

St John's Ainsdale

ANNUAL
REPORT
2022



Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Ainsdale St John, incorporating the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022
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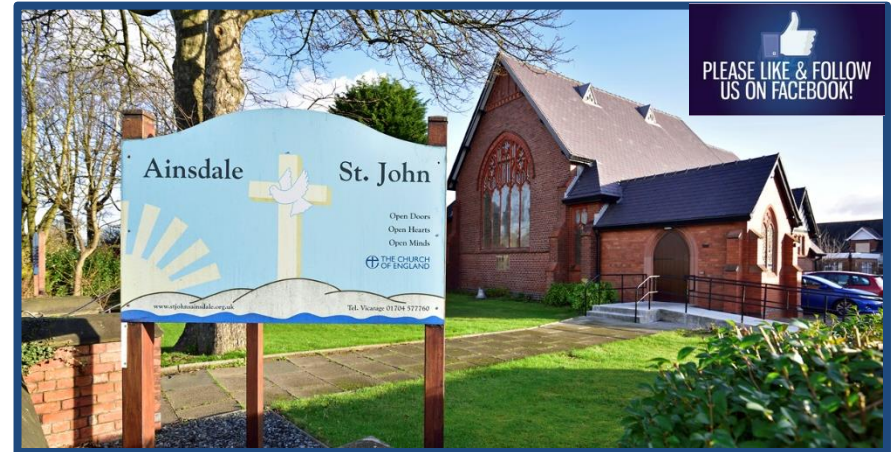
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“Don’t just pretend that you love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Stand on the side of the good. Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honouring each other. Never be lazy in your work, but serve the Lord enthusiastically. Be glad for all God is planning for you. Be patient in trouble and always be prayerful.”

Romans 12:9-12



Sharing God's love, serving one another

Welcome to our annual report for 2022 - our first full year post Covid lockdowns. It has been a year of stability with a regular pattern of services resumed. On the whole, the congregation has returned, but for those who still feel vulnerable we continue to live-stream the 10.30 Sunday service.

A significant event during the year was the retirement of our vicar, Rev. Jane Morgan. The congregations from the three services came together to hear Jane's final sermon to us and to give her a wonderful send-off with a bring-and-share lunch on August 28th. We thank God for Jane's ministry – bringing compassion and wisdom as we have developed, in particular, our school's ministry and work around eco-church.

During the subsequent interregnum we have been very grateful to the retired clergy Rev. Peter Todd, Rev. Bill Matthews, and Rev. Canon Ross Moughtin; and lay people, Jean Todd, Eirlys Jessop and Linda Davies; who have stepped in to ensure we have been able to maintain all our services.

Our links with St John's Primary School and Natterjacks Nursery are as strong as ever. The children from school come into church every week for a whole school worship and whenever possible church and school link for specific events such as a whole school Prayer Day.

During this year we have been able to host more social events. The film shows have been particularly successful with young and old gathering together to enjoy them. We also had concerts from the Formby Brass Band and the choir, Connected Voices. This is something we want to continue and expand in the coming year.

We are currently in the process of appointing a new vicar and look forward to the exciting opportunities we know God has for St John's.

Ainsdale St John's PCC



PCC MEMBERSHIP (to APCM 2023)

<i>Incumbent</i>	Currently in Interregnum
<i>Reader</i>	Eirlys Jessop
<i>Churchwardens</i>	Chris Thursfield (PCC Chair) Lesley Phipps (PCC vice Chair)

<i>Deanery Synod Reps</i>	Paul Ellis, Jean Washbourne, David Phipps
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Elected Members (and Trustees)

Lindsay Jessop (PCC Treasurer)	Kate Corey
Giles Davies	Linda Davies
John Forshaw	Lynne Grice
Maggie Hilton	Frank Hyland
Patricia Jameson	Val Sinnott
Ann Walton	

Members of the PCC are the charity trustees and are the 'persons having the general control and management of the administration of the charity' (Charities Act 2011, s177).

See Appendix 1 for further details & approved roles

Leadership spotlight

In March 2022 Venerable Pete Spiers, our Archdeacon, commissioned Linda Davies as the **Missional Leader for Children and Youth**. Linda has a passion for this ministry which includes acting as Baptisms Co-ordinator, preparing our young candidates for Confirmation, leading Praise & Worship services and school worship, and being part of the IMPACT Youth Club leadership team.



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The primary objective of St John's Church Parochial Church Council (PCC) is to promote the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and to cooperate with the incumbent, in promoting in the parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

OUR VISION

Sharing God's Love, Serving One Another

OUR MISSION

Demonstrating God's love by supporting families throughout their lives: as children; as adults; as parents; and when they need someone just to listen such as at times of bereavement.

To help direct our activities, the PCC has a series of **Mission Priorities** which are focused around the **5 Marks of Mission** (see box right).

Each year, the PCC sets specific **Objectives** against each priority. These help inform budgeting. Progress is reviewed monthly by the PCC's Mission Group. See Appendices 2 and 3 for **Progress against 2022 objectives and PCC objectives for 2023**.

In fulfilling our Mission Priorities, we aim to be:

1. **An active church family where all members are included and valued for who they are, respect each other's style of worship, encourage involvement, and contribute to the whole life of the Church, including our Church School, with their talents and abilities.**
2. **Centred on God, letting Him lead us into the future He has prepared for us.**
3. **Growing in faith as we serve our community in Ainsdale.**

To facilitate the above, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church building and adjacent hall complex.

When planning our activities for the year, the PCC has considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

5 Marks of Mission	St John's Mission Priorities
A. TELL: Proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letting God touch the lives of others by providing imaginative, varied, inspiring and engaging worship.
B. TEACH: Teach, baptise and nurture new believers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helping and nurturing all those who wish to explore and deepen their relationship with God by providing opportunities for bible study, prayer and Christian fellowship in a safe family friendly environment. Equipping and supporting each other as members of an inclusive church family to be Christians in a modern world: at home; at work; with friends and in our local community.
C. TEND: Respond to human needs by loving service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helping to transform lives of those in need in Ainsdale through providing a safe haven for quiet contemplation and offering practical and emotional support for life events.
D. TRANSFORM: Seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with other Christian and secular organisations to promote global fairness for all.
E. TREASURE: Strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Looking after God's planet by raising awareness of the impact we have on creation and the actions we can take to improve the environment.

Sharing God's love, serving one another

Our regular pattern of **weekly worship** continued through 2022. We were blessed to lead **whole school worship** in church for all children and staff every Monday as well as holding special services for Harvest Festival, Easter and Christmas.

We continued to support families who had lost a loved one, hosting eight funerals during 2022.

The PCC are very grateful to the dedicated clergy and lay teams, worship band and choir who have had such a positive impact on our worship this year.

The **worship band** supported our Praise & Worship services and school collective worship. Their music is enjoyed by a wide range of ages with everyone becoming involved with the actions used to enhance the messages.

The **choir** membership remained steady at 12 (average attendance 8) in 2022. In addition to supporting HC services, they led the Remembrance Sunday worship on the village green, plus they had 2 Weddings (the first in several years!). A particular highlight was the Carol Service - back in church post covid - which was very well received with lots of lovely compliments.

The **Care Group** are a valuable part of our ministry. On 10th July 2022 the group was relaunched with a commissioning service in church, led by Jane our then vicar. With the ending of lockdown members were able to resume home visits to sick and housebound parishioners and take communion to people who cannot attend church services.

A small but dedicated **Prayer Group** meets each Monday afternoon in church. The **Prayer Circle** has been

2022 WORSHIP PATTERN

Sunday 10-30 main service (also live streamed)
To accommodate different styles, our main 10.30 Sunday service adopts different formats each week:

- ✚ 1st Sun: Praise & Worship (family service with worship band)
- ✚ 2nd Sun: Holy Communion (CW) with organ and choir
- ✚ 3rd Sun: Parade Service/P&W (family service with worship band and involvement from Guides, Rainbows and Brownies)
- ✚ 4th Sun: Holy Communion (CW) with organ and choir
- ✚ 5th Sun: varies with season and special events

Sunday 8-30 service
Quiet traditional Holy Communion (alternate BCP/BCW) with no music.

Thursday 10-30 service
Traditional Holy Communion (BCP) with no music.

actively supporting those who request prayers.

The Care Group has put on a series of film shows on Friday afternoons as part of the **warm space programme**, coordinated with other churches in the village. It is hoped to

plan more film shows in the future.

A **Men's Social Group** and a **Bereavement Group** have been started. A **'bring & share' lunch** to bring the congregations together proved a success and will be repeated in 2023.



Our choir and music group supported services throughout the year; services included a special farewell for Jane's retirement; refreshments and the reintroduction of parish lunches after services provided opportunities for fellowship.

We were very encouraged to see some growth in the attendance of families at our 10.30 Praise and Worship Services and Parade Services post covid. We are trying to encourage those with young children to attend with active participation in worship. We are noticing that, although we have a dedicated space and resources for children at the back of church, they are choosing to come to the front and sit with parents and become involved with worship for the entire service. Also, there is time after the service to do some colouring or sit at the tables and read Bible stories.

Junior PCC

We have been blessed to have our Junior PCC and young children help with readings and prayers at services. Feedback from parents is that their children want to come to these services and are enjoying the

interactivity. We have also been encouraging Junior PCC members to have a role in services and they did an excellent job leading the Crib Service for over 100 children and adults. They have lots of ideas and a growing awareness of their role in the Ministry and Outreach of our church.

IMPACT

IMPACT open youth club met each Wednesday during term time at the Methodist Church. The ecumenical group is led by Hettie and Tabz from the Southport & Area School Worker

Trust (SASWT) and supported by Linda & Katie from St John's and Joan Green from the Village Church. Again, it has been a real

encouragement to see how this initiative, which originated at St. John's to help with transition to high school, is a safe and welcoming space for so many from different schools within our locality. We have seen the children coming early and queuing to get in and meet friends, play sports, games on the screens and take part in faith-based discussions during our 'Cake Space'. The food certainly

goes down a treat with now up to 28 regular attendees.

Baptism

Members of the church family continued to knit and crochet blankets for the children being baptised, as we welcomed each one into the church family, covering them in God's love. The children also received a Bible as a gift. It was encouraging that baptism families returned to worship following baptism and they are included in the regular emails sent to our contacts with young families.

Confirmation

In 2022 we were very proud of our five young people and one adult who were confirmed at St John's Crossens. We held a special service at our church to celebrate their first communion.

Children
are
GIFT
from THE
Lord;
they are the
Real
Blessing



Our children's corner, introduced in 2022, proved a great asset; Impact youth saw significant growth during 2022; the travelling nativity visited many homes during advent; baptisms are a key part of our ministry to families; we had six confirmands in 2022; special services including Easter attracted regular and new families into church.

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Supporting our Church School

Every Monday morning, during term time, Jane, John and Linda led a church service for 230 children and staff. The children really enjoy participating and join in enthusiastically with worship songs. The teachers have said that this worship starts the school week for them in a very positive way.

A key part of our church ministry is hosting special school services and events in church. These are attended by parents and other family members and provide an opportunity to welcome around 700 adults into church each year in addition to children and staff. In 2022 we hosted four whole school services (Harvest, Christmas, Easter and end of year), a Christingle, KS1 and KS2 Christmas performances, and seven Class Services, plus a special Community Carol Concert of

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE...

"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few"
Matthew 9 v35-38

The PCC are extremely grateful for all those who support our children and young people in church, in school, in their Uniformed Groups, through the SASWT, and as governors.

We have so much to build on in this area at St. John's. However, the opportunities for ministry and growth far outweigh the small number of people actively involved in this work. We need to look to the future and, when appointing a new Vicar, how this area of growth can be built on – not to the exclusion of other parts of our church family, but to enhance and encourage more to become involved.

There is also a real need for new volunteers who feel they have a calling to assist with this important part of our mission, so it can be refreshed and renewed with their enthusiastic participation. We ask for your prayers that this need will touch people's hearts.

music and songs performed by the children.

Linda led 'Easter in a Box' with year 3 and 'Christmas in a Box' for

the whole school, and the travelling nativity once again made it around homes before sheep were returned to the Crib Service.

We also supported a wonderful Prayer Spaces day.

School Governance

Church members play a key role in the leadership of the school. Church appoints six Foundation Governors in addition to the incumbent. The Governing Body worked extremely hard during 2022 to support our Headteacher and staff as they continued to drive the school forward (*see page 9*).

During the year we were sorry to say goodbye to Rev Jane and Frank Hyland as governors. Jane provided valuable pastoral support and was key to re-establishing regular school worship in church. Frank was one of our longest serving governors of with nearly 30 years of experience bringing positive challenge and guidance which will be impossible to replace! Thank you both.



Leading Remembrance Day service in school as part of our Prayer Space day; Linda led 'Christmas in a Box' and the children enjoyed collecting items to remember the Easter story; it is a privilege to welcome children into church for school Christingle, Christmas celebrations and RE lessons; Frank Hyland's farewell as a governor.

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Little John's Baby & Toddler Group



Little John's had a very successful 2022 – the first full year at their new morning session.

They averaged 35 children per session but with many more than that on the register. Some children come every week and others more sporadically.

At their Christmas Party they gave out over 40 books. It has proved a popular decision to change from

afternoons to mornings.

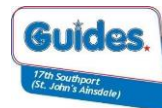
Little John's attracts a mixture of mums, dads, grandparents and carers who bring the children.

There is a good buzz at every session and with such a diverse mix, they are able to provide mutual support for everyone.

Uniformed Organisations

St John's are fortunate to have strong Guiding units run by dedicated and enthusiastic leaders who volunteer so much time.

17th St John's Guides



Guides had a busy year achieving numerous theme awards with bronze, silver and gold awards being presented.

They had a wonderful camp at Scarisbrick completing the Investigation badge. The Police came and set up a crime scene and did fingerprints. We're not too sure who enjoyed the theme more – the leaders or guides!

Guides took part in a County event at Scarisbrick and planted trees. They had a fun Christmas themed weekend at Shirdley Hill making Christmas crafts, having a Christmas breakfast and watching a movie.

Two guides and a leader were presented with Sefton Star awards for personal achievements and commitment to the unit. Well done!

The final meeting of the year was a cinema trip to see Matilda where they even managed an enrolment.



Little John's grew significantly in 2022. With around 35 children each week plus adults, it is a major part of our outreach.



Guides enjoyed camping at Scarisbrick and trips to Shirdley Hill and the cinema.

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15th Ainsdale Brownies



Brownies had a very busy year with lots of badges and crafts.

In February they planted sunflower seeds from the Parade Service and it was lovely to watch these grow.

In April, Brownies and Guides had a fabulous day out at The Crocky Trail – the first trip since lockdown. In May the Brownies went to a Jubilee party organised by a guide leader. They also had their own jubilee evening and made a card for the Queen. Brownies completed the Girl Power Electricity challenge learning all about electricity and how to be more energy efficient.

It was lovely in July to be able to take part in the Ainsdale Show after a two-year break.

Sadly, in September their patron, The Queen, passed away. Earlier that week they received a letter from Windsor Castle thanking them for the Jubilee card they had sent. This will be treasured by the unit.

Brownies joined Rainbows and Guides from Sefton for sports and outdoor fun at Scarisbrick. In November they joined the Remembrance Sunday service on the green and had a fun sleepover at Shirdley Hill - the first for many of the girls. The year ended with a cinema trip to see Matilda.

2nd Ainsdale Rainbows



Rainbows had another great year. Once again, they had girls moving up to Brownies and lots of girls joining to form a full unit.

The Rainbows have gained interest badges, skill builders and theme badges and have shown their commitment to the Guiding Family

Rainbows had entrants in the annual Ainsdale show making bookmarks, with one Rainbow getting the bronze prize. Fantastic! Rainbows ran a teddy tombola at the show which was fun.

In the autumn they ran a preloved stall at the Church eco fair and raised money to buy a badge maker, which is well used.

Rainbows joined a county sports day at Scarisbrick and learnt cheerleading and Zumba.

To celebrate 35 years of Rainbows, the unit went to Knowsley Safari Park with hundreds of other Rainbows. Luckily, the girls had their Neckers on that they raised money for last year so they could spot each other! The sea lions were the favourite part of the trip.

Rainbows have been joined by some amazing new helpers who are wonderful and are loved by the Rainbows.

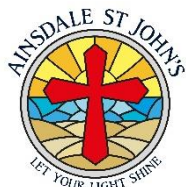
Here's to a fun packed 2023!



Rainbows met the Amur tiger at Knowsley Safari park. Brownies enjoyed trips to the cinema, Scarisbrick and a sleepover at Shirdley Hill

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Report from St John's School



It has been a year of many positive changes at Ainsdale St. John's CE Primary School.

We recently revealed our new logo which was designed for us by a parent. Governors, staff and children all shared ideas. The logo takes the form of a stained-glass window inspired by the beautiful window in church. It has layers which consist of sand dunes, sea and sun to represent our village and how lucky we are to live in such a special place created by God. The cross is central to the logo to show that, as a Church of England school, our faith is central to all we do.

Ahead of the logo, the governors worked with Liverpool Diocese education department to create a strategic plan for the school. From this, our 'ASJ Way' was created (see box).

To launch our new vision and values we held a prayer space day in school. With help from Linda Davies, John Forshaw and Southport and Area Schools Worker Trust, the whole school participated in a full day of prayerful activities. It was a wonderful experience for all involved.

As well as focusing on change within

THE 'ASJ WAY' – OUR CHRISTIAN VISION

The ASJ Way

With God's help, we can achieve anything and we aspire to be the best that we can be.

We shine like a beacon of light within our community with an open door so that all feel welcome.

Our special family (school, church and community) follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Aspire to Shine for Jesus

Let your light shine.

Matthew 5:16

Core Christian Values

Courage

Community

Compassion

Aspire to Shine for Jesus

At ASJ we all ... Aspire to Shine for Jesus! Our aspirational vision is anchored by a bible passage which encompasses our mission for each member of our Christian community, young and old, to find and develop their talents. To accompany our vision, we focus on 3 core Christian values.

our school community the children were aware of changes on a larger scale as we celebrated Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee. The children took part in a carousel of activities led by the teachers with a whole school street party style lunch on the playground. The day ended with a flash mob dance where the whole school came together to dance to a selection of songs from each decade of the Queen's reign.

Unfortunately, following this celebration, the children were then faced with the loss of such an

inspirational leader within the same year. In school, we emphasised the many successes the Queen had achieved during her time as monarch as well as each child recording a special message in our book of condolence.

We are currently planning how to mark King Charles III's Coronation as these global events are what the children will remember when they look back at their time at school.

If you would like to keep abreast of further changes at school, please follow our Twitter account @AinsdaleStJohns and Facebook account, and the new school website which hosts our weekly newsletter to update about school life including our Christian value worship from that week.

Lorna O'Brien

Headteacher

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Report from Natterjacks



It's been a busy year at Natterjacks!

We have welcomed Rebecca Phillipson as our new nursery manager and also Clare Kingsmill who has located from our Marshside Road pre-school site as Deputy Manager.

The management team have been working hard to implement new ideas and have strengthened our great relationships with the school, church and community.

We have been welcoming year 5's from St John's school every Wednesday into nursery to buddy up with the pre-school children.

They have built some lovely bonds and both nursery and school thoroughly enjoy it.

We are also hopefully going to have scheduled playtimes with the reception children and our pre school children in the school playground from next term.

Pre school have also been making regular weekly visits to woodlands lodge care home in Formby. The residents really look forward to the children coming to see them and we have joined in with lots of fun activities.

We are in the process of renewing our accreditation in Millie's mark pediatric award. We are very proud to have a full workforce who are

fully pediatric first aid trained.

We also have two qualified mental first aiders who are available to confidently speak to children, staff and parents/Carers.

We have lots scheduled for our summer term, learning how to make proper Italian pizza dough and cooking it in a wood oven at Southport food market, trips to the bijoux cinema, baby massage and yoga.

We are also creating a little kitchen garden this term which will be for nursery and the community to share.

We will be adding an outdoor library and a food help store, where people can take food they need and also

donate some.

All of our pre school children are getting school ready and we are making sure they can all start school as confident little people on their new adventure.

We always welcome visits so please let us know if you would like to come into nursery.

So far it's been a very productive start to the year and we look forward to flourishing and extending our good reputation as a nursery.

Mai-Ling, & John Duckworth

Owners

Natterjacks Day Nursery at St John's



Natterjacks Day Nursery at St John's

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Today we welcomed some year 5 children from St John's Primary School!

The children are going to buddy up with pre school and toddlers to help read stories with the children each week.

Today we had such a positive reaction from our children and new friendships have been formed.

Below are some quotes the children said...

"My big friend was called Daniel"

"I read goldilocks and the three bears, goldilocks are all the porridge."

"Max read a story about dinosaurs to me"

"I want my friend to stay longer, he's funny"

We look forward to welcoming year 5 back next week 🥰👍



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At St John's we are extremely fortunate to have skilled and dedicated people who run events, lead groups and organise fundraising activities that provide wider fellowship and support those most in need in our community and further afield.

CAP Job Club



St John's Job Club works in partnership with Christians Against Poverty (CAP).

It is a tried and tested format with 156 Job Clubs across the country. By working with CAP, St John's are delivering an effective service to help people step into work, even after years of unemployment. This includes materials to run our eight-week interactive Steps to Employment Course, covering topics such as identifying strengths, CV writing, and interview techniques. The course is designed to be an easy and effective way for us to practically equip club members, in a supportive environment that boosts confidence and morale. Through St John's CAP job club, we can create a community that demonstrates God's love in a relevant way.

During 2022 the Job Club continued to run weekly and support clients in the local Ainsdale and wider

Southport communities. At the start of the year, we were blessed to receive financial support from Leyland Road Job Club which had not reopened after the pandemic but had funding remaining which they kindly gave to us. This supported us during the year to help and support 18 clients, 5 of whom obtained employment, with another returning to further education. Help provided included practical support (e.g. improving IT skills, drafting CVs, preparing clients for job interviews and help with online applications), listening to clients, confidence building around skills and abilities, and just being there every week for them. During August we offered clients cinema vouchers to use during the break.

Christian Aid



Christian Aid is an international development agency that enables us to respond to Christ's command to care for all in need.

Everything Christian Aid does is in response to God's gift to the world, of his son Jesus Christ. Jesus promised 'good news for the poor and freedom for the oppressed' calling us all to action. Jesus called his followers to 'love God and love your neighbour.' Through his life

and teaching, his death, and his resurrection, he inspired his followers to love God, love their neighbours and long for justice. Our faith in God, and in his loving relationship with us, gives us confidence and hope that poverty can be ended, despite all that might stand in the way.

For many years, St John's has supported the work of Christian Aid.

In 2022 we joined forces with Churches Together in Ainsdale (CTiA) and held a sponsored litter pick on the beach and a 'Big Brekkie' and cake sale.

We also trialled the "deliver only" envelopes which involved volunteers delivering envelopes to households in the village and asking donors to drop the envelopes off at strategic places in the village. Over 2,500 envelopes were delivered across the village and raised £268.37 so it felt worthwhile. It also felt very much like a great witness to God's love for the poor as these envelopes felt like a love letter to all households.

Overall, CTiA raised £1,656.58 which was forwarded to aid the work of Christian Aid.



Eco Group

The Eco Group's aims are encompassed in the fifth 'Mark of Mission': *To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the earth.* In 2022:

- St John's carbon footprint for 2021 was calculated at 44.1t CO₂.
- Single use cup policy established - compostable cups purchased for events and home trial showed fully compostable in 9 months.
- Eco products policy and purchase of consumables agreed (bulk packaging free washing up liquid, dishwasher tablets, toilet rolls and hand wash).
- 'Eco' Lent activity calendars created, distributed and used in a church service and with school.
- Creation theme used within parade services. Pollution and recycling theme covered with school.
- Bins for recycling identified in church.
- Beach litter pick involvement.
- Bird table - legacy gift now in garden of remembrance.
- Joining in The Great Big Green Week (24th Sep to 2nd Oct) to raise awareness
- Eco Fair at St John's in October with several stalls, church and community group engagement. Using *The Letters for Creation* Christian Aid initiative, some amazing pieces of art from the school were displayed. This was a way for them to reflect on what caring for creation means to them and find a way for their voices to be heard in the climate justice conversation.

- Members attended various webinars with Faiths4Change organisation on Reaching Net Zero Carbon in 2030.

Events

After a pause during covid, we were pleased to reintroduce a programme of free and ticketed concerts and social events for the community.

Where appropriate, church ran a licensed bar at events to raise additional church funds.

Events held in church in 2022 included:

- *Holiday cinema club*: as a trial, we introduced this during the school holidays and it proved a big hit with parents and grandparents needing to keep children entertained! Films in 2022 were the Jungle Book and Elf.

- *Jubilee party*: the church hosted a celebration with music, song and food enjoyed by all generations.
- *Formby Brass Band*: a fabulous evening of contemporary and classic hits were enjoyed by all.
- *Connected Voices*: this fabulous local choir performed great songs from rock, gospel and funk to pop classics and musical theatre.
- *Christmas Community Concert*: the infant and junior choirs from St John's School sang some Christmas favourites while the musicians played some lovely carols. The children were fabulous and there were tears of joy from more than one member of the audience.

A full programme of events is planned for 2023!



The Eco Fair including children's art display was a huge success; school singers and musicians wowed everyone at the Christmas Community Concert; SONG entertained at the Jubilee party; we also enjoyed concerts from Formby Brass Band and Connected Voices.

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Deanery Synod

Deanery synod meetings in 2022 were severely affected by Covid and the absence of an Area Dean for part of the year.

The meeting in July was dedicated to *Fit for Mission 2*, a Diocesan led initiative to address declining church attendance, an increasing admin burden, and unsuitable and unsustainable buildings (*see box*).

The intention is that within the Deanery, a single PCC with multiple leadership teams defined by the needs of the larger parish, will allow us to work more collaboratively and focus our gifts around suggested portfolios e.g. prayer, food poverty, discipleship, young people, bereavement, debt advice.

Each leadership team has its own finances and responsibilities (similar to a governing body in school) – trusting the teams to coordinate and run their own areas of ministry. The Diocese expects to see a flourishing of ministries within six years.

This is not the Wigan model but it has similarities.

Fit for Mission will engage the whole diocese between now and 2027, with a two-year intensive change period for each deanery which includes periods of consultation,

‘acting as’ a larger parish, and then formalising the changes. Cohort 1 (St Helen’s and West Derby) are well underway and Cohort 2 is starting to engage.

The earliest our Deanery could take part would be Cohort 3 and the PCC are keeping up to date with developments.

Churches Together in Ainsdale

We take working together with other churches seriously, doing as many things together as we can.

The CTiA committee is made up of parishioners and clergy from St John’s, Ainsdale Village Church, Ainsdale Methodist Church and St John Stone/Sacred Heart.

The clergy also meet socially as a fraternal each month.

Each year the CTiA organises ecumenical activities with churches sharing leadership and hosting. In 2022 these were:

- Running the Impact youth group.
- Week of prayer for Christian unity.
- Lent course.
- Easter sunrise service on the beach.
- Support for Christian Aid.
- Supporting the eco fair at St John’s.
- Offering warm spaces through the week.
- Providing food during school holidays for struggling families.
- Ecumenical children’s tent at the Ainsdale Show supported by Hettie and Tabz from SASWT.
- Ecumenical tent service on the green.
- Remembrance Day service on the green supported by St John’s choir with the uniformed groups.
- School carol service.
- Carols in the Co-Op.

The CTiA also experimented with a joint Alpha Course held at the Methodist Church with some frank and honest discussions along with good food and prayer.



Achieve four mission priorities...

1. Introducing people to Jesus
2. Deepening discipleship
3. Developing Christian Leaders
4. Working for Justice

... through six elements

- **Developing our discipleship culture** through training and support, including delivering a Local Missional Leadership programme to support of new worship communities and justice initiatives.
- **Creating missional leadership teams** of lay and ordained people working over larger areas with responsibility for specific mission and worship communities.
- **Developing mutual support and accountability structures** for all leaders.
- **Work towards each deanery having one or two Larger Parishes** but more worshipping communities and justice initiatives.
- Making sure **buildings are fit for purpose** through better use, investment, or closure.
- **Creating administrative services** in deaneries to support mission.

www.liverpool.anglican.org/FitForMission

As in all things, 'communication is key'. The local, national and yes, global audience, we receive to our website and Facebook pages is crucial for our church and its future. These are vital "tools" in spreading the word and if there are any church groups' news or events coming up, please do send them to our website and Facebook managers to include and advertise them on our page ... you never know who sees them!

Church web site

Our website provides information on all our services and events and allows those far and wide to access information on our church.

Through the web we have reached nearly 10,000 people in 2022 which is a huge achievement. Our main website www.stjohnsainsdale.org.uk attracted 4,952 views in 2022 (down 769 from 2021), an average 413 views per month. Our other site www.achurchnearyou.com attracted over 5,000 views in 2022 (up 500 views from 2021). Whilst there has been a reduction in views for our main site, we must not forget that people were unable to go out during 2021 due to covid.

Chris Doragh, our website manager, overhauled the website at the beginning of 2023 to remove outdated content and pages.

We live stream our main 10.30am

Sunday service and stream weddings and funerals on request. The website includes a link to access our YouTube Channel.

We would like to attract more website views/uses. If you have any suggestions on how we could do this do not hesitate to get in touch.

Our sites are updated each week and hopefully provide our audience with an accurate record of what is happening at St John's.

Facebook page

St. John's C of E Parish Church Ainsdale Facebook page is there to promote our place in the community as well as the world. Through it we can share news and events at our Church, our School, Nursery and other church groups...

In 2022, our church page reached 47,355 people globally...an increase of over 27,000 from 2021!

Our top 'reach' post was a picture of our East Window, shared as part of the Church of England's *Stained Glass Summer* campaign in July with almost 17,000 people seeing it. Amazing how an individual post can reach so many people and households!

It was encouraging to see our likes still growing - 927 'liked' and followed our page up from 782 at the start of the year. This 'audience'

is 76% women and 23% men, predominantly from the UK but also from Australia, Rwanda, USA, Ireland, Uganda, Italy, Nigeria, The Philippines and even Afghanistan!

Chris York has been managing our Facebook page for over 11 years now ... and as evidenced by the reach it is an essential part of our outreach and mission.





For the last 4 years the site has included a daily bible verse on the page as part of Chris's own bible reading challenge and the feedback is this is well received and appreciated.

Any events or updates are shared, where possible, on other local Facebook pages and groups, so this casts the net even further.

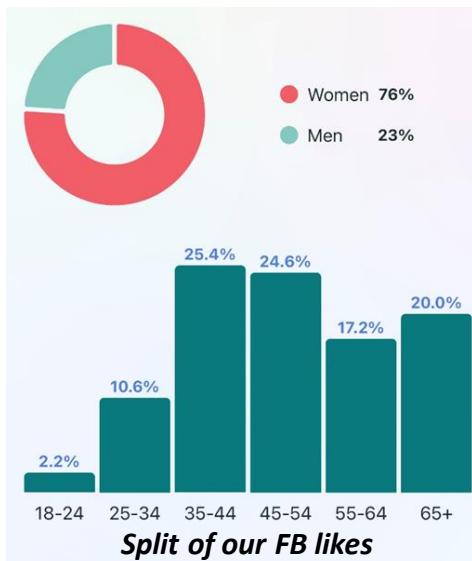
Increasingly, online communication is key. Local, national, and yes, 'global' web and Facebook audiences are crucial for our church, spreading the word much faster, to more people, and much more economically than we ever could through leaflets or word of mouth.

If there are any church groups' news or events coming up, please send info to Chris and Chris to include on our pages ... you never know who sees them!

Here's to more views, 'likes' and 'follows' in 2023.

	The stunning East window of St John's CE Parish Church in Ainsdale near Sout...	Post • 22 July 2022			
Reach	Reactions	Comments	Shares		
16.9K	573	59	37		
	Thank you to everyone involved in last night's Formby Brass Band Concert at...	Post • 9 October 2022			
Reach	Reactions	Comments	Shares		
7,831	50	5	9		
	Free Film Showing of Elf on our Big Screen	Post • 6 November 2022			
Reach	Reactions	Comments	Shares		
6,216	--	--	--		
	Sad news we heard last week at St John's that Barbara Greenhalgh had passed a...	Post • 26 November 2022			
Reach	Reactions	Comments	Shares		
4,754	251		14		

Our top FB posts of 2022



Church Building

During the year there were ongoing minor repairs but no substantial work required inside the church building. The pendant lights in the corridor are low consumption LED units. If they fail, they require complete replacement of the fitting. One was replaced in the vestry corridor with a less expensive fitting of similar design. Following damage to the west-facing kitchen windows, all three windows were replaced with more robust safety glass. During the autumn/winter periods, the central heating controls required attention on several occasions. The PCC is considering options to improve controls and manage costs.



Church was lit up at Christmas; a working party de-cluttered and reorganised the shed to make it more usable.

Church Hall

Minor repairs were carried out during the year. The pattern of use of the committee room remained unchanged. Unused surplus equipment/items from the kitchen have been removed to allow more storage space for nursery use.

Grounds

Groundworks and general maintenance were undertaken during the year around the properties. The church lawn was maintained by a gardener. One of the notice boards which had fallen down was removed. The Memorial Garden was maintained by a work party and the shed decluttered to make it more usable.

Secret Garden

An area of land opposite the Vicarage across from the public pathway, is known as The Secret Garden. The work planned for 2022 to clear and develop this land was delayed. The M.O.U. governing the use of the land by the PCC/nursery

has now been included in the general lease agreement between the PCC and the nursery. The full lease is in the process of being finalised and work on the secret garden cannot be undertaken until this has been completed.



Tabz and Hettie from SASWT have a real passion for young people in Southport and have been great friends to St John's church and school. They made good use of the grounds when they joined us for the Jubilee celebrations with the SASWT inflatable football pitch.

Basis of Accounting

The PCC has continued to adopt the simpler Receipts and Payments (R&P) basis of accounting. This means that all income and expenditure is shown against the year in which the money is received / paid.

General Fund

During 2022 our current account balance reduced from £41,480 to £15,800. This was due to a significant reduction in our loan balance with Charity Bank and is shown below in more detail.

Income highlights:

- Plate collections were up by 95% to £6,940.
- We received legacies totalling £75,000.
- Hall rentals increased from £5,000 to £11,200 as more groups returned after Covid.
- Nursery income increased by 10% to cover increased utility costs, to £28,900.
- Donations and appeals totalled £10,300, down from the previous year.
- Parish Giving reduced by 20% to £48,500 as several members left the scheme.

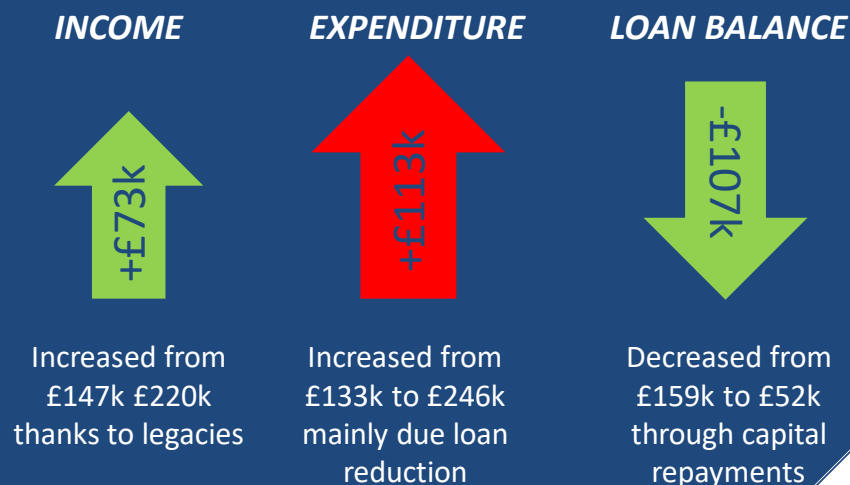
HIGHLIGHTS

Overall, financially, a good year. We have controlled and reduced our overheads and we have made significant progress to reduce our debt with Charity Bank.

The next 12 months will prove to be another challenging period as increased operational costs (mainly heating) will require a full review of our expenditure and we will seek to make the most effective use of our income.

We are also identifying ways to increase revenue and would like to set up a small fundraising team – if you are interested in helping then please contact our Treasurer, Lindsay.

A big thank you to everyone for all your continued support.



Expenditure highlights:

- Our loan balance with Charity Bank reduced from £159,000 to £52,000.
- Church running costs reduced from £28,000 to £26,500 as we changed most of our utility suppliers.

- Parish Share was down slightly from £76,400 to £74,000.
- Wages increased slightly to £8,300.

Where possible the PCC took measures to reduce costs, and during 2022 we have managed to control our operational costs by

switching suppliers on gas, water and broadband.

The PCC took the decision to continue funding key mission activities including the Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Job Club.

We also continued to pay our Parish Share in full to support the wider work of the Diocese and those churches impacted worse than us.

Natterjacks also helped us to maintain a healthy financial status by honouring their monthly payment and service charges.

Our Charity Bank Loan has reduced significantly during 2022 and we are grateful for the two legacies and wider support of all our congregation to keep our interest costs as low as possible. Our Security Deposit Account has a credit balance of £6,432 which is held in Charity Bank as security against the loan. Interest charges on our loan remain high and we are focusing on clearing our loan as quickly as possible.



PARISH GIVING SCHEME

We encourage use of the national Parish Giving Scheme



Charitable support

Despite another difficult financial year, St John's has continued to support other charitable organisations through direct donations and in-kind support such as making the church building and car park available for others to use.

In addition, we make the church freely available to the school and Uniformed Organisations and are proud to help support SONG, the award-winning musical theatre group for 10-20 year olds, who rehearse in Church on Sunday afternoons.

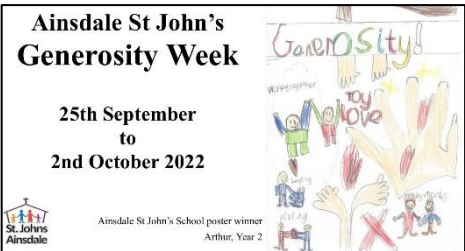
Donations and Legacies

It is an important Christian value to give back to God in gratitude for the love and blessings we have received in our lives.

The congregation at St John's has responded by regular giving in difficult financial times and through significant legacy donations. At times other donations are given to assist specific cost requirements and the PCC will abide by donors' wishes.

If you are considering making a significant donation or leaving a legacy in your Will, please discuss this with our Treasurer or the Wardens. Giving back to church through our Wills can help sustain

church and its mission in Ainsdale.



We also held a generosity week in 2002 to promote giving time & talents.

The PCC hold 15.6 income shares in the CBF Investment Trust (value £329 as of 31 December 2022). It is the intention of the PCC to realise these shares at an appropriate time.

Other Funds

Organ Fund (restricted): made up of donations given towards the upkeep of the church organ.

Flower Fund (restricted): made up of donations given to cover the cost of flowers for the church. This fund is now managed directly within the main church account.

Church Mission Fund (restricted): established in 2020 to fund specific, identified Mission objectives. This fund replaces the previous designated Mission Fund which was fully utilised during 2020.

Reserves Policy

The General Fund target level is two to three months of average monthly spending (approx. £20,000 to £30,000). It is used as a contingency should income or expenditure be dramatically hit by circumstances that are unforeseen.

Natterjacks service charge and third-party hire charges were reviewed and increased during 2022 to help cover our increased utility costs.

Lindsay

Lindsay D Jessop
Treasurer, St John's Ainsdale
7th April 2023

SOME OF THE CHARITIES WE SUPPORTED IN 2022 FINANCIALLY AND IN-KIND

Southport & Area Schools Worker Trust

christians against poverty
CAP job clubs

SONG

Southport foodbank

TURKEY-SYRIA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL
GIVE NOW. ALL DONATIONS MATCHED.

Ukraine Appeal

DISASTERS EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

Hospice Africa

Queenscourt
where life is for living...

christian aid

Electoral Roll

All church members are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. As at 31 December 2021 the Roll stood at 132. During 2022 there was a net increase of 2 with 6 entries added and 4 removed in the year. The Roll as at 31 December 2022 was 134.

PCC

Individual PCC members, as Trustees of the Church, receive information, instruction and training when deemed appropriate. This may include information about Trustee responsibilities, health and safety, risk assessment and safeguarding procedures. The full PCC met ten times during 2022 with an average level of attendance of 83%.

The PCC is the decision-making body of The Church with any Committee making recommendations to the PCC for consideration.

Risk Assessments

Procedures are in place to manage risks and minimise their impact on the wellbeing of church and hall users.

Action in the main areas of risk is managed as follows:

Fire, Health and Safety: The PCC routinely review health and safety and fire arrangements and any relevant risk assessments. The wardens carry out regular inspections as part of their duties. Matters noted were either rectified or reported to the PCC for further action. The fire system and exits in the church and hall were maintained in working order and inspected by certified competent persons in accordance with the safety requirements.

Operational Risk: The control measures associated with Covid infection were relaxed as the government infection controls and requirements were developed. During the year, there were no activities requiring additional risk assessments. The PCC continue to require a condition of hire that all hirers provide suitable and sufficient risk assessments to cover their activities.

Safeguarding Procedures

St John's Ainsdale takes its duty and obligation to protect all extremely seriously.

We have adopted the national Church of England's robust procedures and guidelines. You can find out more about the national policies and procedures at

<http://www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding>

If you have any safeguarding concerns or issues on a safeguarding matter please speak to Chris Thursfield, Parish Safeguarding Officer; or you can find useful contact information at <http://www.liverpool.anglican.org/safeguarding>

Fortunately, there have been no safeguarding issues again this year. We are, however, vigilant in all we do and comply with Diocesan guidelines. As always, a copy of our own safeguarding policy and guidelines are kept in the vestry and can be viewed on request. All Safer Recruitment regulations are complied with and all who require DBS clearance complete the procedure. All personal information is confidential and is stored and managed in accordance with the data protection guidelines.

New Appointments

The following new appointments were made during 2022:

- **Peter Hancock** PCC secretary
- **Donald Mackenzie** Job Club manager
- **Linda Davies** Missional leader for children and youth

Administrative Information

St John's Church is situated in Ainsdale, a suburb of Southport. It is part of the Diocese of Liverpool within the Church of England.



The address of the Church is:

*627-629 Liverpool Road
Ainsdale
Southport
PR8 3NG*

The PCC is a body corporate and operates under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 and the Church Representation Rules 2017 and was registered with the Charity Commission on 3 April 2009.

PCC members (trustees) who have served from 1 January 2022 until the date this report was approved are shown in **Appendix 1** along with the specific church roles approved by the PCC.



We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make St John's the caring and vibrant community it is.

Some of them you see at the front during services and other events but many more work tirelessly behind the scenes making people feel welcome, setting things up, preparing food and drink, keeping the buildings looking lovely, ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all, and supporting the administration.

Their names are too many to mention individually but we are hugely grateful for their continued dedication, selfless service and good humour.

We would like to thank all those who contributed to this report. If you are interested in joining or helping with any of the activities highlighted in this report, then please make contact with the leaders listed – they would love to hear from you!

<i>PCC, wardens and welcomers / sidespeople</i>	<i>Lesley Phipps and Chris Thursfield</i>
<i>Choir</i>	<i>Paul Ellis & Chris York</i>
<i>Music group</i>	<i>John Forshaw</i>
<i>St John's Care Group</i>	<i>Nancy Lloyd Parry</i>
<i>Children and young people's ministry</i>	<i>Linda Davies</i>
<i>Impact youth club</i>	<i>Linda Davies</i>
<i>Baptisms</i>	<i>Linda Davies</i>
<i>Little John's</i>	<i>Chris Thursfield & Clare Lord</i>
<i>Guides</i>	<i>Vanessa Riley</i>
<i>Brownies</i>	<i>Amanda McCarter & Joanne York</i>
<i>Rainbows</i>	<i>Ruth Leney</i>
<i>Refreshments & parish lunches</i>	<i>Nina Haddock</i>
<i>Deanery Synod</i>	<i>Paul Ellis (to APCM 2023), Jean Washbourne, David Phipps</i>
<i>Ainsdale St John's CE Primary School</i>	<i>Lorna O'Brien (Headteacher) John Forshaw (Chair of Governors)</i>
<i>Natterjack's Day Nursery at St John's</i>	<i>Mai-Ling & John Duckworth (Owners/managers) Becca Phillipson (Nursery Manager)</i>
<i>CAP Job Club</i>	<i>Donald Mackenzie (Job Club Manager)</i>
<i>Eco Group</i>	<i>Chris Treble</i>
<i>Church Building</i>	<i>Frank Hyland</i>
<i>Finance, Giving and Fundraising</i>	<i>Lindsay Jessop (Church Treasurer)</i>
<i>St John's Website</i>	<i>Chris Doragh</i>
<i>St John's Facebook page</i>	<i>Chris York</i>
<i>Electoral roll</i>	<i>Paul Olive</i>
<i>Christian Aid</i>	<i>Eirlys Jessop</i>
<i>Churches Together in Ainsdale (CTiA)</i>	<i>Jean Washbourne and Eirlys Jessop</i>
<i>Safeguarding</i>	<i>Chris Thursfield</i>

Approved by the PCC on 25th April 2023 and signed on their behalf by Chris Thursfield (PCC Chairman)

Chris Thursfield

Sharing God's love, serving one another

ST JOHN'S CHURCH, AINSDALE – INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT



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

St Johns Church, Ainsdale, Southport

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2022

Charity no
(if any)

Set out on pages

1-2

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above
charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 12 / 2022.

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:

K Hall

Date:

11th April 2023

Name:

Katie Hall

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

N/A

Address:

Accounting Clinic at Liverpool John Moores University, Redmonds Building,
Brownlow Hill, Liverpool, L3 5UG

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern
(see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and
guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of
any items that the
examiner wishes to
disclose.

ST JOHN'S CHURCH, AINSDALE - BALANCE SHEET

		As at 31/12/2022	As at 31/12/2021
Current assets			
	Co-op current acc: Co-op current account	15,790.33	41,480.22
	Total Current assets	15,790.33	41,480.22
	Net Asset surplus (deficit)	15,790.33	41,480.22
Reserves			
	Excess/(deficit) to date	(25,689.89)	-
	Z01: Starting balances	41,480.22	41,480.22
	Total Reserves	15,790.33	41,480.22

Represented by Funds

General (Unrestricted)	15,936.40	41,480.22
Restricted	(146.07)	-
Total	15,790.33	41,480.22

ST JOHN'S CHURCH, AINSDALE – RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS

St John's church, Ainsdale, Southport

Analysis of Receipts and Payments
Selected period: 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Receipts						
Donations and legacies						
3rd party appeals - 3rd party appeals	757.80	-	-	-	757.80	-
Coll Thursday 10.30 - Plate collections - 10.30am Thursday	416.00	-	-	-	416.00	-
Donation - Contactless donation	330.62	-	-	-	330.62	-
Donations - Donations	9,995.84	-	888.27	-	10,884.11	-
Envelope collections - Envelopes	7,382.75	-	-	-	7,382.75	-
Legacies - Legacies	75,221.55	-	-	-	75,221.55	-
Midnight service - Plate collection - Midnight HC	28.31	-	-	-	28.31	-
Planned Giving - Planned Giving - PGS direct	48,537.68	-	-	-	48,537.68	-
Plate coll 10.30 Sun - Plate collections - 10.30am Sunday	5,633.67	-	33.52	-	5,667.19	-
Plate coll 8.30 Sun - Plate collection - 8.30am Sunday	889.03	-	-	-	889.03	-
Service donation - Plate collection - Crib Service	35.05	-	-	-	35.05	-
Standing Orders - Standing orders - monthly	3,340.00	-	-	-	3,340.00	-
Donations and legacies Totals	152,568.30	-	921.79	-	153,490.09	-
Income from charitable activities						
Generosity week - Fundraising	3,089.66	-	-	-	3,089.66	-
Masks - Mask sales	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ticket sales - Ticket sales	364.50	-	-	-	364.50	-
Toilet twinning - Toilet twinning	72.27	-	-	-	72.27	-
Income from charitable activities Totals	3,526.43	-	-	-	3,526.43	-
Other trading activities						
Bar income - Bar	1,067.12	-	-	-	1,067.12	-
Burial of ashes - Burial of ashes	1,334.00	-	172.00	-	1,506.00	-
Events - Formby Brass Band	759.41	-	-	-	759.41	-
Funeral Income - Funeral Income	2,475.00	-	284.00	-	2,759.00	-
Hall rentals - Rentals	11,235.00	-	-	-	11,235.00	-
Miscellaneous - Easyfundraising	20.08	-	-	-	20.08	-
nursery - Natterjacks nursery	28,874.82	-	-	-	28,874.82	-
Parties - Party bookings	70.00	-	-	-	70.00	-
Running costs - Expense payment	50.00	-	-	-	50.00	-
Wedding Banns - Wedding Banns	240.00	-	-	-	240.00	-
Other trading activities Totals	46,125.43	-	456.00	-	46,581.43	-
Investments						
Dividend - CBF	4.85	-	-	-	4.85	-
Investments Totals	4.85	-	-	-	4.85	-
Other income						
Credit interest - Charity Bank	4.80	-	-	-	4.80	-
HMRC - HMRC	11,328.70	-	-	-	11,328.70	-
Insurance refund - Insurance	2,752.00	-	-	-	2,752.00	-

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Mission - Mission Fund	-	-	15.92	-	15.92	-
Sequestration - Liverpool Diocese - refund	-	-	348.75	-	348.75	-
Utility refund - Utility refund	840.43	-	-	-	840.43	-
Wedding fees - Weddings	1,284.00	-	-	-	1,284.00	-
Other income Totals	16,209.93	-	364.67	-	16,574.60	-
Receipts Grand Totals	218,434.94	-	1,742.46	-	220,177.40	-
Payments						
Raising funds						
3rd party donations - 3rd party donations	3,367.59	-	-	-	3,367.59	-
Event costs - Social events	832.05	-	-	-	832.05	-
Raising funds Totals	4,199.64	-	-	-	4,199.64	-
Expenditure on charitable activities						
Job club donation - CAP donation	40.00	-	-	-	40.00	-
Little Johns - Little Johns	197.10	-	-	-	197.10	-
SASWT - SASWT	-	-	-	-	-	-
St Johns school - St Johns school expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	237.10	-	-	-	237.10	-
Other expenditure						
Accountants - Harrison Latham	1,362.00	-	-	-	1,362.00	-
Bookers - Bookers Cash & Carry	498.98	-	-	-	498.98	-
CAP expenses - CAP job club	1,287.17	-	-	-	1,287.17	-
Charity Bank - Charity Bank	115,693.22	-	-	-	115,693.22	-
Church insurance - Insurance	1,835.55	-	-	-	1,835.55	-
church running costs - Church expenses - operational costs	14,575.53	-	255.93	-	14,831.46	-
Clergy costs - Clergy & Reader expenses	903.55	-	561.75	-	1,465.30	-
Electric - SE	-	-	-	-	-	-
Expenses - Other expenses	1,940.69	-	278.00	-	2,218.69	-
External costs - Clergy cover	769.99	-	721.85	-	1,491.84	-
Flowers - Flowers	-	-	-	-	-	-
Funeral costs - Book of Remembrance	-	-	-	-	-	-
Funeral Wedding fees - Liverpool Diocese	2,846.50	-	71.00	-	2,917.50	-
Gardening - Gardening costs	140.00	-	-	-	140.00	-
Gas - SSE	-	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance - Ecclesiastical	-	-	-	-	-	-
Licence fees - Licence fees	70.00	-	-	-	70.00	-
NI and PAYE HMRC - NI and PAYE	-	-	-	-	-	-
Organ repairs - Organ maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	-
Organist - Organist - Weddings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Parish Share Diocese - Parish Share	74,043.05	-	-	-	74,043.05	-
Rates - Sefton MBC - rates	1,217.07	-	-	-	1,217.07	-
Repairs - Repairs	250.00	-	-	-	250.00	-
Sefton MBC - Sefton MBC	295.00	-	-	-	295.00	-
Utilities - Utilities	13,206.93	-	-	-	13,206.93	-
Verger - Verger	210.00	-	-	-	210.00	-
Vicarage costs - Vicarage expenses	114.76	-	-	-	114.76	-
Wages - Wages	8,282.03	-	-	-	8,282.03	-

ST JOHN’S CHURCH, AINSDALE – RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS – cont.

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
Water - Clear Business	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other expenditure Totals	239,542.02	-	1,888.53	-	241,430.55	-
Payments Grand Totals	243,978.76	-	1,888.53	-	245,867.29	-

ST JOHN'S CHURCH, AINSDALE – FINANCIAL STATEMENT (FUND BREAKDOWN)

St John's church, Ainsdale, Southport

Receipts and payments

Selected period: 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

Note	From To	01 January 2022 31 December 2022	01 January 2021 31 December 2021
Flower fund - Flower Fund (Restricted) Fund			
Income and endowments			
Donations and legacies			
Donations		73.76	-
Plate collections - 10.30am Sunday		2.30	-
Total Donations and legacies		76.06	-
Total Income and endowments		76.06	-
Expenditure			
Other expenditure			
Church expenses - operational costs		50.00	-
Total Other expenditure		50.00	-
Total Expenditure		50.00	-
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		26.06	-
Brought forward balance		-	-
Total carried forward balance		26.06	-
Mission - Mission Fund (Restricted) Fund			
Income and endowments			
Donations and legacies			
Donations		448.00	-
Total Donations and legacies		448.00	-
Other income			
Mission Fund		15.92	-
Total Other income		15.92	-
Total Income and endowments		463.92	-
Expenditure			
Other expenditure			
Church expenses - operational costs		178.50	-
Other expenses		278.00	-
Total Other expenditure		456.50	-
Total Expenditure		456.50	-
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		7.42	-
Brought forward balance		-	-
Total carried forward balance		7.42	-
T & C - Tea & Coffee Fund (Restricted) Fund			
Income and endowments			
Donations and legacies			
Donations		366.51	-

ST JOHN'S CHURCH, AINSDALE – FINANCIAL STATEMENT (FUND BREAKDOWN) – cont.

Note	From To	01 January 2022 31 December 2022	01 January 2021 31 December 2021
Plate collections - 10.30am Sunday		31.22	-
	Total Donations and legacies	397.73	-
Total Income and endowments		397.73	-
Expenditure			
Other expenditure			
Church expenses - operational costs		27.43	-
	Total Other expenditure	27.43	-
Total Expenditure		27.43	-
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		370.30	-
Brought forward balance		-	-
Total carried forward balance		370.30	-
Sequestration - Sequestration Fund (Restricted) Fund			
Income and endowments			
Other trading activities			
Burial of ashes		172.00	-
Funeral Income		284.00	-
	Total Other trading activities	456.00	-
Other income			
Liverpool Diocese - refund		348.75	-
	Total Other income	348.75	-
Total Income and endowments		804.75	-
Expenditure			
Other expenditure			
Clergy & Reader expenses		561.75	-
Clergy cover		721.85	-
Liverpool Diocese		71.00	-
	Total Other expenditure	1,354.60	-
Total Expenditure		1,354.60	-
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		(549.85)	-
Brought forward balance		-	-
Total carried forward balance		(549.85)	-
General - General Fund (Unrestricted) Fund			
Income and endowments			
Donations and legacies			
3rd party appeals		757.80	-
Plate collections - 10.30am Thursday		416.00	-
Contactless donation		330.62	-
Donations		9,995.84	-
Envelopes		7,382.75	-
Legacies		75,221.55	-
Plate collection - Midnight HC		28.31	-
Planned Giving - PGS direct		48,537.68	-
Plate collections - 10.30am Sunday		5,633.67	-
Plate collection - 8.30am Sunday		889.03	-
Plate collection - Crib Service		35.05	-
Standing orders - monthly		3,340.00	-

ST JOHN'S CHURCH, AINSDALE – FINANCIAL STATEMENT (FUND BREAKDOWN) – cont.

Note	From To	01 January 2022 31 December 2022	01 January 2021 31 December 2021
	Total Donations and legacies	152,568.30	-
Income from charitable activities			
Fundraising		3,089.66	-
Ticket sales		364.50	-
Toliet twinning		72.27	-
	Total Income from charitable activities	3,526.43	-
Other trading activities			
Bar		1,067.12	-
Burial of ashes		1,334.00	-
Formby Brass Band		759.41	-
Funeral Income		2,475.00	-
Rentals		11,235.00	-
Easyfundraising		20.08	-
Natterjacks nursery		28,874.82	-
Party bookings		70.00	-
Expense payment		50.00	-
Wedding Banns		240.00	-
	Total Other trading activities	46,125.43	-
Investments			
CBF		4.85	-
	Total Investments	4.85	-
Other income			
Charity Bank		4.80	-
HMRC		11,328.70	-
Insurance		2,752.00	-
Utility refund		840.43	-
Weddings		1,284.00	-
	Total Other income	16,209.93	-
Total Income and endowments		218,434.94	-
Expenditure			
Raising funds			
3rd party donations		3,367.59	-
Social events		832.05	-
	Total Raising funds	4,199.64	-
Expenditure on charitable activities			
CAP donation		40.00	-
Little Johns		197.10	-
	Total Expenditure on charitable activities	237.10	-
Other expenditure			
Harrison Latham		1,362.00	-
Bookers Cash & Carry		498.98	-
CAP job club		1,287.17	-
Charity Bank		115,693.22	-
Insurance		1,835.55	-
Church expenses - operational costs		14,575.53	-
Clergy & Reader expenses		903.55	-
Other expenses		1,940.69	-
Clergy cover		769.99	-
Liverpool Diocese		2,846.50	-
Gardening costs		140.00	-
Licence fees		70.00	-

ST JOHN'S CHURCH, AINSDALE – FINANCIAL STATEMENT (FUND BREAKDOWN) – cont.

Note	From To	01 January 2022 31 December 2022	01 January 2021 31 December 2021
Parish Share		74,043.05	-
Sefton MBC - rates		1,217.07	-
Repairs		250.00	-
Sefton MBC		295.00	-
Utilities		13,206.93	-
Verger		210.00	-
Vicarage expenses		114.76	-
Wages		8,282.03	-
	Total Other expenditure	239,542.02	-
Total Expenditure		243,978.76	-
Excess of Income and endowments over Expenditure		(25,543.82)	-
Brought forward balance		41,480.22	41,480.22
Adjustments		-	41,480.22
Total carried forward balance		15,936.40	41,480.22

PCC MEMBERSHIP

	To APCM 2022	From APCM 2022
Incumbent	Rev. Jane Morgan - PCC Chair	Rev. Jane Morgan - retired 31 August 2022
Reader	Eirlys Jessop	Eirlys Jessop
Churchwardens	Lesley Phipps Chris Thursfield - PCC Vice Chair	Lesley Phipps - PCC Vice Chair from 31 August 2022 Chris Thursfield - PCC Chair from 31 August 2022
Deanery Synod Reps	Paul Ellis Jean Washbourne John Forshaw to 15 May 2022	Paul Ellis Jean Washbourne David Phipps from 15 May 2022
Elected PCC Members	Helen Parker - Secretary to May 2022 Kathryn Corey Linda Davies John Forshaw Lynne Grice Maggie Hilton Frank Hyland Patricia Jameson Lindsay Jessop - Treasurer Val Sinnott Ann Walton	Kathryn Corey Giles Davies – elected June 2022 for 1 year term Linda Davies John Forshaw Lynne Grice Maggie Hilton Frank Hyland Patricia Jameson Lindsay Jessop - Treasurer Val Sinnott Ann Walton
Co-opted members of PCC	Gill Green from 28 February to 2 June 2022 Peter Hancock (PCC Secretary from 24 May 2022)	

PCC APPROVED ROLES

PCC Chair	Chris Thursfield	Health & Safety Advisor	Frank Hyland
PCC Vice chair	Lesley Phipps	Gift aid Secretary	Heather Treble
PCC Secretary	Peter Hancock	Church Calendar and hire bookings	Deb Bishop
Treasurer	Lindsay Jessop	Responsibility for Church Website	Chris Doragh
Electoral Roll Officer	Paul Olive	Chairperson of eco group	Chris Treble
Safeguarding Officer	Chris Thursfield	Bankers	The Co-Operative Bank
Online stats officer	Paul Ellis	Independent Examiner	John Moores University (JMU) – the Accountancy Clinic
Children's Work Co-ordinator	Linda Davies	Day to day Management	Exercised by Incumbent and Wardens

PROGRESS AGAINST 2022 MISSION OBJECTIVES

Mark of Mission	St John's Mission Priorities	2022 objectives and progress	Comments
TELL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letting God touch the lives of others by providing imaginative, varied, inspiring and engaging worship. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Lead school worship weekly ● Embed the new structure of Sunday and midweek worship including encouraging families back to church post pandemic ● 	Good progress but still more to do to encourage families back regularly and ensure worship, including communion, is accessible to all ages.
TEACH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helping and nurturing all those who wish to explore and deepen their relationship with God by providing opportunities for bible study, prayer and Christian fellowship in a safe family friendly environment. Equipping and supporting each other as members of an inclusive church family to be Christians in a modern world: at home; at work; with friends and in our local community. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Establish a weekly prayer group ● Run a bible study post Easter ● Re-establish confirmation classes for children and adults ● Run an Easter event for school and families ('Easter in a Box') ● Implement the LYCiG spirit of invitation: target Easter Sunday, Harvest and Christingle ● Be a welcoming church for people with disabilities ● 	Prayer group and confirmation classes relaunched. Utilised CTiA Lent course rather than run our own bible study. <i>Bible studies identified as area to improve in future.</i> Easter activities in school were a great success. PCC completed the LYCiG course and we targeted invites for specific services including attracting over 100 for Crib Service. Disability audit completed and ramp purchased.
TEND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helping to transform lives of those in need in Ainsdale through providing a safe haven for quiet contemplation and offering practical and emotional support for life events. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to support Job Club ● Continue to welcome and build relationships with new families through Little John's ● Relaunch the Care Group ● Provide transition activities, including provision of Impact, for children in Y6 moving to high school ● Enhance communications to promote our Christian faith and signpost church activities to those coming into the building as part of other groups ● 	Job Club restarted with new manager. Little John's seen huge growth. Care Group relaunched and restarted home visits. Supported Y6 with bibles and 'Moving On'; significant numbers now attending Impact. Monthly newsletter and event specific 'postcards' adopted plus FB and school. <i>More to do within church to promote faith to visitors.</i>
TRANSFORM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with other Christian and secular organisations to promote global fairness for all. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Achieve Fairtrade Church status ● Support Christian Aid, taking a leading role in Ainsdale ● Focus on rubbish collections, safe disposal & recycling ● 	Fairtrade status achieved. New ideas for Christian Aid well supported. Recycling bins provided in church and creation adopted as service themes during year.
TREASURE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Looking after God's planet by raising awareness of the impact we have on creation and the actions we can take to improve the environment. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce Church and individual use of plastic ● Encourage all church members to review their carbon footprint ● 	Single use plastic cups replaced with eco option. Carbon footprint assessed for church family.

PCC MISSION OBJECTIVES FOR 2023

During the interregnum, our objectives focus on sustaining a number of existing outreach activities and introduce a small number of new objectives targeted at rebuilding the church community post covid.

Mark of Mission	St John's Mission Priorities	2023 objectives – ongoing outreach	New objectives for 2023
TELL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letting God touch the lives of others by providing imaginative, varied, inspiring and engaging worship. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to embed the regular pattern of weekly worship through the interregnum Lead school worship weekly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage families back to church post pandemic with a particular focus around Easter, September and Christmas Introduce a family/all-age communion service
TEACH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helping and nurturing all those who wish to explore and deepen their relationship with God by providing opportunities for bible study, prayer and Christian fellowship in a safe family friendly environment. Equipping and supporting each other as members of an inclusive church family to be Christians in a modern world: at home; at work; with friends and in our local community. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue monthly newsletters and other targeted communications to keep church members connected Support CTiA Lent Course Run confirmation course Welcome and support baptism families 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement specific actions from LYCiG Relaunch Junior PCC including opportunities for leading services Seek new helpers to support Impact and Sunday morning children's work Introduce parish lunches to help bring church members together
TEND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helping to transform lives of those in need in Ainsdale through providing a safe haven for quiet contemplation and offering practical and emotional support for life events. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to support Job Club Continue to welcome and build relationships with new families through Little John's Continue to grow the support offered by the Care Group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Run a regular cinema club (care group/ warm spaces and holiday films)
TRANSFORM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with other Christian and secular organisations to promote global fairness for all. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support Christian Aid, taking a leading role in Ainsdale Continue support for the Food Bank and make lunch schemes working with school and Natterjacks 	<i>No specific new actions currently</i>
TREASURE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Looking after God's planet by raising awareness of the impact we have on creation and the actions we can take to improve the environment. 		<i>No specific new actions currently</i>