



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	

Bankers

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85 Queen Victoria Street London
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Independent Examiner

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Liverpool
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Hill Dickinson LLP
1 St Paul's Square
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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).

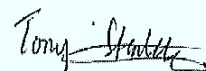
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

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

The Parish of All Saints, Rainford PCC

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

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

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