

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, RAINFORD

England & Wales · Charity number 1127817

Details

Other names ALL SAINTS, RAINFORD, PCC

Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Registered 2009-02-02

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: Promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church.

Activities: We promote Christianity through public worship, provision for personal prayer, pastoral work, Christian teaching, involvement with local schools, and Christian youth work. Our mission in the community is promoted through events, meetings, and activities for all age groups and in the support of missionary charities.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE LOCAL.
- St Helens

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£227,840	£233,731	-	-
2024-12-31	£191,469	£227,073	-	-
2023-12-31	£203,484	£272,639	-	-
2022-12-31	£228,401	£219,108	-	-
2021-12-31	£165,671	£186,346	-	-
2020-12-31	£123,101	£168,191	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev JANET ELIZABETH HEIGHTON	Chair	2014-01-19
Anne Pamela Morris		2023-05-14
DAVID BURGESS		
DIANE LESLEY PENNINGTON		2025-05-25
Dorothy Lorraine Wynne		2022-05-22
JUNE BURGESS		
Janet Margaret Foster		2023-05-14
Janet Nancy Davies		2018-04-29
June Philippa Wisedale		2019-04-28
KENNETH HUGH WESLEY		2024-05-26
MYRA HARTLEY		2024-05-26
Pamela Anne Davenport		2020-10-31
Peter John Gregory		2025-05-25
Rupert Henry Conquest Nichols		2022-05-22
Winifred Helen Mackenzie		2024-05-26

Accounts



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ANNUAL REPORT & UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025



REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1127817



Diocese of Liverpool

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

Aims and Purpose

The general functions of the Parochial Church Council of The Parish of All Saints, Rainford ("PCC") are stated within section 2 of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956.

The PCC has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, Revd Janet Heighton, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also responsible for the maintenance of the Church and Parish Church Hall in Church Road, Rainford.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at All Saints. The PCC continues to develop the vision of the church following the diocesan vision of a "Bigger Church making a Bigger Difference" and promotes the Diocesan Rule of Life – "Called to pray, read and learn. Sent to tell, serve and give."

The PCC maintains an overview of worship and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship, prayer and learning about the gospel;
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish;
- Mission and outreach work within our community;
- Fellowship;
- Concern for world issues;

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church of All Saints and the Parish Church Hall.

Support for Charities

The PCC decides on which charities to support, having regard to need. Details of charities benefiting in 2025 are set out in the Achievements and performance section of this Trustees' report.

Objectives for 2025

Our specific objectives at the start of 2025 were to continue to follow the Diocesan Rule of Life, work to the four aims of the Diocese and develop the mission of the church.

Four aims of the Diocese. A bigger church making a bigger difference:-

- Introducing people to Jesus
- Deepening discipleship
- Developing Christian leaders
- Working for justice

Our aims for the year:

- Continue with the Engagement and Evaluation phase of the Deanery Fit for Mission programme
- Expand our provision and engagement in discipleship courses and prayer group
- Encourage members of the congregation to develop lay ministry
- Look further at developing the facilities we have and the facilities we need to further our mission

Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is. In particular we want to mention our Churchwarden Rupert Nichols and the Deputy Churchwardens Janet Davies, Myra Hartley and Ralph Rigby. One Churchwardens post remained vacant.

A considerable amount of hours are given each year by all our volunteers in their work for the church and we are most grateful to everyone who helps in any way with the smooth running of the church and our mission and ministry. We have over one hundred people regularly contributing their time, as well as others who help with occasional annual events. We are also grateful for the various local businesses who have supported our work by their generous donations and discounts.

In September 2025 we invited all volunteers to join us for coffee and cake one Sunday afternoon and, for those who wished, we held a short thanksgiving service in church beforehand. One hundred people attended the service.

Clergy Team

Revd Janet Heighton continues as Vicar. Revd Jayne Shepherd (Priest) and Revd Martin Duerden (Priest) both continue to hold the Bishop's Permission to Officiate. We are grateful to them for all their work and support in the parish.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and prayer

The PCC is keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling.

Everyone is welcome at our services and the reported figure for the Church's Electoral Roll in 2025, following a complete revision of the roll, was 223 (2024 – 198).

Average attendance figures for 2025:

	2025 <i>(2024 comparison)</i>
Sundays	
8.00am Holy Communion	9 (10)
9.00am Messy Church	49 (48)
10.30am Family service	116 (127)
10.30am Morning Service (Holy Communion or Morning Prayer)	61 (66)
Evening services	27 (18)
Thursday morning Communion	26(26)

Attendance at:

- Services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day in church were attended by 470 adults and children (2024 - 458 adults and children)
- The two Christingle services in church in December were attended by 308 adults and 194 children.
- Services on Easter Day in church attended by 221 (2024 - 133) as this was Messy Church Sunday.

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	2025
	<i>(2024 comparison)</i>
Occasional offices	
Baptisms	15 (14)
Confirmation	0 (0)
Weddings	5 (5)
Funerals in church	33 (19)
Funerals direct to crematorium	12 (9)

Messy Church celebrated its 3rd anniversary in October. It has continued to meet monthly, on the third Sunday at 9am in the Church Hall. The format is 15 mins each of Craft, Prayer and Breakfast. The service has been well received by families with young children. The average attendance for 2025 was 28 adults and 20 children, consistent with 2024.

Church building and hall

In addition to the programme of services, the Church is generally used by the Bell-ringers and the Church Choir for regular weekly practice, and for Tots' Time worship on a Wednesday morning. The hall is generally used throughout the year by various church organisations, including Wednesday Welcome, Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association, Mothers' Union, Men's Fellowship, Fellowship Lunch, Craft Group, Mindful Photography and Rainford Parish Church Amateur Dramatic Society, and for Parish lunches and coffee mornings.

Outside lettings of the hall have continued throughout 2025, including the Women's Institute, exercise classes and parent and baby groups.

A report on our Church building was produced by the Fit for Mission Right Buildings Team. The Fabrics/H&S committee have updated the action plans for both the church and the hall. The PCC have started to pick up the work done prior to the pandemic, in reviewing the facilities we need in order to meet the objectives of the mission plan. This will be developed further in 2026.

Churchyard and Field

The PCC have responsibility for the upkeep and maintenance of the churchyard and field. A working party of willing helpers, led by Andrew Rigby, have continued to maintain the churchyard and field throughout the year and we are grateful for their commitment. The church receives no outside assistance in this area, and all costs and expense are borne by the Parishioners of All Saints. Whilst the working party does not eliminate costs entirely it has dramatically reduced the financial burden in this area on the church. Work was undertaken to improve the edgings along the cremation plots of Section 3.

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The church field was again used by Silcocks Fair for Walking Day and for the Bonfire organised by the Scouts and Rotary.

Pastoral care

Pastoral visits and home communions continued during 2025, undertaken by Revd Janet. Consideration is still being given to the re-formation of a Pastoral visiting team and this was identified as a priority by the Mission and Pastoral committee.

Mission and evangelism

The Mission and Pastoral Committee has continued to encourage commitment to the Diocesan Rule of Life and the Diocesan objectives. An At Home day was held in March, with the theme Showing and Sharing Faith.

The Fellowship Lunch continues in the Church Hall on a Monday 12 – 2pm, offering a free light lunch. This has proved very popular, with an average attendance of forty-five, offering fellowship and combating loneliness. Although lunch is offered free for anyone who wishes, attendees also offer their own donations, making the group self-sustainable.

Following the success of “Coffee, Cake and Company” over Christmas 2024, a session was held in August 2025 and again over Christmas. These offer fellowship for any who wish and are well attended.

In addition to the ecumenical Lent group, Bible study groups and an Advent reflection group were held through the year, led by Revd Martin and Helen Mackenzie.

This year's Christmas event was a Christmas Tree Festival, with forty-six organisations and businesses taking part. Money raised was split between Church funds and our two Christmas Charities, North West Air Ambulance and Alzheimer's Society.

Our Church School Partnership continues with Rainford CE School. Revd Janet, Diane Pennington, and Keith Gratton continue to be committed in their roles as Foundation Governors. Revd Janet and Revd Martin have continued to offer weekly Collective Worship in school and we were also able to offer Easter Experience, Pentecost Experience and Harvest Experience in Church. The School has used the church building for Harvest and Christmas. We were pleased to hear of the successful SIAMS inspection of the School.

Our relationship with Brook Lodge School has continued. Revd Janet has taken part in assemblies and we were able to welcome the school to church for the Easter Journey Celebration and the Crib Service at Christmas.

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Our Parish magazine and Facebook page keep our parishioners informed of the important matters affecting our Church and Parish. The weekly newsletter continues to be distributed to all on our Electoral Roll who have provided email addresses and to all on our mailing list who have signed up under GDPR.

Charities Supported

Charities we have supported during the year, included within our accounts, are:-

	£
Church generally	
Sight for Life – Christmas Charity 2024 (Paid in 2025)	490
Rainford 1 st Responders – Christmas Charity 2024 (Paid in 2025)	490
Wateraid – Messy Church Lent	171
Village Christmas Tree – from Fellowship Group	89
Poppy Appeal	120
Children's Society (cash from Christingle Collection)	755
Air Ambulance – Christmas Charity 2025 (paid in 2026)	1,447
Alzheimer's Society – Christmas Charity 2025 (paid in 2026)	1,447
Boys Brigade and Girls Association	
Cancer research	20
Clatterbridge Hospital	300
Royal British Legion	100

The total raised for the Children's Society through the Christingle Services collection was £765. £755 in cash as reported above and £10 in cheques banked with them direct. This is much lower than in previous years, possibly due to the Children's Society introducing a QR code for collection direct. We are exploring the possibility of having a QR code for tracking in 2026.

In addition to these monetary contributions, donations-in-kind were made in the year to support local charities: The Church acts as a collection point for food donations, regularly sent to the Skelmersdale Food Bank for distribution, and at the Family Service in December, our "Toy service", members of the congregation brought in toys and other gifts which were taken to the St Helens Women's Refuge Centre. Harvest produce was donated to YMCA St Helens and the local foodbanks.

Ecumenical relationships

The church is a member of Churches Together in Rainford and the Clergy of the churches have worked closely together and met regularly throughout the year to reflect and offer support. The 2025 Service of Christian Unity took place at Corpus Christi. The Good Friday Walk of Witness took place as usual as did the annual Walking Day in June. The Ecumenical Service for Remembrance at All Saints was very well attended.

We were able to distribute both Easter cards and Christmas Cards throughout the village, with messages of hope and took part in a joint Lent Group, which was based on Season One of The Chosen.

Alongside our Christmas Tree Festival and the Village Christmas Fair, Churches Together organised a Village Walking Nativity, which included a real donkey. Despite the weather moving the Christmas Fair indoors, we were still able to go ahead, with the story and a carol taking place at each of five venues: the village hall, guide hut, church hall, Eagle and Child and back to our outdoor crib scene. It was very successful, with approx. 150 people taking part.

Diocesan Fit for Mission Plan

Over the first part of the year, members of the parishes participating in the Diocesan Fit for Mission Plan, continued to take part in extra meetings to explore what a Larger Single Parish may look like. Clergy, Churchwardens, Treasurers, Safeguarding Officers and Right Buildings Team all met in their own groups to work through some of the issues and processes. The PCC continued to receive reports and reflect on the way forward.

In May, parishes were asked to vote on whether to commit to the Larger Single Parish structure. With a small majority vote, the PCC decided to withdraw from the Fit for Mission process. Other parishes did the same and, with only three parishes voting to remain in, the proposal was no longer viable for the Ormskirk Deanery and the Deanery therefore officially withdrew from the Diocesan process.

Deanery Synod

Five members of the PCC sit on the Deanery Synod, along with the Vicar. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider Church. The main topic of discussion over the first part of the year was the Diocesan Fit for Mission Plan.

Financial review

Record keeping and controls

The Trustees are responsible for the day to day management and approve income and expenditure. Accounts are kept using "MyFundAccounting", a software package specifically for churches. The power of the software is now being utilised to assist with ongoing budgeting.

Income and expenditure

The Parish Giving Scheme continues to be promoted and membership remained steady. Planned giving increased by £1,765.

The deficit of unrestricted funds (including designated) showing in the accounts to the General Fund is £10,035 (previous year deficit £35,604).

Total receipts of unrestricted funds were £203,419 (previous year £191,469). One legacy of £5,000, was received in the year (previous year £8,066). Other unrestricted voluntary donations were £70,735 (previous year £73,748). Collections from loose plate decreased by £181. Gift Aid and GASDS has been claimed on eligible donations for the year, £13,576, although £1,103 of that was from 2024 but received in 2025 (previous year £11,596).

£192,654 (previous year £208,988) was spent from unrestricted funds on charitable activities and to provide Christian ministry.

The diocesan parish share for 2025 was £75,687 (previous year £86,976). The Parish Share is supplemented by the Church Commissioners to provide: Clergy stipends and National Insurance, Clergy pensions, Clergy housing, Clergy training and Reader training. The total amount for all churches in the diocese is shared between those churches applying a formula which takes into account nationally determined deprivation statistics and each church's Sunday adult congregation attendance.

Repayments of the Government Business Bounce Back loan, received in 2020, continued. After repayments of £10,648 the balance at the end of the year was £8,751, which will be fully repaid during 2026.

Our major fundraising event, the annual Church shop, ran again in May and generated a surplus of £23,514 (2024 - £19,656).

Fee income is always variable due to the number of services. The amount received from wedding and funeral fees was £22,947 (2024 £14,195 - in 2024 the number of funerals dropped considerably, the lowest in 10 years.)

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The PCC are continuing to rationalise expenditure in order to maximise the effective use of resources and generate additional income.

The Curate's House continues to be let and returns an income of £1,300 per month.

The balance of the historic Keith Orrell bequest is part of the investment in the Curate's house.

Reserves Policy

It is still the policy of the PCC to try to maintain a balance in the general current account of unrestricted funds that equates to at least two months of unrestricted payments and covers emergency situations that may arise from time to time. Close management of the accounts has been undertaken.

Legacy policy

It is the PCC's policy to record any legacies received and, if given without any restriction, to use them in such a way that wherever possible reflects the person who has given the legacy. Restricted legacies will be used in accordance with the restriction. One legacy was received in the year, amounting to £5,000.

Health and safety matters

In the Summer of 2025, a H&S working party was established reporting to the Finance sub-committee of the PCC and therefore held accountable by the PCC. This working party consists of 5 people one of whom is the Caretaker and the others being members of the PCC. The remit of this group is to oversee and promote safe practices for everyone who uses the church, Parish Hall (including The Anchor) or who participates in its activities.

It operates on behalf of the PCC to:

- Ensure the church and all buildings comply with H&S legislation and good practice
- Promote a safe environment for worshippers, volunteers, staff, visitors and Contractors.
- Identify, assess, and reduce risks associated with church buildings, activities and events.

An annual H&S audit took place in September 2025 and an ongoing H&S action plan is presented to the Finance sub-committee at each meeting.

The Policy covers all aspects of Health and Safety including: Accidents, Alarms, Evacuation of Buildings, Fires, Food Hygiene, Graveyard, Plant and Machinery, Paths, Trees and Walls, Working at Height. Copies of the Policy are held by leaders of organisations, and in the Church Hall Office, as are the Registers of periodic checks and accident book. We endeavour to ensure that our policy is maintained and kept up to date.

Risk Assessments

The H&S working party undertakes a programme of risk assessments to identify major risks. Procedures are put in place to manage those risks and minimise their impact on the life of the church.

In order to comply with The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005, we have a written Fire Risk Assessment, which has been reviewed.

At the date of writing this report there have been no RIDDOR notifiable incidences.

RIDDOR is a law that requires us as an employer to report certain types of accidents, incidents and ill-health to the Health and Safety Executive (HSE). RIDDOR stands for the Reporting of incidents, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations.

Safeguarding

The PCC is responsible for ensuring the church has a safeguarding policy which is agreed, understood and enacted. We have again approved our Safeguarding Policy in line with the Diocese of Liverpool's and will keep it under review annually. This is to keep it in line with current expectations and to ensure it meets our own needs. The PCC routinely receives reports to enable them to track the safe recruitment of volunteers where their roles bring them into contact with children and/or vulnerable adults in their 'official' capacity. ('Safe recruiting' involves a DBS check, the uptake of references, a clear role description, an induction interview and an assessment of training needs.)

Our church is committed to and will champion the protection of children, young people and vulnerable adults. Everyone who meets us, comes to us, or works with us should feel safe and cared for irrespective of their social background, culture, their abilities, religious belief or any other factor. It is the responsibility of all of us, individually as well as collectively, to make these aspirations real, to look out for one another and to pass on any concerns.

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As required by the Diocese, we have a designated Parish Safeguarding Officer, Diane Pennington, who was appointed in May 2018. In addition, the PCC has also approved the appointment of Pamela Davenport as a second DBS Recruiter. This has also been approved by the Diocese of Liverpool. We have an approved policy to guide our actions. The Safeguarding Officer's role is to support, advise and deal with certain specific issues for which she has been trained – but she does not 'do safeguarding' for us; we are all responsible for doing the right thing.

Further information about safeguarding including contact details for reporting (in confidence) any concern is available from the church website and the Diocese of Liverpool website.

This last year the PCC and/or safeguarding officer has continued to:

- Review its policies and procedures
- Updated expiring DBS checks
- Ensure that ALL Trustees are DBS Checked in line with legal requirements
- Engaged with the FFM Parish Safeguarding Officer Group
- Continued to populate the Parish Safeguarding Dashboard and present /report to the PCC at each meeting
- Promote Safeguarding by engaging with Safeguarding Sunday
- Promote online and Face to Face training for Basic and Foundation level, Domestic Violence and Leadership.
- Worked with church groups and organisations to promote safer recruitment for example BB& GA.

General Data Protection Regulation

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) came into force in the UK on the 25th May 2018, and affects all organisations, including churches, which store personal information about individuals. The Regulation is designed to give individuals more rights when it comes to how their information is gathered, stored and used. It will build on current Data Protection legislation to ensure that all organisations are acting transparently and fairly when it comes to personal information. The GDPR aims to ensure an individual's right to make sure their data is held securely, correctly, and in a manner which is easily accessible and is under one of GDPR's six lawful bases, one of which is consent. In line with this regulation the PCC continues to issue data consent forms to all new members and contacts. These are processed in line with the regulations and are securely stored.

Plans for the future

In 2026 we will continue to follow the Diocesan Rule of Life, work to the four aims of the Diocese and develop the mission of the church.

Four aims of the Diocese. A bigger church making a bigger difference:-

- Introducing people to Jesus
- Deepening discipleship
- Developing Christian leaders
- Working for justice

We wish to:

- Re-establish a Pastoral Visiting Team
- Further develop and consolidate work done with BBGA and Messy Church children and families
- Further develop and enhance the work with our church school
- Look further at developing the facilities we have and the facilities we need to further our mission
- Establish a programme of events for celebrating the 150th anniversary in 2028 on the theme of "Legacy: our past and our future"

Structure, governance and management

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. It operates under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 and the Church Representation Rules and is a charity registered with the Charity Commission.

PCC members are appointed in accordance with the Church of England Representation Rules 2025 and are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting ("APCM")

All those who attend as members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. Individual members of the PCC receive information on appointment, including the health and safety and safeguarding policies, and external training as and when deemed appropriate by the PCC. This includes courses and events run by the Diocese.

The PCC met during 2025 on eight occasions: 27th January, 31st March, 28th April, 19th May, 16th June, 21st July, 22nd September and 17th November.

There are two paid employees: a caretaker and parish secretary. Our caretaker is Martin Cox. The role of parish secretary is performed by Pippa Wisedale. We would like to thank them for all their hard work. It should be noted that Pippa Wisedale became a PCC Member and Trustee in April 2019. Her role as trustee is voluntary and no part of her salary applies to her role as trustee.

Salaries are set annually by the PCC, and paid monthly after deduction of appropriate PAYE, employee pension contributions and National Insurance. The PCC uses The People's Pension, provided by B&CE, as the workplace pension for its employees.

The Organist and Choir Master, Mike Jones, is self-employed. It should be noted that he became a PCC Member and Trustee in May 2022 and retired from this role in May 2025. His role as trustee is voluntary and no payments are made for his role as Trustee. Due to ongoing health reasons, Mike has been unable to fulfil his role as Organist during 2025 but has been involved in Choir Rehearsals and Evening Prayer. Music support has been provided by occasional Organists and the use of recorded music. We are particularly grateful to Jackie Wilkinson, Andrew Sharples and Mark Rawsthorne for their help with regular services throughout the year and to Tim Hall for his help with the Carol Service.

Sue Duerden undertakes some of the role of Verger. The various other responsibilities of the Verger have been undertaken by the Clergy and various other volunteers.

Committees

PCC main committees:

- Standing (in May the PCC handed the responsibility of Churchyard and Field to the Standing Committee)
- Mission and Pastoral
- Finance and Resources (which includes Magazine, Fabrics and Health and Safety – although there has been a working group undertaking the Health & Safety and Compliance work)

Working groups

- Walking Day
- Church shop

Church groups and representatives:

- Choir
- Bellringers
- Tots' Time and Wednesday Welcome
- 1st Rainford Boys' Brigade & Girls' Association
- Mothers' Union
- Men's Fellowship
- Fellowship Group
- Craft Group
- Mindful Photography Group
- Rainford Parish Church Amateur Dramatic Society

Membership of the main committees is decided at the first PCC meeting after the APCM. The Vicar and Churchwardens are ex-officio members of each.

Standing committee

Day to day management of the church is exercised by the standing committee, the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact PCC Business between PCC meetings and considers strategic issues which may affect the church. The Committee functions under Rule 15 (appendix 2, para 14) of the Church Representation Rules of the Synodical Government Measure 1969.

The Standing Committee during 2025 comprised Reverend Janet Heighton, Rupert Nichols, David Burgess, Janet Davies, Myra Hartley, Pippa Wisedale, Lorraine Wynne.

Reference and Administrative details

All Saints Church is situated in Church Road, Rainford. It is in the Ormskirk Deanery, in the Archdeaconry of Knowsley and Sefton, of the Diocese of Liverpool, within the Church of England. All correspondence should be addressed to Rainford Parish Church Hall, Church Road, Rainford WA11 8HE.

Charity trustees on the PCC from the start of the financial year 2025 until approval of the financial statements in 2026 are set out below.

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PCC Members**

Year ended 31 December 2025

Name	Office / Dates
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Ex officio members:

The Reverend Janet Heighton	Incumbent and Chairman
Rupert Nichols	Churchwarden
Second Churchwarden Post Vacant from May 2023	

Deanery Synod appointed members:

David Burgess	Vice Chairman
June Burgess	
Pippa Wisedale	
Rupert Nichols	Churchwarden (as above)
Helen Mackenzie	

Elected members:

Pam Davenport	
Janet Davies	PCC Secretary, Deputy Warden
Sue Duerden	
Janet Foster	
Keith Gratton	
Peter Gregory	(appointed May 2025)
Myra Hartley	Deputy Warden
Mike Jones	(retired May 2025)
Anne Morris	
Diane Pennington	(appointed May 2025)
David Roughley	(resigned Nov 2025)
Ken Wesley	
Sarah Wright	(retired May 2025)
Lorraine Wynne	

Co-opted members:

None

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Bankers

National Westminster Bank plc

5 Ormskirk Street

St Helens

WA10 1DR

CCLA

Senator House

85 Queen Victoria Street London

EC4V 4ET

Independent Examiner

E R Aitken

Liverpool Business School

Accounting Clinic

Redmonds Building

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Hill Dickinson LLP

1 St Paul's Square

Liverpool

L3 9SJ

Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others

Agency Transactions

The PCC acted as a financial agent for the following people/organisations in the year.

Liverpool Diocesan Board of Finance ("LDBF")

£9,080 (2023 £7,964) was received as fees from Funeral Directors and private individuals in respect of LDBF fees for funerals, burials and weddings. This money was distributed in accordance with current diocesan guidance.

Church organist, vergers, other organists and clergy

£7,101 (2024 £2,626) was received as fees from Funeral Directors and private individuals for funerals, burials and weddings. This money is passed on to the relevant individuals who all deal with their own tax payments.

Bell-ringers and Rainford Ladies' Choir

Both receive cash payments for Wedding bookings, payable to themselves. This money does not go through the church account.

Going Concern

Although the accounts still show a surplus of payments over receipts in the general account, at no time has the account been overdrawn.

The Charity's principal investment, largely funded from the Orrell bequest, is the residential property at 59 Cross Pit Lane (previously occupied by the curate), which is let and generates a gross return of £1,300 per month. Whilst the Trustees are continuing to work on ways to minimise the operating deficit by managing expenditure, raising awareness of stewardship and addressing the need to market the hall to bring in additional income, this investment remains a significant unencumbered and realised asset that supports the Charity.

Therefore the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus, the Trustees continue to adopt the "going concern" basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the above Trustees' report.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees (the PCC) by clergy:



The Reverend Janet Highton

Approved for signature at PCC meeting on 20th April 2026, subject to any amendments received from E R Aitken Liverpool John Moores University Accounting Clinic. Authorisation of minor amendments delegated to Vicar and Vice Chairman

20/05/2026

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Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
Receipts and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	120,320	726	121,046	114,647
Income from charitable activities	41,096	22,956	64,052	59,618
Other trading activities	22,588	740	23,328	18,121
Bank interest and rent	19,360	-	19,360	20,898
Other income	54	-	54	2,922
Total income	203,419	24,422	227,841	216,206
Receipts from investments				
Receipts from sale of investments	-	-	-	87,966
Total receipts from investments	-	-	-	87,966
Total income	203,419	24,422	227,841	304,172
Payments on:				
Raising funds	10,151	35	10,186	7,706
Expenditure on charitable activities	192,654	20,243	212,897	232,405
Other expenditure	10,648	-	10,648	10,648
Total expenditure	213,454	20,278	233,731	250,759
Net receipts / (payments)	-10,035	4,144	-5,890	53,413

There may be minor discrepancies in the totals if the pence are not being shown

The Parish of All Saints, Rainford PCC

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2025

Class and nominal code	General (Unrestricted)	Designated	Restricted	2025	2024
Fixed Asset - Tangible Assets					
6410: Church Hall	-	280,200	-	280,200	280,200
6415: 59 Cross Pit Lane	-	249,219	-	249,219	249,219
6420: Church Field	-	30,000	-	30,000	30,000
6430: Plant & Equipment	-	-	-	-	31,978
6440: The Anchor (Boys' Brigade)	-	14,400	-	14,400	14,400
Total	-	573,819	-	573,819	605,796
Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand					
6501: Main NatWest bank current account	3,558	20,048	4,046	27,654	17,340
6505: 'W' NatWest bank current account	749	-	-	749	-5
6510: Business Reserve bank deposit account	-	-	-	-	2,171
6520: CCLA (CBF) deposit account - Main	76,592	-	4,903	81,495	92,395
6525: CCLA (CBF) deposit account - Fabric	2,274	-	13,053	15,328	14,664
6551: Organisation - Boys' Brigade	-	-	15,900	15,900	14,639
6553: Organisation - Amateur Dramatics	-	8,128	-	8,128	11,659
6555: Organisation - Men's Fellowship	-	400	-	400	218
6590: Petty Cash	2	-	-	2	-
6595: Cash in church safe	44	-	-	44	440
Total	83,222	28,578	37,904	149,705	153,524
			-5,890		
Liability - Agency Accounts					
6699: Agency collections	-	-	2,308	2,308	237
Total	-	-	2,308	2,308	237
Liability - Creditors					
Loan repayable	8,751	-	-	Page 22	18,491
Total	8,751	-	-	8,751	18,491

Plant & Equipment previously disclosed as £31,9774 has been written off in accordance with Receipts and Payments accounting

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These accounts were approved by the Parochial Church Council on 20th April 2026, subject to any minor amendments made by Liverpool John Moores University Accounting Clinic .
Authorisation of minor amendments delegated to Vicar and Vice Chairman

Rev'd Janet Heighton - Vicar

David Burgess - Vice Chairman



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name

Parochial Church Council of the Parich of All Saints, Rainford

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 December 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1127817

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/12/2025**.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

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

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

**Independent
examiner's statement**

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

Signed:

Date:

1st June 2026

Name:

Euan Robert Aitken

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

FCA

Address:

Liverpool Business School Accounting Clinic

Redmond Building, Brownlow Hill, Liverpool L3 5UG

Accounts



THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, RAINFORD
ANNUAL REPORT & UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024



REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1127817



Diocese of Liverpool

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

Aims and Purpose

The general functions of the Parochial Church Council of The Parish of All Saints, Rainford ("PCC") are stated within section 2 of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956.

The PCC has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, Revd Janet Heighton, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also responsible for the maintenance of the Church and Parish Church Hall in Church Road, Rainford.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at All Saints. The PCC continues to develop the vision of the church following the diocesan vision of a "Bigger Church making a Bigger Difference" and promotes the Diocesan Rule of Life – "Called to pray, read and learn. Sent to tell, serve and give."

The PCC maintains an overview of worship and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship, prayer and learning about the gospel;
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish;
- Mission and outreach work within our community;
- Fellowship;
- Concern for world issues;

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church of All Saints and the Parish Church Hall.

Support for Charities

The PCC decides on which charities to support, having regard to need. Details of charities benefiting in 2024 are set out in the Achievements and performance section of this Trustees' report.

Objectives for 2024

Our specific objectives at the start of 2024 were to continue to work to the Diocesan growth agenda and develop the mission of the church. We aimed to:

- Continue with the Engagement and Evaluation phase of the Deanery Fit for Mission programme
- Develop our work with baptism families and encourage the recruitment of young families and adults
- Expand our provision of discipleship courses
- Encourage members of the congregation to develop lay ministry
- Look further at developing the facilities we have and the facilities we need to further our mission
- Continue to reflect on the use of the balance of the Keith Orrell bequest in the light of the above and the Mission Plan

Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is. In particular we want to mention our Churchwarden Rupert Nichols, who was elected at the 2024 APCM, and the Deputy Churchwardens Janet Davies, Myra Hartley and Ralph Rigby. Sadly, Ivor Fingard, who has served as Deputy Churchwarden for many years, died in November 2024. One Churchwardens post remained vacant.

A considerable amount of hours are given each year by all our volunteers in their work for the church and we are most grateful to everyone who helps in any way with the smooth running of the church and our mission and ministry, we estimate that we have over one hundred people regularly contributing their time. We are also grateful for the various local businesses who have supported our work by their generous donations and discounts.

Clergy Team

Revd Janet Heighton continues as Vicar. Revd Jayne Shepherd (Priest) and Revd Martin Duerden (Priest) both continue to hold the Bishop's Permission to Officiate. We are grateful to them for all their work and support in the parish.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and prayer

The PCC is keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling.

Everyone is welcome at our services and the reported figure for the Church's Electoral Roll in 2024, following a number of bereavements and people moving away from the parish was 198 (2023 – 214).

Average attendance figures for 2024:

	2024
	<i>(2023 comparison)</i>
Sundays	
8.00am Holy Communion	10 (10)
9.00am Messy Church	48 (52)
10.30am Family service	127 (118)
10.30am Morning Service (Holy Communion or Morning Prayer)	66 (62)
Evening services	18 (16)
Thurs morning Communion	26(25)

Attendance at:

- Services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day in church were attended by 458 adults and children (2023 - 419 adults and children)
- Services on Easter Day in church attended by 133 (2023 - 139)

	2024
	<i>(2023 comparison)</i>
Occasional offices	
Baptisms	14 (24)
Confirmation	0 (0)
Weddings	5 (3)
Funerals in church	19 (45)
Funerals direct to crematorium	9 (19)

Consideration has been given to making the most of the opportunities provided by occasional offices and using the Church of England resources.

Messy Church started in October 2022 and has continued to meet monthly, on the third Sunday at 9am in the Church Hall. The format is 15 mins each of Craft, Prayer and Breakfast. The service has been well received by families with young children, many of whom have previously attended Tots Worship but few had attended Sunday Services. The average attendance for 2024 was 28 adults and 20 children.

Church building and hall

In addition to the programme of services, the Church is generally used by the Bell-ringers and the Church Choir for regular weekly practice, and for Tots' Time worship on a Wednesday morning. The hall is generally used throughout the year by various church organisations, including Wednesday Welcome, Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association, Mothers' Union, Men's Fellowship, Craft Group, Mindful Photography and Rainford Parish Church Amateur Dramatic Society, and for Parish lunches and coffee mornings.

Outside lettings of the hall have continued throughout 2024, including exercise classes and parent and baby groups.

The review of the facilities we need in order to meet the objectives of the mission plan was put on hold in March 2020 at the start of the pandemic. As part of the Fit for Mission Strategy, a Right Buildings survey has been undertaken and a report will be produced by the FFM Team.

Churchyard and Field

The PCC have responsibility for the upkeep and maintenance of the churchyard and field. A working party of willing helpers, led by Andrew Rigby, have continued to maintain the churchyard and field throughout the year and we are grateful for their commitment. The church receives no outside assistance in this area, and all costs and expense are borne by the Parishioners of All Saints. Whilst the working party does not eliminate costs entirely it has dramatically reduced the financial burden in this area on the church.

The church field was again used by Silcocks Fair for Walking Day and for the Bonfire organised by the Scouts and Rotary.

Pastoral care

Pastoral visits and home communions continued during 2024, undertaken by Revd Janet. Consideration is still being given to the re-formation of a Pastoral visiting team.

Mission and evangelism

The Mission and Pastoral Committee has continued to encourage commitment to the Diocesan Rule of Life. A successful At Home day was held in February 2024, based on fellowship and spirituality and one has been arranged for March 2025, Showing and Sharing Faith.

A part of the Diocesan Fit for Mission programme, the SHAPE course took place in the autumn and three members of the congregation also attended the Cultivate course at St Paul's. These will be developed further in 2025, alongside an accompanying prayer group.

The Fellowship Lunch continues in the Church Hall on a Monday 12 – 2pm, offering a free light lunch. This has proved very popular, offering fellowship and combating loneliness. Although lunch is offered free for anyone who wishes, attendees also offer their own donations, making the group self-sustainable.

A “Coffee, Cake and Company” session in the hall was introduced the week between Christmas and New Year, also offering fellowship for those who were not with families at the time. This will be developed further and offered at different times in the year in 2025.

This year's Christmas event was “Advent Windows” based on Christmas Carols. Organisations and the local schools took part. Money raised was split between Church funds and our two Christmas Charities, Rainford First Responders Support Group and Sight for Life.

Our Church School Partnership continues with Rainford CE School. Revd Janet, Revd Martin and Diane Pennington, continue to be committed in their roles as Foundation Governors and Keith Gratton, a member of the PCC, as a Co-opted Governor. Revd Janet and Revd Martin have continued to offer weekly Collective Worship in school and we were also able to offer Easter Experience, Pentecost Experience and Harvest Experience in Church. The School has used the church building for Harvest and Christmas.

Our relationship with Brook Lodge School has continued. Revd Janet has taken part in assemblies and we were able to welcome the school to church for the Easter Journey Celebration and the Crib Service at Christmas.

Our Parish magazine and Facebook page (which this year reached 1,000 followers) keep our parishioners informed of the important matters affecting our Church and Parish. The weekly newsletter continues to be distributed to all on our Electoral Roll who have provided email addresses and to all on our mailing list who have signed up under GDPR.

Charities Supported

Charities we have supported during the year, included within our accounts, are:-

£

Church generally

Teardrops – Christmas Charity 2023 (Paid in 2024)	1,664
Mary's Meals – Christmas Charity 2023 (Paid in 2024)	1,664
Local food bank – Messy Church Smartie Tube Lent	123
Poppy Appeal	115
Leprosy Mission - Men's Fellowship donation	50
Children's Society (cash from Christingle Collection)	806
Sight for Life – Christmas Charity 2024 (Paid in 2025)	490
Rainford 1 st Responders – Christmas Charity 2024 (Paid in 2025)	490

Boys Brigade and Girls Association

Hope Centre	745
Sleepout for the Homeless	3,000
Autism Together	25
Transport for Sport	25

The total raised for the Children's Society through the Christingle Services collection was £1,387. £806 in cash as reported above and £581 in cheques banked with them direct.

In addition to these monetary contributions, donations-in-kind were made in the year to support local charities: The Church acts as a collection point for food donations, regularly sent to the Skelmersdale Food Bank for distribution, and at the Family Service in December, our "Toy service", members of the congregation brought in toys and other gifts which were taken to the St Helens Women's Refuge Centre. Harvest produce was donated to YMCA St Helens and the local foodbanks.

Ecumenical relationships

The church is a member of Churches Together in Rainford and the Clergy of the churches have worked closely together and met regularly throughout the year to reflect and offer support. The 2024 Service of Christian Unity took place at URC. The Good Friday Walk of Witness took place as usual as did the annual Walking Day in June. The Ecumenical Service for Remembrance at All Saints was very well attended.

We were able to distribute both Easter cards and Christmas Cards throughout the village, with messages of hope and took part in a joint Lent Group.

Deanery Synod

Five members of the PCC sit on the Deanery Synod, along with the Vicar. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider Church. The main topic of discussion over the year was the Diocesan Fit for Mission Plan, with Ormskirk Deanery being part of Cohort 2, and also engaging with Together Liverpool's Network of Kindness.

Diocesan Fit for Mission Plan

Over the year members of the parishes currently participating in the Diocesan Fit for Mission Plan, have taken part in extra meetings to explore what a Larger Single Parish may look like. Clergy, Churchwardens, Treasurers and Safeguarding Officers have all met in their own groups to work through some of the issues and processes. A Navigation Team was formed to co-ordinate the two year engagement and evaluation process. The PCC have continued to receive reports and reflect on the way forward. A number of important issues still need to be addressed and resolved before any further decisions are made by the PCC on Rainford's future participation in the FFM programme.

Financial review

Record keeping and controls

The Trustees are responsible for the day to day management of the PCC and approve income and expenditure. Accounts are kept using "MyFundAccounting", a software package specifically for churches. The power of the software is now being utilised to assist with ongoing budgeting.

Income and expenditure

The Parish Giving Scheme continues to be promoted, with six additional people signing up. By the end of the year the envelope scheme had been phased out completely. Planned giving increased by £3,727.

The deficit of unrestricted funds (including designated) showing in the accounts to the General Fund is £35,604 (previous year deficit £48,778).

The receipts and payments account shows overall net receipts of £52,362 but this includes £87,966 receipts from the sales of the investments. Excluding these the working deficit was £35,604.

Total receipts of unrestricted funds were £191,469 (previous year £198,184). One legacy of £8,066, was received in the year (previous year £1,509). Other unrestricted voluntary donations were £73,748 (previous year £68,831). Collections from loose plate decreased by £998. Gift Aid and GASDS has been claimed on eligible donations for the year, £11,596, with an additional £1,103 from 2024 received in 2025 (previous year £11,746).

£208,988 (previous year £225,635) was spent from unrestricted funds on charitable activities and to provide Christian ministry.

The diocesan parish share for 2024 was £86,976 (previous year £86,093). The Parish Share is supplemented by the Church Commissioners to provide: Clergy stipends and National Insurance, Clergy pensions, Clergy housing, Clergy training and Reader training. The total amount for all churches in the diocese is shared between those churches applying a formula which takes into account nationally determined deprivation statistics and each church's Sunday adult congregation attendance.

Repayments of the Government Business Bounce Back loan, received in 2020, continued monthly throughout the year.

Our major fundraising event, the annual Church shop, ran again in May and generated a net profit of £19,656.

Fee income is always variable due to the number of services. In 2024 the number of funerals dropped considerably, the lowest in 10 years. The amount received from wedding and funeral fees was £14,195 (2023 £28,963).

The PCC are continuing to rationalise expenditure in order to maximise the effective use of resources and generate additional income.

Investments have been actively managed by an investment manager Quilter Cheviot. Due to the need to draw down from the investments to aid cashflow, the relatively low amount remaining and the buoyant market conditions, in September 2024 it was decided to liquidate the portfolio, with the remaining cash being placed in the CCLA bank account. The investments generated an interest of £4,319. The amount drawn down into the main account across the year was £42,966 and £85,000 was placed in the CCLA account.

The Curate's House continues to be let and returns an income of £1,300 per month.

The balance of the historic Keith Orrell bequest is part of the investment in the Curate's house.

Reserves Policy

It is still the policy of the PCC to try to maintain a balance in the general current account of unrestricted funds that equates to at least two months of unrestricted payments and covers emergency situations that may arise from time to time. Close management of the accounts has been undertaken. In order to protect the Charity's interest and minimise loss, the Government Business Bounce Back loan, held in a Reserve account, has been used to assist short term cashflow issues. The amount remaining in account at the end of the year was £2,171. At the end of the year the outstanding loan was £18,491 over 21 months.

Legacy policy

It is the PCC's policy to record any legacies received and, if given without any restriction, to use them in such a way that wherever possible reflects the person who has given the legacy. Restricted legacies will be used in accordance with the restriction. One legacy was received in the year, amounting to £8,066.

Health and safety matters

The Churchwarden and Deputy Churchwardens have overall responsibility for Health and Safety. Any issues are reported at the Finance and Resources meeting and to the PCC. Our Health and Safety Policy will be reviewed again in 2025. The Policy covers all aspects of Health and Safety including: Accidents, Alarms, Evacuation of Buildings, Fires, Food Hygiene, Graveyard, Plant and Machinery, Paths, Trees and Walls, Working at Height. Copies of the Policy are held by each PCC member, leaders of organisations, and in the Church Hall Office, as are the Registers of periodic checks and accident book. We endeavour to ensure that our policy is maintained and kept up to date.

Risk Assessments

The PCC undertakes a programme of risk assessments to identify major risks. Procedures are put in place to manage those risks and minimise their impact on the life of the church.

- Compliance with Laws and Regulations

In order to comply with The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005, we have a written Fire Risk Assessment.

All Risk Assessments are also up to date and at the date of writing this report there have been no RIDDOR notifiable incidences.

RIDDOR is a law that requires us as an employer to report certain types of accidents, incidents and ill-health to the Health and Safety Executive (HSE). RIDDOR stands for the Reporting of incidents, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations.

Safeguarding

The PCC is responsible for ensuring the church has a safeguarding policy which is agreed, understood and enacted. We have again approved our Safeguarding Policy in line with the Diocese of Liverpool's and will keep it under review annually. This is to keep it in line with current expectations and to ensure it meets our own needs. The PCC routinely receives reports to enable them to track the safe recruitment of volunteers where their roles bring them into contact with children and/or vulnerable adults in their 'official' capacity. ('Safe recruiting' involves a DBS check, the uptake of references, a clear role description, an induction interview and an assessment of training needs.)

Our church is committed to and will champion the protection of children, young people and vulnerable adults. Everyone who meets us, comes to us, or works with us should feel safe and cared for irrespective of their social background, culture, their abilities, religious belief or any other factor. It is the responsibility of all of us, individually as well as collectively, to make these aspirations real, to look out for one another and to pass on any concerns.

As required by the Diocese, we have a designated safeguarding officer, Diane Pennington, who was appointed in May 2018. In addition the PCC has also approved the appointment of Pamela Davenport as a second DBS Recruiter. This has also been approved by the Diocese of Liverpool. We have an approved policy to guide our actions. The Safeguarding Officer's role is to support, advise and deal with certain specific issues for which she has been trained – but she does not 'do safeguarding' for us; we are all responsible for doing the right thing.

Further information about safeguarding including contact details for reporting (in confidence) any concern is available from the church website and the Diocese of Liverpool website.

This last year the PCC and/or safeguarding officer has continued to:

- Review its policies and procedures
- Updated expiring DBS checks
- Ensure that ALL Trustees are DBS Checked in line with legal requirements
- Engaged with the FFM Parish Safeguarding Officer Group
- Began to populate the Parish Safeguarding Dashboard and present /report to the PCC at each meeting
- Promote Safeguarding by engaging with Safeguarding Sunday

- Promote online and Face to Face training for Basic and Foundation level, Domestic Violence and Leadership

General Data Protection Regulation

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) came into force in the UK on the 25th May 2018, and affects all organisations, including churches, which store personal information about individuals.

The Regulation is designed to give individuals more rights when it comes to how their information is gathered, stored and used. It will build on current Data Protection legislation to ensure that all organisations are acting transparently and fairly when it comes to personal information. The GDPR aims to ensure an individual's right to make sure their data is held securely, correctly, and in a manner which is easily accessible and is under one of GDPR's six lawful bases, one of which is consent. In line with this regulation the PCC continues to issue data consent forms to all new members and contacts. These are processed in line with the regulations and are securely stored.

Plans for the future

In 2025 we will continue to follow the Diocesan Rule of Life, work to the four aims of the Diocese and develop the mission of the church.

Four aims of the Diocese. A bigger church making a bigger difference:-

- Introducing people to Jesus
- Deepening discipleship
- Developing Christian leaders
- Working for justice

We wish to:

- Continue with the Engagement and Evaluation phase of the Deanery Fit for Mission programme
- Expand our provision and engagement in discipleship courses and prayer group
- Encourage members of the congregation to develop lay ministry
- Look further at developing the facilities we have and the facilities we need to further our mission

Structure, governance and management

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. It operates under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 and the Church Representation Rules and is a charity registered with the Charity Commission.

PCC members are appointed in accordance with the Church of England Representation Rules 2022 and are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting ("APCM")

All those who attend as members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. Individual members of the PCC receive information on appointment, including the health and safety and safeguarding policies, and external training as and when deemed appropriate by the PCC. This includes courses and events run by the Diocese.

The PCC met during 2024 on seven occasions: 29th Jan, 18th Mar, 28th Apr, 17th June, 22nd Jul, 16th Sept and 18th Nov.

There are two paid employees: caretaker and parish secretary. Our caretaker is Martin Cox. The role of parish secretary is performed by Pippa Wisedale. We would like to thank them for all their hard work. It should be noted that Pippa Wisedale became a PCC Member and Trustee in April 2019. Her role as trustee is voluntary and no part of her salary includes her role as trustee.

Salaries are set annually by the PCC, and paid monthly after deduction of appropriate PAYE, employee pension contributions and National Insurance. The PCC uses The People's Pension, provided by B&CE, as the workplace pension for its employees.

The Organist and Choir Master, Mike Jones, is self-employed. It should be noted that he became a PCC Member and Trustee in May 2022. His role as trustee is voluntary and no payments are made for his role as Trustee. Due to ongoing health reasons, Mike has been unable to fulfil his role as Organist during 2024 but has been involved in Choir Rehearsals and Evening Prayer. Music support has been provided by occasional Organists and the use of recorded music.

Sue Duerden undertakes some of the role of Verger. The various other responsibilities of the Verger have been undertaken by the Clergy and various other volunteers.

Committees

PCC main committees:

- Standing
- Mission and Pastoral
- Finance and Resources (in May the PCC agreed to merge the Fabrics and Health and Safety and the Churchyard and Field into the Finance and Resources committee)

Other committees

- Magazine
- Walking Day
- Church shop

Church groups and representatives:

- Ecumenical representatives
- Choir
- Bellringers
- Tots' Time and Wednesday Welcome
- 1st Rainford Boys' Brigade & Girls' Association
- Mothers' Union
- Men's Fellowship
- Rainford Parish Church Amateur Dramatic Society

Membership of the main committees is decided at the first PCC meeting after the APCM. The Vicar and Churchwardens are ex-officio members of each.

Standing committee

Day to day management of the church is exercised by the standing committee, the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact PCC Business between PCC meetings and considers strategic issues which may affect the church. The Committee functions under Rule 15 (appendix 2, para 14) of the Church Representation Rules of the Synodical Government Measure 1969.

The Standing Committee during 2024 were Reverend Janet Heighton, Rupert Nicholls, David Burgess, Janet Davies, Pippa Wisedale, Lorraine Wynne.

Reference and Administrative details

All Saints Church is situated in Church Road, Rainford, in the Ormskirk Deanery of the Diocese of Liverpool, within the Church of England. All correspondence should be addressed to Rainford Parish Church Hall, Church Road, Rainford WA11 8HE.

In the autumn, under a Bishop's Pastoral Order was passed to dissolved the archdeaconry of Wigan and West Lancashire. Ormskirk deanery was transferred in to the Knowsley and Sefton archdeaconry

Charity trustees on the PCC from the start of the financial year 2024 until approval of the financial statements in 2025 are set out below.

**The Parish of All Saints, Rainford PCC
Annual Report and Accounts**

Year ended 31 December 2024

PCC Members	
Name	Office / Dates
<i>Ex officio members:</i>	
The Reverend Janet Heighton	Incumbent and Chairman
Rupert Nichols	Church Warden (from May 2024, previously Deputy Church Warden)
Second Churchwarden Post Vacant from May 2023	
<i>Deanery Synod appointed members:</i>	
David Burgess	Vice Chairman
June Burgess	
Pippa Wisedale	Church Warden (as above) (from May 2024)
Rupert Nichols	
Helen Mackenzie	
<i>Elected members:</i>	
Judith Collins	(retired May 2024)
Pam Davenport	PCC Secretary, Deputy Warden
Janet Davies	
Sue Duerden	
Janet Foster	(retired May 2024)
Keith Gratton	
Anne Harrington	
Myra Hartley	(appointed May 2024) Deputy Warden
Mike Jones	(appointed May 2024)
Anne Morris	
David Roughley	
Diane Wesley	(retired May 2024)
Ken Wesley	(appointed May 2024)
Sarah Wright	
Lorraine Wynne	
<i>Co-opted members:</i>	
None	

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Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others

Agency Transactions

The PCC acted as a financial agent for the following people/organisations in the year.

Liverpool Diocesan Board of Finance (“LDBF”)

£7,964 (2023 £12,789) was received as fees from Funeral Directors and private individuals in respect of LDBF fees for funerals, burials and weddings. This money was distributed in accordance with current diocesan guidance.

Church organist, vergers, other organists and clergy

£2,626 (2023 £2,755) was received as fees from Funeral Directors and private individuals for funerals, burials and weddings. This money is passed on to the relevant individuals who all deal with their own tax payments.

Bell-ringers and Rainford Ladies’ Choir

Both receive cash payments for Wedding bookings, payable to themselves. This money does not go through the church account.

Going Concern

Although the accounts still show a surplus of payments over receipts in the general account, at no time has the account been overdrawn. The Trustees took the decision to realise the investment portfolio and place the proceeds with CCLA.

The Charity's principal investment, largely funded from the Orrell bequest, is the residential property at 59 Cross Pit Lane (previously occupied by the curate), which is let and generates a gross return of £1,300 per month. Whilst the Trustees are continuing to work on ways to minimise the operating deficit by managing expenditure, raising awareness of stewardship and addressing the need to market the hall to bring in additional income, this investment remains a significant unencumbered and realised asset that supports the Charity.

Therefore the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus, the Trustees continue to adopt the "going concern" basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the above Trustees' report.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees (the PCC) by clergy:



The Reverend Janet Heighton

Approved for signature at PCC meeting on 28th April, subject to any amendments received from Mitchell Charlesworth. Authorisation of minor amendments delegated to Vicar and Vice Chairman

25.05.25

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the
Parish of All Saints Rainford**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Parish of All Saints, Rainford PCC (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My examination has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my examination, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

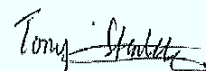
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

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 that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records;

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



Mr Tony Stanley ACA

**Mitchell Charlesworth, 14th Floor, The Plaza, 100 Old Hall Street,
Liverpool L3 9QL**

Date: 11 June 2025

The Parish of All Saints, Rainford PCC

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Receipts and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	112,410	2,237	114,647	97,537
Income from charitable activities	37,118	22,500	59,618	55,830
Other trading activities	18,121	-	18,121	39,662
Investments	20,898	-	20,898	6,133
Other income	2,922	-	2,922	4,322
Total receipts and endowments	191,469	24,737	216,206	203,484
Receipts from investments:				
Receipts from sale of investments	87,966	-	87,966	-
Total receipts from investments	87,966	-	87,966	-
Total Income	279,435	24,737	304,172	203,484
Payments on:				
Raising funds	7,436	271	7,706	10,679
Expenditure on charitable activities	208,988	23,416	232,405	251,312
Other expenditure	10,648	-	10,648	10,648
Total expenditure	227,073	23,687	250,759	272,639
Net receipts / (payments)	52,362	1,050	53,413	-69,155

There may be minor discrepancies in the totals if the pence are not being shown

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2024

Class and nominal code	General (Unrestricted)	Designated	Restricted	2024	2023
Fixed Asset - Investments					
6450: Shares portfolio	-	-	-	-	123,946
Total	-	-	-	-	123,946
Fixed Asset - Tangible Assets					
6410: Church Hall	-	280,200	-	280,200	280,200
6415: 59 Cross Pit Lane	-	249,219	-	249,219	249,219
6420: Church Field	-	30,000	-	30,000	30,000
6430: Plant & Equipment	-	31,978	-	31,978	31,978
6440: The Anchor (Boys' Brigade)	-	14,400	-	14,400	14,400
Total	-	605,796	-	605,796	605,796
Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand					
6501: Main NatWest bank current account	-779	13,944	4,173	17,340	15,152
6505: 'W' NatWest bank current account	-5	-	-	-5	-
6510: Business Reserve bank deposit account	2,171	-	-	2,171	2,140
6520: CCLA (CBF) deposit account - Main	87,492	-	4,903	92,395	7,023
6525: CCLA (CBF) deposit account - Fabric	1,610	-	13,053	14,664	13,925
6551: Organisation - Boys' Brigade	-	-	14,639	14,639	14,180
6553: Organisation - Amateur Dramatics	-	11,659	-	11,659	7,981
6555: Organisation - Men's Fellowship	-	218	-	218	180
6595: Cash in church safe	405	-	35	440	356
Total	90,896	25,822	36,805	153,524	60,940
Liability - Agency Accounts					
6699: Agency collections	-	-	237	237	1,065
Total	-	-	237	237	1,065
Liability - Creditors					
Loan repayable	18,491	-	-	18,491	29,058
Total	18,491	-	-	18,491	29,058

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These accounts were approved by the Parochial Church Council on 28th April 2025, subject to any minor amendments made by Mitchell Charlesworth. Authorisation of minor amendments delegated to Vicar and Vice Chairman



Revd Janet Heighton - Vicar

David Burgess - Vice Chairman

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OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023



REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1127817



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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

Aims and Purpose

The general functions of the Parochial Church Council of The Parish of All Saints, Rainford ("PCC") are stated within section 2 of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956.

The PCC has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, Revd Janet Heighton, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also responsible for the maintenance of the Church and Parish Church Hall in Church Road, Rainford.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at All Saints. The PCC continues to develop the vision of the church following the diocesan vision of a "Bigger Church making a Bigger Difference" and promotes the Diocesan Rule of Life – "Called to pray, read and learn. Sent to tell, serve and give."

The PCC maintains an overview of worship and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship, prayer and learning about the gospel;
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish;
- Mission and outreach work within our community;
- Fellowship;
- Concern for world issues;

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church of All Saints and the Parish Church Hall.

Support for Charities

The PCC decides on which charities to support, having regard to need. Details of charities benefiting in 2023 are set out in the Achievements and performance section of this Trustees' report.

Objectives for 2023

Our specific objectives at the start of 2023 were to continue to work to the Diocesan growth agenda and develop the mission of the church. We aimed to:

- Engage with the Diocesan and Deanery Fit for Mission discussion
- Develop our work with baptism families and encourage the recruitment of young families and adults
- Expand our provision of discipleship courses
- Encourage members of the congregation to develop lay ministry
- Look further at developing the facilities we have and the facilities we need to further our mission
- Continue to reflect on the use of the balance of the Keith Orrell bequest in the light of the above and the Mission Plan

Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is. In particular we want to mention our Churchwarden Ralph Rigby, who retired from the full role in May 2023 and took up the role of Deputy Churchwarden, alongside the other Deputy Churchwardens Janet Davies, Ivor Fingard, Myra Hartley and Rupert Nichols. It should be noted that no Churchwardens were appointed at the APCM in May 2023 and both posts have remained vacant for the rest of the year. The duties of Churchwarden have been shared by the Deputy Churchwardens.

A considerable amount of hours are given each year by all our volunteers in their work for the church and we are most grateful to everyone who helps in any way with the smooth running of the church and our mission and ministry.

Clergy Team

Revd Janet Heighton continues as Vicar and was on Sabbatical from January – March 2023. Revd Noel Mc Garrigle completed his time as Assistant Curate in June 2023 and moved on to be Incumbent of the Parishes of Helsby and Dunham on the Hill in the Chester Diocese, we wished him well in his future ministry. Revd Jayne Shepherd (Priest) and Revd Martin Duerden (Priest) both continue to hold the Bishop's Permission to Officiate. We are grateful to them for all their work and support in the parish.

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Achievements and Performance

Worship and prayer

The PCC is keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling.

Everyone is welcome at our services and the reported figure for the Church's Electoral Roll in 2023, following a number of bereavements and people moving away from the parish was 214 (2022 – 232).

Average attendance figures for 2023:

	2023 <i>(2022 comparison)</i>
Sundays	
8.00am in Church	10 (11)
10.30am Family service	118 (103)
10.30am Morning Service	62 (75)
Evening services	16 (20)
Thurs morning Communion	25 (24)

Attendance at:

- Services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day in church were attended by 419 adults and children (2022 - 400 adults and children)
- Services on Easter Day in church attended by 139 (2022 - 193)

	2023 <i>(2022 comparison)</i>
Occasional offices	
Baptisms	24 (27)
Confirmation	0 (0)
Weddings	3 (10)
Funerals in church	45 (35)
Funerals direct to crematorium	19 (17)

Consideration has been given to making the most of the opportunities provided by occasional offices and using the Church of England resources.

Messy Church started in October 2022 and has continued to meet monthly, on the third Sunday at 9am in the Church Hall. The format is 15 mins each of Craft, Prayer and Breakfast. The service

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has been well received by families with young children, many of whom have previously attended Tots Worship but few had attended Sunday Services. The average attendance for 2023 was 30 adults and 23 children.

Church building and hall

In addition to the programme of services, the Church is generally used by the Bell-ringers and the Church Choir for regular weekly practice, and for Tots' Time worship on a Wednesday morning. The hall is generally used throughout the year by various church organisations, including Wednesday Welcome, Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association, Mothers' Union, Men's' Fellowship, Craft Group and Rainford Parish Church Amateur Dramatic Society, and for Parish lunches and coffee mornings.

Outside lettings of the hall have increased throughout 2023 with additional weekly lettings for exercise classes and parent and baby groups.

The review of the facilities we need in order to meet the objectives of the mission plan was put on hold in March 2020 at the start of the pandemic. This will now be reviewed again in 2024, particularly alongside the Diocesan Fit for Mission Strategy.

Churchyard and Field

The PCC have responsibility for the upkeep and maintenance of the churchyard and field. Previously the PCC used an outside contractor for the maintenance of the churchyard and field, however, in 2022 a working party of willing helpers was put together, led by Andrew Rigby, who have continued to maintain the churchyard and field throughout the year and we are grateful for their commitment. The church receives no outside assistance in this area, and all costs and expense are borne by the Parishioners of All Saints. Whilst the working party does not eliminate costs entirely it has dramatically reduced the financial burden in this area on the church.

The PCC sought planning permission for the siting of a container in the church hall car park for the storage of the equipment needed.

The church field was again used by Silcocks Fair for Walking Day and for the Bonfire organised by the Scouts and Rotary. In addition, it was used by a touring Circus in April.

Pastoral care

Pastoral visits and home communions continued during 2023, undertaken by Revd Janet, Revd Noel, Revd Martin and Revd Jayne. Consideration is now being given to the re-formation of a Pastoral visiting team.

Mission and evangelism

The Mission and Pastoral Committee has continued to encourage commitment to the Diocesan Rule of Life. Pam Davenport took over as Chairman of the Mission and Pastoral committee and over the summer the committee and PCC worked at developing a new action plan. The committee also made plans for an At Home day to be held in February 2024, based on fellowship and spirituality.

Revd Martin and Sue Duerden continued the development of study groups by running Christianity Explored in the autumn. These groups have continued to help members of the congregation grow in confidence in their faith.

At the start of the year we took part in the Government Warm Space initiative, addressing the cost of living and fuel crisis, by opening the Church Hall on a Monday 12 – 2pm and offering a free light lunch. This proved very popular, particularly for offering fellowship and combating loneliness, and therefore it continued weekly throughout the year, changing the name to Fellowship Group. Although lunch is offered free for anyone who wishes, attendees offer their own donations, making the group self-sustainable.

This year's Christmas event was, again, a Christmas Tree Festival, with many organisations, schools and local businesses being involved. Money raised was split 50% to Church funds, 25% to Teardrops and 25% Mary's Meals.

Our Church School Partnership continues with Rainford CE School. Revd Janet, Revd Martin and Diane Pennington, continue to be committed in their roles as Foundation Governors and Keith Gratton, who was appointed to the PCC in May 2023, as a Co-opted Governor. Revd Janet and Revd Martin have continued to offer weekly Collective Worship in school and we were also able to offer Easter Experience and Pentecost Experience in Church. The School has used the church building for Harvest and Christmas.

Our relationship with Brook Lodge School has continued. Revd Janet has taken part in assemblies and we were able to welcome the school to church for the Easter Journey Celebration and the Crib Service at Christmas.

Our Parish magazine and Facebook page keep our parishioners informed of the important matters affecting our Church and Parish. The weekly newsletter continues to be distributed to all on our Electoral Roll who have provided email addresses and to all on our mailing list who have signed up under GDPR. The weekly circulation is approximately 190 copies.

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Charities Supported

Charities we have supported during the year, included within our accounts, are:-

	£
Church generally	
Shelter – Christmas Charity 2022 (Paid in 2023)	1,000
DEC Appeal for Turkey	365
Local food bank – Coronation Concert	940
Local food bank – Messy Church Smartie Tube Lent	
Appeal	120
Poppy Appeal	100
St Helens Carers - Men's Fellowship donation	30
Teardrops Christmas Charity 2023 (Collected in 2023, paid out in 2024)	1,664
Mary's Meals Christmas Charity 2023 (Collected in 2023, paid out in 2024)	1,664
Children's Society (cash from Christingle Collection)	310
Boys Brigade and Girls Association	
Local foodbank	1,593
Wythenshawe Hospital	153
Rainford Girl Guides	50
Alzheimer	25
Poppy Appeal	40
Chocolate Orange Appeal	149

The total raised for the Children's Society through the Christingle Services collection was £1,137. £310 in cash as reported above and £827 in cheques banked with them direct. A special collection was made for a local family following a tragedy and raised £550, which was given to them.

In addition to these monetary contributions, donations-in-kind were made in the year to support local charities: The Church acts as a collection point for food donations, regularly sent to the Skelmersdale Food Bank for distribution, and at the Family Service in December, our "Toy service", members of the congregation brought in toys and other gifts which were taken to the St Helens Women's Refuge Centre. Harvest produce was donated to YMCA St Helens and the local foodbanks.

Ecumenical relationships

The church is a member of Churches Together in Rainford and the Clergy of the churches have worked closely together and met regularly throughout the year to reflect and offer support. The 2023 Service of Christian Unity took place at All Saints. The Good Friday Walk of Witness took place as usual as did the annual Walking Day in June. The Ecumenical Service for Remembrance at All Saints was very well attended.

We were able to distribute both Easter cards and Christmas Cards throughout the village, with messages of hope and took part in a joint Lent Group.

Deanery Synod

Five members of the PCC sit on the Deanery Synod, along with the clergy (although from May 2023 this was four, with one vacancy). This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider Church. The main topic of discussion over the year was the Diocesan Fit for Mission Plan, with Ormskirk Deanery being part of Cohort 2.

Diocesan Fit for Mission Plan

Over the year the PCC members took part in many extra meetings exploring the Diocesan Fit for Mission Plan. In November all parishes were asked to vote on four options about whether to continue the journey into a two year engagement and evaluation process. The PCC concluded that it is in our interests to participate with this process but raised a number of important issues that we require to be addressed and resolved during this process before any further decisions are made by the PCC on Rainford's future participation in the FFM programme.

Financial review

Record keeping and controls

The Trustees are responsible for the day to day management of the PCC and approve income and expenditure. Accounts are kept using "MyFundAccounting", a software package specifically for churches. The power of the software is now being utilised to assist with ongoing budgeting.

Income and expenditure

The Parish Giving Scheme continues to be promoted and more people have now transferred. By the end of the year the number continuing to use envelopes had reduced to four. Planned giving increased by £513, although we did lose a few of our regular givers, who sadly died.

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The deficit of unrestricted funds (including designated) showing in the accounts to the General Fund is £48,778 (previous year gain £2,670).

Total receipts of unrestricted funds were £198,184 (previous year £198,438). Two legacies, totalling £1,509 were received in the year (previous year £5,995). Other unrestricted voluntary donations were £68,831 (previous year £92,813, which included three special donations totalling £26,000). Collections from loose plate increased by £1,045. Gift Aid and GASDS has been claimed on eligible donations for the year £11,746 (previous year £16,437, which included Gift Aid on a large special donation).

£225,635 (previous year £179,050) was spent from unrestricted funds on charitable activities and to provide Christian ministry.

The diocesan parish share for 2023 was £86,093 (previous year £82,086). The Parish Share is supplemented by the Church Commissioners to provide: Clergy stipends and National Insurance, Clergy pensions, Clergy housing, Clergy training and Reader training. The total amount for all churches in the diocese is shared between those churches applying a formula which takes into account nationally determined deprivation statistics and each church's Sunday adult congregation attendance.

Repayments of the Government Business Bounce Back loan, received in 2020, continued monthly throughout the year.

Our major fundraising event, the annual Church shop, returned in full in May and generated a net profit of £20,000.

Fee income is always variable due to the number of services. In 2023 the number of funerals rose considerably. The amount received from wedding and funeral fees was £28,963 (2022 £24,022).

The PCC are continuing to rationalise expenditure in order to maximise the effective use of resources and generate additional income.

It should be noted that, following the vestry fire reported in 2019, the refurbishment of the vestry took place in 2023. In 2022, £15,924 remained in the account from the insurance claim, which has now all been cleared.

Investments are actively managed by an investment manager Quilter Cheviot. During 2023 we had to draw down £50,082 in order to maintain cashflow. The investments have generated interest of £2,714.

In June 2023, with the departure of Revd Noel Mc Garrigle, the Curate's House became vacant. £6,821 was spent in refurbishment ready for rental. The house was let from September 2023 and returns an income of £1,300 per month.

Reserves Policy

It is still the policy of the PCC to try to maintain a balance in the general current account of unrestricted funds that equates to at least two months of unrestricted payments and covers emergency situations that may arise from time to time. Close management of the accounts has been undertaken and funds have only been drawn down from investments when necessary. In order to protect the Charities interest and minimise loss, the PCC decided not to draw down money from investments to aid cashflow in previous years but to use the Government Business Bounce Back loan, held in a Reserve account, to assist short term cashflow issues. Quilter Cheviot, as Investment Managers, have been kept informed of potential cashflow needs in the new year, in order to sell shares at an appropriate time and keep this in a cash account.

Legacy policy

It is the PCC's policy to record any legacies received and, if given without any restriction, to use them in such a way that wherever possible reflects the person who has given the legacy. Restricted legacies will be used in accordance with the restriction. Two legacies were received in the year, amounting to £1,509.

Health and safety matters

Deputy Churchwardens have overall responsibility for Health and Safety. Any issues are reported at the Fabrics meeting and to the PCC. Our Health and Safety Policy will be reviewed again in 2024. The Policy covers all aspects of Health and Safety including: Accidents, Alarms, Evacuation of Buildings, Fires, Food Hygiene, Graveyard, Plant and Machinery, Paths, Trees and Walls, Working at Height. Copies of the Policy are held by each PCC member, leaders of organisations, and in the Church Hall Office, as are the Registers of periodic checks and accident book. We endeavour to ensure that our policy is maintained and kept up to date.

Risk Assessments

The PCC undertakes a programme of risk assessments to identify major risks. Procedures are put in place to manage those risks and minimise their impact on the life of the church.

- Compliance with Laws and Regulations

In order to comply with The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005, we have a written Fire Risk Assessment.

All Risk Assessments are also up to date and at the date of writing this report there have been no RIDDOR notifiable incidences.

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RIDDOR is a law that requires us as an employer to report certain types of accidents, incidents and ill-health to the Health and Safety Executive (HSE). RIDDOR stands for the Reporting of incidents, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations.

Safeguarding

The PCC is responsible for ensuring the church has a safeguarding policy which is agreed, understood and enacted. We have again approved our Safeguarding Policy in line with the Diocese of Liverpool's and will keep it under review annually. This is to keep it in line with current expectations and to ensure it meets our own needs. The PCC routinely receives reports to enable them to track the safe recruitment of volunteers where their roles bring them into contact with children and/or vulnerable adults in their 'official' capacity. ('Safe recruiting' involves a DBS check, the uptake of references, a clear role description, an induction interview and an assessment of training needs.)

Our church is committed to and will champion the protection of children, young people and vulnerable adults. Everyone who meets us, comes to us, or works with us should feel safe and cared for irrespective of their social background, culture, their abilities, religious belief or any other factor. It is the responsibility of all of us, individually as well as collectively, to make these aspirations real, to look out for one another and to pass on any concerns.

As required by the Diocese, we have a designated safeguarding officer, Diane Pennington, who was appointed in May 2018. In addition the PCC has also approved the appointment of Pamela Davenport as a second DBS Recruiter. This has also been approved by the Diocese of Liverpool. We have an approved policy to guide our actions. The Safeguarding Officer's role is to support, advise and deal with certain specific issues for which she has been trained – but she does not 'do safeguarding' for us; we are all responsible for doing the right thing.

Further information about safeguarding including contact details for reporting (in confidence) any concern is available from the church website and the Diocese of Liverpool website.

This last year the PCC and/or safeguarding officer has continued to:

- Review its policies and procedures
- Review the safeguarding audit and action plan
- Updated expiring DBS checks
- Ensure that ALL Trustees are DBS Checked in line with legal requirements

General Data Protection Regulation

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) came into force in the UK on the 25th May 2018, and affects all organisations, including churches, which store personal information about individuals. The Regulation is designed to give individuals more rights when it comes to how their information is gathered, stored and used. It will build on current Data Protection legislation to ensure that all organisations are acting transparently and fairly when it comes to personal information. The GDPR aims to ensure an individual's right to make sure their data is held securely, correctly, and in a manner which is easily accessible and is under one of GDPR's six lawful bases, one of which is consent. In line with this regulation the PCC continues to issue data consent forms to all new members and contacts. These are processed in line with the regulations and are securely stored.

Plans for the future

In 2024 we will continue to work to the Diocesan growth agenda and develop the mission of the church.

We wish to:

- Continue with the Engagement and Evaluation phase of the Deanery Fit for Mission programme
- Develop our work with baptism families and encourage the recruitment of young families and adults
- Expand our provision of discipleship courses
- Encourage members of the congregation to develop lay ministry
- Look further at developing the facilities we have and the facilities we need to further our mission
- Continue to reflect on the use of the balance of the Keith Orrell bequest in the light of the above and the Mission Plan

Structure, governance and management

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. It operates under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 and the Church Representation Rules and is a charity registered with the Charity Commission.

PCC members are appointed in accordance with the Church of England Representation Rules 2020 and are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting ("APCM")

All those who attend as members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. Individual members of the PCC receive information on appointment, including the health and safety and safeguarding policies, and external training as and when deemed appropriate by the PCC. This includes courses and events run by the Diocese.

The PCC met during 2023 on seven occasions: 6th Feb, 27th Mar, 24th Apr, 5th June, 10th Jul, 18th Sept and 20th Nov.

There are two paid employees: caretaker and parish secretary. Our caretaker is Martin Cox. The role of parish secretary is performed by Pippa Wisedale. We would like to thank them for all their hard work. It should be noted that Pippa Wisedale became a PCC Member and Trustee in April 2019. Her role as trustee is voluntary and no part of her salary includes her role as trustee.

Salaries are set annually by the PCC, and paid monthly after deduction of appropriate PAYE, employee pension contributions and National Insurance. The PCC uses The People's Pension, provided by B&CE, as the workplace pension for its employees.

The Organist and Choir Master, Mike Jones, is self-employed. It should be noted that he became a PCC Member and Trustee in May 2022. His role as trustee is voluntary and no payments are made for his role as Trustee. Due to ongoing health reasons, Mike has been unable to fulfil his role as Organist and Choir Master during 2023, he remains in our prayers. Music support has been provided by occasional Organists and the use of recorded music.

Sue Duerden has taken on some of the role of Verger. The various other responsibilities of the Verger have been undertaken by the Clergy and various other volunteers.

Committees

PCC main committees:

- Standing
- Mission and Pastoral
- Finance and Resources
- Fabrics and Health and Safety
- Churchyard and Field

Other committees

- Magazine
- Social
- Walking Day
- Church shop

Church groups and representatives:

- Ecumenical representatives
- Cathedral representative
- Choir
- Bellringers
- Tots' Time and Wednesday Welcome
- 1st Rainford Boys' Brigade & Girls' Association
- Mothers' Union
- Men's Fellowship
- Rainford Parish Church Amateur Dramatic Society

Membership of the main committees is decided at the first PCC meeting after the APCM. The Vicar and Churchwardens are ex-officio members of each.

Standing committee

Day to day management of the church is exercised by the standing committee, the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact PCC Business between PCC meetings and considers strategic issues which may affect the church. The Committee functions under Rule 15 (appendix 2, para 14) of the Church Representation Rules of the Synodical Government Measure 1969.

The Standing Committee during 2023 were Reverend Janet Heighton, Ralph Rigby (until APCM May 2023), Myra Hartley (until May 2023), David Burgess, Janet Davies, Rupert Nicholls (from May 2023), Pippa Wisedale (from May 2023), Lorraine Wynne (from May 2023).

Reference and Administrative details

All Saints Church is situated in Church Road, Rainford, in the Ormskirk Deanery of the Diocese of Liverpool, within the Church of England All correspondence should be addressed to Rainford Parish Church Hall, Church Road, Rainford WA11 8HE. Charity trustees on the PCC from the start of the financial year 2023 until approval of the financial statements in 2024 are set out below.

**The Parish of All Saints, Rainford PCC
Annual Report and Accounts
PCC Members**

Year ended 31 December 2023

Name	Office / Dates
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Ex officio members:

The Reverend Janet Heighton	Incumbent and Chairman
The Reverend Noel McGarrigle	Assistant Curate (resigned June 2023)
Ralph Rigby	Church Warden and Vice Chairman (retired May 2023)
Churchwarden Post Vacant from May 2023	

Deanery Synod appointed members:

David Burgess	Vice Chairman (appointed VC May 2023)
June Burgess	Parish Giving Officer
Mike Potterill	(resigned May 2023)
Pippa Wisedale	
Rupert Nicholls	Deputy Warden

Elected members:

Diane Pennington	(retired May 2023)
Judith Collins	
Pam Davenport	
Janet Davies	PCC Secretary, Deputy Warden
Sue Duerden	(appointed May 2023)
Janet Foster	(appointed May 2023)
Keith Gratton	(appointed May 2023)
Anne Harrington	
Myra Hartley	(retired 2023) Deputy Warden
Mike Jones	
Anne Morris	(appointed May 2023)
Andrew Rigby	(resigned June 2023)
Diane Wesley	
Sarah Wright	
Lorraine Wynne	

1 vacancy of Deanery Synod rep from APCM 2023

Co-opted members:

None

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Bankers

National Westminster Bank plc
5 Ormskirk Street
St Helens
WA10 1DR

CCLA
Senator House
85 Queen Victoria Street London
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Investment manager & Stockbroker

Quilter Cheviot
5 St Paul's Square
Liverpool
L3 9SJ

Independent Examiner

Tony Stanley ACA
BWM Chartered Accountants
Tempest
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12 Tithebarn Street
Liverpool
L2 2DT

Solicitors

Hill Dickinson LLP
1 St Paul's Square
Liverpool
L3 9SJ

Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others

Agency Transactions

The PCC acted as a financial agent for the following people/organisations in the year.

Liverpool Diocesan Board of Finance ("LDBF")

£12,789 (2022 £11,630) was received as fees from Funeral Directors and private individuals in respect of LDBF fees for funerals, burials and weddings. This money was distributed in accordance with current diocesan guidance.

Church organist, vergers, other organists and clergy

£2,755 (2022 £4,817) was received as fees from Funeral Directors and private individuals for funerals, burials and weddings. This money is passed on to the relevant individuals who all deal with their own tax payments.

Bell-ringers and Rainford Ladies' Choir

Both receive cash payments for Wedding bookings, payable to themselves. This money does not go through the church account.

Going Concern

Although the accounts still show a surplus of payments over receipts in the general account, at no time has the account been overdrawn. Trustees took the decision to use designated funds within the general account to aid the cashflow, while allowing the investments to recover from the initial COVID drop. Money can be transferred from the investments immediately if needed.

Funds within the investments, partly from the Orrell bequest, had been designated for use in developing the facilities we have in the light of our missional needs. Due to the continuing financial situation, Trustees have currently put these plans on hold. Trustees are continuing to work on ways to minimise any deficit by raising the awareness of stewardship and by addressing the need to market the hall to bring in additional income.

The Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus, the Trustees continue to adopt the "going concern" basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the above Trustees' report.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees (the PCC) by clergy:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Heighton', with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

The Reverend Janet Heighton

Approved for signature at PCC meeting 29th March 2024, subject to any amendments received from BWM.
Authorisation of minor amendments delegated to Vicar and Vice Chairman

23.05.24

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the Parish of All Saints Rainford

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Parish of All Saints, Rainford PCC (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My examination has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my examination, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records;

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



Mr Tony Stanley ACA
BWM. Chartered Accountants. Tempest Suite 5.1, 12 Tithebarn Street,
Liverpool L2 2DT

23 May 2024
Date:

The Parish of All Saints, Rainford PCC

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
Receipts and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	94,528	3,009	97,537	125,435
Income from charitable activities	54,719	1,111	55,830	57,068
Other trading activities	38,602	1,060	39,662	33,185
Investments	6,013	120	6,133	7,100
Other income	4,322	-	4,322	5,614
Total income	198,184	5,300	203,484	228,401
Payments on:				
Raising funds	10,679	-	10,679	6,407
Expenditure on charitable activities	225,635	25,677	251,312	202,053
Other expenditure	10,648	-	10,648	10,648
Total expenditure	246,962	25,677	272,639	219,108
Net receipts / (payments)	-48,778	-20,377	-69,155	9,293

There may be minor discrepancies in the totals if the pence are not being shown

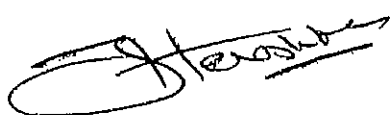
The Parish of All Saints, Rainford PCC

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2023

Class and nominal code	General (Unrestricted)	Designated	Restricted	2023	2022
Fixed Asset - Investments					
6450: Shares portfolio	-	123,946	-	123,946	166,232
Total	-	123,946	-	123,946	166,232
Fixed Asset - Tangible Assets					
6410: Church Hall	-	280,200	-	280,200	280,200
6415: 59 Cross Pit Lane	-	249,219	-	249,219	249,219
6420: Church Field	-	30,000	-	30,000	30,000
6430: Plant & Equipment	-	31,978	-	31,978	31,978
6440: The Anchor (Boys' Brigade)	-	14,400	-	14,400	14,400
Total	-	605,796	-	605,796	605,796
Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand					
6501: Main NatWest bank current account	-5,466	13,222	7,395	15,152	28,879
6505: 'W' NatWest bank current account	-	-	-	-	48
6510: Business Reserve bank deposit account	2,140	-	-	2,140	2,115
6520: CCLA (CBF) deposit account - Main	2,120	-	4,904	7,023	6,805
6525: CCLA (CBF) deposit account - Fabric	872	-	13,054	13,925	13,493
6551: Organisation - Boys' Brigade	-	-	14,181	14,181	20,356
6553: Organisation - Amateur Dramatics	-	7,981	-	7,981	9,704
6555: Organisation - Men's Fellowship	-	181	-	181	134
6595: Cash in church safe	46	-	310	357	1,167
Total	-288	21,384	39,844	60,940	80,700
Liability - Agency Accounts					
6699: Agency collections	-	-	1,065	1,065	1,753
Total	-	-	1,065	1,065	1,753
Liability - Creditors					
Loan repayable	29,058	-	-	29,058	38,841
Total	29,058	-	-	29,058	38,841

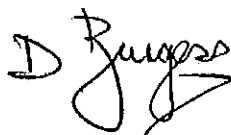
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These accounts were approved by the Parochial Church Council on 29th March 2024, subject to any minor amendments made by BWM. Authorisation of minor amendments delegated to Vicar and Vice Chairman



Revd Janet Heighon - Vicar

23.5.24



David Burgess - Vice Chairman

Accounts



THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, RAINFORD
ANNUAL REPORT & UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022



REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1127817



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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

Aims and Purpose

The general functions of the Parochial Church Council of The Parish of All Saints, Rainford ("PCC") are stated within section 2 of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956.

The PCC has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, Revd Janet Heighton, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also responsible for the maintenance of the Church and Parish Church Hall in Church Road, Rainford.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at All Saints. The PCC continues to develop the vision of the church following the diocesan vision of a "Bigger Church making a Bigger Difference" and promotes the Diocesan Rule of Life – "Called to pray, read and learn. Sent to tell, serve and give."

The PCC maintains an overview of worship and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship, prayer and learning about the gospel;
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish;
- Mission and outreach work within our community;
- Fellowship;
- Concern for world issues;

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church of All Saints and the Parish Church Hall.

Support for Charities

The PCC decides on which charities to support, having regard to need. Details of charities benefiting in 2022 are set out in the Achievements and performance section of this Trustees' report.

Objectives for 2022

Our specific objectives at the start of 2022 were to continue to work to the Diocesan growth agenda and develop the mission of the church. We aimed to:

- Review the needs of the congregation and community in a post-pandemic world
- Develop our work with baptism families and encourage the recruitment of young families and adults
- Expand our provision of discipleship courses
- Encourage members of the congregation to develop lay ministry
- Look further at developing the facilities we have and the facilities we need to further our mission.
- Continue to reflect on the use of the balance of the Keith Orrell bequest in the light of the above and the Mission Plan.
- Engage with the Diocesan and Deanery Fit for Mission discussion

COVID 19 – Global Pandemic

Although most services were taking place in 2022, precautions were still in place following the Global Pandemic. This has continued to impact the charity financially by loss of income from loose plate collections.

Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is. In particular we want to mention our wardens, Diane Pennington (resigned May 2022) and Ralph Rigby (appointed May 2022). Our deputy wardens in 2022 were Janet Davies, Ivor Fingard, Myra Hartley, Rupert Nichols, and Ralph Rigby (until May 2022).

A considerable amount of hours are given each year by our volunteers in their work for the church and we are most grateful to everyone who helps in any way with the smooth running of the church and our mission and ministry.

Clergy Team

Revd Janet Heighton continues as Vicar and Revd Noel Mc Garrigle as Assistant Curate. Revd Jayne Shepherd (Priest) and Revd Martin Duerden (Priest) both continue to hold the Bishop's Permission to Officiate. We are grateful to all of them for all their work and support in the parish.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and prayer

The PCC is keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling.

Everyone is welcome at our services and the reported figure for the Church's Electoral Roll in 2022 was 232 (2021 – 233).

Average attendance figures for 2022:

	2022
	<i>(2021 comparison)</i>
Sundays	
8.00am in Church	11 (15)
10.30am Family service	103 (105)
10.30am Morning Service	75 (51)
Evening services	20 (16)
Thurs morning Communion	24 (26)

Attendance at:

- Services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day in church were attended by 400 adults and children (2021 223 adults and children)
- Services on Easter Day in church attended by 193 (2021 76)

	2022	Notes
	<i>(2021 comparison)</i>	
Occasional offices		
Baptisms	27 (27)	
Confirmation	0 (5)	
Weddings	10 (6)	
Funerals in church	35 (26)	
Funerals direct to crematorium	17 (18)	

Consideration has been given to making the most of the opportunities provided by occasional offices and using the Church of England resources.

Before the pandemic, plans had been started to launch a new Messy Church service. These plans came to fruition with the launch of this new monthly service in October. The service takes place in the Church Hall at 9am every third Sunday. The format is 15 mins each of Craft, Prayer and

Breakfast. The service has been well received by families with young children, many of whom have previously attended Tots Worship but few had attended Sunday Services. The average attendance for October – December was 28 adults and 21 children.

Church building and hall

In addition to the programme of services, the Church is generally used by the Bell-ringers and the Church Choir for regular weekly practice, and for Tots' Time worship on a Wednesday morning.

The hall is generally used throughout the year by various church organisations, including, Wednesday Welcome, Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association, Mothers' Union, Men's' Fellowship, Craft Group and Rainford Parish Church Amateur Dramatic Society, and for Parish lunches and coffee mornings.

The review of the facilities we need in order to meet the objectives of the mission plan was put on hold in March 2020 at the start of the pandemic. This will be reviewed again at a later date as things become more stable and as the implications of the Diocesan Fit for Mission Strategy becomes clearer.

Churchyard and Field

The PCC have responsibility for the upkeep and maintenance of Churchyard and Field.

Previously the PCC used an outside contractor for the maintenance of the churchyard and field, however, due increases by the contractor and despite receiving alternative tenders from alternative contractors this was deemed unviable due to the current finances of the church. The church receives no outside assistance in this area, and all costs and expense are borne by the Parishioners of All Saints.

It was therefore agreed that we would endeavour to take the maintenance of these areas in-house.

A working party of willing helpers has been put together led by Andrew Rigby who will maintain the churchyard and field going forward. Whilst this will not eliminate costs entirely it will dramatically reduce the financial burden in this area on the church going forward.

Geoff Powell kindly assisted with the cutting of the graveyard by borrowing machinery.

The PCC agreed to purchase a number of items such as strimmers, lawn mower, leaf blowers and also a container for the storage of these items - Planning Permission was sought for the siting of the container and this was granted early in 2023.

Tony & Janet Foster kindly offered to purchase a ride on Mower in memory of their daughter which was greatly received in November 2022. This will be of great help maintaining the graveyard and field in the year to come.

Following the pandemic it was good to see the Church Field back in use by Silcocks Fair for Walking Day and for the Bonfire organised by the Scouts.

During 2022 work was undertaken to repair the culvert running under the Church Field.

Pastoral care

Pastoral visits and home communions returned to normal during 2022, following the pandemic restrictions. Throughout the year fourteen people regularly received communion at home, these were undertaken by Revd Janet and Revd Noel. Spiritual Communion on Zoom continued weekly throughout the year, providing fellowship, with approximately five attendees.

Mission and evangelism

The Mission and Pastoral Committee has continued to encourage commitment to the Diocesan Rule of Life and organised an At Home Day in February 2022 with Bishop Bev.

Revd Noel has continued to run study groups in person throughout the year, moving from Pilgrim, to Alpha, to a general discussion group. These have helped members of the congregation grow in confidence in their faith.

A highly successful Advent Windows celebration and display took place in December and throughout Advent. Many organisations and the schools were involved in creating the windows, which proved very popular. A large number of people visited the displays, which depicted the whole story of salvation.

Our Church School Partnership continues with Rainford CE School. Revd Janet and Diane Pennington, continue to be committed in their roles on the governing body and Revd Martin was also appointed as a Foundation Governor. Revd Janet, Revd Noel and Revd Martin have continued to offer weekly Collective Worship in school and were able to offer Easter Experience and Harvest Experience in Church. The School has used the church building for Harvest and Christmas.

Our relationship with Brook Lodge School has continued. Revd Janet has taken part in assemblies and we were able to welcome the school back to church for the Easter Journey Celebration and the Crib Service at Christmas.

Our Parish magazine and Facebook page keep our parishioners informed of the important matters affecting our Church and Parish. The weekly newsletter continues to be distributed to all on our Electoral Roll who have provided email addresses and to all on our mailing list who have signed up under GDPR. The weekly circulation is approximately 190 copies.

Charities Supported

Charities we have supported during the year, included within our accounts, are:-

	£
Church generally	
Our Warm Welcome (2021 collection paid in 2022)	545
Shelter – Christmas Charity 2022 (Paid in 2023)	999
DEC Appeal for Ukraine	980
Poppy Appeal	300
Boys Brigade and Girls Association	
Chocolate Orange Appeal	36
BB Liverpool Battalion	100
Food Bank	20

In addition, £941.30 was raised for the Children's Society through the Christingle Services collection and was banked with them direct.

In addition to these monetary contributions, donations-in-kind were made in the year to support local charities: The Church acts as a collection point for food donations, regularly sent to the Skelmersdale Food Bank for distribution, and at the Family Service in December, our "Toy service", members of the congregation brought in toys and other gifts which were taken to the St Helens Women's Refuge Centre. Harvest produce was donated to YMCA St Helens and the local foodbanks.

Ecumenical relationships

The church is a member of Churches Together in Rainford and the Clergy of the churches have worked closely together and met regularly throughout the year to reflect and offer support. The 2022 Service of Christian Unity took place at Corpus Christi. The Good Friday Walk of Witness was able to take place again as usual as did the annual Walking Day in June. The Ecumenical Service for Remembrance at All Saints was very well attended.

We were able to distribute both Easter cards and Christmas Cards throughout the village, with messages of hope.

Deanery Synod

Five members of the PCC sit on the Deanery Synod, along with the clergy. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider Church. Synod was able to meet in person again and there has been a lot of discussion over the future of the Church and the Diocesan Fit For Mission Plan.

Financial review

Record keeping and controls

The Trustees are responsible for the day to day management of the PCC and approve income and expenditure. Accounts are kept using "MyFundAccounting, a software package specifically for churches. The power of the software is now being utilised to assist with ongoing budgeting. Lorraine

Wynne volunteered to take on the role of Treasurer early in 2022 and there has been an ongoing handover.

Income and expenditure

After another push for using the Parish Giving Scheme, more people have now transferred and the number using envelopes has now reduced to 8. Planned giving increased by £352, although we did lose a few of our regular givers, who sadly died.

The gain of unrestricted funds (including designated) showing in the accounts to the General Fund is £2,670 (previous year deficit £28,736).

Total receipts of unrestricted funds were £198,438 (previous year £146,475). Two legacies, totalling £5,995 were received in the year. Other unrestricted voluntary donations were £92,813 (previous year £60,875); this included three special unrestricted donations, totalling £26,000. Planned giving increased by £352. Collections from loose plate increased by £3,425. A PAYAZ machine was introduced for contactless payments. General one off donations increased by £3,177. Gift Aid and GASDS has been claimed on eligible donations for the year £16,437 (previous year £12,823).

£179,050 (previous year £167,373) was spent from unrestricted funds on charitable activities and to provide Christian ministry.

The diocesan parish share for 2022 was £91,379 less a parish share credit due to the pandemic of £3,458 bringing the total to £87,921 (previous year £86,923). As the cashflow post pandemic was more stable it was possible to start paying by Direct Debit again, giving a saving of £5,835. The total paid in full for 2022 was therefore £82,086. The Parish Share is supplemented by the Church Commissioners to provide: Clergy stipends and National Insurance, Clergy pensions, Clergy housing, Clergy training and Reader training. The total amount for all churches in the diocese is shared between those churches applying a formula which takes into account nationally determined deprivation statistics and each church's Sunday adult congregation attendance.

Repayments of the Government Business Bounce Back loan, received in 2020, continued monthly throughout the year.

Our major fundraising event, the annual Church shop, returned in full in May and generated a net profit of £16,161.

Fee income is always variable due to the number of services. With more weddings and funerals in church in 2022, the amount received from fees was £24,022 (2021 £22,426).

The PCC are continuing to rationalise expenditure in order to maximise the effective use of resources and generate additional income.

It should be noted that, following the vestry fire reported in 2019, £15,924 remains in the account from the insurance claim, partly to pay for the refurbishment of the vestry, which started in February 2023.

Investments are actively managed by an investment manager Quilter Cheviot. No capital has been drawn down from investments in 2022 and the valuation reflects a depression in the share market. The investments have generated interest of £5,505.

Reserves Policy

It is still the policy of the PCC to try to maintain a balance in the general current account of unrestricted funds that equates to at least two months of unrestricted payments and covers emergency situations that may arise from time to time. However, the pandemic made this difficult and has continued to require close management of the finances throughout 2022. In order to protect the Charities interest and minimise loss, the PCC decided not to draw down money from investments to aid cashflow but to use the Government Business Bounce Back loan, held in a Reserve account, to assist short term cashflow issues. Quilter Cheviot, as Investment Managers, have been kept informed of potential cashflow needs in the new year, in order to sell shares at an appropriate time and keep this in a cash account.

Legacy policy

It is the PCC's policy to record any legacies received and, if given without any restriction, to use them in such a way that wherever possible reflects the person who has given the legacy. Restricted legacies will be used in accordance with the restriction. Two legacies were received in the year, amounting to £5,995.

Health and safety matters

Andrew Rigby assumed the role of H & S officer and with Churchwardens have overall responsibility for Health and Safety. Any issues are reported at the Fabrics meeting and to the PCC. Our Health and Safety Policy will be reviewed again in 2023. The Policy covers all aspects of Health and Safety including: Accidents, Alarms, Evacuation of Buildings, Fires, Food Hygiene, Graveyard, Plant and Machinery, Paths, Trees and Walls, Working at Height. Copies of the Policy are held by each PCC member, leaders of organisations, and in the Church Hall Office, as are the Registers of periodic checks and accident book. We endeavour to ensure that our policy is maintained and kept up to date.

Risk Assessments

The PCC undertakes a programme of risk assessments to identify major risks. Procedures are put in place to manage those risks and minimise their impact on the life of the church.

- Compliance with Laws and Regulations

In order to comply with The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005, we have a written Fire Risk Assessment.

All Risk Assessments are also up to date and at the date of writing this report there have been no notifiable incidences to RIDDOR.

Safeguarding

The PCC is responsible for ensuring the church has a safeguarding policy which is agreed, understood and enacted. We have again approved our Safeguarding Policy in line with the Diocese of Liverpool's and will keep it under review annually. This is to keep it in line with current expectations and to ensure it meets our own needs. The PCC routinely receives reports to enable them to track the safe recruitment of volunteers where their roles bring them into contact with children and/or vulnerable adults in their 'official' capacity. ('Safe recruiting' involves a DBS check, the uptake of references, a clear role description, an induction interview and an assessment of training needs.)

Our church is committed to and will champion the protection of children, young people and vulnerable adults. Everyone who meets us, comes to us, or works with us should feel safe and cared for irrespective of their social background, culture, their abilities, religious belief or any other factor. It is the responsibility of all of us, individually as well as collectively, to make these aspirations real, to look out for one another and to pass on any concerns.

As required by the Diocese, we have a designated safeguarding officer, Diane Pennington, who was appointed in May 2018. In addition the PCC has also approved the appointment of Pamela Davenport as a second DBS Recruiter. This has also been approved by the diocese of Liverpool. We have an approved policy to guide our actions. The Safeguarding Officer's role is to support, advise and deal with certain specific issues for which she has been trained – but she does not 'do safeguarding' for us; we are all responsible for doing the right thing.

Further information about safeguarding including contact details for reporting (in confidence) any concern is available from the church website and the diocese of Liverpool website.

This last year the PCC and/or safeguarding officer has continued to

- Review its policies and procedures.
- Review the safeguarding audit and action plan
- Updated expiring DBS checks.
- Ensure that ALL Trustees are DBS Checked in line with legal requirements.

General Data Protection Regulation

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) came into force in the UK on the 25th May 2018, and affects all organisations, including churches, which store personal information about individuals.

The Regulation is designed to give individuals more rights when it comes to how their information is gathered, stored and used. It will build on current Data Protection legislation to ensure that all organisations are acting transparently and fairly when it comes to personal information. The GDPR aims to ensure an individual's right to make sure their data is held securely, correctly, and in a manner which is easily accessible and is under one of GDPR's six lawful bases, one of which is consent.

In line with this regulation the PCC continues to issue data consent forms to all new members and contacts. These are processed in line with the regulations and are securely stored.

Plans for the future

In 2023 we will continue to work to the Diocesan growth agenda and develop the mission of the church.

We wish to:

- Engage with the Diocesan and Deanery Fit for Mission discussion
- Develop our work with baptism families and encourage the recruitment of young families and adults
- Expand our provision of discipleship courses
- Encourage members of the congregation to develop lay ministry
- Look further at developing the facilities we have and the facilities we need to further our mission.
- Continue to reflect on the use of the balance of the Keith Orrell bequest in the light of the above and the Mission Plan.

Structure, governance and management

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. It operates under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 and the Church Representation Rules and is a charity registered with the Charity Commission.

PCC members are appointed in accordance with the Church of England Representation Rules 2020 and are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting ("APCM").

All those who attend as members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. Individual members of the PCC receive information on appointment, including the health and safety and safeguarding policies, and external training as and when deemed appropriate by the PCC. This includes courses and events run by the Diocese.

The PCC met during 2022 on six occasions: 7th Feb, 28th Mar, 2nd May, 11th Jul, 19th Sept and 14th Nov.

There are two paid employees: caretaker and parish secretary. Our caretaker is Martin Cox. The role of parish secretary is performed by Pippa Wisedale. We would like to thank them for all their hard work. It should be noted that Pippa Wisedale became a PCC Member and Trustee in April 2019. Her role as trustee is voluntary and no part of her salary includes her role as trustee.

Salaries are set annually by the PCC, and paid monthly after deduction of appropriate PAYE, employee pension contributions and National Insurance. The PCC uses The People's Pension, provided by B&CE, as the workplace pension for its employees.

The Organist and Choir Master, Mike Jones, is self-employed. It should be noted that he became a PCC Member and Trustee in May 2022. His role as trustee is voluntary and no payments are made for his role as Trustee. From January to September, Mike continued to bring new music to enhance our worship, as well as running the Choir and Junior Choir. We are very grateful for his guidance and enthusiasm. Due to health reasons, Mike had to temporarily withdraw from his role as Organist and Choir Master for September onwards, he remains in our prayers. Music support has been provided by occasional Organists and the use of recorded music.

Following the resignation of our previous Verger in November 2021, we have not yet appointed a new Verger. The various responsibilities of the Verger have been undertaken by the Clergy and various other volunteers.

Committees

PCC main committees:

- Standing
- Mission and Pastoral
- Finance and Resources
- Fabrics and Health and Safety
- Churchyard and Field

Other committees

- Magazine
- Social
- Walking Day
- Church shop

Church groups and representatives:

- Ecumenical representatives
- Cathedral representative
- Choir
- Bellringers
- Tots' Time and Wednesday Welcome
- 1st Rainford Boys' Brigade & Girls' Association
- Mothers' Union
- Men's Fellowship
- Rainford Parish Church Amateur Dramatic Society

Membership of the main committees is decided at the first PCC meeting after the APCM. The Vicar and Churchwardens are ex-officio members of each.

Standing committee

Day to day management of the church is exercised by the standing committee, the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact PCC Business between PCC meetings and considers strategic issues which may affect the church. The Committee functions under Rule 15 (appendix 2, para 14) of the Church Representation Rules of the Synodical Government Measure 1969.

The Standing Committee during 2022 were Reverend Janet Heighton, Diane Pennington (Warden until APCM May 2022), Myra Hartley, David Burgess, Janet Davies, Ralph Rigby (Warden from APCM May 2022)

Reference and Administrative details

All Saints Church is situated in Church Road, Rainford, in the Ormskirk Deanery of the Diocese of Liverpool, within the Church of England. All correspondence should be addressed to Rainford Parish Church Hall, Church Road, Rainford WA11 8HE. Charity trustees on the PCC from the start of the financial year 2022 until approval of the financial statements in 2023 are set out below.

PCC Members

Name

Office / Dates

Ex officio members:

The Reverend Janet Heighton
The Reverend Noel McGarrigle
Diane Pennington (previously Bate)
Ralph Rigby

Incumbent and Chairman
Assistant Curate
Warden (and Vice-Chairman) (until May 2022)
Warden (from May 2022) and Vice Chairman

Deanery Synod appointed members:

David Burgess
June Burgess
Mike Potterill
Pippa Wisedale
Rupert Nicholls

Parish Giving Officer
(from May 2022)
(from May 2022) Deputy Warden

Elected members:

Diane Pennington
Judith Collins
Pam Davenport
Janet Davies
Mike Jones
Anne Harrington
Myra Hartley
Pat Jones
Andrew Rigby
Diane Wesley
Sarah Wright
June Philippa Wisedale
Lorraine Wynne

(from May 2022)
(from May 2022)
PCC Secretary, Deputy Warden
(from May 2022)
Deputy Warden
(retired May 2022)
(from May 2022)
(from May 2022)
(transferred to Deanery Synod member May 2022)
(from May 2022)

4 vacancies from APCM 2022

Co-opted members:

None

Bankers

National Westminster Bank plc
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St Helens
WA10 1DR

CCLA
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EC4V 4ET

Investment manager & Stockbroker

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Independent Examiner

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Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others

Agency Transactions

The PCC acted as a financial agent for the following people/organisations in the year.

Liverpool Diocesan Board of Finance ("LDBF")

£11,630 (2021 £11,004) was received as fees from Funeral Directors and private individuals in respect of LDBF fees for funerals, burials and weddings. This money was distributed in accordance with current diocesan guidance.

Church organist, vergers, other organists and clergy

£4,817 (2021 £5,480) was received as fees from Funeral Directors and private individuals for funerals, burials and weddings. This money is passed on to the relevant individuals who all deal with their own tax payments.

Bell-ringers and Rainford Ladies' Choir

Both receive cash payments for Wedding bookings, payable to themselves. This money does not go through the church account.

Going Concern

At the time of approving the accounts, and as detailed in this report, the Trustees have considered the ongoing impact of COVID-19 on the Charity. Although the accounts still show negative unrestricted funds in the general account, at no time has the account been overdrawn. Trustees took the decision to use designated funds within the general account to aid the cashflow, while allowing the investments to recover from the initial COVID drop. Money can be transferred from the investments immediately if needed.

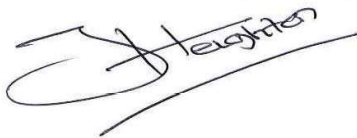
Funds within the investments, partly from the Orrell bequest, had been designated for use in developing the facilities we have in the light of our missional needs. Due to the continuing financial situation, Trustees have currently put these plans on hold. Trustees are continuing to work on ways to minimise any deficit by raising the awareness of stewardship and by addressing the need to market the hall to bring in additional income. Advice and support is being received from the Diocese.

The Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus, the Trustees continue to adopt the “going concern” basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the above Trustees’ report.

Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees (the PCC) by clergy:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Heighton', with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

The Reverend Janet Heighton

**Approved for signature at PCC meeting 24th April 2023, subject to any amendments received from BWM.
Authorisation of minor amendments delegated to Vicar and Churchwarden**

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the Parish of All Saints Rainford

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Parish of All Saints, Rainford PCC (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2022.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My examination has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my examination, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records;

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



Mr Tony Stanley ACA

**BWM. Chartered Accountants. Tempest Suite 5.1, 12 Tithebarn Street,
Liverpool L2 2DT**

Date: 7/09/23

The Parish of All Saints, Rainford PCC

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	funds	funds	2022	2021
Receipts and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	119,691	5,744	125,435	92,976
Income from charitable activities	32,867	24,202	57,068	35,790
Other trading activities	33,185	-	33,185	16,084
Investments	7,082	18	7,100	5,283
Other income	5,614	-	5,614	86
Other income - COVID19 Support	-	-	-	15,452
Total income	198,438	29,964	228,401	165,671
Payments on:				
Raising funds	6,069	338	6,407	6,063
Expenditure on charitable activities	179,050	23,002	202,053	178,508
Other expenditure	10,648	-	10,648	1,775
Total expenditure	195,768	23,340	219,108	186,346
Net receipts / (payments)	2,670	6,623	9,293	-20,675

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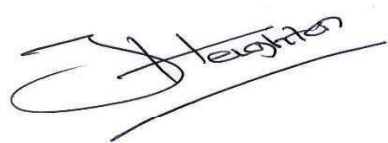
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Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2022

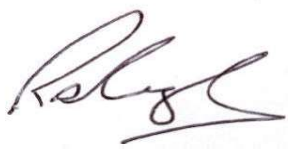
Class and nominal code	General (Unrestricted)	Designated	Restricted	2022	2021
Fixed Asset - Investments					
6450: Shares portfolio	-	166,232	-	166,232	186,922
Total	-	166,232	-	166,232	186,922
Fixed Asset - Tangible Assets					
6410: Church Hall	-	280,200	-	280,200	280,200
6415: 59 Cross Pit Lane	-	249,219	-	249,219	249,219
6420: Church Field	-	30,000	-	30,000	30,000
6430: Plant & Equipment	-	31,978	-	31,978	31,978
6440: The Anchor (Boys' Brigade)	-	14,400	-	14,400	14,400
Total	-	605,796	-	605,796	605,796
Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand					
6501: Main NatWest bank current account	-9,279	30,542	5,616	26,879	17,560
6505: 'W' NatWest bank current account	48	-	-	48	-5
6510: Business Reserve bank deposit account	2,115	-	-	2,115	11,110
6520: CCLA (CBF) deposit account - Main	1,902	-	4,904	6,805	6,717
6525: CCLA (CBF) deposit account - Fabric	439	-	13,054	13,493	13,318
6551: Organisation - Boys' Brigade	-	-	20,356	20,356	17,266
6553: Organisation - Amateur Dramatics	-	-	9,704	9,704	5,523
6555: Organisation - Men's Fellowship	-	134	-	134	409
6595: Cash in church safe	250	-	917	1,167	-
Total	-4,526	30,676	54,550	80,700	71,898
Liability - Agency Accounts					
6699: Agency collections	-	-	1,753	1,753	2,243
Total	-	-	1,753	1,753	2,243
Liability - Creditors					
Loan repayable	38,841	-	-	38,841	48,385
Total	38,841	-	-	38,841	48,385

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These accounts were approved by the Parochial Church Council on 24th April 2023, subject to any minor amendments made by BWM. Authorisation of minor amendments delegated to Vicar and Churchwarden



Revd Janet Heignton - vicar



Ralph Rigby - Churchwarden

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THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, RAINFORD
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021



REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1127817



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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

Aims and Purpose

The general functions of the Parochial Church Council of The Parish of All Saints, Rainford ("PCC") are stated within section 2 of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956.

The PCC has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, Revd Janet Heighton, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also responsible for the maintenance of the Church and Parish Church Hall in Church Road, Rainford.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at All Saints. The PCC continues to develop the vision of the church following the diocesan vision of a "Bigger Church making a Bigger Difference" and promotes the Diocesan Rule of Life – "Called to pray, read and learn. Sent to tell, serve and give."

The PCC maintains an overview of worship and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship, prayer and learning about the gospel;
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish;
- Mission and outreach work within our community;
- Fellowship;
- Concern for world issues;

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church of All Saints and the Parish Church Hall.

Support for Charities

The PCC decides on which charities to support, having regard to need. Details of charities benefiting in 2021 are set out in the Achievements and performance section of this Trustees' report.

Objectives for 2021

Our specific objectives at the start of 2021 were to continue to work to the Diocesan growth agenda and develop the mission of the church. We aimed to:

- Safely re-open the church and hall buildings and enable organisations to restart
- Review the needs of the congregation and community in a post-pandemic world
- Further develop our online services to reach the housebound
- Develop our work with baptism families and encourage the recruitment of young families and adults
- Encourage members of the congregation to develop lay ministry
- Look further at developing the facilities we have and the facilities we need to further our mission.
- Continue to reflect on the use of the balance of the Keith Orrell bequest in the light of the above and the Mission Plan.

COVID 19 – Global Pandemic

Due to the continuation of the Global Pandemic many churches, including Rainford, suspended worship again during the third National Lockdown in January and social restrictions remained in place to some extent for the rest of the year. This has impacted the charity financially by:-

- Loss of some income while envelopes couldn't be collected.
- Loss of income from loose plate collections
- Loss of income from Weddings and Funerals
- Loss of income from Church Hall rent
- Loss of income from the annual Church Shop

The effect of the pandemic on church services and finance is reported on later in this document.

Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is. In particular we want to mention our wardens, Diane Pennington and Helen Mackenzie (resigned Nov 2021). Our deputy wardens in 2021 were Ivor Fingard, Myra Hartley, Rupert Nichols, and Ralph Rigby.

A considerable amount of hours are given each year by our volunteers in their work for the church and we are most grateful to everyone who helps in any way with the smooth running of the church and our mission and ministry.

Clergy Team

Revd Janet Heighton continues as Vicar. Our Assistant Curate, Revd Noel Mc Garrigle, was ordained on Priest 12th June 2021. Revd Jayne Shepherd (Priest) continues to hold the Bishop's Permission to Officiate. Revd Martin Duerden (Priest) retired and moved in to the parish in 2020 and received the Bishop's Permission to Officiate in Spring 2021. We are grateful to all of them for all their work and support in the parish.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and prayer

The PCC is keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling.

COVID19 continued to disrupt Public Worship. A summary of our worship pattern is:-

Mon 4th Jan Third National Lockdown announced. Churches were not instructed to suspend public worship but, due to high local COVID numbers, many churches including Rainford Parish Church again suspended public worship.

1st January – 30th May we continued to hold our Sunday 10.30am on Zoom and numbers attending remained high. This enabled not only worship but also a great amount of fellowship and we welcomed regularly being joined by members from other churches across the country and a family from South Africa.

Funerals were able to be held in church all year. Attendance was limited to 30 until 17th May, then 100 until 19th July when restrictions were lifted. Weddings and Baptisms could not take place until 17th May and then were limited to an attendance of 30. From 21st June wedding attendance increased to 100, baptisms remained at 30. All restrictions were lifted on 19th July.

On Palm Sunday, 28th March, we were able to offer Holy Communion in church at 8am and this continued weekly from 11th April. On Easter Sunday, 4th April, as well as our 10.30am Zoom service we also offered Holy Communion in church at 4pm. We continued to hold 4pm Services in church during April – May, as well as the 10.30am on Zoom, as part of the transition back to church. From June the 10.30am service moved back to church and the Sunday Zoom services ceased. On Maundy Thursday, 1st April, we held our first midweek Holy Communion in church and these continued weekly from 15th April. We continued to provide a Wednesday spiritual communion on Zoom and Facebook throughout the year as an outreach to those who are housebound and to anyone using Facebook.

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Our weekly Tots Worship continued online until 14th April when it started in the Church Hall.
It returned to Church in September.

We held a short service in church on the National COVID Memorial Day, 23rd March, and a service to mark the death of HRH Prince Philip, The Duke of Edinburgh on 11th April.

Other services held on Zoom were:- Pause for Thought and Prayer, Ecumenical Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, World Day of Pray and Maundy Thursday.

Everyone is welcome at our services and the reported figure for the Church's Electoral Roll in 2021 was 233 (2020 – 233).

Average attendance figures for 2021:

	2021 <i>(2020 comparison)</i>	Notes for 2021 figures
Sundays		
8.00am in Church	15 (16)	End of March onwards
10.30am Family service in church	105 (130)	Jul – Dec 2020 comparison was Jan – Mar pre pandemic. Jan - Jun
10.30am Family Service on Zoom	98 (100)	
10.30am Morning Service in Church	51 (76)	2020 comparison was Jan – Mar pre pandemic. 2021 is services at 10.30am and the 4pm equivalent coming out of pandemic Jan - Jun
10.30am Morning Service on Zoom	71 (73)	
Evening services	16 (23)	Only Sept – Oct for 2021
Thurs morning Communion in church	26 (27)	Apr - Dec
Spiritual Communion on Zoom	17 (17)	Jan – Mar, others watched live on Facebook

Attendance at:

- Services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day in church were attended by 223 adults and children, which included the crib service (2020 137 adults and children but this excluded the Crib Service which was on Zoom)
- Services on Easter Day in church attended by 76

	2021 <i>(2020 comparison)</i>	Notes
Occasional offices		
Baptisms	27 (4)	
Confirmation	5 (0)	No Confirmations in the Diocese in 2020
Weddings	6 (3)	
Funerals in church	26 (25)	
Funerals direct to crematorium	18 (21)	
Charity number 1127817		

Consideration has been given to making the most of the opportunities provided by occasional offices and using the Church of England resources.

Church building and hall

In addition to the programme of services, the Church is generally used by the Bell-ringers and the Church Choir for regular weekly practice, and for Tots' Time worship on a Wednesday morning. These were all suspended during the pandemic but restarted during the year.

The hall is generally used throughout the year by various church organisations, including Wednesday Welcome, Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association, Mothers' Union, Men's' Fellowship and Rainford Parish Church Amateur Dramatic Society, and for Parish lunches and coffee mornings. These and all occasional activities in the hall were suspended during the pandemic and the financial implication of this is referred to in a later section. The hall reopened for use from September.

The review of the facilities we need in order to meet the objectives of the mission plan was put on hold in March 2020 at the start of the pandemic. This will be reviewed again at a later date as things become more stable and as the implications of the Diocesan Fit for Mission Strategy becomes clearer.

A major flood in the churchyard (see below) flooded the church boiler room in February 2021. The two boilers were condemned having been damaged beyond repair, a new boiler was installed in October 2021 situated in the vicar's vestry, after consultation with the Church Architect and DAC. Payment for the boiler was covered direct from the insurance company to the Contractor and is not shown in the accounts. The only cost to the church was the insurance excess.

Churchyard and Field

The PCC have responsibility for the Churchyard and Field. The PCC pay for grass cutting and other maintenance to ensure that the Churchyard is well kept throughout, including the oldest sections, contributing to the tidy feel of the centre of the village. The Churchyard remains open for new graves and cremation plots and is well used by those visiting loved ones graves. Where possible, the maintenance of the churchyard continued throughout the year. Due to the pandemic the church field has not been used for events during the year.

In February 2021, after very heavy rain, there was a flood in the churchyard. No extra damage was done to the churchyard but the church boiler room was flooded, as noted above. Water subsided after a few days and it has not flooded again. On investigation it was found that the culvert that runs under the churchyard, taking water from the top of the village off the fields, via the private lake East of Higher Lane, through the churchyard, church field and the St Helens BC field, down into Rainford brook, had collapsed under the church field. Numerous telephone calls, meetings and emails have been undertaken to try to establish liability for the culvert. Unfortunately it has been stated that liability rests with the PCC. A Contractor has been appointed to investigate the extent of the work

required and this will be carried out in the Spring of 2022, once the water table has dropped after winter.

Pastoral care

Social distancing regulations continued to prevent home pastoral visits and home communions, except for end of life care, at the start of the year. These resumed, with caution, by summer. Organisation leaders and members of the congregation have kept in touch to offer a network of pastoral care.

Mission and evangelism

The Mission and Pastoral Committee has continued to encourage commitment to the Diocesan Rule of Life and made preparations for an At Home Day in February 2022.

Revd Noel has continued to run the Pilgrim Groups throughout the year, either on Zoom or in person. These have helped members of the congregation grow in confidence in their faith. In October/November we also engaged with the Living in Love and Faith course.

Our Church School Partnership continues with Rainford CE School. Revd Janet, Diane Pennington, and Helen Mackenzie (until November) continue to be committed in their roles on the governing body. Revd Janet and Revd Noel have continued to offer weekly Collective Worship either back in school or on Zoom as the need arose. Unfortunately other events and services with the school were suspended due to the pandemic.

Our relationship with Brook Lodge School has continued and Revd Janet and Revd Noel were able to take the Crib Service in to school in December. This would usually have been in church but was kept in school due to the pandemic and run three times due to a limit on the numbers able to be in the hall at one time.

Our Parish magazine keeps our parishioners informed of the important matters affecting our Church and Parish. Since the relaunch of the printed edition we have continued to offer an electronic edition as well. At the start of lockdown we launched our Facebook page, which has proved helpful in keeping people up-to-date, offering worship and prayer materials and live streaming our weekly spiritual communion service. The weekly newsletter has been distributed to all on our Electoral Roll who have provided email addresses and to all on our mailing list who have signed up under GDPR. The weekly circulation is approximately 190 copies, far greater than when it was only issued in Church.

Charities Supported

Charities we have supported during the year, included within our accounts, are:-

	£
Church generally	
Our Warm Welcome (Paid in 2022) – this was 10% of the Christmas Tree Festival Profit plus the Christmas Charity	545
Boys Brigade and Girls Association	
Chocolate Orange Appeal	101
Poppy Appeal	70
Food Bank	58

In addition, £1,434.97 was raised for the Children's Society through the Christingle Services collection and was banked with them direct.

In addition to these monetary contributions, donations-in-kind were made in the year to support local charities: The Church acts as a collection point for food donations, regularly sent to the Skelmersdale Food Bank for distribution, and at the Family Service in December, our "Toy service", members of the congregation brought in toys and other gifts which were taken to the St Helens Women's Refuge Centre. Harvest produce was donated to YMCA St Helens and the local foodbanks.

Ecumenical relationships

The church is a member of Churches Together in Rainford and the Clergy of the churches have worked closely together and met regularly throughout the year to reflect and offer support. The 2021 Service of Christian Unity took place on Zoom. Lent groups were also run on Zoom. The Good Friday Walk of Witness could not take place as usual due to lockdown, however, groups of 6 were allowed so the six ecumenical Clergy carried the cross through the village as usual as an act of witness and this was recorded and put on Facebook. The annual Walking Day in June had to be suspended again due to COVID. Thankfully we were able to come together in church for the Ecumenical Service on Remembrance.

We were able to distribute both Easter cards and Christmas Cards throughout the village, with messages of hope.

Deanery Synod

Four members of the PCC sit on the Deanery Synod, along with the clergy. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider Church. Synod had been suspended due to the pandemic but was able to meet on Zoom in July and in person in September.

Financial review

Record keeping and controls

The Trustees are responsible for the day to day management of the PCC and approve income and expenditure. Accounts are kept using "MyFundAccounting, a software package specifically for churches. The new method of working is now fully embedded with three years of accounts entered and the power of the software to assist with ongoing budgeting is being utilised.

Income and expenditure

The cashflow continued to be hit hard due to lockdown, particularly during the early months of 2021, not only with loss of income from the closure of the hall but also from the loss of loose plate collections and the ability of members of the congregation to hand in their envelopes. Thankfully the number of envelope givers has significantly reduced, with people moving over to the regular Parish Giving Scheme. Planned giving increased by £1,764.

The deficit of unrestricted funds (including designated) showing in the accounts to the General Fund is £28,736 (previous year deficit £44,128 taking into account the £50,000 loan).

Total receipts of unrestricted funds were £146,475 (previous year £168,771, including a loan of £50,000). No legacies were received in the year. Other unrestricted voluntary donations were £60,875 (previous year £51,758). Planned giving increased by £4,680. Collections from loose plate increased by £1,245 but this is still a lot short of pre-pandemic levels. Gift Aid has been claimed on eligible donations for the year £12,823 (previous year £9,959).

£167,373 (previous year during lockdown £157,591) was spent from unrestricted funds on charitable activities and to provide Christian ministry.

The diocesan parish share for 2021 was £91,005 less a parish share credit due to the pandemic of £4,082 bringing the total paid to £86,923 (previous year £90,096). In 2021 we paid the parish share in full and also paid the outstanding two months from 2020 of £15,016 (previously shown as Creditor). The Parish Share is supplemented by the Church Commissioners to provide: Clergy stipends and National Insurance, Clergy pensions, Clergy housing, Clergy training and Reader training. The total amount for all churches in the diocese is shared between those churches applying a formula which takes into account nationally determined deprivation statistics and each church's Sunday adult congregation attendance.

Our Caretaker continued to be on part-time furlough until October, when the hall was re-opened fully. This enabled us to apply for the Job Retention Scheme grants from the government. We also applied for and received a second Government Business Rates grant of £9,431 and a Restart Grant of £8,000. Repayments of the Government Business Bounce Back loan, received in 2020, started in November.

Our major fundraising event, the annual Church shop in May, could not take place which left a huge gap in income, previous years having generated approximately £15,000. However, we were able to run a smaller Table Top Sale in August, which generated £5,516.

New wedding bookings for 2021 were disrupted but weddings postponed from 2020 were able to go ahead. Funerals were able to go ahead throughout the year as normal. Although fee income is always variable due to the number of services, the amount received from fees does show a small recovery from 2020. For 2021 we received £22,426 (For 2020 we received £17,043, 2019 we received £31,126)

The PCC are continuing to rationalise expenditure in order to maximise the effective use of resources and generate additional income.

It should be noted that, following the vestry fire reported in 2019, £15,924 remains in the account from the insurance claim, partly to pay for the refurbishment of the vestry, which is still in need of doing. This has been disrupted due to the pandemic but it is hoped this will be progressed in 2022.

Investments are actively managed by an investment manager Quilter Cheviot. Following a crash at the start of the pandemic, the investments have continued to recover. They have generated interest of £5,261.

Reserves Policy

It is still the policy of the PCC to try to maintain a balance in the general current account of unrestricted funds that equates to at least two months of unrestricted payments and covers emergency situations that may arise from time to time. However, the pandemic has made this difficult and has required close management of the finances. In order to protect the Charities interest and minimise loss, the PCC decided not to draw down money from investments to aid cashflow. The Government Business Bounce Back loan, held in a Reserve account, is available to assist any short term cashflow issues.

Legacy policy

It is the PCC's policy to record any legacies received and, if given without any restriction, to use them in such a way that wherever possible reflects the person who has given the legacy. Restricted legacies will be used in accordance with the restriction. No legacies were received in the year.

Health and safety matters

The Churchwardens have the responsibility for Health and Safety. Any issues are reported at the Fabrics meeting and to the PCC. Our Health and Safety Policy will be reviewed again in 2022. The Policy covers all aspects of Health and Safety including: Accidents, Alarms, Evacuation of Buildings, Fires, Food Hygiene, Graveyard, Plant and Machinery, Paths, Trees and Walls, Working at Height.

Copies of the Policy are held by each PCC member, leaders of organisations, and in the Church Hall
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Office, as are the Registers of periodic checks and accident book. We endeavour to ensure that our policy is maintained and kept up to date.

All Risk Assessments are also up to date and reviewed.

Risk Assessments

The PCC undertakes a programme of risk assessments to identify major risks. Procedures are put in place to manage those risks and minimise their impact on the life of the church.

- **Financial Risk**

We have reviewed the PCC's investment portfolio and ensure that it fully complies with the Church of England Ethical Investment Policy.

- **Compliance with Laws and Regulations**

In order to comply with The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005, we have a written Fire Risk Assessment.

All Risk Assessments are also up to date and at the date of writing this report there have been no notifiable incidences to RIDDOR.

Safeguarding

The PCC is responsible for ensuring the church has a safeguarding policy which is agreed, understood and enacted. We have approved our Safeguarding Policy in line with the Diocese of Liverpool's and will keep it under review annually. This is to keep it in line with current expectations and to ensure it meets our own needs. The PCC routinely receives reports to enable them to track the safe recruitment of volunteers where their roles bring them into contact with children and/or vulnerable adults in their 'official' capacity. ('Safe recruiting' involves a DBS check, the uptake of references, a clear role description, an induction interview and an assessment of training needs.)

Our church is committed to and will champion the protection of children, young people and vulnerable adults. Everyone who meets us, comes to us, or works with us should feel safe and cared for irrespective of their social background, culture, their abilities, religious belief or any other factor. It is the responsibility of all of us, individually as well as collectively, to make these aspirations real, to look out for one another and to pass on any concerns.

As required by the Diocese, we have a designated safeguarding officer, Diane Pennington, who was appointed in May 2018. We also have an approved policy to guide our actions. The Safeguarding Officer's role is to support, advise and deal with certain specific issues for which she has been trained – but she does not 'do safeguarding' for us; we are all responsible for doing the right thing.

Further information about safeguarding including contact details for reporting (in confidence) any concern is available from the church website and the diocese of Liverpool website.

This last year the PCC and/or safeguarding officer has

- Reviewed its policies and procedures.
- Reviewed the safeguarding audit and action plan
- Updated expiring DBS checks.

General Data Protection Regulation

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) came into force in the UK on the 25th May 2018, and affects all organisations, including churches, which store personal information about individuals.

The Regulation is designed to give individuals more rights when it comes to how their information is gathered, stored and used. It will build on current Data Protection legislation to ensure that all organisations are acting transparently and fairly when it comes to personal information. The GDPR aims to ensure an individual's right to make sure their data is held securely, correctly, and in a manner which is easily accessible and is under one of GDPR's six lawful bases, one of which is consent.

In line with this regulation the PCC continues to issue data consent forms to all new members and contacts. These are processed in line with the regulations and are securely stored.

Plans for the future

In 2022 we will continue to work to the Diocesan growth agenda and develop the mission of the church.

We wish to:

- Review the needs of the congregation and community in a post-pandemic world
- Develop our work with baptism families and encourage the recruitment of young families and adults
- Expand our provision of discipleship courses
- Encourage members of the congregation to develop lay ministry
- Look further at developing the facilities we have and the facilities we need to further our mission.
- Continue to reflect on the use of the balance of the Keith Orrell bequest in the light of the above and the Mission Plan.
- Engage with the Diocesan and Deanery Fit for Mission discussion

Structure, governance and management

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. It operates under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 and the Church Representation Rules and is a charity registered with the Charity Commission.

PCC members are appointed in accordance with the Church of England Representation Rules 2020 and are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting ("APCM").

All those who attend as members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. Individual members of the PCC receive information on appointment, including the health and safety and safeguarding policies, and external training as and when deemed appropriate by the PCC. This includes courses and events run by the Diocese.

The PCC met during 2021 on six occasions: 2nd March, 28th April, 1st June, 12th July, 20th September and 15th November. Meetings for the first half of the year were held on Zoom, the September and November meetings were held in person.

There are two paid employees: caretaker and parish secretary. Our caretaker is Martin Cox. The role of parish secretary is performed by Pippa Wisedale. We would like to thank them for all their hard work. It should be noted that Pippa Wisedale became a PCC Member and Trustee in April 2019. Her role as trustee is voluntary and no part of her salary includes her role as trustee.

Salaries are set annually by the PCC, and paid monthly after deduction of appropriate PAYE, employee pension contributions and National Insurance. The PCC uses The People's Pension, provided by B&CE, as the workplace pension for its employees.

The Organist and Choir Master, Mike Jones, is self-employed. He continues to bring new music to enhance our worship, as well as running the Choir and Junior Choir. We are very grateful for his guidance and enthusiasm.

The Verger, Diane Pennington (a PCC member and Trustee), is paid for weddings and funerals by direct fees. All other responsibilities included in the role are undertaken voluntarily. We are grateful for the care with which she carries out these duties. Due to family circumstances, Diane resigned from the role of Verger in November 2021. We have not yet appointed a new Verger.

Committees

PCC main committees:

- Standing
- Mission and Pastoral
- Finance and Resources
- Fabrics and Health and Safety
- Churchyard and Field

Other committees

- Magazine
- Social
- Walking Day
- Church shop

Church groups and representatives:

- Ecumenical representatives
- Cathedral representative
- Choir
- Bellringers
- Tots' Time and Wednesday Welcome
- 1st Rainford Boys' Brigade & Girls' Association
- Mothers' Union
- Men's Fellowship
- Rainford Parish Church Amateur Dramatic Society

Membership of the main committees is decided at the first PCC meeting after the APCM. The Vicar and Churchwardens are ex-officio members of each.

Standing committee

Day to day management of the church is exercised by the standing committee, the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact PCC Business between PCC meetings and considers strategic issues which may affect the church. The Committee functions under Rule 15 (appendix 2, para 14) of the Church Representation Rules of the Synodical Government Measure 1969.

The Standing Committee elected in 2020 and serving until the 2022 APCM consisted of the Reverend Janet Heighton, Helen Mckenzie (Warden – resigned November 2021), Diane Pennington (Warden), Myra Hartley, David Burgess and Janet Davies.

Reference and Administrative details

All Saints Church is situated in Church Road, Rainford, in the Ormskirk Deanery of the Diocese of Liverpool, within the Church of England. All correspondence should be addressed to Rainford Parish Church Hall, Church Road, Rainford WA11 8HE. Charity trustees on the PCC from the start of the financial year 2021 until approval of the financial statements in 2022 are set out below.

PCC Members

Name

Office / Dates

Ex officio members:

The Reverend Janet Heighton	Incumbent and Chairman
The Reverend Noel McGarrigle	Assistant Curate
Diane Pennington (previously Bate)	Warden (and Vice-Chairman)
Helen Mackenzie	Warden (resigned November 2021)

Deanery Synod appointed members:

David Burgess	
June Burgess	Parish Giving Officer
Mike Potterill	
One vacancy	

Elected members:

Judith Collins	(retired APCM May 2021)
Pam Davenport	
Janet Davies	PCC Secretary
Anne Harrington	
Myra Hartley	Deputy Warden
Pat Jones	
Diane Wesley	

June Philippa Wisedale

8 vacancies from APCM 2021

Co-opted members:

None

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CCLA
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Solicitors

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Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others

Agency Transactions

The PCC acted as a financial agent for the following people/organisations in the year.

Liverpool Diocesan Board of Finance (“LDBF”)

£11,004 (2020 £10,545) was received as fees from Funeral Directors and private individuals in respect of LDBF fees for funerals, burials and weddings. This money was distributed in accordance with current diocesan guidance.

Church organist, vergers, other organists and clergy

£5,480 (2020 £4,530) was received as fees from Funeral Directors and private individuals for funerals, burials and weddings. This money is passed on to the relevant individuals who all deal with their own tax payments.

Bell-ringers and Rainford Ladies’ Choir

Both receive cash payments for Wedding bookings, payable to themselves. This money does not go through the church account.

Going Concern

At the time of approving the accounts, and as detailed in this report, the Trustees have considered the impact of COVID-19 on the Charity. Although the accounts show negative unrestricted funds in the general account, at no time has the account been overdrawn. Trustees took the decision to use designated funds within the general account to aid the cashflow, while allowing the investments to recover from the initial COVID drop. Money can be transferred from the investments immediately if needed.

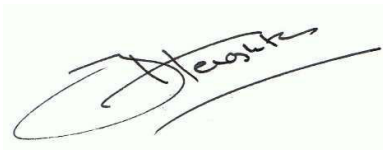
Funds within the investments, partly from the Orrell bequest, had been designated for use in developing the facilities we have in the light of our missional needs. Due to the continuing deficit, Trustees have currently put these plans on hold and funds in the investments are being used to cover the deficit. Trustees are working on ways to minimise the deficit by raising the awareness of stewardship and by addressing the need to market the hall to bring in additional income. Advice and support is being received from the Diocese.

The Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus, the Trustees continue to adopt the “going concern” basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the above Trustees’ report.

Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees (the PCC) by clergy:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Heighton', is written over a light green rectangular background.

The Reverend Janet Heighton

Approved for signature at PCC meeting on 3rd May 2022

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the Parish of All Saints Rainford

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Parish of All Saints, Rainford PCC (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2021.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My examination has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my examination, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records;

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



Mr Peter Taaffe FCA CTA DChA

**BWM. Chartered Accountants. Tempest Suite 5.1, 12 Tithebarn Street,
Liverpool L2 2DT**

Date: 26/05/2022

The Parish of All Saints, Rainford PCC

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
Receipts and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	83,226	9,750	92,976	69,118
Income from charitable activities	26,344	9,446	35,790	22,722
Other trading activities	16,084	-	16,084	11,072
Investments	5,283	-	5,283	5,691
Other income	86	-	86	-
Other income - COVID19 Support	15,452	-	15,452	14,497
Other income - COVID19 Support Loan		-	-	50,000
Total receipts	146,475	19,196	165,671	173,101
Payments on:				
Raising funds	6,063	-	6,063	1,528
Expenditure on charitable activities	167,373	11,135	178,508	162,884
Other expenditure	1,775	-	1,775	3780
Total payments	175,211	11,135	186,346	168,191
Net receipts / (payments)	-28,736	8,061	-20,675	4,910

There may be minor discrepancies in the totals if the pence are not being shown

The Parish of All Saints, Rainford PCC

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2021

Class and nominal code	General (Unrestricted)	Designated	Restricted	2021	2020
Fixed Asset - Investments					
6450: Shares portfolio	-	186,922	-	186,922	169,411
Total	-	186,922	-	186,922	169,411
Fixed Asset - Tangible Assets					
6410: Church Hall	-	280,200	-	280,200	280,200
6415: 59 Cross Pit Lane	-	249,219	-	249,219	249,219
6420: Church Field	-	30,000	-	30,000	30,000
6430: Plant & Equipment	-	31,978	-	31,978	31,978
6440: The Anchor (Boys' Brigade)	-	14,400	-	14,400	14,400
Total	-	605,796	-	605,796	605,796
Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand					
6501: Main NatWest bank current account	-19,789	26,646	10,703	17,560	13,265
6505: 'W' NatWest bank current account	-5	-	-	-5	-
6510: Business Reserve bank deposit account	11,110	-	-	11,110	50,000
6520: CCLA (CBF) deposit account - Main	1,813	-	4,904	6,717	6,713
6525: CCLA (CBF) deposit account - Fabric	264	-	13,054	13,318	13,311
6551: Organisation - Boys' Brigade	-	-	17,266	17,266	19,216
6553: Organisation - Amateur Dramatics	-	-	5,523	5,523	3,366
6555: Organisation - Men's Fellowship	-	409	-	409	459
6590: Petty cash	-	-	-	-	13
6595: Cash in church safe	-	-	-	-	653
Total	-6,607	27,055	51,450	71,898	106,995
Liability - Agency Accounts					
6699: Agency collections	-	-	2,243	2,243	1,650
Total	-	-	2,243	2,243	1,650
Liability - Creditors:					
Loan Repayable	48,385	-	-	48,385	50,000
Z04: Accounts Payable	-	-	-	-	15,016
Total	48,385	-	-	48,385	65,016

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These accounts were approved by the Parochial Church Council on 3rd May 2022 and signed on its behalf by:


Revd Janet Heighton - Vicar


Mrs D Pennington - Churchwarden

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Accounts



THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, RAINFORD
ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS
OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020



REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1127817



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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

Aims and Purpose

The general functions of the Parochial Church Council of The Parish of All Saints, Rainford ("PCC") are stated within section 2 of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956.

The PCC has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, Revd Janet Heighton, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also responsible for the maintenance of the Church and Parish Church Hall in Church Road, Rainford.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at All Saints. The PCC continues to develop the vision of the church following the diocesan vision of a "Bigger Church making a Bigger Difference" and promotes the Diocesan Rule of Life – "Called to pray, read and learn. Sent to tell, serve and give."

The PCC maintains an overview of worship and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship, prayer and learning about the gospel;
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish;
- Mission and outreach work within our community;
- Fellowship;
- Concern for world issues;

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church of All Saints and the Parish Church Hall.

Support for Charities

The PCC decides on which charities to support, having regard to need. Details of charities benefiting in 2020 are set out in the Achievements and performance section of this Trustees' report.

Objectives for 2020

Our specific objectives at the start of 2020 were to continue to work to the Diocesan growth agenda and develop the mission of the church. We aimed to:

- Develop our work with baptism families and encourage the recruitment of young families and adults
- Encourage members of the congregation to develop lay ministry
- Develop the church's engagement with social media to promote our mission
- Look further at developing the facilities we have and the facilities we need to further our mission.
- Continue to reflect on the use of the balance of the Keith Orrell bequest in the light of the above and the Mission Plan.
- Purchase a house for the new stipendiary Assistant Curate starting in June 2020.
- Engage in a Stewardship campaign

COVID 19 – Global Pandemic

Due to the Global Pandemic all churches were asked to close at the end of March 2020 and social restrictions remained in place for the rest of the year. This has impacted the charity financially by:-

- Loss of some income while envelopes couldn't be collected.
- Loss of income from loose plate collections
- Loss of income from Weddings and Funerals
- Loss of income from Church Hall rent
- Loss of income from the annual Church Shop

The effect of the pandemic on church services and finance is reported on later in this document. In order to manage the Charity, the Standing Committee met on a very regular basis, particularly in the first part of the year, and we would like to thank them for this extra burden of work. The Standing Committee for 2020:- Revd Janet Heighton, Janet Davies, Diane Bate, David Burgess, Myra Hartley, David Roughley (until Oct 2020), Helen Mackenzie (from Oct).

The APCM was delayed until 31st October 2020 and an extension of time for receipt of the Annual Report and Accounts to 31st December 2019 was granted by the Charity Commission.

Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is. In particular we want to mention our wardens, Janet Davies (retired Oct 2020), Diane Bate and Helen Mackenzie (from Oct 2020). Our deputy wardens in 2020 were Ivor Fingard, Myra Hartley, Roger Burrows (retired Oct 2020), Rupert Nichols, Helen Mackenzie and Ralph Rigby.

A considerable amount of hours are given each year by our volunteers in their work for the church and we are most grateful to everyone who helps in any way with the smooth running of the church and our mission and ministry.

Clergy Team

Our SSM Assistant Curate, Revd Gwen Carter resigned at the end of July 2020 in order to complete her Curacy in the Bootle Team Ministry. Revd Noel Mc Garrigle joined our team as full-time Assistant Curate on 28th June 2020. He was first licensed as a Lay Worker due to the ordinations being postponed because of COVID. He was ordained Deacon on 26th September. Revd Jayne Shepherd (Priest) continues to hold the Bishop's Permission to Officiate. We are grateful to all of them for all their work and support in the parish.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and prayer

The PCC is keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling.

COVID19 caused all churches to be closed completely during lockdown twice in the year, with limited physical worship during the rest of the year. However, worship on Zoom was quickly introduced and developed. A summary of our worship pattern is:-

Mon 16th March – Churches instructed to close for public worship but could remain open for private prayer. Private prayer was offered Fri 20th – Mon 23rd March.

Mon 23rd March – The government declared a total lockdown and all churches were required to close for public worship and private prayer. Funerals could only take place at graveside.

Good Friday 10th April – Rainford Parish Church launched worship on Zoom.

Wed 29th Jul – Funerals started to take place in church

Sat 4th Jul, 18th Jul, 1st Aug, 15th Aug – Church opened for private prayer

Sun 9th Aug – 1st Nov – 8am Holy Communion reintroduced almost every week

Thurs 27th Aug – 29th Oct – 10.30am Holy Communion reintroduced almost every week

We were able to hold three Sunday afternoon Holy Communion services in Sept/Oct, including the Harvest Festival.

Mon 2nd Nov – Tues 2nd Dec Second National Lockdown – public worship suspended
Wed 3rd Dec – Sun 3rd Jan 2021 8am Sun and 10.30am Thurs reintroduced almost every week.

Our “Christmas Day” Holy Communion took place on Thurs 24th at 10.30am and we were also able to clean the church and re-open for Midnight Mass at 11.30pm.

Mon 4th Jan Third National Lockdown announced. Churches were not instructed to suspend public worship but, due to high local COVID numbers, many churches including Rainford Parish Church again suspended public worship.

From 10th April onwards we held our Sunday 10.30am on Zoom and numbers attending quickly grew. This enabled not only worship but also a great amount of fellowship.

From 22nd April we held our weekly Tots Worship online.

From 28th April we started a weekly Praise at Home session with primary school children to offer them some spiritual and emotional support. Although it started with a few more, it settled to a consistent four children who continued to meet throughout the year and also started to become involved in helping to lead the Family Services.

Other services held on Zoom were:- Pause for Thought and Prayer, All Souls and Memorial Service, Ecumenical and Community Remembrance Service, Advent Taize, Christingle, Carol Service, Crib Service, Christmas Day, Ecumenical service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in Jan 21 and World Day of Prayer in Mar 21.

The Junior Choir met occasionally online for fellowship and recorded two pieces of music from home for use in the services. In Sept, Oct and Dec the Junior and Adult choirs were able to meet and rehearse in the church hall, socially distanced. They took part in the three Sunday afternoon services and two Christmas services in church.

Everyone is welcome at our services and the reported figure for the Church's Electoral Roll in 2020 was 232, following some bereavements within the congregation (2019 – 236).

One delight of Zoom services was the ability to welcome people from other churches and throughout 2020 we were regularly joined by people from: the Wirral, Leicestershire, Leeds, Marske-by-the-sea, Speldhurst, South Africa and the Bahamas.

Average attendance figures for 2020:

	2020 <i>(2019 comparison)</i>	Notes
Sundays		
8.00am in Church	16 (17)	Jan – Mar + others where possible
10.30am Family service in church	130 (140)	Jan – Mar
10.30am Family Service on Zoom	100 (-)	May – Dec
10.30am Morning Service in Church	76 (96)	Jan – Mar + two 4pm services
10.30am Morning Service on Zoom	73 (-)	Apr - Dec Excludes Ecumenical Remembrance
Evening services	23 (23)	Jan – Mar
Thurs morning Communion in church	23 (27)	Jan – Mar + others where possible
Spiritual Communion on Zoom	17 (-)	Others watched on Facebook live

Attendance at:

- Services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day in church were attended by 137 adults and children (2019 421 adults and children but this included the Crib Service)
- Crib services on Zoom attended by 152
- Service on Easter Day on Zoom attended by 59

	2020 <i>(2019 comparison)</i>	Notes
Occasional offices		
Baptisms	4 (27)	Mostly postponed
Confirmation	0 (5)	No Confirmations in the Diocese
Weddings	3 (8)	Mostly postponed
Funerals in church	25 (34)	Apr – Jun funerals could not take place in church
Funerals direct to crematorium	21 (14)	

Consideration has been given to making the most of the opportunities provided by occasional offices and using the Church of England resources.

Church building and hall

In addition to the programme of services, the Church is generally used by the Bell-ringers and the Church Choir for regular weekly practice, and for Tots' Time worship on a Wednesday morning. These were all suspended during the pandemic.

The hall is generally used throughout the year by various church organisations, including. Wednesday Welcome, Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association, Mothers' Union, Men's' Fellowship and Rainford Parish Church Amateur Dramatic Society, and for Parish lunches and coffee mornings. These and all occasional activities in the hall were suspended during the pandemic and the financial implication of this is referred to in a later section.

In previous years the PCC undertook a review of the facilities we have and the facilities we need in order to meet the objectives of the mission plan. In the autumn of 2019 we appointed an architect to undertake a feasibility study on the space within the church. An initial presentation was made to the PCC in March 2020, which needed further discussion. However, as that was just at the point of the first lockdown the project was immediately put on hold and will be reviewed again at a later date as we come through the pandemic.

Churchyard and Field

The PCC have responsibility for the Churchyard and Field. The PCC pay for grass cutting and other maintenance to ensure that the Churchyard is well kept throughout, including the oldest sections, contributing to the tidy feel of the centre of the village. The Churchyard remains open for new graves and cremation plots and is well used by those visiting loved ones graves. Where possible, the maintenance of the churchyard continued throughout the year. Due to the pandemic the church field has not been used for events during the year.

Pastoral care

Due to social distancing regulations, from March 23rd it was not possible to undertake pastoral visits and home communions. Revd Janet has undertaken home visits for end of life care. Organisation leaders and members of the congregation have kept in touch to offer a network of pastoral care. Home worship packs were delivered to those without internet access at the start of lockdown.

Mission and evangelism

The Mission and Pastoral Committee has continued to review the Bishop's Growth Agenda and encourage commitment to the Diocesan Rule of Life. In February we were able to hold our "Pancakeorama" Family Fun event after the family service.

Our Church School Partnership continues with Rainford CE School. Revd Janet, Diane Bate, Andrew Rigby (until end of summer term) and Helen Mackenzie (from September) continue to be committed in their roles on the governing body. In the autumn term Revd Janet and Revd Noel were able to offer Collective Worship back in school on a weekly basis for one class at a time. These were planned to ensure they saw every class once each half term. Unfortunately other events and services with the school were suspended due to the pandemic.

Our relationship with Brook Lodge School has continued and Revd Janet Heighton was able to visit and offer support to the Heads of Rainford CE, Brook Lodge and Corpus Christi when they formed a hub before summer to cater for the children of key workers.

Our Parish magazine keeps our parishioners informed of the important matters affecting our Church and Parish. The delivery of the April magazine was almost complete at the point of lockdown.

Printing of the magazine was suspended for May - August for safety reasons but was restarted with the September edition. However, in June we launched the full magazine as an electronic edition, circulated to our mailing list and available on our Facebook and Website pages. Since the relaunch of the printed edition we have continued to offer an electronic edition as well.

At the start of lockdown we launched our Facebook page, which has proved helpful in keeping people up-to-date, offering worship and prayer materials and live streaming our weekly spiritual communion service. The weekly newsletter has been distributed to all on our Electoral Roll who have provided email addresses and to all on our mailing list who have signed up under GDPR. The weekly circulation is approximately 190 copies, far greater than when it was only issued in Church.

Charities Supported

Charities we have supported during the year, included within our accounts, are:-

	£
Church generally	
Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation and Macmillan – fund raising through Christmas Tree Festival to be split between the two (additional funds received in 2020 over and above the £4,888 reported in 2019)	1,299
Christmas Charity Collection for Willowbrook Hospice	932
Men's Fellowship	
Alder Hey – donation	50
Boys Brigade and Girls Association	
St Rocco' Hospice	20
Willowbrook Hospice	25
Derian House Children's Hospice	25
Chocolate Orange Appeal	96
Children's Society – Christingle	50
Poppy Appeal	40

In addition, £653 was raised for the Children's Society through the Christingle Services collection and was banked with them direct.

In addition to these monetary contributions, donations-in-kind were made in the year to support local charities: The Church acts as a collection point for food donations, regularly sent to the Skelmersdale Food Bank for distribution, and at the Family Service in December, our "Toy service", members of the congregation brought in toys and other gifts which were taken to the St Helens Women's Refuge Centre. Harvest produce was donated to YMCA St Helens and the local foodbanks.

Ecumenical relationships

The church is a member of Churches Together in Rainford and the Clergy of the churches have worked closely together and met regularly throughout the year to reflect and offer support. The 2020 Service of Christian Unity took place at Rainford URC. Lent groups had just started before lockdown and then had to be suspended, as were the usual Good Friday Walk of Witness and the annual Walking Day in June. However, Churches Together in Rainford were able to host a VE Celebration Charity number 1127817

Service and Concert for the community on Zoom on 8th May and also the Ecumenical Remembrance Sunday service on Zoom, both were well attended.

Although we were not able to distribute Easter cards we did manage to distribute the Ecumenical Christmas cards, with a message of hope during lockdown.

Deanery Synod

Four members of the PCC sit on the Deanery Synod, along with the clergy. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider Church. The February synod met but all other synod meetings were suspended due to the pandemic.

Financial review

Record keeping and controls

The Trustees are responsible for the day to day management of the PCC and approve income and expenditure. Accounts are kept using "MyFundAccounting, a software package specifically for churches, an enhanced version of the previously used Finance Co-ordinator. This was the first full year of keeping the accounts in this way and changes to our record procedure were introduced in January to assist with the process. The new method of working is now fully embedded with two years of accounts entered and the power of the software to assist with ongoing budgeting will be able to be fully utilised.

Income and expenditure

The cashflow was hit particularly hard during the early months of 2020 due to the pandemic, not only with loss of income from the closure of the hall but also from the loss of loose plate collections and the ability of members of the congregation to hand in their envelopes. The Standing Committee met very regularly and were proactive in their approach to manage the finance. Action was taken to suspend or reduce ongoing costs and letters were sent to all members on the Electoral roll encouraging a move to the Parish Giving Scheme. In addition, online and text giving was set up to provide other ways of people making donations and to reach the wider community. This reduced the number of envelope givers 24 (previously 65). Planned giving increased by £4,184 despite a number of envelopes not being submitted.

The surplus of unrestricted funds (including designated) showing in the accounts to the General Fund is £5,872. However, this includes a COVID19 Support Government Loan of £50,000. The actual deficit for the year is £44,128.

Total receipts of unrestricted funds were £168,771, including the loan of £50,000 (previous year £186,241, including an insurance payout of £25,105). One legacy of £2,500 was received in the year. Other unrestricted voluntary donations were £51,758 (previous year £50,786). Planned giving
Charity number 1127817

increased by £4,184 but collections from loose plate were reduced by £7,261. Gift Aid has been claimed on eligible donations for the year £9,959 (£7,525).

£157,591 (£194,048) was spent from unrestricted funds on charitable activities and to provide Christian ministry.

The diocesan parish share for 2020 was £90,096 (previous year £90,884), which is supplemented by the Church Commissioners to provide: Clergy stipends and National Insurance, Clergy pensions, Clergy housing, Clergy training and Reader training. The total amount for all churches in the diocese is shared between those churches applying a formula which takes into account nationally determined deprivation statistics and each church's Sunday adult congregation attendance. Due to cashflow, we were only able to pay ten months of the Parish Share by the end of the year, which meant we owed the Diocese £15,016 (shown in liabilities). In February 2021 we paid the November amount but still owe December and are unable to currently pay the 2021 parish share. However, this will all be paid in full from investments when they have recovered from the crash caused by the pandemic.

Our Caretaker was put on furlough in March and this enabled us to apply for the Job Retention Scheme grants from the government. We also applied for and received a Business Rates grant. In order to protect the Charities interest in terms of our investments we applied for and received a Government Business Bounce Back loan of £50,000, which is repayable over six years.

Our major fundraising event, the annual Church shop in May, could not take place which left a huge gap in income, previous years having generated approximately £15,000. Most weddings were postponed and in the early part of the year funerals could not take place in church, resulting in a loss of fees. Although fee income is always variable due to the number of services, a comparison with the previous year does give an indication of the loss of income. For 2020 we received £17,043 (previous year £31,126)

The PCC are continuing to rationalise expenditure in order to maximise the effective use of resources and once the restrictions lift we will do all that we can to generate additional income. In 2019 it had been noted that we had been overcharged by Waterplus since July 2017, for the Church Surface Water and Highway Drainage. This was taken up with Waterplus and resolved in May 2020 with a reimbursement of £7,157.

It should be noted that, following the vestry fire reported in 2019, £16,052 remains in the account from the insurance claim, partly to pay for the refurbishment of the vestry, which is still in need of doing.

In November 2019 the PCC agreed to purchase a house, for the Curate and his family to live in in Cross Pit Lane. It was impossible to obtain a mortgage, therefore £250,000 was drawn down from the investments in 2020. COVID-19 delayed the move in, we eventually took possession of the house on 14th August 2020.

Investments are actively managed by an investment manager Quilter Cheviot. The timing of drawing down the investment for the house purchase meant that funds were secured before investments crashed due to the pandemic. The remaining investments have since started to recover. They have generated interest of £5,598.

Reserves Policy

It is still the policy of the PCC to maintain a balance in the general current account of unrestricted funds that equates to at least two months of unrestricted payments and covers emergency situations that may arise from time to time. However, the pandemic has made this difficult and has required close management of the finances. In order to protect the Charities interest and minimise loss, the PCC decided not to draw down money from investments to aid cashflow, at a time when the market was low. The Government Business Bounce Back loan, held in a Reserve account, is available to assist any short term cashflow issues.

Legacy policy

It is the PCC's policy to record any legacies received and, if given without any restriction, to use them in such a way that wherever possible reflects the person who has given the legacy. Restricted legacies will be used in accordance with the restriction. One legacy, in the sum of £2,500 was received in the year.

Health and safety matters

The Churchwardens have the responsibility for Health and Safety. Any issues are reported at the Fabrics meeting and to the PCC. Our Health and Safety Policy will be reviewed again in 2021. The Policy covers all aspects of Health and Safety including: Accidents, Alarms, Evacuation of Buildings, Fires, Food Hygiene, Graveyard, Plant and Machinery, Paths, Trees and Walls, Working at Height. Copies of the Policy are held by each PCC member, leaders of organisations, and in the Church Hall Office, as are the Registers of periodic checks and accident book. We endeavour to ensure that our policy is maintained and kept up to date.

All Risk Assessments are also up to date and reviewed. A faculty has been received to remedy any unsafe gravestones in section 3 of the grave yard. Work is ongoing in terms of contacting families.

Risk Assessments

The PCC undertakes a programme of risk assessments to identify major risks. Procedures are put in place to manage those risks and minimise their impact on the life of the church.

- **Financial Risk**

We have reviewed the PCC's investment portfolio and ensure that it fully complies with the Church of England Ethical Investment Policy.

- **Compliance with Laws and Regulations**

In order to comply with The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005, we have a written Fire Risk Assessment.

All Risk Assessments are also up to date and at the date of writing this report there have been no notifiable incidences to RIDDOR.

Safeguarding

The PCC is responsible for ensuring the church has a safeguarding policy which is agreed, understood and enacted. We have approved our Safeguarding Policy in line with the Diocese of Liverpool's and will keep it under review annually. This is to keep it in line with current expectations and to ensure it meets our own needs. The PCC routinely receives reports to enable them to track the safe recruitment of volunteers where their roles bring them into contact with children and/or vulnerable adults in their 'official' capacity. ('Safe recruiting' involves a DBS check, the uptake of references, a clear role description, an induction interview and an assessment of training needs.)

Our church is committed to and will champion the protection of children, young people and vulnerable adults. Everyone who meets us, comes to us, or works with us should feel safe and cared for irrespective of their social background, culture, their abilities, religious belief or any other factor. It is the responsibility of all of us, individually as well as collectively, to make these aspirations real, to look out for one another and to pass on any concerns.

As required by the Diocese, we have a designated safeguarding officer, Diane Bate, who was appointed in May 2018. We also have an approved policy to guide our actions. The Safeguarding Officer's role is to support, advise and deal with certain specific issues for which she has been trained – but she does not 'do safeguarding' for us; we are all responsible for doing the right thing. Further information about safeguarding including contact details for reporting (in confidence) any concern is available from the church website and the diocese of Liverpool website.

This last year the PCC and/or safeguarding officer has

- Reviewed its policies and procedures.
- Reviewed the safeguarding audit and action plan

General Data Protection Regulation

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) came into force in the UK on the 25th May 2018, and affects all organisations, including churches, which store personal information about individuals.

The Regulation is designed to give individuals more rights when it comes to how their information is gathered, stored and used. It will build on current Data Protection legislation to ensure that all organisations are acting transparently and fairly when it comes to personal information. The GDPR aims to ensure an individual's right to make sure their data is held securely, correctly, and in a manner which is easily accessible and is under one of GDPR's six lawful bases, one of which is consent.

In line with this regulation the PCC continues to issue data consent forms to all new members and contacts. These are processed in line with the regulations and are securely stored.

Plans for the future

In 2021 we will continue to work to the Diocesan growth agenda and develop the mission of the church. We wish to:

- Safely re-open the church and hall buildings and enable organisations to restart
- Review the needs of the congregation and community in a post-pandemic world
- Further develop our online services to reach the housebound
- Develop our work with baptism families and encourage the recruitment of young families and adults
- Encourage members of the congregation to develop lay ministry
- Look further at developing the facilities we have and the facilities we need to further our mission.
- Continue to reflect on the use of the balance of the Keith Orrell bequest in the light of the above and the Mission Plan.

Structure, governance and management

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. It operates under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 and the Church Representation Rules and is a charity registered with the Charity Commission.

PCC members are appointed in accordance with the Church of England Representation Rules 2020 and are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting ("APCM").

All those who attend as members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. Individual members of the PCC receive information on appointment, including the health and safety and safeguarding policies, and external training as and when deemed appropriate by the PCC. This includes courses and events run by the Diocese.

The PCC met during 2020 on seven occasions: 22 January, 18 May, 29 June, 3 August, 7 September and 16 November, 12 December. All meetings except January were held on Zoom. Under the Bishop's extension due to COVID, the annual meeting was postponed and held on 31st October.

There are two paid employees: caretaker and parish secretary. Our caretaker is Martin Cox. The role of parish secretary is performed by Pippa Wisedale. We would like to thank them for all their hard work. It should be noted that Pippa Wisedale became a PCC Member and Trustee in April 2019. Her role as trustee is voluntary and no part of her salary includes her role as trustee. Full details of all related party transactions are given in the notes to the accounts.

Salaries are set annually by the PCC, and paid monthly after deduction of appropriate PAYE, employee pension contributions and National Insurance. The PCC uses The People's Pension, provided by B&CE, as the workplace pension for its employees.

The Organist and Choir Master, Mike Jones, is self-employed. He continues to bring new music to enhance our worship, as well as running the Choir and Junior Choir – although both were suspended for most of 2020 due to COVID. We are very grateful for his guidance and enthusiasm.

The Verger, Diane Bate (a PCC member and Trustee), is paid for weddings and funerals by direct fees. All other responsibilities included in the role are undertaken voluntarily. We are grateful for the care with which she carries out these duties. David Roughley (a Trustee until October 2020) covered a funeral for the Verger and was paid the direct fee.

Committees

PCC main committees:

- Standing
- Mission and Pastoral
- Finance and Resources
- Fabrics and Health and Safety
- Churchyard and Field

Other committees

- Magazine
- Social
- Walking Day
- Church shop

Church groups and representatives:

- Ecumenical representatives
- Cathedral representative
- Choir
- Bellringers
- Tots' Time and Wednesday Welcome
- 1st Rainford Boys' Brigade & Girls' Association
- Mothers' Union
- Men's Fellowship
- Rainford Parish Church Amateur Dramatic Society

Membership of the main committees is decided at the first PCC meeting after the APCM. The Vicar and Churchwardens are ex-officio members of each.

Standing committee

Day to day management of the church is exercised by the standing committee, the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact PCC Business between PCC meetings and considers strategic issues which may affect the church. The Committee functions under Rule 15 (appendix 2, para 14) of the Church Representation Rules of the Synodical Government Measure 1969.

The Standing Committee elected in 2019 and serving until the 2020 APCM consisted of the Reverend Janet Heighton, Janet Davies (Warden), Diane Bate (Warden), Myra Hartley, David Burgess and David Roughley. From the 2020 APCM onwards the standing committee consisted of Revd Janet Heighton, Helen Mackenzie (Warden), Diane Bate (Warden), David Burgess, Myra Hartley, Janet Davies.

Reference and Administrative details

All Saints Church is situated in Church Road, Rainford, in the Ormskirk Deanery of the Diocese of Liverpool, within the Church of England All correspondence should be addressed to Rainford Parish Church Hall, Church Road, Rainford WA11 8HE. Charity trustees on the PCC from the start of the financial year 2020 until approval of the financial statements in 2021 are set out below.

PCC Members

Name

Office / Dates

Ex officio members:

The Reverend Janet Heighton
The Reverend Gwen Carter
The Reverend Noel McGarrigle
Janet Davies
Diane Bate
Helen Mackenzie

Incumbent and Chairman
SSM Assistant Curate (resigned July 2020)
Assistant Curate (appointed June 2020)
Warden (until APCM 2020)
Warden (and Vice-Chairman) from APCM 2019
Warden (from APCM 2020)

Deanery Synod appointed members:

David Burgess
June Burgess
Roger Burrows
Mike Potterill
One vacancy from APCM 2020

Parish Giving Officer
Deputy warden (resigned APCM 2020)

Elected members:

Chloe Alban
Diane Bate
Judith Collins
Pam Davenport
Janet Davies
Ivor Fingard
Anne Harrington
Myra Hartley
Pat Jones
Helen Mackenzie
Gill Potterill
Keith Powell
Sally Powell
Pamela Rigby
David Roughley
Diane Wesley
June Philippa Wisedale
5 vacancies from APCM 2020

(Resigned APCM 2020)
(Also warden and ex officio)

(From APCM 2020)
(From APCM 2020)
Deputy warden (Retired APCM 2020)

Deputy Warden

(Also warden from APCM 2020)
(Retired APCM 2020)
(Retired APCM 2020)
(Resigned APCM 2020)
(Died February 2020)
(Retired APCM 2020)

Co-opted members:

None

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Solicitors

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Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others

Agency Transactions

The PCC acted as a financial agent for the following people/organisations in the year.

Liverpool Diocesan Board of Finance ("LDBF")

£10,545 (2019 £9,296) was received as fees from Funeral Directors and private individuals in respect of LDBF fees for funerals, burials and weddings. This money was distributed in accordance with current diocesan guidance.

Church organist, vergers, other organists and clergy

£4,530 (2019 £6,994) was received as fees from Funeral Directors and private individuals for funerals, burials and weddings. This money is passed on to the relevant individuals who all deal with their own tax payments.

There But Not There

The identified error of £92 from the 2019 payment was paid out in 2020.

Bell-ringers and Rainford Ladies' Choir

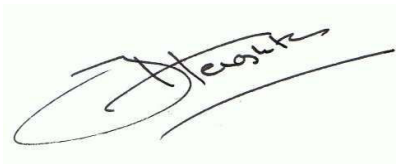
Both receive cash payments for Wedding bookings, payable to themselves. This money does not go through the church account. Weddings requiring the Bellringers and Rainford Ladies' Choir were all suspended in 2020 due to COVID and no transactions took place.

Going Concern

At the time of approving the accounts, and as detailed in this report, the Trustees have considered the impact of COVID-19 on the Charity and the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus, the Trustees continue to adopt the "going concern" basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

Declaration

**The trustees declare that they have approved the above Trustees' report.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees (the PCC) by clergy:**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Heighton', is written over a light green rectangular background.

**The Reverend Janet Heighton
Approved for signature at PCC meeting 28th April 2021**

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the Parish of All Saints Rainford

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Parish of All Saints, Rainford PCC (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2020.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My examination has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my examination, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records;

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



Mr Peter Taaffe FCA CTA DChA

**BWM. Chartered Accountants. Castle Chambers, 43 Castle Street,
Liverpool L2 9SH**

12/05/2021

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The Parish of All Saints, Rainford PCC

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
Receipts and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	67,858	1,260	69,118	66,206
Income from charitable activities	19,653	3,070	22,722	65,034
Other trading activities	11,072	-	11,072	40,901
Investments	5,691	-	5,691	15,880
Other income	-	-	-	25,750
Other income - COVID19 Support	14,497	-	14,497	-
Other income - COVID19 Support Loan	50,000	-	50,000	-
Total receipts	168,771	4,330	173,101	213,772
Payments on:				
Raising funds	1,528	-	1,528	9,482
Expenditure on charitable activities	157,591	5,293	162,884	218,229
Other expenditure	3,780	-	3,780	-
Total payments	162,899	5,293	168,191	227,711
Net receipts / (payments)	5,872	-962	4,910	-13,939

There may be minor discrepancies in the totals if the pence are not being shown

The Parish of All Saints, Rainford PCC

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2020

Class and nominal code	General (Unrestricted)	Designated	Restricted	2020	2019
Fixed Asset - Investments					
6450: Shares portfolio	-	169,411	-	169,411	440,572
Total	-	169,411	-	169,411	440,572
Fixed Asset - Tangible Assets					
6410: Church Hall	-	280,200	-	280,200	280,200
6415: 59 Cross Pit Lane	-	249,219	-	249,219	-
6420: Church Field	-	30,000	-	30,000	30,000
6430: Plant & Equipment	-	31,978	-	31,978	31,978
6440: The Anchor (Boys' Brigade)	-	14,400	-	14,400	14,400
Total	-	605,796	-	605,796	356,578
Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand					
6501: Main NatWest bank current account	-15,330	26,513	2,082	13,265	39,771
6505: 'W' NatWest bank current account	-	-	-	-	762
6510: Business Reserve bank deposit account	50,000	-	-	50,000	32
6520: CCLA (CBF) deposit account - Main	1,810	-	4,904	6,713	6,685
6525: CCLA (CBF) deposit account - Fabric	257	-	13,054	13,311	13,255
6550: Organisation - Bellringers	-	-	-	-	960
6551: Organisation - Boys' Brigade	-	-	19,216	19,216	20,666
6552: Organisation - Choir	-	-	-	-	-
6553: Organisation - Amateur Dramatics	-	-	3,366	3,366	5,804
6555: Organisation - Men's Fellowship	-	459	-	459	182
6590: Petty cash	13	-	-	13	82
6595: Cash in church safe	143	-	510	653	1,031
Total	36,892	26,972	43,131	106,995	89,228
Liability - Agency Accounts					
6699: Agency collections	-	-	1,650	1,650	3,809
Total	-	-	1,650	1,650	3,809
Liability - Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year					
Loan Repayable	50,000	-	-	50,000	-
Z04: Accounts Payable	15,016	-	-	15,016	-
Total	65,016	-	-	65,016	-

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These accounts were approved by the Parochial Church Council on 28th April 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



Revd Janet Heighton - Vicar



Mrs D Bate - Churchwarden

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