

St James' Birkdale

"A place to belong"



Annual Report of the PCC and Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31st December 2024

Charity Registration No - 1127793

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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For the period from 1 January 2024 until to the date of approval of this report, the following people served as members of the Parochial Church Council:

Minister Rev Sam Johnson

Churchwardens Mrs Jane Ludlow
Mr Michael Lowcock and PCC Vice Chair from April 2024

Deanery Synod representatives:

Mrs Sue Barnes
Mrs Jane Ludlow
Mr Michael Lowcock from April 2024
Mr Allan Salisbury from April 2024

Elected members: Mr George Ampat
Mr Howard Bennett
Mrs Liz Downham until April 2024
Dr Peter Downham until April 2024
Mrs Helen Foster
Dr Jonathan Fox PCC vice chair until April 2024
Mr Brian P Jackson Treasurer from April 2024
Mrs Dianne Harrison
Mr Michael Harrison
Mr Paul Lacey until April 2024
Mr Chris Nelson from April 2024
Mr David Roberts until April 2024
Mr Allan Salisbury
Mrs Sandra Unsworth from April 2024
Mrs Carol Williams from April 2024
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The PCC Secretary is Mrs Judith Lawrence

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St James' Birkdale (PCC) is a body corporate and operates under the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956 and the Church Representation Rules. The PCC is a charity registered with the Charity Commission; Charity number 1127793.

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

All PCC members and others in positions of leadership have completed declarations under the "Fit and Proper Persons Test" introduced by the Finance Act 2010.

The PCC met six times with an average attendance of 71% and a short meeting immediately following the APCM on Sunday, 14th April, at which there was the required quorum. The PCC also met with St Peter's PCC for an away day on 6th July at Christ Church Aughton.

Day to day management control is exercised on its behalf by a Standing Committee which would normally meet six times a year. Its members are the Vicar, 2 Churchwardens, 3 Deputy Wardens (currently Jonathan Fox, Sandra Unsworth and Chris Nelson), and the Treasurer. The parish administrator also attends meeting. Apart from this our preference is to form subject-specific, time-limited project groups as the need arises, which focus on the appraisal and implementation of growth initiatives as directed by PCC.

Risk Assessments

PCC members have identified the major risks with procedures put in place to manage those risks and minimise their impact on the life of the church, as detailed below. The risk assessments are reviewed annually by the PCC and were externally reviewed by our insurers during a visit in February 2019. A desktop survey was conducted by the insurer's Risk Management Surveyor, over the telephone in November 2024

Health and Safety

A base review was undertaken in 2018 by a member of the church with specific experience in this field. The PCC has been apprised of the risks and the necessary compliance requirements and a comprehensive policy, incorporating a rolling programme of review, has been adopted. The most recent review of our Health and Safety Policy was carried out in February 2025.

Specific procedures for reporting accidents are in place, training in fire safety has been given and there is a pool of church members who possess appropriate first aid qualifications and experience.

Safeguarding

A list of Church Members active in the parish in either an official or voluntary capacity, with DBS clearance, is held online with our independent Safeguarding specialist "thirtyoneeight". As and when required, the Church Wardens and PCC have requested information and guidance on general Safeguarding matters from the Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) and these have been responded to via updates to the PCC meetings. One specific Safeguarding matter was brought to the attention of the Vicar, PSO and Church Wardens during this time and, in consultation with the Diocesan Safeguarding Team, has been addressed.

Throughout the year PCC members have been encouraged to complete safeguarding training which is accessible online.

GDPR

The PCC complies fully with the GDPR requirements and has in place an approved policy in line with Church of England recommendations.

Financial risk

An annual budget is prepared to ensure short term viability. Actual financial results compared with budget are reported and fully reviewed at each meeting of the PCC and its Standing Committee.

Charity Commission guidelines on Internal Financial Controls have been fully reviewed. A set of controls appropriate to St James' were developed and adopted by the PCC at its January meeting 2011. These were reviewed annually 2017 through to 2020, and then in 2022 and 2023. The next formal review will be 2025.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims.

The general functions of the PCC are stated within the PCC (Powers) Measure 1956. The PCC takes very seriously its responsibility of promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical.

We continue to hold that St James' church should be 'A place to belong'; for all ages, just as you are.

In 2024 the PCC worked on, and subsequently approved, the adoption of a new vision for us and St Peter's church together to develop and put into practice. The vision was introduced to the congregation through a Vision Sunday, Vision document and the PCC meetings have been restructured around the five headings of the vision. In time it is anticipated that smaller groups will form to help implement the vision, with named individuals taking responsibility for particular areas.

The vision is to:

Rooted in Prayer, Worship and Scripture – For all our common and private lives to be prayerful in their approach, Biblical in their ministry and passionate in their Worship

Seeking the Kingdom – We want to see God's kingdom grow, introducing people in the community to faith and being a visible presence in the community

Serving Together – We want to work closely with St Peter's, St John's and other churches in the area to serve Birkdale together.

Growing Faith – We want those who are part of St James' church to have the space and resources to develop and grow their own faith. As well as creating opportunities for those who are on the 'fringes' of the community to find their place.

Loving Birkdale – We want to demonstrate God's love to our community, loving them by partnering with others to help every person in Birkdale to flourish and enjoy life in all its fullness.

When planning its activities for the year, the PCC considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and the specific guidance to charities concerned with the advancement of religion.

Our objectives in 2024 were to continue to provide the following public benefits:

To love the Lord our God and be open to Him through

- Regular public worship to all
- The provision of a sacred place for personal prayer and contemplation at key events and during times of national or local significance or crisis.

To love our neighbours and be open to them through

- Pastoral work, which has included visiting the housebound, sick and bereaved
- Teaching of Christianity through sermons in Church and online
- The continuing teaching of Christianity in small groups and courses
- Supporting other charities locally, nationwide, and overseas

During 2024 we:

- Continued to engage with ways of working closely with St Peter's and St John's Birkdale, including regular prayer meetings with these and other local churches and joint courses and events.
- Provided significant financial support to 4 national and international charities, helping them reach out to disadvantaged individuals and communities, and to 3 local charities.
- Provided significant financial support to the Southport & Area Schools Worker Trust to enable them to continue delivering assemblies, lessons, presentations and extra-curricular clubs and activities.
- The mission and social group proactively explore opportunities for growth within the community.
- We have begun the process of exploring a chaplaincy service to the village community.

- In partnership with local charity Compassion Acts continued a weekly family space attended by a small but growing number of families.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Electoral Roll:

There are 161 names on the Electoral Roll (2023 - 163). We were sad to lose several long-standing members of the church who passed away during the year.

Worship:

Since his licensing in September 2023, as vicar to St James' (Incumbent) and St Peter's (Priest-in-charge) churches, Reverend Sam Johnson has continued to develop his ministry across the two churches and parishes.

We are very grateful for the continuing support of retired minister, Revd Paul Brody. We were also fortunate to have George Ampat, Jemima George, Peter Lawrence, Revd Angela Robinson, Allan Salisbury, and Joyce Salisbury on the preaching team and were most thankful for their support.

Our thanks go Jane Newby (GRSM, ARCO) who continues as our organist and to all who have given of their musical talents during the year.

Average adult attendance at our Sunday services in 2024 was 76 (2023 - 86), with the online streaming service attracting a further average of 7.

Through our website we have continued to offer recorded sermons to those who are unable to visit our services in person, where also the link to the Sunday live stream can be found.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. During 2024, four children were baptised in church. Bereavement care is a vital part of our ministry and there were eleven funerals held in church.

Appreciated by members of St James', St Peter's, and the local community, was an All Souls'/Bereavement service for those who had lost loved ones, held in 2024 at St Peter's.

On the 5th Sunday a combined service is held in rotation with St Peter's, St John's Birkdale and Liverpool Road Methodist Church with each church taking a turn to host.

Fellowship

During the week six 'home' groups, just under 60 church members met in homes or at church. These gatherings provide opportunity for study, teaching, and fellowship and for many are at the heart of what it means to belong.

The Mothers' Union branch continued to meet either at St James' or St Peter's.

Other events have included the following:

- monthly parish breakfast following the 8.15am service of Holy Communion
- refreshments served after the 9.45am service each week
- a games evening on the first Thursday each month
- the resumption of a monthly Sunday afternoon tea
- lunches out for men and ladies
- children's Light and Christmas Parties
- Christmas afternoon tea party
- mince pies and mulled wine after the carols by candlelight service

The PCC connects with the wider structures of the church through appointed members of North Meols Deanery Synod and Liverpool Diocesan Synod.

Pastoral Care and Service to our community

Our aim to take the church out into the community, offering communion to local nursing home residents and the housebound, continued in 2024. Carol singing took place in Birkdale village with representatives of the other Birkdale churches and carols were sung by a small group of church members in several care homes. For a third year we ran a children's nativity trail from a stall at the Birkdale Christmas Fair with St Peter's, St John's, and Liverpool Road Methodist churches.

Pastoral oversight and visiting of church members continued an informal basis through the network of friendships and home group membership.

Families' and Children's work

Although we do not have many children and families connecting with us on a regular basis, we are always pleased to welcome them for baptisms and other special services. A growing number of children are attending our monthly family services. We have a range of resources suitable for children and young people and a small group of people who make them available. Our prayer is that it will become possible to put more structured arrangements in place to ensure the spiritual needs of children are met when they are with us on Sundays.

The uniformed organizations continue to meet weekly during term time in the church hall and we like to welcome them to family services when they can attend. With our friends at Southport Area Schools Worker Trust (SASWT) we hope to build links with the local schools.

Mission links

The PCC aims to give to external charities not less than 10% of the planned giving it receives from church members and our Accounts for 2024 indicate a result in excess of this (10.3%). This is overseen by a Mission Support group which remained focused in 2024 on 5 main charities, Latin Link, Church Mission Society (CMS), Church Pastoral Aid Society (CPAS),

Tearfund and the Southport and Area Schools Worker Trust. Additionally, we sustained support of various local charities, including Light for Life, Southport Soup Kitchen, and Compassion Acts (Southport Foodbank) - these local charities are supported both financially or through donations made at Harvest, Christmas and throughout the year.

We continue to support paediatrician, Dr Nicci Maxwell in her work with CMS. In August 2024 she started work in Juba, the capital of South Sudan, dividing her time between ACROSS, a South Sudanese Christian organisation with a history of partnership with CMS, and the Al Sabah Children's Hospital in Juba. Her work includes caring for young children in a refugee settlement and treating neonatal babies and teaching newly qualified doctors in the hospital.

Our connection with Latin Link is through the daughter of one of our church members. Julie Noble works in Oruro, Bolivia, which includes working with children and families at the Angel Tree Centre.

In November we once again supported Samaritan's Purse, 'Operation Christmas Child' sending gift filled shoeboxes, loose hats, scarves, toothbrushes, sponges, and cash, all donated by members of the congregation.

Through payment of its Parish Share, this parish also contributes to the cost of mission and ministry in the many deprived areas which exist in the Liverpool Diocese.

Church buildings and fabric

We continue to invest time and energy in the maintenance of the church building. Any building of over 160 years requires a structured programme of maintenance and renewal. From the last quinquennial inspection in 2018, we were aware that remedial work was needed on some parts of the building. The main elements of these have been conducted under a phased programme of work. These included projects of conservation on the north transept roof, rainwater valleys and stonework; work to the south transept and vestry roofs; and extensive remedial works to all high-level windows.

The most recent quinquennial inspection was carried out towards the end of 2024. At the time of writing the architect's report is yet to be finalised.

Other fabric works undertaken during 2024 included various drainage repairs. A new electricity supply was laid into the church hall to enable a major refurbishment of the kitchen hall.

An electrical installation condition report (EICR) was prepared as is required every five years. As a result, a significant amount of remedial electrical repairs and re-wiring were carried out.

Through all these activities, the PCC confirm that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The accounts for 2024 show net outgoing in the year of £72.7k compared with net income of £38.3k in 2023. The church was grateful to receive a legacy of £5.0k in the year. During the review period the kitchen within the church hall received a major facelift costing £65.2k. The South Transept works started in 2023 were finished in 2024 at an additional cost of £4.4k.

Cash balances were £228k at year end compared with £303k at the end of 2023.

The church derives most of its income from giving by parish members, to whom it is grateful. The total unrestricted giving and donations in 2024, including Gift Aid recovered, was £129k, which included Gift Day receipts of £21.5k including Gift Aid recoverable. The giving in 2023 was £121k.

We continue to support Christian charities and relief agencies, both home and abroad (£15.9k) and paid our full Parish Share.

The PCC recognises that it faces challenges ahead to ensure that there are sufficient resources to meet the vision, whether those resources are needed for ministry or maintenance of fabric.

We also acted as agents for the Diocese of Liverpool relating to payments for those acting as organists at weddings and funerals of £1,292

Reserves Policy

The reserves policy of the PCC is to hold in realisable unrestricted funds a minimum of 4 months general running expenses, and a fabric fund for emergency repairs, equating in all to £53k.

Voluntary service

The PCC would like to thank the many volunteers who sustain the life and ministry of St James'. Many members of the church also give of their time outside church, in many different voluntary roles in the public and charity sectors, with an impact well beyond the parish boundaries and this is acknowledged and affirmed by the PCC.

Plans for the Future

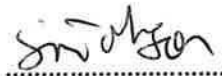
We continue to believe that there is a strong sense of God's calling across the North Meols Deanery for change. It is our prayer that congregations of the three churches in Birkdale will continue to be challenged to work collaboratively towards a vision for the future. The Vision document outlines a closer working pattern between St James' and St Peter's, and over time we hope to include St John's in further discussion and ways of working together.

Rev Sam, with the wardens and PCCs of St James' and St Peter's churches, will seek to develop the newly adopted vision turning its aims and objectives into practical tasks and actions as well


as discerning new directions we believe God is leading us. This process also involves working with key individuals to plan and implement these outcomes in a way that is effective.

We will ensure our objectives in 2025 deliver those public benefits previously identified in this report as well as maintaining the fabric of the church and the hall.

APPROVED BY THE PCC ON 17th March 2025 AND SIGNED ON ITS BEHALF BY:



Revd Sam Johnson
Vicar



Michael Lowcock
Church Warden

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St James' Birkdale on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024, as set out on pages 12 -20 of your Annual Report.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The PCC is responsible for the preparation of the accounts and it considers that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent Examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the PCC concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention:

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material aspect: the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act
 have not been met, nor
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts can be reached.



Date:.....8/4/2025

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**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
ST.JAMES CHURCH, BIRKDALE**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For the year ended 31st December, 2024**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Incoming and Endowments from:					
Donations and Legacies	2(a)	131,981	2,054	134,035	251,611
Charitable Activities	2(b)	17,313	-	17,313	14,412
Trading Activities	2(c)	463	-	463	27,418
Investments	2(d)	12,520	-	12,520	12,933
Total Income and Endowments		162,277	2,054	164,331	306,374
Expenditure on:					
Charitable Activities	3(a)	234,961	2,054	237,015	268,125
Total Resources Expended		234,961	2,054	237,015	268,125
Net income/(expenditure)		(72,684)	-	(72,684)	38,249
Transfers between funds					
Net movement in funds		(72,684)	-	(72,684)	38,249
Other recognised gains / (losses)					
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use		-	-	-	-
Gains and losses on investment assets		-	-	-	-
Net Movement in funds		(72,684)	-	(72,684)	38,249
Total funds brought forward at 1st January, 2024		481,779	8,262	490,040	451,791
Total funds carried forward at 31st December, 2024		409,095	8,262	417,356	490,040

The notes on pages 14 to 20 form part of these accounts.


**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
ST.JAMES CHURCH, BIRKDALE**


**BALANCE SHEET
As at 31st December 2024**

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	5(a)	177,948	178,348
Investments	5(b)	-	-
		<u>177,948</u>	<u>178,348</u>
Current Assets			
Debtors	8	14,428	17,557
Cash at Bank and in Hand		227,861	303,668
		<u>242,289</u>	<u>321,225</u>
Liabilities			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	9	2,880	9,532
Net Current Assets		<u>239,409</u>	<u>311,693</u>
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		417,357	490,041
Creditors			
Amounts falling due after one year		-	-
Total Net Assets		<u>417,357</u>	<u>490,041</u>
 Funds of the Charity			
Unrestricted	11	409,095	481,779
Restricted	12	8,262	8,262
		<u>417,357</u>	<u>490,041</u>
Total Charity Funds		<u>417,357</u>	<u>490,041</u>

The notes on pages 14 to 20 form part of these accounts.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 17th March 2024 and signed on its behalf by:


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Rev Sam Johnson
Vicar


.....
Michael Lowcock
Church Warden

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP FRS 102.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

1.1 Funds

Restricted funds represent donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. These funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Unrestricted funds represent the general 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. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

1.2 Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received.
Income tax recoverable on Gift Aided donations is recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain.

Other income - rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the income is due.

All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue.

Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

Gains and losses on investments - realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold. Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

1.3 Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

The diocesan share is accounted for when due.

All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

1.4 Fixed Assets

1.4.1 Consecrated land and buildings and movable church furnishings

Consecrated land and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s10(2)(c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal are accounted for as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected at any reasonable time.

1.4.2 Other land and buildings

Other land and buildings held on behalf of the PCC for its own purposes is included in the accounts at original cost. No depreciation is charged against such properties but any expenditure on maintenance or improvement is written off as incurred.

1.4.3 Other fixtures & fittings and office equipment

Equipment used within the church premises is written down to estimated residual value by depreciation on a straight line basis over the number of years.

Individual items of equipment with a purchase cost of £1,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

1.5 Investments

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December

1.6 Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rent or other income are shown as debtors less any provision for amounts that may prove uncollectible.

2 INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
2 a	Donations and Legacies				
	Planned Giving	79,905	-	79,905	90,131
	Gift Aid Recoverable	17,073	-	17,073	18,493
	Collections (open plate) at all services	5,845	-	5,845	5,598
	Gift Aid Small Donation Scheme	1,519	-	1,519	1,492
	Gift Day - Donations	18,585	-	18,585	-
	Gift Aid Recoverable	2,930	-	2,930	-
	Legacies	5,000	-	5,000	129,950
	Donations, Appeals etc	1,124	2,054	3,178	5,947
		<u>131,981</u>	<u>2,054</u>	<u>134,035</u>	<u>251,611</u>
2 b	Charitable Activities				
	Magazine	23	-	23	296
	Rent from Church Hall	14,946	-	14,946	11,791
	Wedding and Funeral Fees - PCC	2,344	-	2,344	2,325
		<u>17,313</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,313</u>	<u>14,412</u>
2 c	Other Trading Activities				
	Miscellaneous Income	145	-	145	1,391
	Houseparty	-	-	-	6,650
	Sequestration	-	-	-	2,002
	Grants:Clergy Housing Grant	-	-	-	3,375
	Grants:Church of England Winter Fuel	-	-	-	1,033
	Grants:Job Retention	-	-	-	-
	Grants:Listed Places of Worship	318	-	318	12,967
		<u>463</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>463</u>	<u>27,418</u>
2 d	Investments				
	Dividends and Interest	12,520	-	12,520	12,933
		<u>12,520</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,520</u>	<u>12,933</u>
	Total Incoming Resources	<u>162,277</u>	<u>2,054</u>	<u>164,331</u>	<u>306,375</u>

3 EXPENDITURE ON		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
3 a	Charitable expenditure				
	Overseas Mission				
	Latin Link (Julie Noble)	1,000	471	1,471	1,543
	Church Mission Society (Nicci Maxwell)	3,000	421	3,421	3,539
	Relief Agencies				
	Tear Fund	1,850	-	1,850	1,850
	Home Mission				
	CPAS	1,850	-	1,850	1,850
	Southport Schools Worker Trust	3,000	-	3,000	3,144
	Liverpool University CU	-	401	401	-
	Mothers Union	-	421	421	263
	Embrace the Middle East	94	-	94	-
	Light for Life	500	-	500	500
	Soup Kitchen	505	340	845	932
	Compassion Acts	2,012	-	2,012	2,292
	Sub-total	<u>13,811</u>	<u>2,054</u>	<u>15,865</u>	<u>15,913</u>
	Ministry				
	Diocesan Payments	80,996	-	80,996	80,994
	Clergy Expenses	478	-	478	965
	Vicarage / Curate's housing	2,273	-	2,273	16,268
	Sequestration	-	-	-	2,002
	Visiting Clergy	62	-	62	-
	Sub-total	<u>83,809</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>83,809</u>	<u>100,229</u>
	Property Costs				
	Church running expenses				
	Utilities: Heating, Water and Lighting	8,444	-	8,444	12,194
	Insurance	4,522	-	4,522	4,015
	Cleaning	2,779	-	2,779	2,325
	Church Repairs	14,995	-	14,995	87,175
	Church Grounds	3,030	-	3,030	2,994
	Memorial Hall	84,266	-	84,266	14,969
	Sub-total	<u>118,036</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>118,036</u>	<u>123,672</u>
	Other costs				
	Upkeep Church Services	1,652	-	1,652	1,986
	Houseparty	-	-	-	6,170
	Organist	3,938	-	3,938	3,928
	Children & Youth	155	-	155	45
	Equipment	194	-	194	-
	Depreciation	400	-	400	1,966
	Magazine	-	-	-	60
	Miscellaneous	1,682	-	1,682	3,050
	Parish Office including Salary Costs	10,419	-	10,419	10,279
	Sub-total	<u>18,440</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,440</u>	<u>27,484</u>
3 b	Governance Costs				
	Administration:				
	Cost of APCM	100	-	100	130
	Independent Examiner's Fee	765	-	765	697
	Sub-total	<u>865</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>865</u>	<u>827</u>
	Total Resources Expended	<u>234,961</u>	<u>2,054</u>	<u>237,015</u>	<u>268,125</u>

		2024	2023
4	Staff Costs	£	£
	Gross salaries	12,264	11,501
	Pension/National Insurance Contributions	-	-
		<u>12,264</u>	<u>11,501</u>
	During the year, the PCC employed a Parish Secretary and an organist.		
5	Fixed assets for use by the PCC		
		Freehold Land & Buildings £	Fixtures & Fittings £
			Total £
	Tangible Fixed assets		
	Gross Book Value		
	At 1st January, 2024	174,750	45,860
	Additions	-	-
	Disposals	-	-
	At 31st December, 2024	<u>174,750</u>	<u>45,860</u>
	Depreciation		
	At 1st January, 2024	-	42,262
	Charge for the year	-	400
	Depreciation on disposals	-	-
	At 31st December, 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>42,662</u>
	Net Book Value		
	At 31st December, 2024	<u>174,750</u>	<u>3,198</u>
	At 31st December, 2023	<u>174,750</u>	<u>3,598</u>
6	Church Insurance Valuation		
	The last Quinquennial inspection was undertaken in March 2018. The insurer's surveyor in 2019 valued the insurance valuation of the church building at £8.6m and the church hall at £950k.		
7	Analysis of Net Assets by Fund		
		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £
			2024 Total £
			2023 Total £
	Fixed Assets	177,948	-
	Current Assets	234,039	8,249
	Current Liabilities	(2,880)	-
	Fund Balance	<u>409,107</u>	<u>8,249</u>
8	Debtors		
			2024 £
			2023 £
	Income Tax Recoverable		11,198
	Other Debtors		3,230
			<u>14,428</u>
9	Liabilities: Amounts Falling Due within One Year		
			2024 £
			2023 £
	Accruals		2,880
			<u>2,880</u>

10	Fund Details	2024 Surplus/ (Deficit) £	2023 Surplus/ (Deficit) £
	The activities included in each of the Funds and the surplus/(deficit) for the year are as follows:		
	General Funds	(12,246)	(25,951)
	Fabric	-	-
	Youth Club	-	-
	Legacy	(60,437)	64,201
	Hall	-	-
	Restricted		
	Andrew Raby	-	-
	Fabric	-	-
	CYPW	-	-
	Other Restricted	-	-
		<u>(72,683)</u>	<u>38,250</u>

11	Designated Funds	2024 £	2023 £
	The closing balance of Unrestricted Funds comprised the following:		
	General Funds	209,757	222,004
	Fabric	11,500	11,500
	Youth Club	647	647
	Legacy	186,436	246,873
	Hall Fund	755	755
		<u>409,095</u>	<u>481,778</u>

The Fabric Fund is a fund that holds the sum of £11,500 to support any emergency works on the church.

The Youth Club Fund relates to the balance held at the dissolution of the former Youth Club and is retained in case of its reformation.

The Legacy Fund comprises legacies left to the church and not yet utilised.

The Hall Fund is a fund to support works in the church hall.

12	Restricted Funds	2024 £	2023 £
	The closing balance of Restricted Funds comprised the following:		
	Andrew Raby	537	537
	CYPW	7,712	7,712
	Mission	12	12
		<u>8,261</u>	<u>8,262</u>

The Funds given in memory of Andrew Raby will be used in accordance with the wishes of his family.

The CYPW Fund is to fund the cost of a Childrens, Young Persons and Families Worker.

The Mission Fund comprises funds specifically given to support local, national and international mission.

The Movement on these funds is as follows:-

	1st Jan 2024	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers between funds	31st Dec 2024
	£	£		£	£
Unrestricted					
General Funds	222,004	150,138	(162,384)	-	209,757
Fabric Fund	11,500	-	-	-	11,500
Youth Club	647	-	-	-	647
Legacy	246,873	12,139	(72,577)	-	186,436
Hall	755	-	-	-	755
	<u>481,779</u>	<u>162,277</u>	<u>(234,961)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>409,095</u>
Restricted Funds					
Andrew Raby	537	-	0	-	537
CYPW Fund	7,712	-	0	-	7,712
Mission Fund	12	2,054	(2,054)	-	12
	<u>8,262</u>	<u>2,054</u>	<u>(2,054)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,261</u>
Total Funds	<u>490,041</u>	<u>164,331</u>	<u>(237,015)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>417,356</u>

