancillary trading					
Sale of magazine				0	0
Rent				0	0
Fees	6262			6262	12353
	6262	0	0	6262	12353
Other					
Other	696		0	696	992
	696	0	0	696	992
Transfer from Current Account					
Total Receipts	**28372**	**11394**	**0**	**39766**	**40945**
PAYMENTS					
Grants					
Charities					0
Activities directly related to the work of the Church					0
Diocesan Quota, Clergy Stipend and expenses	16193			16193	12948
Heat, light & water (Church)	7145			7145	5738
Insurance costs	3449			3449	3299
Vicarage expenses	150			150	517
Altar & Church requisites	86			86	251
Church repairs and maintenance	711	14003		14714	15017
Printing, stationery & advertising	0			0	0
Fees and subscriptions	5356			5356	7324
Sundry expenses	1356			1356	600
Transfer to Buildings Account				0	0
Total Payments	**34444**	**14003**	**0**	**48447**	**45694**
Excess Receipts over Payments	**-6072**	**-2609**	**0**	**-8681**	**-4847**
Current and investment accounts at 1 January	26455	15348		**41803**	46650
Transfer of funds in year					
Current and investment accounts at 31 December	**20383**	**12739**	**0**	**33122**	**41803**

NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

1. The Restricted Fund includes three funds as follows:

	Building & Restoration Fund	Churchyard / Lychgate Fund	
	£	£	
Total Receipts to 31st December 2023	522941	30362	
Receipts in year	11026	368	
Total Receipts as at 31st December 2024	**533967**	**30730**	
Total Payments to 31st December 2023	511822	26133	
Payments in year	12203	1800	
Prior year adj			
Total Payments as at 31st December 2024	**524025**	**27933**	
Balance as at 31st December 2024	**9942**	**2797**	

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31ST DECEMBER 2024

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Monetary assets					
Bank accounts and cash	20383	12739	0	33122	41303
Total	**20383**	**12739**	**0**	**33122**	**41303**
Investments at market value					
Charities Investment Funds	3835	10759		14594	14272
Holme in Cliviger Vicarage Fund		14914		14914	14580
Holme in Cliviger Wigglesworth		10964		10964	10964
Holme in Cliviger		1268		1268	
	3835	37905		41740	39816

Approved by the Parochial Church Council in ------ and signed on their behalf by:

JBCambridge

Julie Cambridge
CHURCH WARDEN

JLamb

Mrs Joan Lamb
TREASURER

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE PC OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE, HOLME-IN-CLIVIGER

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31st December, 2024, is in respect of an examination carried out under Regulation 3(3) of the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 and s43 of the Charities Act 1993.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner.

As the members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of the Regulation 3(3) of the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 and section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of Regulation 25 of the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 and Regulation 7 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 1995.

Basis of independent examiner's report.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the guidance from the CBF. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the requirements of the Act, as also contained in the Church Accounting Regulations 1997

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding f the accounts to be reached.

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YEAR END 31st DECEMBER, 2024 – CURRENT ACCOUNT.

INCOME.

		£
Collections:	Cash	3,523.49
	Parish Giving Scheme	1.820.15
	Gift Aid	4,727.09
Gift Aid Tax claim		4,364.00
Fundraising Activities		2,051.48
Lottery		1,687.00
Christmas Fair		2.330.00
Fees – Weddings/Funerals etc		6,262.00
Graveyard		-
Building Repairs/Maintenance		151.60
Charitable Income		-
Dividends		701.62
Donations		911.50
General Fund: Year's Income)		544.16
		29,074.09
Carry Forward from 2024		13,603.23
		£42,677.32

EXPENSES

Fees	5,356.00
Stipends (Parish Share)	16,142.00
Vicar expenses	50.70
Vicarage expenses	149.77
Altar and Church Requisites	85.81
Insurances	3,448.70
Oil	5,699.96
Water	511.60
Electricity	933.17
Charities	-
Building Maintenance	670.64
Graveyard Expenses	40.00
General Fund	1,356.05
	£34,444.40

Current a/c Balance to Carry Forward: £8,232.92

YEAR END 31ST DECEMBER, 2024 – BUILDING ACCOUNT

INCOME

Interest received during year	323.93
Grant – Scottish Power – Organ	10,000.00
Donation – restricted to Graveyard	368.25
	10,692.18
Carry forward from 2023	28,202.58
	£38,894.76

EXPENSES

Stonebrook Landscapes	1,800.00	Clearing Graveyard rubbish
Chairs for New room	702.65	Chairs for new room
A. Bogden	11,250.00	New organ
Delivery charge for above	200.00	
Burnley Hire Company	50.00	Removal of old organ
	£14,002.65	

Balance to carry forward £24,892.11

Graveyard	£2,759.64 **(restricted)**
Legacy unrestricted	£14,517.49 **(unrestricted)**
Grants for New Room	**£7,614 98 (restricted)**
	£24,892.11

TOTAL YEAR-END BALANCES.

CURRANT ACCOUNT:	**£8,232,92**
BUILDING ACCOUNT:	**£24,892.11**
TOTAL: =	**£33,125.03**