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As at 31st December 2024

for

The Parochial Church Council

Hoole Parish Church

St Michael and All Angels Church

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1 ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

The Parish Church of Hoole St. Michael is located on Liverpool Old Road, Much Hoole, near Preston. Correspondence address: the Rectory, [69 Liverpool Old Road, Much Hoole, Preston, PR4 4RB](#).

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity with Excepted Status given by the Charity Commission.

PCC MEMBERS AND THEIR ROLES		
Ex Officio Members:		
	Chair & Incumbent	Rev Ann Templeman (<i>Retired 5th October 2024</i>)
	Vice Chair & Churchwarden	Jane Elphick (<i>Chair from 5th October 2024</i>)
	Churchwarden & Assistant Treasurer	Barbara Wood (<i>Joint Treasurer from April 2024</i>)
Elected Members:		
	Deanery Synod	Margaret Clark, Margaret Kirkman, David Nuttall
	Churchwarden Emeritus (<i>Nov 2024</i>)	Walter Davidson
	Electoral Roll Officer	Jean Dewhurst
	Health & Safety Officer	Colin Wilson
	Children & Young People's Minister	Liz Boland
	Safeguarding Officer	Amanda Hughes
	Secretary	Andrea Susnik
		Mike Barron
		Gillian Slinger
		Emily Wignall
		Barry McManmon
		Austin Booth
		Lindsey Crossen (<i>Resigned 3rd January 2025</i>)
	Treasurer (<i>Jan-Mar 2024</i>)	Andrew Smith (<i>Resigned PCC 1st March 2024</i>)
Co-opted Members:		
	Associate Minister	Rev Peter Templeman (<i>Retired 5th October 2024</i>)

2 STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE and MANAGEMENT

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representative Rules. All church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and may stand for election to the PCC.

The aim of the PCC is to co-operate with the Rector in promoting in the Parish the whole mission of the Church: Pastoral, Evangelistic, Social, Ecumenical.

The PCC met seven times during 2024 with average attendance of 80%. Given its wide responsibilities, the PCC has three committees each dealing with a particular aspect of parish ministry.

The PCC reviewed and changed its committee structure in 2022 and 2023 to ensure that all activities are in line with their strategic aims and that the PCC as Trustees of the Charity have control of all the Charity's funds.

1. The Standing Committee which makes recommendations to the PCC and is authorized to conduct business if necessary
2. The Outreach Committee which focuses on the strategic aim of making disciples.
3. The Social and Fundraising Committee was formed as a result of amalgamating the previous Social Committee and the Friends Committee. This committee focuses on the strategic aim of being witnesses.

Most PCC members, apart from some office holders, are members of one of the above two committees.

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The PCC has three part-time employees:

1. Children and Young People's Minister
2. Parish Administrator – situation vacant from August 2024
3. Magazine Editor from August 2024 (previously the Parish Administrator)

3 ELECTORAL ROLL AND AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

The number on the Electoral Roll as at 31 December 2024 was 193 (182 in 2023)

Our average weekly Sunday attendance taken from the register for the month of October 2024 was:

- ❖ Adults 57 (16 years and over)
- ❖ Children 11 (under 16 years of age)

In 2023 the average attendance was 55 and 16 respectively.

4 OBJECTIVES and ACTIVITIES

The PCC have summarised their objectives with the strap line: **'To Know Christ and Make Him Known'**

The PCC unanimously agreed to adopt the objectives of the 2026 Vision Statement of the Diocese of Blackburn:

- ❖ To make children, young people, schools and families their priority
- ❖ To make disciples of Jesus Christ
- ❖ Be witnesses of Jesus Christ
- ❖ To grow leader for Jesus Christ

All the deliberations of the PCC and subsequent decisions, activities and developments in church life in 2024 were made with these aims in mind.

5 ACHIEVEMENTS and PERFORMANCE

5.1 CHILDREN, SCHOOLS AND FAMILIES

Children and Youth Work: The PCC has continued to focus on the development of our children's and youth work as our top strategic priority. This can be split into five main areas – some are monthly and some are weekly activities: Sunday School, Family Church, Pizza & Praise, Little Angels, Schools

Sunday School continues to be very popular with a usual attendance of between 5 and 12 children aged 0-11 years. Due to a lack of helpers, we have, unfortunately, had to combine the children back into one group most weeks, but we still provide quality teaching and fun activities for them all, and the older children are very accepting and helpful with the younger ones. We have some good discussions about faith and about God, which encourage the children (and leaders, very often) to think deeply about faith and how the Bible passage for the day links to their lives and helps develop them in their faith. We mainly use the Diocesan Weekly material for planning, but sometimes go with our own syllabus to add variety. The struggle for helpers and leaders makes it harder to plan material for different ages, and we need to make this a priority in 2025 to ensure we can provide the best teaching we can.

Family Church has continued to be very popular with families across the parish and beyond. Use of The Venue (our local village hall) gives us a great space to run this service each month, as well as using St Michael's School for outdoor services and the church for some. A highlight this year was Jurassic Church, where we visited a 30ft dinosaur and the very heavy rain didn't put almost 100 people off coming to this and thinking more about God's creation. This past year, we again ran a Children's Hour at the Cross on Good Friday, which gave good opportunity for the children to think about the importance of Good Friday with good discussion, worship and age-appropriate activities.

Pizza & Praise has now been running for just over a year. Attendance is very variable, but for those who come, this informal service gives them a good chance to develop their faith and worship God in ways different to any other Sunday service in church. The pizza afterwards is a great time for fellowship and chat with people of all ages mixing together and chatting together over good food and a drink.

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Little Angels is our Baby and Toddler playgroup for ages 0-5years. Running now since April 2023, we offer a safe space for children to come and develop and interact with others. The group runs term time on a Wednesday morning from 9.30-11.00am. We have regular children attending with parents, grandparents and some siblings too. There are usually around 8 children each week. We start with play and crafts, which the older children love to get involved with then have snacks and a bible story. There is also tea and coffee available for all parents/carers throughout the sessions. We finish with songs which the children really enjoy, sometimes using musical instruments to sing and dance along with.

Schools: Until the Rector's retirement in October, she and the Children and Young People's (CYP) Minister led worship in St Michael's School each week. Since October, the CYP Minister has been doing this each week to keep the pattern going. The CYP Minister also runs a Worship Group for some of the children to take part in leading Worship in school and contributing to school services in church. There have been regular services in church for Ash Wednesday, Ascension Day, Easter, Christmas, Harvest, the beginning and end of the school year, and a Bible Craft Club has been running since January 2024, attracting approximately 10-15 children each week to hear a Bible story and then make a related craft. We have also led regular assemblies at Little Hoole Primary School, and occasional assemblies at Holmeswood, not in our parish, but with good links to our church.

Liz Boland (Children & Young People's Minister)

5.2 MAKING DISCIPLES

St Michael's has remained an active church throughout 2024, with a number of activities offered alongside our regular services. These aim to encourage our congregation to develop their understanding and faith through discussion, prayer and fellowship, and have included:

- ❖ Continuation of our popular Bible for Beginners course, using video clips and themed discussion from The Chosen, to explore the life and teachings of Jesus and his disciples. These took place fortnightly during the winter and spring/summer of 2024, led by Revs Ann and Peter Templeman, with around 20–25 regular and occasional attenders, and were very successful. In the autumn, plans were changed after our Occasional Preacher suffered a fall and was unable to lead the planned sessions and following the retirement of Rev Ann Templeman. Instead, four discussion sessions called "The Lodge Group" were held, which were popular and well attended. These focused on exploring some of the challenges of living a Christian life in the modern world.
- ❖ An Alpha Course was led by our Ordinand, Mandy Hughes throughout the autumn of 2024, which attracted several people new to faith, as well as others who wished to explore faith further. This was also well attended and well received. The series ended with a social evening before Christmas, to which members of the Lodge Group were also invited.
- ❖ Baptism preparation was undertaken by Rev Ann Templeman until her retirement in September 2024.
- ❖ In May, Bishop Philip confirmed four young people from our Family Church/Sunday School.
- ❖ In November, we held a Quiet Day at Whalley Abbey. Unfortunately, Archdeacon Mark Ireland was on sick leave, but our Children and Young People's Minister, Liz Boland, stepped up to lead the day for us instead, assisted by her husband, Rev Chris Boland. We also had donations from two members of the congregation enabling us to keep costs to a minimum. The Quiet Day was attended by 24 members of the congregation, (a record), including several who had never attended before, and was extremely successful and enjoyable.

5.3 BEING WITNESSES

Much of 2024 has been spent preparing for our period of vacancy, following the announcement by Rev Ann Templeman of her plan to retire in October. Archdeacon Mark Ireland attended a meeting of the PCC in March, and explained that St Michael's would not be allocated another self-supporting Minister as both Rev Templeman and her predecessor Rev Baines were self-supporting, and other parishes would therefore have priority if such a person were to be looking for a parish in Blackburn.

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Archdeacon Mark also advised that St Michael's has one of the lowest levels of planned giving in the Deanery, which came as a surprise to the PCC. It became evident that, as a congregation, we would need to increase our planned giving in order to be in a position to pay a stipendiary Minister after Rev Templeman's retirement.

We therefore invested a lot of time and energy into running a "Giving in Grace" Campaign, asking regular members of the congregation, plus more occasional attenders and members of the local community with an interest in the church to consider contributing to our funds on a regular basis. This involved distribution of leaflets around the parish, speaking at local events, and working with our two Parish Councils – in particular Councillor Richard Lea – to raise the profile of our church. The Campaign was extremely successful, and as a result, we were able to advise the Diocese in our pre-vacancy meeting in June that we would be able to support a part-time Minister financially.

Our main social event in 2024 was our Harvest Social in September, which also marked the retirement of Rev's Ann and Peter Templeman. This was a very well attended event at The Venue, with a meal, quiz and entertainment provided by a wide range of church members. Everybody thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and a presentation was made to Ann and Peter two days later at their final service on Sunday 29th September 2024 given with our grateful thanks and best wishes for their retirement.

We also held several smaller social events, including a return match of University Challenge. Our successful bereavement group continued to meet monthly in the Lodge, and St Michael's has maintained provision of a monthly service at Old Mill Court and Ribble Court Nursing Home with regular well attended services, culminating in a very successful Carol Service.

In November, the PCC revised and increased our charitable giving, approving specific donations to the Royal British Legion and Leyland Women's Refuge, in addition to renewing support for our four nominated charities in the UK and overseas, and continuing to collect items for the Foodbank.

5.4 GROWING LEADERS

For most of 2024, Rev Ann Templeman continued to develop the Ministry Team with involvement at Ribble Court, Old Mill Court and home Communion being a priority, alongside liaison work with St Michael's School. Our Ordinand, Mandy Hughes, entered her second year of training, and we were delighted when her future curacy at St Michael's was confirmed by Bishop Philip.

Since Rev Templeman's retirement in October, St Michael's has been run by a Leadership Team comprising our two Churchwardens – Jane Elphick and Barbara Wood; our Ordinand in training, Mandy Hughes; our Children and Young People's Minister, Liz Boland; and our Occasional Preacher, Margaret Kirkman. All of these people have considerably increased their time commitment to St Michael's, with the result that we have continued to offer a range of services and activities to suit different groups of people from the youngest to the oldest. The team have been greatly assisted by the Area Dean, a number of visiting Ministers, Bishop Joe Kennedy, Diocesan representatives, and not least the considerable support of our church family at St Michael's.

The PCC appointed a small team to draw up our Parish Profile, which was completed quickly and approved by Diocese with only one very minor amendment. The PCC have met regularly to discuss the various stages of the vacancy process in round table discussions, and with Diocese, and by the start of 2025 we were in a position to advertise for a new Rector.

In November 2024, the PCC also unanimously supported the suggestion of the Churchwardens to appoint Mr Jock Davidson as Churchwarden Emeritus.

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5.5 CHURCHWARDENS' FABRIC REPORT

Fabric of the Church

The Churchwardens were very pleased with the results of the Quinquennial inspection undertaken in January 2024 by our church Architect, Mr Richard Bramley, since no very major problems were identified as requiring attention in the next five years. Mr Bramley complimented the team at St Michael's, adding that he seldom sees churches of this age (nearly 400 years old) kept in such good condition. It is also very positive that several identified jobs were speedily undertaken in-house, thanks to the commitment of Mr Davidson and helpers, including treatment for woodworm, mice and replacement of rotten wood at the base of the West Door. The wardens would like to record our gratitude for this, as without this help we would have many more problems to solve.

The three most significant issues identified in the Quinquennial inspection as requiring attention have all taken time to progress:

1. **The Carillon of Bells** in the tower were noted to be rusting. Initially, it was hoped that sanding down and treating for rust prevention might suffice to overcome this problem. However, a comprehensive survey by Lancashire Clockmakers in September 2024 (who are a specialist company in this area and recognised as such by the Diocese) revealed that the rust was extensive. It was also noted that there had been evidence of woodworm but that it had been treated 15-18 months ago. The rusting problem has been exacerbated by rain coming through the louvre vents high in the tower, and consequently waterproof protection which allows air to circulate is required to prevent further damage in future. A comprehensive quote has now been received from Lancashire Clockmakers to complete this work, and the necessary expenditure of £9,600 + VAT was approved by the PCC in principle on 7th November 2024. A List A Faculty was submitted and subsequently provisionally approved on the 14th February 2025, pending completion of public notification. Work is due to start in June 2025.
2. **Re-pointing work in the porch** involves the removal of old pointing and replacement with appropriate material is required, which needs to be specialised due to the heritage listing of our church, with some redecoration also required. Mr Harry Sutton, builder, has provided a quote for this work of £5,480+VAT which was accepted and approved by the PCC on 7th November 2024. A List B application was submitted and subsequently approved 3rd February 2025. Work is due to start in April 2025.
3. **Significant dampness around the altar area and chancel** have caused staining to altar cloths, flooring and woodwork. No damage to the roof was identified to account for the water, which at times has created pooling on the floor. Condensation is thought to be a possible cause as this area of the church is not heated, and temperatures consequently fluctuate. Two small heaters have recently been purchased to see whether this improves matters. Redecoration of this area will be required once the cause of the damp has been identified.

General Maintenance of the Church

All routine safety checks have been completed and all required servicing undertaken.

Although there are some damp patches on the floors near the back of church in wet weather, there are no specific problems with the drains identified. Downspouts are kept clear and water table monitored.

There was however, a significant build-up of flood water around the south side of the church in October 2024 following very heavy rain, when it appeared that the drains were overloaded. This issue will require further assessment to ensure flood water does not enter the church at such times.

The Wardens attended a free training day in regard to church security which was led by the Lancashire Rural Police Unit and was informative. We now have contact details for this unit and information about insurance and crime prevention.

The south wall of the chancel area, behind the desk, has been a source of some concern, as it had been noticeably wet for some weeks. Jock Davidson conducted a comprehensive assessment, and discovered a slow leak in the heating pipe which he temporarily repaired. This will be kept under review but to date the problem has abated.

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In December 2024, a steady leak was noted under the sink in the vestry kitchen. Volunteers again solved the problem by isolating the leak to prevent further damage, with plans to make good in 2025. In the meantime, the cause of the damage, a leaking hot water boiler, was replaced in January 2025 by local plumber Paul Howard at reduced costs to the church – for which we are very grateful.

A Net Carbon Zero green energy survey needs to be undertaken in 2025, specifically in relation to the boiler. We will also seek advice which is available from the Diocese.

Platinum Jubilee Lodge

- ❖ The acoustics have been improved by the installation of acoustic panels on the ceiling by Paul Wignall
- ❖ An extra step and handrail outside the Lodge has been fitted to improve ease and safety of access.
- ❖ A gate built by Stan Pickles & John Penrose was installed between lodge access and the car park for the safety of the children at Sunday School and Little Angels during outdoor activities.
- ❖ Much Hoole Parish Council have funded the installation of a defibrillator, located on the outer wall of the Lodge and they will continue to maintain it.
- ❖ External lighting has been upgraded around the Lodge which has improved security and safety.

Again, thanks are extended to the group of volunteers who have undertaken all these tasks in house during 2024, and to the volunteers who have cleaned the Lodge weekly – their commitment greatly assists the wardens and the church finances.

Churchyard Maintenance

Graves and Interred Ashes – Information has been placed around the churchyard advising those visiting graves to check that they are complying with updated churchyard regulations, in terms of items that are permissible on graves and memorial plaques. Copies of the regulations are clearly displayed in the porch. During 2024, a number of families (contacted in 2023) have adapted their graves and/or made their headstones safe.

General maintenance of the churchyard has been undertaken throughout the year via the Community Payback Scheme with Mr Jock Davidson acting as Co-ordinator with their supervisor. This arrangement has generally worked well, and has the added advantage that it is cost neutral. We also have volunteers, who quietly get on with things, by keeping the graves clear of debris, dead flowers and plants; keep the paths safe from ice and moss. All is noted and greatly appreciated.

There has been some difficulty with standing water in some graves in the churchyard after periods of heavy rain, which has been addressed as best he can by Mr Martindale.

Churchyard Faculties

- ❖ **Installation of 2 benches in the churchyard:** List B applications were submitted and approved for both benches to be installed in memory of loved ones – both have been donated by parishioners.
- ❖ **Two faculty applications have been made in respect of a specific grave in the churchyard:** These were not approved by the PCC due to concern about non-compliance with Churchyard Regulations. Matters were referred to Diocese and the Chancellor, and correspondence continued throughout 2024. Unfortunately, a proposed compromise was not progressed, and matters were referred for resolution at the Chancellor's Court. Final Judgement was handed down in November 2024 by Chancellor Hodge KC, which concludes that:
 1. work should be undertaken to the grave to make it compliant with Churchyard Regulations
 2. when the grave is compliant, the application for a reserved grave space will be progressed.

Jane Elphick and Barbara Wood (Churchwardens)

Jock Davidson (Churchwarden Emeritus)

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5.6 DEANERY SYNOD

The Leyland Deanery Synod held 3 meetings in 2024.

Three members of the PCC sit on the Deanery Synod and their attendance provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structure of the Diocese.

In February at Holy Trinity Hoghton, the guest speaker was Bishop Jill Duff. Her theme was-Lighting the Beacon and she emphasised that children are a priority in the Diocese with the Launchpad course available. She spoke of a mission where there was a need to nourish bodies first and felt that the Lord's work was being held up by undernourishment. She encouraged us to go out and make disciples. The treasurer pointed out that applications from parishes for diocese funds to support ministry to children and young people would be welcomed. It was reported that Bishop Philip was establishing a Diocesan youth council for 12–17-year-olds which will consult on the life and vision of the church and work to invest in their discipleship and leadership skills.

The June meeting at St John's Leyland had 2 guest speakers, Ffion Tisnell a Preston Minster student worker and University chaplain; and Hannah Donovan SPEAR centre manager also at the Minster. They both spoke about working with young adults in the age range 18-30. The key things they noted from this cohort were that they are reliant on technology, affected by Covid, worried by the fate of the world, have low commitment and are part of a looming mental health crisis, often due to loneliness. But they care about justice, making the world a better place and are open and curious, looking for authenticity and real meaning. The two ran SPEAR, a youth employment programme, TORCH to engage and invite young people to church activities and HANGOUT, an evening worship event.

The October meeting at St Leonard's Penwortham welcomed the Reverend Canon Prof John Rodwell who spoke about the churches plans to combat climate change. He mentioned diocesan grants to achieve this aim. However, members felt that with ancient, poorly insulated buildings, this would be problematic.

Margaret Clark, David Nuttall, Margaret Kirkman
Deanery Synod Representatives

5.7 SAFEGUARDING

As a Church we have adopted the House of Bishops 'Promoting a Safer Church' policy and the Parish Safeguarding Handbook, incorporating the House of Bishop's Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance. Our PCC has formally adopted this and signed the Safeguarding Policy Statement Promoting a Safer Church. Details of our Parish Safeguarding Officer can be found in the 'Contact Us' section on the website. We have also displayed the Promoting a Safer Church poster prominently within our Church. All those working with children and adults at risk have undergone safer recruitment, received safeguarding training and support.

Amanda Hughes
Safeguarding officer

6 CHURCH GROUPS and AFFILIATED CHURCH GROUPS

6.1 THE FLOWER GROUP

The Church Flower Group decorate the church on a weekly basis throughout the year (except Lent) including special services for special occasions.

- ❖ For Mothering Sunday daffodils were given out at both our Sunday services.
- ❖ Easter saw an uplifting and creative display of floral creations after the bareness of Lent in celebration of the new life of the risen Christ.
- ❖ At Harvest the church was filled with generous donations of fruit, vegetables and other goods (many thanks to the Burney family). St Michael's school children left baskets during their Friday service and more donations were received at the Sunday Harvest Service. Baskets were then distributed to local people, remaining fresh food was taken to the St. Catherine's Hospice kitchens (greatly appreciated) and all remaining items added to the food bank.
- ❖ At the All-Saint's Service of Thanksgiving for Loved Ones, roses were arranged and offered as a token of remembrance and comfort to all at the service.
- ❖ Remembrance Day saw a new poppy creation - a large new drape hanging over the Tom Wignall Garden (all poppies hand knitted or crocheted and sewn on by Elizabeth (Betty) Wignall). The school children helped create a field of poppies in the churchyard using the hand-knitted and crocheted poppy creations.
- ❖ Christmas baubles and lights helped set the scene alongside our traditional nativity display. We had been donated a Christmas tree the year before which was greatly appreciated. Many thanks also to Mrs. Ball for the beautiful wreath she creates every year for our church door.

We also offer couples a bespoke service of floral arrangements for their wedding day both inside church and on our lychgate. Jillian Davidson is the creator and advisor.

We would like to thank all our sponsors and donors for their kind and loyal support, without which we could not continue. We therefore look forward to another year of decorating our beautiful church,

Julie Bayldon & Lisa Redshaw
Group Leaders

6.2 THE LADIES' GROUP

The Ladies' Group, with 39 members, continues to thrive. As a rather radical departure after 49 years and following an overwhelming vote by members, we moved our meeting time to the third Thursday afternoon in the month instead of Tuesday evenings which has proved to be successful.

Our programme was once again well received and included the following talks: Travel in the USA; "The Kimono – traditional Japanese costume", the history of Hoghton Tower; and "My Life of Work". We held two coffee mornings and a Christmas Coffee Evening to raise funds for charitable causes (see table on page 12). Our trip this year was to Boundary Mill, Colne for some retail therapy for members and friends.

In 2025 we look forward to celebrating our 50th anniversary by way of a lunch at the Rufford Arms Hotel, a group photograph and a surprise gift for members.

I wish to thank the committee members for their hard work throughout the year, which enables the meetings to run smoothly and is much appreciated by everyone.

We hope for the continuing success of our group in 2025.

Erika Penrose
Group Leader

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6.3 THE MEN'S GROUP

We continued with our regular pattern of monthly gatherings at The Venue (local village hall), two of which were joint meetings with the Church Ladies' Group. Our programme this year was provided by both outside speakers and group members, which gave us a full and varied programme.

By taking the decision last year to re-name our group 'St Michaels Men's Group' we have again been able to attract members from both inside the Church community and also from a slightly wider field, thus providing a social outlet to some men who might otherwise not benefit from such an arrangement.

At our AGM this year Ted Hopkins, who had served as a committee member since the formation of the group, decided to step down. The group is greatly indebted to Ted for his great dedication over the years in his various roles. We now welcome Colin Wilson to the committee as Bookings Secretary.

It was brought to our attention that the Church car park is in need of some maintenance so we felt it prudent to retain funds in order to be able to donate to this project when the time comes.

Following our usual summer break, we met for our social gathering in September, when Alan Taylor gave us an interesting talk on 'Local Characters' we also at this meeting welcomed existing and new members. We then enjoyed the remainder of the year, greatly encouraged by the presence and enthusiasm of our growing membership. Thus, our year came to a close again with a very enjoyable Christmas meal in the Village Hall when Lynn Smith and her friend Sheena provided an excellent meal, bringing the year to a pleasant close.

Stan Pickles
Treasurer

7 FINANCE REVIEW

7.1 CHURCH INVESTMENTS & HSBC CURRENT ACCOUNT

The details of the status of each Restricted fund in these accounts, under the control and guidance of the Trustees, the PCC Hoole Parish Church, can be found in the financial section 9.3 on page 18 of 21.

United Trust Bank (UTB) 100 Day Notice Savings Account: This account has provided a rate of interest of 4.30% throughout the year – it is due to be reduced to 4.10% in March 2025.

We have increased its balance by moving money from individual restricted funds held in the current account to the savings account. This has increased the balance quite significantly resulting in a higher return of interest than in 2023. The Church General Fund does not have any savings in this account.

HSBC Current Account: The current account contains the ready access cashflow for each of our funds and does not earn any interest. There are 6 Funds in this current account consisting of 5 restricted funds and 1 general church fund.

The Restricted Funds

It is the responsibility of the PCC to ensure that all restricted funds are used for the purpose for which donations were given. This is a specific legal requirement that is actioned by the treasurers and monitored by the Trustees of the Church.

Amalgamation of Funds

You will recall that the amalgamation of the Friends Funds into one bank account was completed in 2023. In 2024 it was decided to rename "The Friends of St Michaels" to the "Buildings, Fabric & Churchyard Fund", expanding its remit to include all within the curtilage of the church grounds. The change in title gave the purpose of the fund more clarity – this was at the recommendation of the Diocese and approved by the PCC in July 2024.

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Usage of Church Funds – General & Restricted:

- ❖ **The PCC Church General Fund** is responsible for paying for all that is required to provide our normal pattern of weekly worship, pastoral care and visits, outreach and mission, donations to charity, visiting ministers during a vacancy, the Rector's stipendiary when he/she is installed via the Parish Share and the wages of our staff - to name the main categories.
- ❖ **The Flower Fund** covers the cost of decorating the church from donations received and revenue earned from weddings.
- ❖ **The Children & Young People's (CYP) Work Fund** covers the cost of the crafts, hall hire, food and anything else that may be required to provide a Family Church or a Pizza & Praise service or similar.
- ❖ **The CYP Minister's Fund** is currently held in reserve until a new Rector is appointed. When this occurs, it is planned that this fund will be used to pay the wages of our CYP Minister. Donations have been given to this Fund specifically for this purpose.
- ❖ **The Buildings, Fabric & Churchyard (BFC) Fund** was formerly known as "The Friends of St Michael's" and is responsible for the upkeep of our Grade II* listed Church and all within its curtilage. This includes insurance, utilities and repair and maintenance.
- ❖ **The Platinum Jubilee Lodge Fund** was a special appeal that started in 2021. The appeal is at an end because the project was completed in 2022, but there is still a small amount of funds left which will be spent on lodge fixtures & fittings during 2025 when the fund is then expected to close.

7.2 SOURCES OF DONATIONS & REVENUE

Church Donations:

- ❖ Commitments by individuals to donate by "Planned Giving" via Standing Order or Regular Envelope
- ❖ Collections at all types of services (Sundays, Weddings, Funerals, Baptisms and more).
- ❖ Donations in memory after a funeral
- ❖ Legacies – some restricted, some general
- ❖ Regular Donations to funds
- ❖ One off donations in support of specific projects or restricted funds

Church Revenue:

- ❖ PCC Fees earned at Weddings, Funerals and Churchyard Memorials
- ❖ Fundraising via regular, special or social events
- ❖ Grants for projects

Giving in Grace Stewardship Campaign

Revs Ann & Peter Templeman announced in the Spring of 2024 that they intended to retire in September. We were subsequently advised by the Diocese that it was highly unlikely that we would benefit from another self-supporting minister and would need to get prepared to pay for the services of any future minister. It was pointed out to us that our planned giving per person per week was very low compared to other churches within our own Deanery and indeed the Diocese. This came as quite a shock to the PCC. On the back of that, we launched our Giving in Grace Campaign in May 2024 following the Diocesan model. We appealed via social media, newsletter, magazine and personal letters throughout our membership and the local community. The response, the generosity and the continued support we receive is highly prized and we could not survive without you.

As a result of that campaign, we are now confident we can afford a half-time stipendiary Minister which is paid via the Parish Share. The Diocese cover the rest of his/her salary, pension, benefits, training and support.

The Growth of our Planned Giving

This is how we improved our planned giving using the "per person per week" average calculation:

2022	2023	2024	2025 (projection)
£6.37	£7.27	£8.84	£9.50

Although this is a brilliant result, we are still well below the Leyland Deanery average of planned giving which for 2022 was £14.01 per person per week. So perhaps we need to be prepared for further stewardship in 2026?

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7.3 THE PARISH SHARE

The Parish Share for 2024 was £34,558 - This was met in full which we achieve year on year.

The Parish Share requested for 2025 is £34,335

This is the lowest parish share we will ever pay because when our new Rector is installed, it will increase by approx. £20k. Exact figures are not known as that is dependent on when the new Rector is installed.

For further details on the breakdown and calculations for parish share, please refer to the Diocesan website at www.blackburn.angican.org

7.4 GRANTS, LEGACIES and OTHER DONATIONS

We cannot list all the donations here, but every penny is gratefully received and our thanks go to ALL who have donated to church by whatever means and for whatever reason. This is always very much appreciated.

Church General Fund	Private Donations	£1,000
Platinum Jubilee Lodge	Private Donations	£2,500
CYP Work Fund	Private Donations	£1,500
CYP Minister's Fund	Private Donations	£16,000
BFC Fund	Grants	£1,004
	Private Donation	£4,000

7.5 THE PLATINUM JUBILEE LODGE – SPECIAL APPEAL 2021-2024

The Lodge has been fully operational for 2 years now and is in regular use by the PCC, Sunday School, Little Angels, Bible Study, Alpha Course, Social Gatherings, Bereavement Group and more. It has been an extremely beneficial and worthwhile investment which can be viewed as Rev Ann Templeman's legacy to our church.

Although this special appeal is almost finished, the lodge is still benefiting from the skills and expertise freely given by our church members and community in continuing to improve its facilities. Most especially and recently; easier access and egress for both the fit and the less mobile. These improvements are ongoing with further plans for 2025.

Within this brief summary are hidden details of the many private individuals who have donated most generously with their time, effort, skills and money and for this we thank you most sincerely.

7.6 CHARITABLE GIVING BY THE CHURCH & AFFILIATED CHURCH GROUPS

The charitable giving from the PCC via the Church General Fund was approximately 4% of the gross accountable income which is the same as 2023.

Authorised by the PCC	Connection or Reason for Donation	Amount	From Church Affiliated Groups	Amount
FOMO	Regular recipient - locally controlled charity	£500.00	Ladies Group:	
Okorom Village St Michaels	Regular recipient - our namesake church	£500.00	RSPCA	£20.00
Churches Together, Penwortham	Regular Recipient - local foodbank	£500.00	Rainbow Trust	£524.00
SHARE	In memory of Rev Steven Hughes	£500.00	Derian House	£50.00
FOMO	Hunger Lunch - Good Friday	£105.00	St Catherine's Hospice	£50.00
Churches Together, Penwortham	Harvest Service Collation - Local Foodbank	£250.00	Uniformed Groups of Hoole	£50.00
Royal British Legion	Remembrance Day Service Collection	£477.54	The Venue - Much Hoole Village Hall	£50.00
**Rainbow Trust	Carol Service Collectin 50/50 split	£200.00		
Derian House Children's Hospice	Carol Service Collectin 50/50 split	£200.00		
		£3,232.54		£744.00
** Delayed payment until 2025				

In November 2024 the PCC reviewed its commitment to charitable giving. Our giving is reviewed annually, usually in the Spring, therefore the recipients can change each year or during the course of the year. The PCC is always open to suggestions about which charities our church should support.

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7.7 ST MICHAEL'S TIMES - THE CHURCH MAGAZINE

This is a non-profit-making endeavour to further the primary aims of our church: **"To Know Christ and Make Him Known"** and is an integral part of our outreach and mission within our parish and community.

We can report that the magazine was totally self-supporting in 2024 and produced a healthy surplus as below:

Receipts	Amount		Payments	Amount
Subscribers	£1,491.00		Printing	£2,348.60
Advertisements	£1,625.00		Editorial Costs	£248.00
Ad Hoc purchases	£777.00			
	£3,893.00			£2,596.60
Profit & Loss Summary:			Receipts	£3,893.00
			Payments	£2,596.60
			Surplus or Deficit	£1,296.40

Grateful thanks go to our Editor, Jeanette Calderbank for her continued hard work and input in collating our magazine. Grateful thanks also go to the loyal support of our subscribers, advertisers, volunteer distributors and the dedicated production team, together with a great deal of invaluable work going on in the background.

7.8 VOLUNTEERS

On behalf of the PCC and Joint Treasurers, grateful thanks go to all those who contribute to the financial administration of the church with especial thanks to our independent examiner Adam Calvert of Rushtons, Chartered Accountants, Preston who have once again provided their services and advice free of charge.

7.9 LOOKING FORWARD to 2025

2024 was another challenging year, particularly our Giving in Grace campaign, raising funds to increase the planned giving in order to be able to advertise for and fund a half time stipendiary Minister.

At the time of writing this report we are nearing the end of the first quarter of 2025 and the good news is:

- ❖ Planned Giving, as a result of the Giving in Grace campaign, has surpassed its original projections at the end of 2024 and if nothing changes, projections for 2025 should remain on track.
- ❖ The Gift Aid from all fund donations is increasing year on year – the projections for 2025 can be found in Section 9.5 (Other Monetary Assets) on page 20 of 21.
- ❖ The Church General Fund has shown a significant deficit for 2024. Refer to Section 9.1 page 15 of 21. This was due to the necessary movement of monies from this fund to restricted funds (Code 99) and a double claim for expenses from the Rector (a late submission for 2023 and the final submission in November 2024 (Code 21a) thus creating this temporary deficit. At the time of writing this report in early 2025 that deficit no longer existed and this fund was in surplus; growing month on month.
- ❖ We have set aside 2 years wages in the CYP Minister's Fund to be utilised when a new Rector is appointed, thus releasing further cashflow funds for use in the General Church Fund.

What Can YOU Do?

Keep supporting your church and its PCC in any way you can to reduce our running costs and increase our revenue by taking part in the fund raising and social events, offering your skills for all those jobs that need doing and last but not least, keep reviewing your planned giving. **This is so essential.** If a year or more has passed since you last considered your planned giving, now is perhaps the time to review?

Barbara Wood & Andy Smith
Joint Treasurers

8 RESERVES POLICY 2025

Church General Fund

In accordance with recommendations in the Guide to Parish Reserves Policies, this document sets out the **AIMS** of the PCC to build up a reserve equivalent an average 3 months outgoings from this fund covering the following:

- Church Running Costs
- Rectory & Rector (when in situ)
- Wages
- Parish Share

The average projected outgoings over 3 months for the forthcoming year are **£15,000**

Buildings, Fabric & Churchyard Fund

As recommended in the guidelines referred to above, we have a restricted fund (formerly known as The Friends of St Michael's Church) which clearly identifies its purpose.

Our Church is a Grade II* listed building which requires responsible maintenance and repair work to keep the buildings, the churchyard and all within its curtilage in good order.

The following maintenance payments are routinely covered by this fund:

- Utilities and Insurance
- Repairs & maintenance
- Servicing of Fixtures & Fittings

The following areas have been identified as planned expenditure in the near future (2025):

- Carillon Bells
- Church Porch Re-pointing

The following areas have been identified as projected expenditure in the foreseeable future:

- Drainage problems around the church building and in the churchyard
- The Church heating system
- The Car Park and Churchyard Access

The regular and planned expenditure from this fund meets the criteria of its usage and is the primary source of funding to cover those costs. As a Restricted Fund – No Reserve Applies.

Summary

The General Church Fund does not have any reserves but the PCC will continue to work towards achieving our stated goal in order to meet our aims of Mission and Outreach and to grow our membership in all age groups in faith and commitment.

Policy Review:

The next review is scheduled for early 2026 or when a change in circumstances dictate.

**Authorised by The PCC of Hoole Parish Church
at the PCC Meeting held on the 17th March 2025**

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9 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

9.1 PCC HOOLE PARISH CHURCH INVESTMENTS & CURRENT ACCOUNT

The Church General Fund

CHURCH GENERAL FUND - RECEIPTS			2024	2023
Code	Voluntary Donations:			
1	1a & 1b - Planned Giving	Gift Aided	£28,706.50	£22,072.70
2	2a & 2b -Planned Giving	Not Gift Aided	£10,161.50	£3,617.00
3	Collections at All Types of Services:			
	3a - Sundays/Weddings/Funerals/Baptisms etc	Gift Aided	£2,599.00	£3,582.73
	3b - Sundays/Weddings/Funerals/Baptisms etc	Not Gift Aided	£4,374.36	£5,016.82
	3c - Card Donations	Gift Aided	£0.00	£64.93
	3d - Card Donations	Not Gift Aided	£57.03	£148.88
4	Donations Given Outside of Services - Recurring:			
	4a - Donations that are likely to repeat	Gift Aided	£0.00	£0.00
	4b - Donations that are likely to repeat	Not Gift Aided	£0.00	£111.30
5	Donations Given Outside of Services - Non-recurring:			
	5a - Ad hoc or one-off donations	Gift Aided	£1,788.00	£2,705.00
	5b - Ad hoc or one-off donations	Not Gift Aided	£1,892.63	£724.21
6	Income Tax Recovered (Gift Aid & GASDS)		£8,543.67	£8,420.59
7	Legacies		£0.00	£0.00
8	Grants		£0.00	£0.00
9	Activities for Generating Funds (Fund Raising)		£1,564.55	£1,072.80
10	Dividends and Interest (Current A/C only)		£0.00	£0.00
11	Church Activities (Income from Weddings & Funerals mainly)			
	11b - Fees Retained by the PCC		£6,255.00	£10,206.00
	11c - Fees: Organist/Verger/Visiting Ministers/Projectionist		£2,417.90	£2,233.30
12	Income from Trading & Other Activities			
	12a - Magazine Subscriptions		£1,491.00	£1,351.56
	12b - Magazine Advertisements		£1,625.00	£1,040.00
	12c - Ad Hoc Bookstall Sales & Donations Box		£777.00	£470.11
	12d - Lodge Revenue form Hiring		£0.00	£0.00
13	Other Incoming Resources		£498.94	£662.46
	Total Receipts		£72,752.08	£63,500.39
CHURCH GENERAL FUND - PAYMENTS			2024	2023
17	Costs of Generating Funds (Fund Raising Costs)		£570.24	£285.86
18	Mission Giving/Donations to Charities		£3,032.54	£2,652.00
19	Diocesan Parish Share		£34,600.00	£28,853.00
20	Salaries, Wages and Honoraria		£14,724.50	£16,643.54
21	Expenses of Clergy & Staff:			
	21a - Rector		£12,665.70	£6,259.58
	21b - Rectory Expenses & Utilities		£3,009.60	£3,014.81
	21c - Lay Reader, Pastoral, PCC Members		£58.27	£0.00
22	Mission and Evangelism Projects		£1,779.97	£1,775.58
23	Church Running Expenses:			
	23a - Service Needs, Consumables & Equipment		£3,318.70	£3,938.67
	23b - Bank Charges		£191.54	£179.01
24	Church Utilities (Mainly paid from Friends)		£196.79	£0.00
25	Costs of Trading:			
	Magazine Costs & Lodge Running Costs & Minor Maintenance		£2,596.60	£2,116.94
26	Governance Costs		£229.31	£300.68
27	Major Repairs & Redecoration to Church		£0.00	£0.00
28	Major Repairs to Hall & Other PCC Property		£0.00	£0.00
29	New Building Work		£0.00	£0.00
99	Other Outgoing Resources		£4,515.43	£34.00
	Total Payments		£81,489.19	£66,053.67
	Surplus/Deficit of Receipts over Payments		-£8,737.11	-£2,553.28

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The Buildings, Fabric & Churchyard (BFC) Fund

THE BUILDINGS, FABRIC & CHURCHYARD FUND - RESTRICTED RECEIPTS			2024	2023
<i>(Formerly Known as The Friends of St Michael)</i>				
4	Donations Given Outside of Services - Recurring			
	4a - Annual & Monthly Donations	Gift Aided	£1,574.00	£2,029.00
	4b - Annual & Monthly Donations	Not Gift Aided	£175.00	£75.00
	Churchyard (amalgamated with Friends Fund 2023)	Gift Aided	£0.00	£0.00
5	Donations Given Outside of Services - Non-Recurring			
	5a - Ad hoc or one off donations	Gift Aided	£4,000.00	£0.00
	5b - Ad hoc or one off donations	Not Gift Aided	£0.00	£230.00
6	Income Tax Recovered via Gift Aid & GASDS		£555.75	£918.95
7	Legacies		£0.00	£0.00
8	Grants		£1,004.00	£4.00
9	Activities for Generating Funds (Fund Raising)		£0.00	£0.00
13	Other Incoming Resources:		£0.00	£3,702.29
	Total Receipts		£7,308.75	£6,959.24
THE BUILDINGS, FABRIC & CHURCHYARD FUND - RESTRICTED PAYMENTS			2024	2023
<i>(Formerly Known as The Friends of St Michael)</i>				
17	Costs of Generating Funds (Fund Raising Costs)		£0.00	£0.00
21	Expenses of Clergy & Staff		£0.00	£0.00
22	Mission and Evangelism Projects		£0.00	£0.00
23	Church Running Expenses:			
	23a - Church Maintenance & Minor Repairs		£3,272.74	£3,546.83
24	Church Utilities		£3,194.29	£4,095.57
25	Costs of Trading		£0.00	£0.00
27	Major Repairs & Redecoration to Church		£0.00	£0.00
28	Major Repairs to Hall & Other PCC Property		£0.00	£0.00
29	New Building Work		£0.00	£0.00
99	Other Outgoing Resources:		£0.00	£0.00
	Total Payments		£6,467.03	£7,642.40
	Surplus/Deficit of Receipts over Payments		£841.72	-£683.16

The Flower Fund

FLOWER FUND - RESTRICTED RECEIPTS			2024	2023
4	Donations Given Outside of Services - Recurring:			
	4a - Donations that are likely to repeat	Gift Aided	£250.00	£369.32
	4b - Donations that are likely to repeat	Not Gift Aided	£365.00	£306.00
5	Donations Given Outside of Services - Non-recurring:			
	5a - Ad hoc or one-off donations	Gift Aided	£25.00	£30.00
	5b - Ad hoc or one-off donations	Not Gift Aided	£434.66	£70.00
6	Income Tax Recovered via Gift Aid & GASDS		£100.00	£369.47
7	Legacies		£0.00	£0.00
8	Grants		£0.00	£0.00
9	Activities for Generating Funds (Fund Raising)		£860.00	£0.00
13	Other Incoming Resources		£4.80	£0.00
	Total Receipts		£2,039.46	£1,144.79
FLOWER FUND - RESTRICTED PAYMENTS			2024	2023
17	Costs of Generating Funds (Fund Raising Costs)			
	Mainly from Weddings		£782.24	£0.00
23	Church Running Expenses			
	23a - Provision of flowers, plants and related equipment		£930.22	£608.06
99	Other Outgoing Resources		£0.00	£0.00
	Total Payments		£1,712.46	£608.06
	Surplus/Deficit of Receipts over Payments		£327.00	£536.73

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The Children & Young Persons (CYP) Work Fund

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLES WORK FUND - RESTRICTED RECEIPTS			2024	2023
<i>(formerly known as Youth Work Fund)</i>				
3	Collections at all Types of Services:			
	3a - Family Church (amalgamated with Youth Fund 2023)	Gift Aided	£39.30	£18.00
	3b - Family Church (amalgamated with Youth Fund 2023)	Not Gift Aided	£464.61	£110.49
	3c - Family Church Card Donations	Gift Aided	£0.00	£4.92
	3d - Family Church Card Donations	Not Gift Aided	£10.82	£4.92
4	Donations Given Outside of Services - Recurring:			
	4a - Donations that are likely to repeat	Gift Aided	£0.00	£5,410.00
	4b - Donations that are likely to repeat	Not Gift Aided	£0.00	£400.00
5	Donations Given Outside of Services - Non-recurring:			
	5a - Ad hoc or one-off donations	Gift Aided	£0.00	£3,097.50
	5b - Ad hoc or one-off donations - mainly Little Angels	Not Gift Aided	£1,659.08	£794.48
6	Income Tax Recovered via Gift Aid & GASDS		£805.00	£0.00
7	Legacies		£0.00	£0.00
8	Grants		£0.00	£1,103.00
9	Activities for Generating Funds (Fund Raising)		£0.00	£4,578.53
13	Other Incoming Resources			
	Mainly Revenue from Little Angels		£712.60	£0.00
	Total Receipts		£3,691.41	£15,521.84
CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLES WORK FUND - RESTRICTED PAYMENTS			2024	2023
17	Costs of Generating Funds (Fund Raising Costs):		£0.00	£2,920.69
21	Expenses of Clergy & Staff:			
	Mainly Youth Worker & Little Angels Volunteers		£175.06	£188.99
22	Mission and Evangelism Projects		£0.00	£851.48
23	Church Running Expenses:			
	23a - Sunday School/Family Church/Little Angels/P&P		£1,982.73	£1,175.12
25	Costs of Trading		£0.00	£0.00
26	Governance Costs			
	Training Courses relating to Youth Work		£0.00	£0.00
99	Other Outgoing Resources		£5,655.00	£0.00
	Total Payments		£7,812.79	£5,136.28
	Surplus/Deficit of Receipts over Payments		-£4,121.38	£10,385.56

The Children & Young Persons (CYP) Minister's Fund

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S MINISTER'S FUND - RESTRICTED RECEIPTS			2024	2023
<i>(Newly Created in 2024 using funds from Youth Fund donated to pay CYP Wages only)</i>				
4	Donations Given Outside of Services - Recurring:			
	4a - Donations that are likely to repeat	Gift Aided	£6,360.00	£0.00
	4b - Donations that are likely to repeat	Not Gift Aided	£0.00	£0.00
5	Donations Given Outside of Services - Non-recurring:			
	5a - Ad hoc or one-off donations	Gift Aided	£4,985.00	£0.00
	5b - Ad hoc or one-off donations - mainly Little Angels	Not Gift Aided	£5,610.00	£0.00
6	Income Tax Recovered via Gift Aid & GASDS		£1,340.00	£0.00
7	Legacies		£0.00	£0.00
8	Grants		£0.00	£0.00
9	Activities for Generating Funds (Fund Raising)		£0.00	£0.00
13	Other Incoming Resources		£0.00	£0.00
	Total Receipts		£18,295.00	£0.00
CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S MINISTER'S FUND - RESTRICTED PAYMENTS			2024	2023
20	Salaries, Wages & Honoraria		£0.00	£0.00
	Total Payments		£0.00	£0.00
	Surplus/Deficit of Receipts over Payments		£18,295.00	

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The Platinum Jubilee Lodge Fund

PLATINUM JUBILEE LODGE - RESTRICTED RECEIPTS			2024	2023
5	Donations Given Outside of Services - Non-recurring:			
	5a Ad hoc or one off donations - special appeal	Gift Aided	£215.00	£2,100.00
	5b Ad hoc or one off donations - special appeal	Not Gift Aided	£2,515.10	£200.00
6	Income Tax Recovered via Gift Aid & GASDS		£1,066.25	£1,800.97
7	Legacies		£0.00	£0.00
8	Grants		£0.00	
	New Progress Housing		£0.00	£200.50
9	Activities for Generating Funds (Fund Raising)		£0.00	£0.00
13	Other Incoming Resources		£0.00	£0.00
	Total Receipts		£3,796.35	£4,301.47
PLATINUM JUBILEE LODGE - RESTRICTED PAYMENTS			2024	2023
17	Costs of Generating Funds (Fund Raising Costs):		£0.00	£0.00
23	Church Running Expenses:		£0.00	£0.00
	Mainly Fixtures & Fittings		£715.41	£174.96
29	New Building Work (Platinum Jubilee Lodge)		£0.00	£6,000.00
99	Other Outgoing Resources		£0.00	£0.00
	Total Payments		£715.41	£6,174.96
	Surplus/Deficit of Receipts over Payments		£3,080.94	-£1,873.49

9.2 SUMMARY OF PCC HOOLE PARISH CHURCH ACCOUNTS

OPENING & CLOSING BALANCES FOR CURRENT & SAVINGS ACCOUNTS			2024	2023
Opening Balances - PCC Hoole Parish Church Accounts as at 1st January:				
	HSBC Current Account	£8,455.23	£25,390.87	
	United Trust Bank - 100 Day Notice Account	£27,954.12	£5,475.85	
			£36,409.35	£30,866.72
Closing Balances - PCC Hoole Parish Church Accounts as at 31st December:				
	HSBC Current Account	£6,147.35	£8,455.23	
	United Trust Bank - 100 Day Notice Account	£40,000.00	£27,475.85	
	100 Day Notice Account Interest	£1,236.24	£478.27	
			£47,383.59	£36,409.35

9.3 RESTRICTED FUNDS

RUNNING TOTAL FOR RESTRICTED FUNDS (Surplus or Deficit)	B/Fwd from 2023	2024 Receipts	2024 Payments	C/Fwd to 2025
BFC Fund	£19,414.85	£7,308.75	£6,467.03	£20,256.57
Flower Fund	£1,279.74	£2,039.46	£1,712.46	£1,606.74
Platinum Jubilee Lodge Fund	-£2,852.68	£3,796.35	£715.41	£228.26
CYP Work Fund	£9,212.48	£3,691.41	£7,812.79	£5,091.10
CYP Minister Fund	£0.00	£18,295.00	£0.00	£18,295.00

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9.4 AFFILIATED CHURCH GROUPS

Hoole St Michael Ladies' Group

HOOLE ST. MICHAEL'S LADIES GROUP		2024	2023
Receipts			
Subscriptions	£425.00	£390.00	
Collections at Meetings	£139.60	£126.50	
Fund Raising	£1,509.95	£1,424.92	
Donations	£0.00	£10.00	
Social and Trip Income	£0.00	£0.00	
Total Receipts		£2,074.55	£1,951.42
Payments			
Flowers & Gifts	£84.38	£247.50	
Meeting Expenses	£370.00	£275.00	
Fund Raising	£15.00	£0.00	
Donations	£944.00	£2,207.00	
Social Events	£0.00	£0.00	
Stationery & Sundry Expenses	£0.00	£11.48	
Village & School Hall Hire	£180.00	£270.00	
Total Payments		£1,593.38	£3,010.98
Opening Balances as at 1st January			
Cash in Hand	£131.00	£80.56	
Santander Current Account	£44.57	£1,154.57	
		£175.57	£1,235.13
Closing Balances as at 31st December			
Cash in Hand	£80.17	£131.00	
Santander Current Account	£576.57	£44.57	
		£656.74	£175.57
Surplus/Deficit of Receipts over Payments		£481.17	-£1,059.56

Hoole St Michael Men's Group

HOOLE ST. MICHAEL'S MEN'S GROUP		2024	2023
Receipts			
Subscriptions	£230.00	£210.00	
Donations	£146.00	£153.60	
Raffle proceeds	£50.00	£55.00	
Total Receipts		£426.00	£418.60
Payments			
Stationery & Sundries	£6.86	£13.58	
Speakers	£260.00	£210.00	
Village Hall Hire	£120.00	£0.00	
Donations	£0.00	£0.00	
Bank Charges	£0.00	£0.00	
Miscellaneous	£0.00	£3.00	
Total Payments		£386.86	£226.58
Opening Balances as at 1st January			
Cash in Hand	£583.05	£311.03	
Bank Account	£239.77	£319.77	
		£822.82	£630.80
Closing Balances as at 31st December			
Cash in Hand	£462.19	£583.05	
Bank Account	£399.77	£239.77	
		£861.96	£822.82
Surplus/Deficit of Receipts over Payments		£39.14	£192.02

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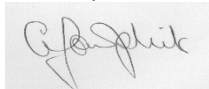
9.5 STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES

<u>STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES</u>		2024	2023
<u>Summary of All Monetary Assets as at Year End</u>			
PCC Hoole Parish Church Current Account		£6,147.35	£8,455.23
PCC Hoole Parish Church Savings Account		£41,236.24	£27,954.12
Hoole St Michael's Ladies Group		£656.74	£175.57
Hoole St Michael's Men's Group		£861.96	£822.82
Total Monetary Assets		£48,902.29	£37,407.74
<u>Other Monetary Assets - Money Owed to the Church by Others</u>		2024	2023
<u>Invoices:</u>			
Funeral & Monument Fees		£0.00	£0.00
Visiting Ministers' Vacancy Claim		£369.00	£0.00
<u>HMRC - Gift Aid & GASDS Projections:</u>			
Church General Fund		£10,000.00	£8,749.00
BFC Fund (previously known as "The Friends")		£1,115.00	£556.00
Flower Fund		£128.00	£100.00
CYP Work Fund (previously known as the Youth Work Fund)		£103.00	£2,127.00
CYP Ministers Fund (created in 2024 from the Youth Work Fund)		£2,269.00	£0.00
Platinum Jubilee Lodge Fund - Special Appeal		£43.00	£513.00
Total Debtors		£14,027.00	£12,045.00
<u>Monetary Liabilities - Money Owed by the Church to Others</u>		2024	2023
<u>Church General Fund:</u>			
Bank Charges - December		£16.84	£15.00
Rectory Utilities - December		£344.90	£390.00
Rainbow Hub Charity Donation o/s from Carol Service		£200.00	£0.00
Wages & Expenses		£113.30	£5,773.00
Euro Digital		£4.00	£0.00
<u>Restricted Funds:</u>			
BFC - Utilities		£184.31	£267.00
<u>Affiliated Groups</u>			
Ladies Group		£0.00	£0.00
Mens Group		£0.00	£0.00
Total Creditors		£863.35	£6,445.00
<u>Monetary Assets - Money Paid in Advance by the Church</u>		2024	2023
Clock Service 3 Yr Contract (2022-2025)		£192.40	£384.80
<u>Liabilities - Money Received in Advance by the Church</u>			
None		£0.00	£0.00
<u>Other Assets</u>		2024	2023
2000 Safe (Vestry)	Church	£240.00	£240.00
2005 Audio Loop System	BFC	£2,168.00	£2,168.00
2012 Security Container (Churchyard)	BFC	£750.00	£750.00
2018 Commemorative Vase (Church)	Ladies Group	£567.00	£567.00
2018 Memorial Bench (Churchyard)	Ladies Group	£418.00	£418.00
2018 Tables (Lodge)	Social Group	£528.00	£528.00
2020 Audio Loop System Upgrade (Church)	Church	£185.00	£185.00
2020 Audio Outdoor Sound System/Tripod/Ext Lead	Church	£470.00	£470.00
2020 CCTV System (Churchyard & Car Park)	BFC	£3,420.00	£3,420.00
2020 Projector Screen & Recording System	Church	£4,200.00	£4,200.00
2022 Casio Keyboard (Lodge)	Donated	£250.00	£250.00
2022 Chairs (Lodge)	Donated	£1,334.00	£1,334.00
2022 Outdoor Lighting (Churchyard & Car Park)	BFC	£150.00	£150.00
2022 TV (Lodge)	Lodge	£400.00	£400.00
2022 Wi fi Equipment (Church & Lodge)	Church	£239.00	£239.00
2023 Audio CD Player with bluetooth (Church)	Church	£338.00	£338.00
2023 Audio Sound System (Six Channel Amplifier) (Church)	Church	£300.00	£300.00
2023 Laptop (replaced 2023) - (Church & Rectory)	Church	£490.00	£490.00
2023 Memorial Bench (Churchyard)	Donated	£130.00	£130.00
2023 Storage Box (Lodge)	CYP Fund	£165.00	£165.00
2024 Memorial Bench (Churchyard)	Donated	£320.00	£0.00
Total Other Assets		£17,062.00	£16,742.00

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The Annual Report & Accounts 2024 were accepted by the Parochial Church Council and signed on their behalf by Jane Elphick – PPC Chair and Churchwarden:



Signed

Dated 10th April 2025

10 INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.



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Date: 11 April 2025