

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST RAVENHEAD ST. HELENS

England & Wales · Charity number 1129191

Details

Other names RAVENHEAD ST. JOHN PCC

Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Registered 2009-04-17

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

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Activities

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

Activities: Spiritual instruction through services and bible studies for members and general public, also offer access to community ventures through St Johns Centre.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£70,056	£73,433	-	-
2023-12-31	£59,876	£62,401	-	-
2022-12-31	£45,040	£79,370	-	-
2021-12-31	£45,040	£79,369	-	-
2020-12-31	£52,808	£76,209	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Angela Davies		2025-04-27
James Thomas		2024-04-21
Judith Thomas		2024-04-21
Karen Hayes		2025-05-13
Liz Dean		2023-05-21
Paul Henry		2025-10-18

Accounts



ANNUAL REPORT

**THE PARISH CHURCH OF
ST JOHN, RAVENHEAD**

For the year ending December 2024



Crossley Road, WA10 3ND



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**St. John the Evangelist, Ravenhead,
Crossley Road, St Helens WA10 3ND.**

**Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council
for the year ending 31st. December 2024**

Team Clergy:

Team Vicar - Rev Gareth Banton
Team Rector - *Vacant*

Banks:

HSBC Bank Plc
33 Ormskirk Street St Helens Merseyside
WA10 2SZ
CCLA, Church of England Deposit Fund, 85 Queen Victoria Street, London

Independent Examiner:

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St. John's Church is situated in Crossley Road, St Helens. It is part of the Diocese of Liverpool within the Church of England. The correspondence address is St John's Church, Crossley Road, St Helens, WA10 3ND.

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PCC members:

Team Clergy:	Rev Gareth Banton
Churchwarden	Mr John Ingham
	Mr Roy Benyon

Reps Deanery Synod:	<i>Vacant</i>
	<i>Vacant</i>
	<i>Vacant</i>

Elected members:	Mrs Angela Davies
	Mrs Christine Fenney
	Mrs Elizabeth Carney (PCC Secretary)
	Mrs Sarah Garnett
	Mr James Thomas (Treasurer)
	Mrs Judith Thomas
	Mrs Wendy Mousdell (Safeguarding Officer)

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. The Standing Committee of the PCC is the only committee required to be in existence by church law and has the power to transact the business of the PCC between meetings, subject to ratification of the PCC.

Induction Training

All PCC members elected for the first time and any others who have been re-elected to the PCC after an absence of sometime are supplied with copies of the minutes of the previous PCC meeting. In-service training is provided where

and when appropriate. A copy of the short e-book "A PCC members guide" is available for anyone who wishes to read it. It is considered that all PCC members and any others who could be understood to be 'managers' in the activities and affairs of the Parish of St. John's Church, Ravenhead are deemed to be 'fit and proper' persons under the terms of the Finance Act 2010.

Aim and Purposes

The PCC is aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in 'The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit' and have regard to it in their administration of the Parish. The PCC believes that, by fulfilling its responsibility to work together with the incumbent and to co-operate in all matters of concern and importance for the promotion of the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, it provides a benefit to the public by:

- Providing resources and facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for its members and anyone who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers;
- Promoting Christian values, and service by members of the Church in the Parish to its community, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

Achievements and performance

There are 50 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll.

Objectives and Activities of the year 2023

The PCC met on six formal occasions during 2024. We also communicated and occasionally made decisions by correspondence.

At the start of 2023 our PCC meetings focused on some of the financial difficulties we were facing and how to continue tackling and challenging it. Decisions have been taken and the situation has improved thankfully. Another large point of discussion was the deanery pastoral reorganisation (which is now set to come into effect on May 1st 2024). Towards the end of 2023 our business focused on the appointment of a team administrator, and our new Team Vision.

Financial Review

At the end of 2023 the wealth of the Parish was £20257.50 in the current account at HSBC. The deposit account with CCLA (Church of England Funds Management) was at £5000.

The Parish has paid the Parish Share in full for 2024. We finished the year with a net deficit of £-3376.00. The PCC has been considering a range of measures to tackle our deficit, and is grateful to all our regular givers and donors. All church members are encouraged to routinely review their financial offerings as part of their discipleship. In April 2024 we began reclaiming a backlog of gift aid, which has also helped our financial situation. Particular thanks to Angela Davies for her hard work on that.

Risk Assessment

The PCC recognises that in relation to 'Risk Assessment', risk is defined as 'the threat of any action or event which will adversely affect an organisation's ability to achieve its objectives and execute its strategies'. It also accepts that the term 'risk' can include any circumstances that may, or do, have an adverse effect, and is wider than financial matters. 'Risks' relate not only to the negative consequences of a threat, but also to the impact of not taking advantage of opportunities.

The PCC recognises it requires a practical Health and Safety Policy covering activities for both the church and its surrounding grounds. This is reviewed on a regular basis. An Accident Book is maintained.

The contents and obligations of the Equality Act 2010 and the 2018 General Data Protection Regulation are known and complied with to the best of the PCC's ability. The PCC is aware of its responsibilities in respect of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 in its requirement to carry out a fire assessment to identify any possible dangers and risks, to take action to minimise the risks and to create a plan to deal with any emergencies, and also to write up and keep a record of its findings and to review its assessment annually. The PCC has appointed the Churchwardens to be the responsible persons to put these things into operation.

There is a Safeguarding Policy in place in respect of children and vulnerable adults. Checks have been and are made with the Disclosure and Barring Service in respect of persons dealing regularly with young people and vulnerable adults. The PCC's appointed officer for this is Mrs Wendy Parkinson. Whilst it is impossible to eliminate all risks and their consequences, efforts are constantly made to minimise such occurrences.

Reserves Policy

The PCC seeks to retain (for current and emergency expenditure) the equivalent of three month's running costs (approximately £15000) to meet the everyday costs of running the parish with remaining funds being invested in the CCLA deposit account. Our current account currently stands at approximately this amount, with a small amount of money still kept in the CCLA fund.

Future Plans

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we state on our Charity Commission profile, that we offer "spiritual instruction through services and bible studies for members and general public, also offer access to community ventures through St Johns Centre."

Approved by the PCC on

and signed on their behalf by

19.5.25



Rev Gareth Banton

Receipts for the year ending December 31st 2024

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total	Total
	2024	2024	2024	2024	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
<u>Voluntary Income</u>						
Tax Efficient Planned Giving	21659.3			21659.3	17597.85	10480
Other Planned Giving	3745			3745	1280	6605
Collections at Services	2022.06			2022.06	12114.56	3693
All other giving/Vol. Receipts	8957.02	0	0	8957.02	4860.71	1405
Gift Aid Recovered	3665.71	0	0	3665.71	0	nil
GASDS recovered	0			0	0	nil
Total Voluntary Receipts	40049.09			40049.09	0	22183
<u>Fundraising Activities</u>	920.82			920.82	444.4	3318
<u>Investment Income</u>	0			0	0	133
<u>Church Activities</u>	0			0	0	3148
<u>P.C.C Fees</u>	0			0	0	25118
<u>Trading Activities</u>	29086.4			29086.4	23578.73	29266
<u>Other Receipts</u>	0			0	0	1500
Total Receipts				70056.31	59876.25	55399

Payments Made for the Year Ending 31st December 202

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total	Total
	2024	2024	2024	2024	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Payments						
<u>Church Activities</u>						
Mission Giving and Donations	0			0	0	440
Parish Share	38475.16	0	0	38475.16	28473.1	39131
Salaries, wages and honoraria	2055.4	0	0	2055.4	9268.78	19866
Clergy and Staff Expenses	562.71	0	0	562.71	2697.23	249
Church running expenses	874.51	0	0	874.51	2393.03	2422
Church repairs and maintenance	5663.92	0	0	5663.92	3893.1	1467
Church Building Insurance	2400.53	0	0	2400.53	3573.14	3785
Church Utility Bills	21827.19	0	0	21827.19	11388.31	7678
Cost of Trading	1573.62	0	0	1573.62	714.02	210
Subtotal		0	0	73433.04	62400.71	75248
<u>Other Payments</u>						
Bank Interest	0	0	0	0	0	160
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Payments				73433.04	62400.71	75408

Statement of Assets and Liabilities Page

Excess of Receipts over Payments					-3376.73	2524.46	-20009
Accountancy Adjustment							1759
Deficit / Surplus after Adjustment					-3376.73	-2524.46	-18250
Bank Account as at 1st January					16602.88	4898.85	36170
Bank Account as at 31st December					20257.5	16602.88	17920

The Financial Statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church accounting regulations using the Receipts and Payments basis.

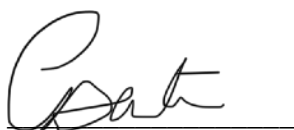
The following assets are recognised but not necessarily valued in the Statement of assets and liabilities: moveable church furnishing held by the church wardens on special trust for the P.C.C and which require a faculty for disposal.

Statement of assets and Liabilities as at 31st December							
Monetary Assets							
	General		Designated	Restricted	Total	Total	Total
	Unrestricted				2024	2023	2022
	£		£	£	£	£	£
HSBC	20257.5				20257.5	16602.88	4920
CCLA	5000				5000	5000	13000
Sub Total	25257.5				25257.5	21602.88	17920
Cash in Hand	0				0	0	1272
Total	25257.5				25257.5	21602.88	19192

The expenses paid to clergy may include a small material portion which relates to their function as P.C.C members. No other payments were made to P.C.C members for being members of the P.C.C.

Approved by the P.C.C on 19.5.25

Signed on their behalf by



__J. Thomas__

Rev Gareth Banton

Mr James Thomas

Accounting Policies for the PCC of the Parish of St. John the Evangelist, Ravenhead

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts & Purchases basis.

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any special restrictions regarding their use and are available for application to the general purposes of the PCC. These include funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC.

The accounts include monetary transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC can be held responsible.

They do not include the accounts of other Church groups that owe an affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

Subject to the above, receipts and payments include income as received and expenditure when irrevocably paid.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

The following assets are recognised but not necessarily valued in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities:

- Movable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal.
 - Land and buildings held on behalf of the PCC.
 - Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment where the PCC is free to dispose of such assets without faculty and where the original cost exceeded £1,000.
- Investments held beneficially by the PCC.

The following assets are recognized and a monetary value given as part of the description in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities:

- Amounts owing from the Inland Revenue where a formal claim has been made.

Any other amounts owing to the PCC including church hall lettings and insurance claims.

Legacies where formal notification of entitlement and amount has been received by 31st December by the PCC.

Closing bank balances as shown in the receipts and payment account.

The following liabilities may be recognised in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities:

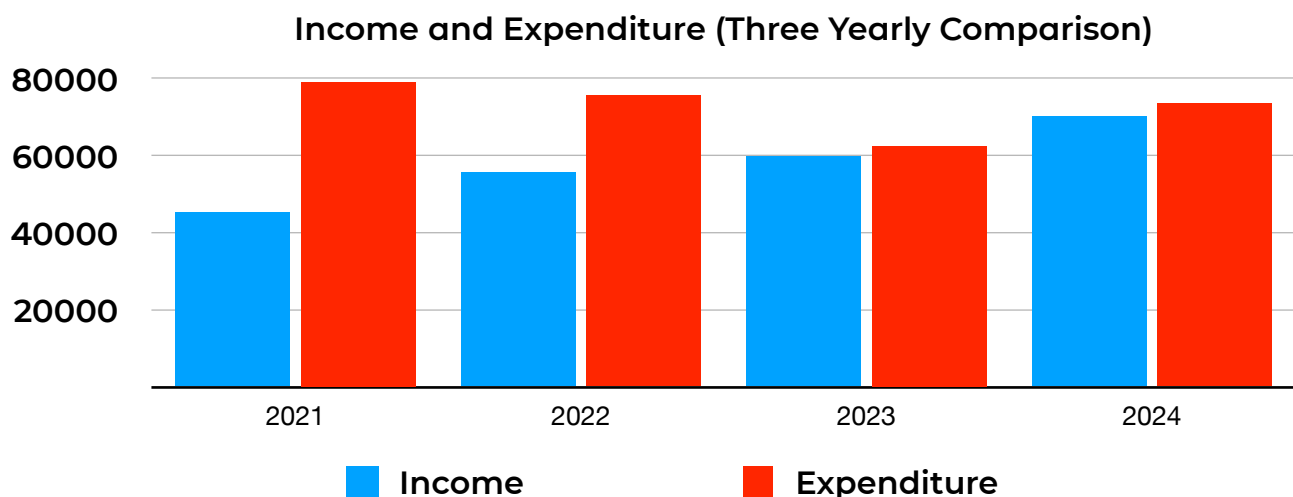
Outstanding fees owed to the Liverpool Diocesan Board of Finance

Any Any loans or overdrafts advanced to the PCC

Any arrears of Diocesan Parish Share

Creditors for goods or services where the supply has been received and invoiced by 31st December.

	2021	2022	2023	2025
Income	£45040	£55399	£59876	70056.31
Expenditure	£79369	£75550	£62401	73433.04
Profit/Loss (£)	-£34329	-£20151	-£2525	-3376.73



Independent Examiners Certificate

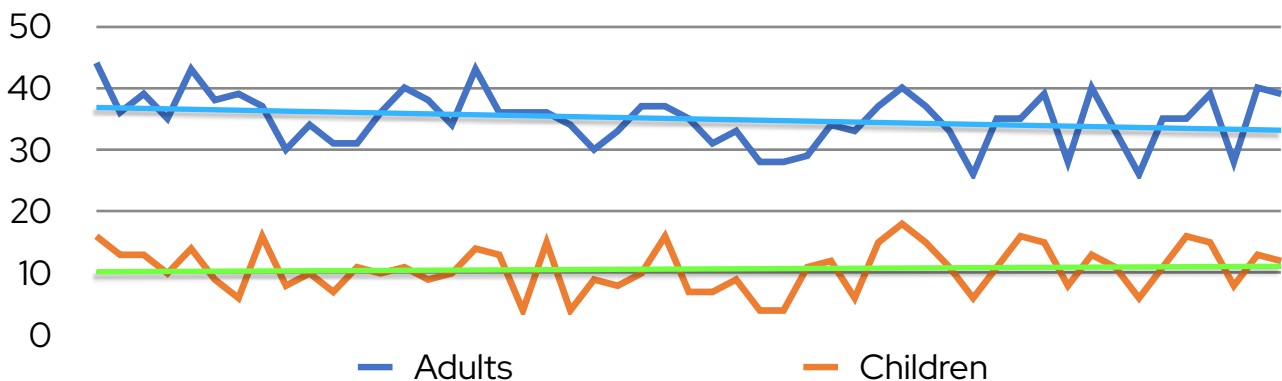
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Narrative Reports

Worship Report

Please note that averages below reflect 'ordinary' Sundays. Sundays with a christening or a special festival are not included.

11am Service - Adults / Children Attendance 2024

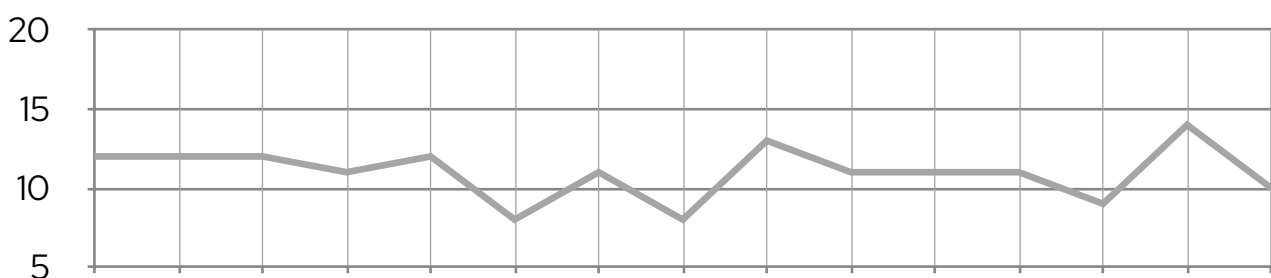


Average Attendance (Comparison)			
Year	Adults	Children	Total
2021	21	1	22
2022	28	7	35
2023	35	11	45
2024	35	11	45

As you can see attendance at the 11am service fluctuated through the year, but on the whole our community remained stable in size in 2024 compared to the year previous.

Growth at our 11am service over the past few years has been really encouraging. 2024 was on average a year of stability rather than growth. Regular church members are encouraged to attend as often as possible, for their own discipleship, but also because statistics like this have a real-terms impact not just on our worship experience, but also the resources allocated to us by the Diocese. Services at the 8.30am BCP services are held on fourth Sundays and major festivals (there were 14 throughout 2023). Attendance at these is small but remains steady, with an average of 11 attendees

BCP 8.30am Service Attendance 2024



Life Events			
Year	Baptisms	Weddings	Funerals
2021	4	0	10
2022	6	1	18
2023	8	1	10
2024	0	0	7

Life events

Funerals are below the number for previous years, which reflects a national trend away from church funerals and toward secular, humanist or civil celebrants.

Weddings have been rare at St John's for many years, but the number of baptisms has reduced a

lot compared to previous years. This might be due to a change in our team's baptism policy, which requires families to attend for three Sundays before we book a date. Across the team in 24 we conducted 12 infant baptisms and two adult baptisms, several adult confirmations, 24 funerals and three weddings.

Vicar's Report

I'm so grateful for everybody who has served the church throughout 2024. Whether it's leading worship, doing readings or prayers, counting the money, assisting with Kid's Church, arranging flowers, welcoming people or serving refreshments, I'm so grateful for it all. All our individual acts of service contribute to making Sunday mornings enjoyable, friendly and glorifying to God. There are many people doing roles quietly in the background, from gardening, to managing our finances, to safeguarding. All of these are a service not just to church but to God, and again I express my thanks for all that people offer.

2023 was a really precarious year for us financially as a church when our reserves were almost completely depleted and we had a large deficit. Drastic action improved our situation enormously, and during 2024 we continued to be stable month by month. A big thank you to all our generous givers. and an encouragement any members who attend and love our church to think about making a regular donation to fund the mission and ministry of the church. We're not funded by the government at all, we rely solely on individual giving, fundraising efforts and our community centre income. The best way to donate to church is by making a monthly gift using the Parish Giving Scheme, which give you complete control over your giving, but also manages the collection of gift aid for us, saving valuable volunteer hours and effort.

Our regular ministries continued their important work week in and week out. You can read their reports below for more detail. I'm grateful to everybody who

serves midweek to keep our church open to the community in a variety of important ways.

There are some key priorities for St Johns going forward.

- As mentioned last year, we need to provide a space each week for young people to continue exploring their faith, as many of the children in Kid's Church are approaching (or have reached) an age where the activities offered aren't sufficient. Without someone stepping forward to lead ministry to young people it simply won't happen.
- We have so many people who are willing to help in lots of ways, but we struggle to recruit to governance and leadership roles at St John's. These need to be filled if the church is to move from strength to strength. This year in particular we will need to find new wardens, a new treasurer and a new lead recruiter. Church cannot safely function and operate without these people in place.

PCC Report

The PCC had 5 meetings throughout 2024. At these meetings we discussed lots of ideas and thoughts about growth of our church community, safeguarding and safer recruitment, as well as the necessary business of ongoing repairs and maintenance of our Parish buildings. Some of the essential repairs carried out have been:

- Roof repairs (which is an ongoing concern in the winter months and during inclement weather).
- Tree removal and wall repairs.
- Lightening conductor rod maintenance.
- Water boiler in Kitchen replaced.
- Inspection of Undercroft ceiling.

We explored the idea of employing an Admin Assistant and after discussion with the other churches in the team this was decided to be a good idea, after advertising and interviews an Admin Assistant was employed in March 2024. This has proved to be a great asset to the team.

We have formed Worship/ Leadership teams across the team churches.

Discussed Hall hire and fees and making these uniform across the team.

We trialled "Breakfast Sunday" and although it was a success we discussed ways to improve this if we decide to try again. Members of PCC gained Food Safety and Hygiene certificates.

Gareth and a member of PCC attended the LYCIG Conference and they are now sharing with the PCC what they learned about "Leading Your Church into Growth."

As a PCC we continue to serve in spiritual commitment to God and in service to our community.

Wardens Report

The fabric of the church is in reasonable condition although there have been some repairs to contend with especially the church roof which is in constant need of inspection and repair. Consultation with the church insurers is continuing regarding the retaining wall between the church and the neighbours garden. Church numbers seem to have flatlined at the moment but having said that we are seeing new faces and new families. Gareth is still the only vicar in the Eccleston team and of course has been very busy over the last year trying to keep 3 churches going. We hope to be able to advertise for a Team Vicar to join the team but in the meantime people are helping in any way they can to try to relieve some pressure off Gareth. Looking forward we pray that we will see St. Johns grow in both spiritual commitment and numbers and the partnership between the team churches continues to strengthen.

John Ingham, Roy Benyon, Church Wardens.

Safeguarding Report

Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults is part of our Christian duty, and something we are committed to at St John's. Safeguarding is a standard item on all of our PCC meetings agendas.

I am currently the Parish Safeguarding Officer, working with the PCC to ensure our parish meets it's legal duties and that we have a healthy culture of safeguarding in our church.

Over the course of 2024 we received a number of disclosures and these were all dealt with in line with our Safeguarding policy and procedures, and we worked alongside the Diocesan Safeguarding Team.

In 2024 we did a lot of catching up on our safer recruitment of volunteers. The focus for 2025 will be to continue this, and ensure all volunteers are up to date with training and have clear role descriptions. For this reason it is very important that someone steps forward to work with me and the PCC as a Lead Recruiter, which is a role which has been vacant in our parish for many years.

Eccleston Team Report

When I speak to clergy in other team ministries throughout the country they are always shocked to hear how well our churches operate and collaborate with one another. This is expressed in lots of ways, from sharing employees, cooperating on midweek ministries, to sharing resources and even beginning to worship together occasionally at team services.

Team Vision and Services

At the end of 2023 our PCCs met and articulated a shared team vision. As a team, we want to

1. Put Jesus at the centre of all we do.
2. Serve our community in meaningful ways.
3. Provide faith opportunities for all age groups.

We began 'team services' at St Matthews on fifth Sundays. Our first was in June, our second in September and at the time of writing we just had our third in March 2025. Each service has focused on a particular part of that team vision. These services have been so well attended with over 100 people attending each service, and people seem inspired by the shared collective experience of worshipping together. This is something our PCCs would like to continue.

As St Matthew's building undergoes improvements over the next year or so, I would like our churches to regard it as 'shared team' space, a place where we can all meet together and feel as though we belong, without the sense that one of our worshipping communities is being prioritised or favoured over another.

Team Goals

In Autumn 2023 our PCCs set a number of team goals which were:

1. To employ a shared team administrator.
2. To have one shared web presence.
3. To cooperate together on social events.
4. To gather older children from across the churches for a social event, and begin to explore what a 'team youth ministry' might look like.

By the end of 2024 we had made good progress on all of these tasks. For instance, in March we employed a team administrator, Mrs Sara Harrop, who has settled into the role well. She is formally employed by St Luke's PCC, but each church contributes to her salary. Sara handles bookings and admin for life events, and all the room bookings and contracts for our many hireable spaces. We also cooperated on a number of social events in 2024, and we have begun to explore what a team youth ministry might look like. (This is ongoing - there is a clear need and desire but we need people to step forward and offer to lead such a ministry). At the start of 2025 the PCCs have commissioned a new team website (due to go live by the end of May 2025). This will make managing our online presence easier and less expensive, but it will also express our togetherness and shared mission more effectively than three individual websites. In 2025 the PCCs will need to meet once again to establish some new goals, so we can continue to develop and flourish.

Clergy Update

In December 2024 I was interviewed and appointed as Team Rector for the Eccleston Team of Churches. I was also appointed as Priest-in-Charge of St Mark's North Road. The hope is that very soon we will appoint a Team Vicar for the Eccleston Team who will also be Associate Vicar at St Marks. The arrival of another colleague to our churches is *long* overdue. A meeting is scheduled for the end of April which I hope will give us the green light to advertise. I wish to state that the delay has been procedural and due to the Diocese (partly affected by the sudden retirement of the Bishop a few months ago, leaving out diocese without any episcopal oversight). The delay has not been due to our PCCs who have been ready to advertise for a long time now. Can all members of our churches please be committed to asking God to send a vicar to assist in ministry and mission here and at St Mark's? Recruitment is hard in the North West, and has been especially hard in Liverpool in recent years. Many vacancies are advertised several times before candidates step forward, or the deanery restructures around a vacancy.

Personally, 2024 was challenging (at times extremely so) but I've been supported by so many of our members and volunteers in a variety of different ways, for which I'm truly grateful. Our willingness to work together as a team has made ministry possible in a variety of different ways, big to small. I particularly want to thank our wardens and readers for their support and encouragement. I also need to express thanks to Rev Annie Houghton, curate in Lowton and Golborne and to Retired Bishop Geoff Pearson, both for being so generous with their time, often helping with funeral ministry.

I trust that God's faithfulness towards us will continue in 2025, holding on to these verses (Ephesians 3:20-21) as we do so:

Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.

Gareth

Groups and Activities

Kid's Church Report

Over the past year we have enjoyed many stories, games and creative activities together. We have stayed as an all age Kids Church with children from 0-16 attending. The older ones help the younger ones and we have a lot of laughter and friendship together; especially when the adults join in too (like the parachute games!) Kids church made us all proud when they pulled off another fantastic Nativity service, sharing the message of hope with many people who attended. It was lovely to see some families who attend toddler groups and other churches come along and join in with the service! Each year the nativity is a wonderful

service our Kids Church put together and I am sure it will be a joyful experience this coming year too! We've ended the past year by looking at Moses and the Exodus, celebrated Easter together and we are now beginning "God's Big Build!" Series on Nehemiah, on the run up to our annual Pentecost Party! I know St Johns are very grateful for the children and for the wonderful adults who help teach, guide and support the children on their faith journey; including adults who muck in with crafts, tidy up and have fun with the children in the games. Thank you all!

April

Toddler Group

This year we have seen Toddler In grow as a group. We've said goodbye to some of our families as children head to nursery or school, but we have also welcomed a large number of new families who have become regulars! In the past 6 months we have seen a growing number of grandparents become very engaged in the group, helping tidy up, sing the songs and do our story actions! We are also incredibly grateful for Victoria, a toddler group mum, who prepares a sensory activity for the children each week following our curriculum. What a gift! We have seen some changes within our team; we have welcomed Victoria, Madi and Mary to the team this year! Please do pray for our team as it has

been an answer to last years prayer that our team would grow and be resourced by our church with helpers. Now we ask for you to pray that we would be a good witness to the families that come of the gospel of Jesus.

The past year at Toddlers we have explored Bible Heroes and stories about Jesus - looking at his birth, his miracles, his stories and his death and resurrection. This term the children will be exploring the early church and Jesus' miracles. Please pray for seeds of faith in the hearts of the children and their grown ups. There will also be copious amounts of toast, biscuits and singing this coming year too!

April

Schools Ministry Team

Our SMT has been very busy throughout 2024 and into 2025 with schools visiting our team churches and our amazing volunteers preparing sessions to take place in our local schools.

We lead assembly's, engage with RE lessons in class and prepare crafts, games and activities for the children to enjoy.

We have a close relationship with one of our team church pantries. This enables us to educate the children on how the pantry serves the community which in turn empowers the children to show their love and support for their community by collecting food to donate at harvest time.

One of the most rewarding sessions for me is the "It's your move" visit where we see up to 90 children attend St Luke's. The children engage in activities, crafts and prayer to help and support their transition into high school. We get to shower them in God's love and encourage them to leave their worries and fears with God as they journey into the next step in their future.

We are extremely privileged to have volunteers that give their time to support the SMT and are blessed with the many gifts and skills that each volunteer brings to the team. We thank them for their continued support and look forward to future events.

We are always looking to grow our team so please reach out if you feel this is something you would like to be part of.

Young at Heart

The Young at Heart group continue to meet every Monday 1pm until 3pm. We have enjoyed a number of activities in 2024 including bingo, play your cards right, quizzes and beetle drives. We have also enjoyed some live entertainment and we took members out for an afternoon tea at Navana and a Christmas meal at the Mill House. Members pay £1.00 per week which pays for

refreshment and trips out, we are also able to make a monthly contribution to church funds. The weekly meeting are a way of some of the members to get out and meet other which for some it's the only time in the week they are able to do this. A big thank you goes to the volunteers who make this group happen and work hard to make sure members have a great time when they are with us.

John, Val and Betty.

Tea and Toast

The tea and Toast morning met each Thursday 10am till 12noon. The group through the year has had good attendance although numbers did fall off towards the end of the year. The group serves tea, coffee and toast and also a friendly place to come and enjoy each others company. There is no charge for the service but some people do make donations which help with the costs. The service is registered as a Warm Place for people to come during the cold months and we are always pleased to welcome new faces. The service helps us to reach out to our local community and it is always pleasing to see unchurched neighbors come in for a drink and a chat.

Val Ingham and Betty Johnson

Tuesday Bible Study

The Tuesday bible study meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 10.30am in the Memorial Hall at St. Johns. We have an average attendance of 10 people and we have discussed different books, topics themes and stories from both the New and Old Testaments. The group also takes the opportunity to pray and worship together before and after each study. There is something special about meeting together like this to study and learn more about God and His way and how best we can apply that to our every day lives.

John Ingham

The Parish of St John the Evangelist, Ravenhead

Financial Statements for the year ending 31st
December 2024

General Fund Receipts and Payments Account.

Receipts	Unrestricted 2024 £	Designated 2024 £	Restricted 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<u>Voluntary Income</u>					
Tax Efficient Planned Giving	21659			21659	17598
Other Planned Giving	3745			3745	1280
Collections at Services	2022			2022	12115
All other giving/Vol. Receipts	8957	0	0	8957	4861
Gift Aid Recovered	3666	0	0	3666	0
GASDS recovered	0			0	0
Total Voluntary Receipts	40049			40049	35853
<u>Fundraising Activities</u>	921			920.82	444.4
<u>Investment Income</u>	0			0	0
<u>Church Activities</u>	0			0	0
<u>P.C.C Fees</u>	0			0	0
<u>Trading Activities</u>	29086			29086	23579
<u>Other Receipts</u>	0			0	0
<u>Total Receipts</u>				70056	59876

Payments	Unrestricted 2024 £	Designated 2024 £	Restricted 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<u>Church Activities</u>					
Mission Giving and Donations	0			0	0
Parish Share	38475	0	0	38475	28473
Salaries, wages and honoraria	2055	0	0	2055	9269
Clergy and Staff Expenses	563	0	0	563	2697
Church running expenses	875	0	0	875	2393
Church repairs and maintenance	5664	0	0	5664	3893
Church Building Insurance	2401	0	0	2401	3573
Church Utility Bills	21827	0	0	21827	11388
Cost of Trading	1574	0	0	1574	714
Subtotal		0	0	73433	62401
<u>Other Payments</u>					
Bank Interest	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Total Payments</u>				73433	62401

Excess of Receipts over Payments	-3377	-2524
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Accountancy Adjustment		
Deficit / Surplus after Adjustment	-3377	-2524
Bank Account as at 1st January	16603	4899
Bank Account as at 31st December	20258	16603

Statement of assets and Liabilities as at 31st December

Monetary Assets

	General Unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023
HSBC	20258				20258	16603
CCLA	5000				5000	5000
Sub Total	25258				25258	21603
Cash in Hand	0				0	0
Total	25258				25258	21603

Notes:

St Matthews donated 3 months of Parish Shares to St John's
 Outstanding fees owed to the Liverpool Diocesan Board of Finance
 During the start of the year we transferred £8000 from the CCLA account into the main account

The Financial Statemnets of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church accounting regulations using the R + P basis.

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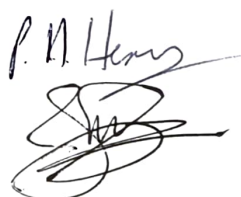
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Approved by the P.C.C by correspondance on 19.4.25

and signed on their behalf by

P. Henry

J.Thomas



Church Warden

Mr James Thomas (Treasurer)

Independent Examiner's unqualified report to the members of the P.C.C. of St. John the Evangelist Church, Ravenhead, in respect of the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st. December 2024 as set out in this Report.

Respective responsibilities of the P.C.C. and the examiner.

The P.C.C. members acting as the charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011(the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of the Independent Examiner's statement.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission and the guidance published in PCC Accountability (The Charities Act 2011 and the P.C.C.), 5th edition). An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required for an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement.

In connection with my examination, no material matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act, or
- the accounts do not accord to the accounting records.

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts is reached.

Signed.

Date 19th. November 2025.

Name Revd. A. A. Clements

Fellow Association of Charity Independent Examiners.

Address 15 Carleton Road, Great Knowley, Chorley PR6 8TQ

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ANNUAL REPORT

**THE PARISH CHURCH OF
ST JOHN, RAVENHEAD**

For the year ending December 2023



Crossley Road, WA10 3ND



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**St. John the Evangelist, Ravenhead,
Crossley Road, St Helens WA10 3ND.**

**Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council
for the year ending 31st. December 2022.**

Incumbent:

Revd Gareth Banton

Team Clergy:

Revd Helen Coffey (Team Rector)

Revd Sonya Doragh (Team Vicar)

Revd Gregor Stewart (Team Curate) until March 28th

Banks:

HSBC Bank Plc

33 Ormskirk Street St Helens Merseyside

WA10 2SZ

CCLA, Church of England Deposit Fund, 85 Queen Victoria Street, London

Independent Examiner:

Rev'd. A. A. Clements, MA, ACIB, FCIE

15 Carleton Road, Chorley PR6 8TQ

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Administrative Information

St. John's Church is situated in Crossley Road, St Helens. It is part of the Diocese of Liverpool within the Church of England. The correspondence address is St John's Church, Crossley Road, St Helens, WA10 3ND.

Under the terms of section 3 of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 the Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a body corporate and currently excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

PCC members:

Incumbent:

Revd Gareth Banton Team Vicar (Chair)

Team Clergy:

Revd Helen Coffey Team Rector until Sept 2023

Revd Sonya Doragh Team Vicar

Revd Gregor Stewart Team Curate until March 2023

Churchwarden

Mr John Ingham

Reps Deanery Synod:

Vacant

Vacant

Vacant

Elected members:

Mrs Angela Davies

Mrs Val Ingham

Mrs Elizabeth Johnson

Mr Peter Johnson

Mrs Christine Fenney

Mrs Elizabeth Carney (PCC Secretary)

Mrs Sarah Garnett

Mr James Thomas (Treasurer)

Mrs Judith Thomas

Mrs Wendy Mousdell (Safeguarding Officer)

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. The Standing Committee of the PCC is the only committee required to be in existence by church law and

has the power to transact the business of the PCC between meetings, subject to ratification of the PCC. The members of the Standing Committee are: Revd Gareth Banton, both Churchwardens, Mrs Joy Light and Mrs Sheila Lancaster. This Committee met as and when necessary during the year.

Induction Training

All PCC members elected for the first time and any others who have been re-elected to the PCC after an absence of sometime are supplied with copies of the minutes of the previous PCC meeting. In service training is provided where and when appropriate. A copy of the short e-book "A PCC members guide" is available for anyone who wishes to read it.

It is considered that all PCC members and any others who could be understood to be 'managers' in the activities and affairs of the Parish of St. John's Church, Ravenhead are deemed to be 'fit and proper' persons under the terms of the Finance Act 2010.

Aim and Purposes

The PCC is aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in 'The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit' and have regard to it in their administration of the Parish.

The PCC believes that, by fulfilling its responsibility to work together with the incumbent and to co-operate in all matters of concern and importance for the promotion of the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, it provides a benefit to the public by:

- Providing resources and facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for its members and anyone who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers;
- Promoting Christian values, and service by members of the Church in the Parish to its community, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

Achievements and performance

There are 83 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll.

Objectives and Activities of the year 2023

The PCC met on six formal occasions during 2023. We also had an informal 'away day' with PCC members from our other Team Churches and corresponded, occasionally making decisions by email.

At the start of 2023 our PCC meetings focused on some of the financial difficulties we were facing and how to continue tackling and challenging it.

Decisions have been taken and the situation has improved thankfully. Another large point of discussion was the deanery pastoral reorganisation (which is now set to come into effect on May 1st 2024). Towards the end of 2023 our business focused on the appointment of a team administrator, and our new Team Vision.

Financial Review

At the end of 2023 the wealth of the Parish was 15,395 in the current account at HSBC. The deposit account with CCLA (Church of England Funds Management) was at £5000.

The Parish has paid the Parish Share in full for 2023. This is due in large part to the very generous gift of St James with St Matthews parish paying £10,000 of our parish share bill. This prevented the charity from becoming insolvent. Our financial situation has improved since then, and we finished the year with a deficit of -£2,525. The PCC has been considering a range of measures to tackle our deficit, thanks all our regular givers and donors, and encourages all members to routinely review their financial offerings, as part of their discipleship. One positive and recent development (as of April 2024) is that we have begun reclaiming gift aid from the last few years, which will also help our financial situation. Particular thanks is given to Mrs Angela Davies for her hard work getting the church up to date with our tax reclaim.

Risk Assessment

The PCC recognises that in relation to 'Risk Assessment', risk is defined as 'the threat of any action or event which will adversely affect an organisation's ability to achieve its objectives and execute its strategies'. It also accepts that the term 'risk' can include any circumstances that may, or do, have an adverse effect, and is wider than financial matters. 'Risks' relate not only to the negative consequences of a threat, but also to the impact of not taking advantage of opportunities.

The PCC recognises it requires a practical Health and Safety Policy covering activities for both the church and its surrounding grounds. This is reviewed on a regular basis. An Accident Book is maintained.

The contents and obligations of the Equality Act 2010 and the 2018 General Data Protection Regulation are known and complied with to the best of the PCC's ability. The PCC is aware of its responsibilities in respect of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 in its requirement to carry out a fire

assessment to identify any possible dangers and risks, to take action to minimise the risks and to create a plan to deal with any emergencies, and also to write up and keep a record of its findings and to review its assessment annually. The PCC has appointed the Churchwardens to be the responsible persons to put these things into operation.

There is a Safeguarding Policy in place in respect of children and vulnerable adults. Checks have been and are made with the Disclosure and Barring Service in respect of persons dealing regularly with young people and vulnerable adults. The PCC's appointed officer for this is Mrs Wendy Parkinson. Whilst it is impossible to eliminate all risks and their consequences, efforts are constantly made to minimise such occurrences.

Reserves Policy

The PCC seeks to retain (for current and emergency expenditure) the equivalent of three month's running costs (approximately £15000) to meet the everyday costs of running the parish with remaining funds being invested in the CCLA deposit account. Our current account currently stands at approximately this amount, with a small amount of money still kept in the CCLA fund.

Future Plans

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we state on our Charity Commission profile, that we offer "spiritual instruction through services and bible studies for members and general public, also offer access to community ventures through St Johns Centre."

Approved by the PCC on

and signed on their behalf by

Wednesday 17th March 2024



Rev Gareth Banton

Receipts for the year ending December 31st 2023

General Fund Receipts and Payments Account.					
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
Receipts	2023	2023	2023	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Voluntary Income					
Tax Efficient Planned Giving	17,598			17,598	10,480
Other Planned Giving	1,280			1,280	6,605
Collections at Services	12,115			12,115	3,693
All other giving/Vol. Receipts	3,333	1,527		4,861	1,405
Gift Aid Recovered					nil
GASDS recovered	-				nil
Total Voluntary Receipts					22,183
Fundraising Activities	444			444	3,318
Investment Income				-	133
Church Activities				-	3,148
P.C.C Fees				-	25,118
Trading Activities	23,579			23,579	29,266
Other Receipts	-			-	1,500
Total Receipts	58,348	1,527		59,876	55,399

Payments Made for the Year Ending 31st December 2023

	2023				
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
Payments	2023	2023	2023	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£	£
<u>Church Activities</u>					
Mission Giving and Donations				-	440
Parish Share	28,473			28,473	39,131
Salaries, wages and honoraria	9,269			9,269	19,866
Clergy and Staff Expenses	2,697			2,697	249
Church running expenses	2,393			2,393	2,422
Church repairs and maintenance	3,893			3,893	1,467
Church Building Insurance	3,573			3,573	3,785
Church Utility Bills	11,388			11,388	7,678
Cost of Trading	714			714	210
<u>Total Payments</u>				62,401	75,408
Excess of Receipts over Payments				- 2,525	- 20,009
Accountancy Adjustment					1,759
Deficit / Surplus after Adjustment				- 2,525	- 18,250
Bank Account as at 1st. January 2023				17,920	36,170
Bank Account as at 31st. December 2023				15,395	17,920

Statement of Assets and Liabilities Page

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st. December 2023.					
<u>Monetary Assets</u>					
	General	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
	Unrestricted			2023	2022
	£	£	£	£	£
HSBC	13,868	1527		15395	4920
CCLA	5,000			5000	13000
Sub Total	18,868	1527		20395	17920
Cash in Hand	-				1272
Total	18,868	1527		20395	19192

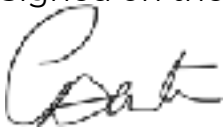
The Financial Statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church accounting regulations using the Receipts and Payments basis.

The following assets are recognised but not necessarily valued in the Statement of assets and liabilities: moveable church furnishing held by the church wardens on special trust for the P.C.C and which require a faculty for disposal.

The expenses paid to clergy may include a small material portion which relates to their function as P.C.C members. No other payments made to P.C.C members for being members of the P.C.C.

Approved by the P.C.C by correspondence on **Tuesday 12th March 2024**

Signed on their behalf by



Rev Gareth Banton



Mr James Thomas

Accounting Policies for the PCC of the Parish of St. John the Evangelist, Ravenhead

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts & Purchases basis.

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any special restrictions regarding their use and are available for application to the general purposes of the PCC. These include funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC.

The accounts include monetary transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC can be held responsible.

They do not include the accounts of other Church groups that owe an affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

Subject to the above, receipts and payments include income as received and expenditure when irrevocably paid.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

The following assets are recognized but not necessarily valued in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities:

- Movable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal.
 - Land and buildings held on behalf of the PCC.
 - Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment where the PCC is free to dispose of such assets without faculty and where the original cost exceeded £1,000.
- Investments held beneficially by the PCC.

The following assets are recognized and a monetary value given as part of the description in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities:

- Amounts owing from the Inland Revenue where a formal claim has been made.

Any other amounts owing to the PCC including church hall lettings and insurance claims.

Legacies where formal notification of entitlement and amount has been received by 31st December by the PCC.

Closing bank balances as shown in the receipts and payment account.

The following liabilities may be recognised in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities:

Outstanding fees owed to the Liverpool Diocesan Board of Finance

Any Any loans or overdrafts advanced to the PCC

Any arrears of Diocesan Parish Share

Creditors for goods or services where the supply has been received and invoiced by 31st December.

(Awaiting Independent Examiners Certificate.)

Narrative Reports

Worship Report

Please note that averages below reflect 'ordinary' Sundays. Sundays with a christening or a special festival are not included as they inflate our averages.

FIGURE 1

Total Attendance 2023 (11am Service)

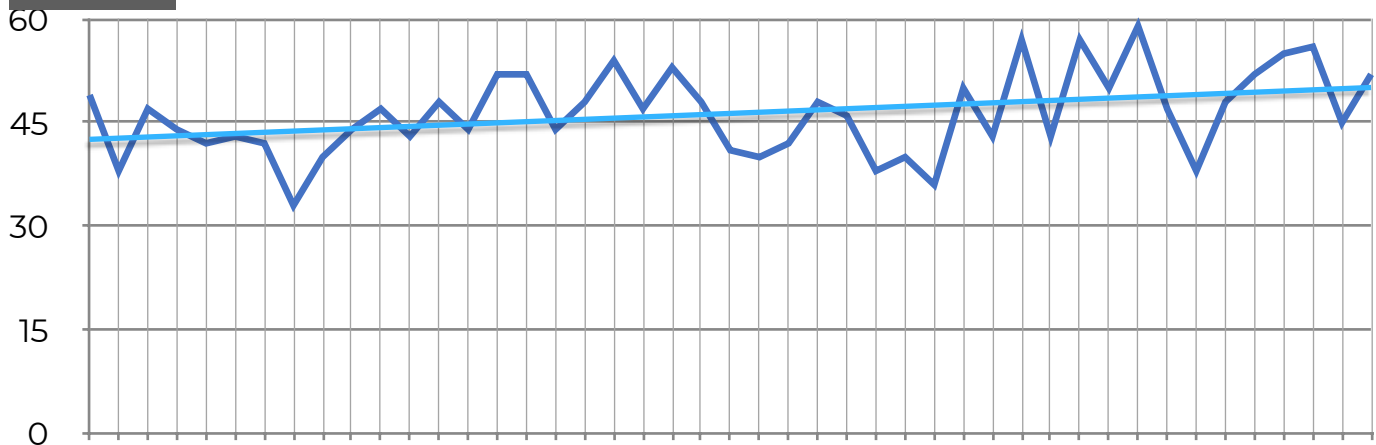


FIGURE 2

Three Yearly Comparison (11am Service)

Year	Adults	Children
2021	21	1
2022	28	7
2023	35	12

FIGURE 3

2021, 2022, 2023 Attendance (11am)

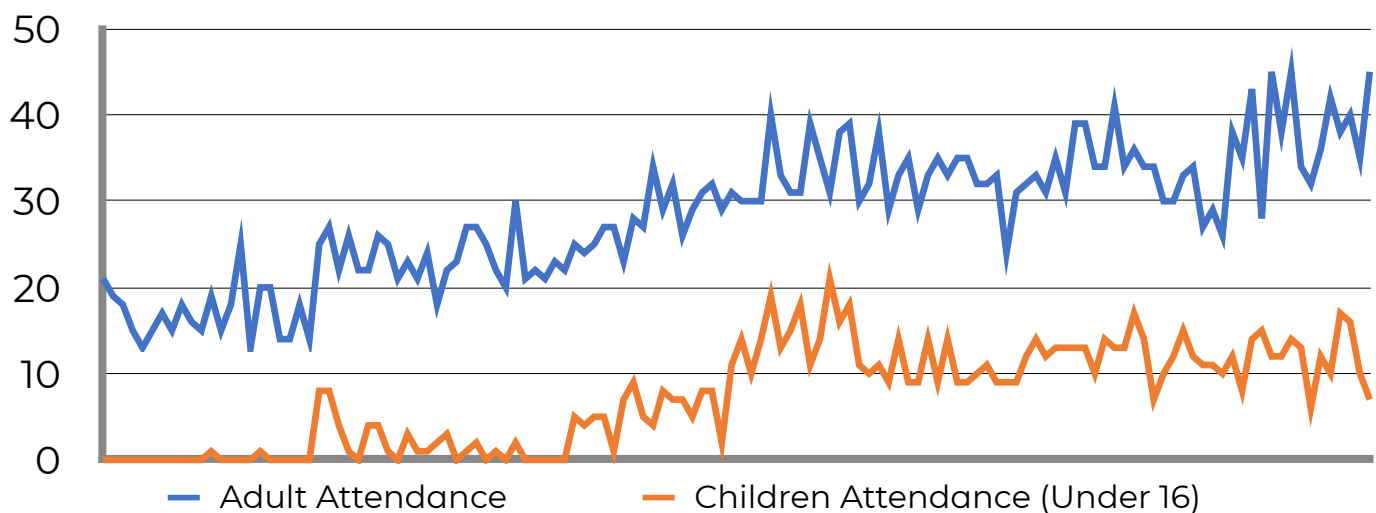
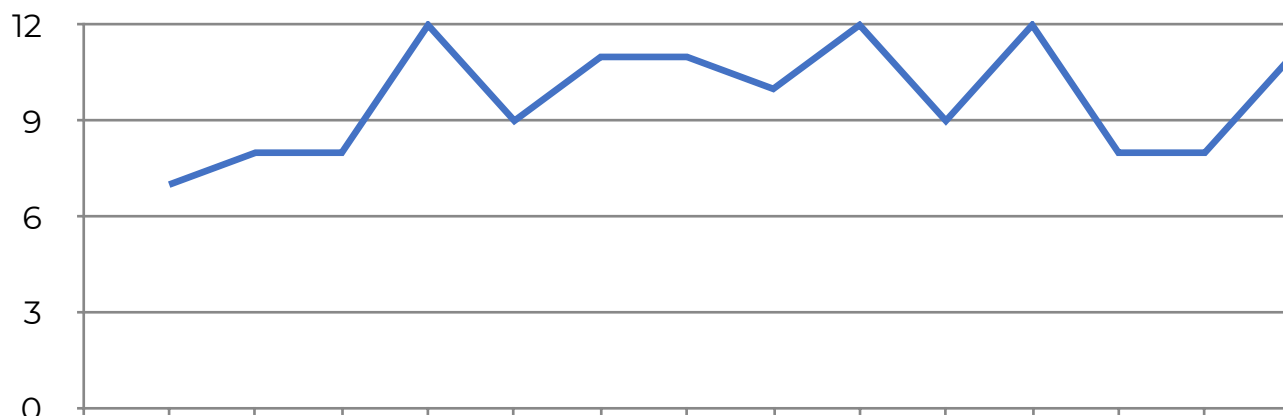


FIGURE 4**Total Attendance 2023 (8.30 BCP Service)****FIGURE 5****Life Events (Three Year Comparison)**

Year	Funerals (inc Crem Only)	Weddings	Baptisms
2021	19	1	6
2022	15	1	7
2023	10	1	8

You'll see from the data above that overall, attendance at worship is increasing, which continues the trajectory we've been on since returning from the pandemic. Growth at our 11am service has been really encouraging, as we have now returned to pre-pandemic numbers, but we've grown back younger with more children and young families. 8.30am BCP services are held on fourth Sundays and major festivals (there were 14 throughout 2023). Attendance at these is smaller but remains steady.

Sunday attendance is just one marker of a church's health, but it is an important one, as Sunday mornings are the primary way we express our togetherness, our unity, and the main way in which we worship God together. We live in a time when many churches are declining, some are stable and few are growing. The fact that we have grown consistently for a few years is to be commended and it is a testimony to our common life as a community that people visit and feel able to return.

The data for life events is, in my opinion, unremarkable. Funerals are below the number for previous years, which reflects a national trend away from church funerals and toward secular, humanist or civil celebrants. Weddings are rare at

St John's but have remained consistent at one per year, and baptisms were slightly busier in 2023 than previous years.

Vicars Report

Well, what can I say about 2023? It was a whirlwind, loads of good things happened and we faced some real challenges as well. Please see the 'Eccleston Team' report which outlines some of the larger events that transpired on a team level.

On Sundays, we continued to grow gently and steadily in 2023 (see statistics above). I'm so grateful for everybody who is involved in helping make sure Sundays are a success. Whether you lead worship, do readings or lead prayers, count the money, assist with Kid's Church, arrange flowers, welcome people or serve refreshments, I'm so grateful. All our individual acts of service contribute to making Sunday mornings enjoyable, friendly and glorifying to God. There's also a number of people doing roles quietly in the background, from gardening, to managing our finances, to safeguarding. All of these are a service not just to church but to God, and again I express my thanks for all that people offer.

When 2023 began we were in a really precarious position financially as a church, having reached the very end of our reserves and still running a sizeable deficit. Fortunately, St James with St Matthews offered to pay for three months of our monthly parish share payments (approximately £10,000). This was tremendously generous, and a testimony of how our team of churches are committed to each others' flourishing. This gave us breathing room while we made some more cuts and raised income. Sadly one of the decisions we had to make was to make our community centre caretaker redundant in June. The final six months of the year were significantly better than the first, and we finished the year with a deficit circa £2500 which is an enormous improvement from the previous year. We continue to be mindful of our finances, as some months we make a loss and some a small profit. As our finances stabilise, I feel the time is right to carefully invest once more in our building and the church grounds in places where it is looking tired or neglected.

We did a number of bigger events throughout the year, in addition to our regular activities. We held a successful Spring and Christmas fair, each raising a good sum of money but perhaps more importantly bringing people through the doors and raising our profile in the community. We hosted a Strawberry Tea in July, for our team church members which helped generate a little extra

income as well. We held a Rock and Roll night in November which was booked out and a real success. Thank you to all the volunteers who made these events possible.

Our regular ministries continued their important work week in and week out. You can read their reports below for more detail. One new team-wide ministry began in September: our new Schools Ministry Team. Made up of people from across the churches we help facilitate events and worship in school and in our church buildings for 3 of our local schools. As a church we continue to enjoy a good relationship Thatto Heath Primary School. I sit as Vice-Chair of the governing body, and regularly visit the school for assemblies and to help with the R.E Curriculum. In July 2023, the school made a commitment to ensure that every academic year group, gets it own special visit to the church every year, in addition to visiting for the school-wide Christmas and Easter services. The opportunities the school offers us to reach into our community is significant. And every visit and every assembly helps the children feel more at home in our church, and lays good foundations to build upon.

There are some key priorities for St Johns going forward. We need to continue to strive for financial health, and maintain our building so it is fit for the future. But more importantly we need to keep investing in the young people who are part of our community, ensuring that provision is given to them for each stage of life. God has brought many young families into our church family, and we want the children's relationship with Jesus to develop and grow, even as they grow and mature. Kid's Church has proven a big success with primary school-aged children but we need to begin considering provision for older children and teenagers, or we risk neglecting their spiritual needs.

Wardens Report

The fabric of the church is in reasonable condition although there has been some repairs to the church to contend with and some roof work included in that. There is still work to be done to the fabric of the church but we are currently planning some work to the outside grounds in order to level off the hill at the back of the church so it can be a more useable space.

Numbers attending church services have been growing during the past year with new people coming to worship at St. Johns, also which is great to see, we are seeing more children coming to Kid's church. The PCC made a decision to hold meetings bi-monthly and this seems to be working well. From 1st May the Fit for Mission project will legally come into being this means that St. Johns

along with St. Lukes and St. James who decided not to join will form a team which is currently known as the Eccleston Team. This means that after the 1st May we will be able to advertise for a team vicar and the team churches are currently preparing their parish profiles ready for when we do that. During last year Revd Helen Coffey moved on to a new role and this meant that Gareth was left as the only vicar in the team. This of course has increased the workload for Gareth but the laity are helping as much as possible. Looking forward we pray that we will see St. Johns grow and any partnership with the other churches locally will be a strong one and will be to the glory of God.

John Ingham

Finance Statistics

As you can see from the finance report above, and the statistics below, our financial position improved through 2023, but we still have a little way to go before we are able to break even.

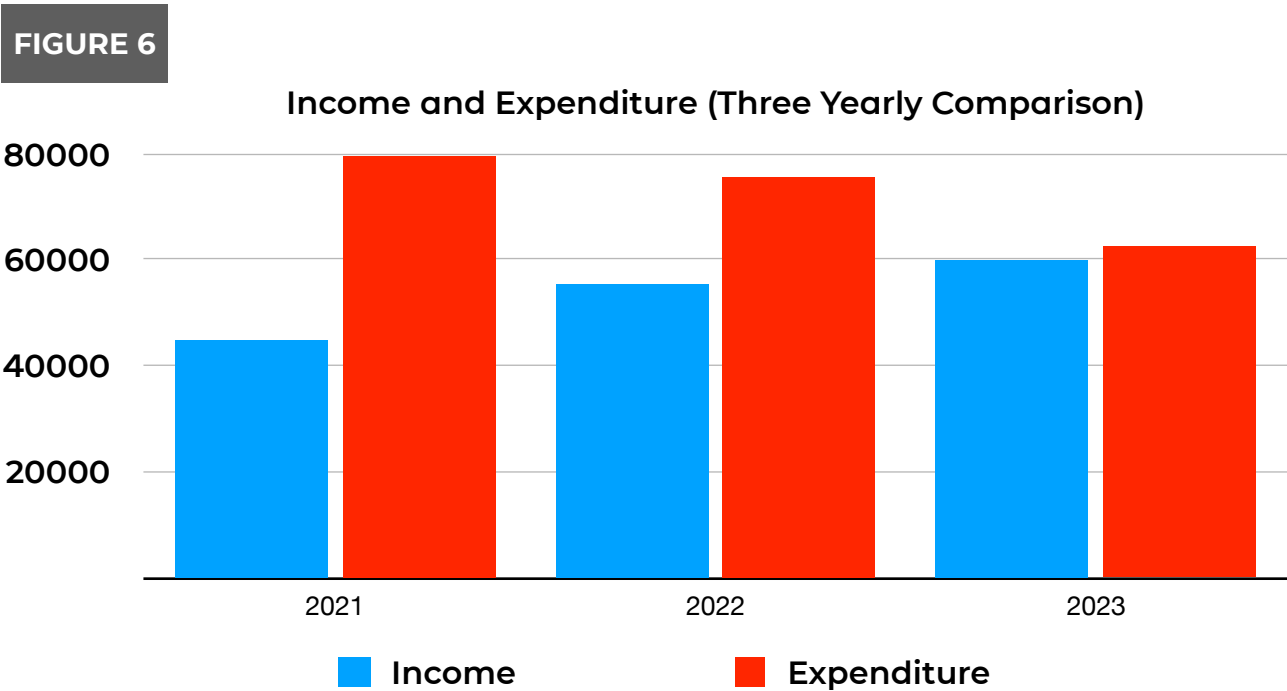


FIGURE 7

	2021	2022	2023
Income	£45040	£55399	£59876
Expenditure	£79369	£75550	£62401
Profit/Loss (£)	-£34329	-£20151	-£2525

Eccleston Team Report

As a team we've responded to these changes to the best of our ability. I'm proud of how our churches are faring at the moment, holding our own and even growing in the face of difficult circumstances.

I didn't ever envision becoming the sole vicar in a team of churches but that's how events have transpired. It's been challenging, (at times extremely so) but I've been supported by so many of our members and volunteers in a variety of different ways, for which I'm truly grateful. Our willingness to work together as a team has made ministry possible in a variety of different ways, big to small.

Some of the significant events affecting our team throughout 2023 were as follows:

- As the year began, two of our parishes (St James with St Matthews, and Christ Church) were engaging in the Fit For Mission (FFM) process, and two churches (St John's, and St Luke's) were not. For those who do not know, Fit for Mission is the name of a Diocese-wide strategy to convert deaneries into single larger parishes, to reduce governance and increase missional energy. Early in the year, on the 15th January, the PCC of St James with St Matthews had lengthy discussions and after prayerful consideration decided to withdraw from the FFM process. Their reasons were outlined in a statement which is available upon request.
- In March we said farewell to our Team curate, Rev Gregor, who moved to Blackburn Diocese to serve in the Fellfield Team of churches. A team leaving service was held for him at St Luke's.
- Shortly afterwards, Rev Helen our Team Rector announced that she would be leaving the Eccleston team, after a period of study leave to take up a post in the Winwick Deanery.
- Also, in March our Deanery Synod was presented with the formal proposal for pastoral reorganisation in our deanery. As part of this the churches in our team (as well as two other churches not engaged in FFM) were presented with three different options for how clergy would be deployed in our churches. It was decided by the synod that 2.4 clergy were to be allocated across the 5 parishes and there were three options outlined for how to share that allocation. None of which were deemed acceptable by our parishes, (or our

parishes patrons). It was decided that we would conduct a separate process by which we determine how best to deploy clergy in our churches.

- In May, Helen celebrated her final Sunday service in the Ecclestone Team and began her study leave. At this point Rev Gareth as Team Vicar, became the sole clergy person for the three parishes. A leaving service was held for Helen and Tony in September when she had completed her sabbatical.
- In September a new 'Schools Team' was established. We are inspired by the words from Psalm 78: "we will not hide these things from our children, but we will tell the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and the wonders he has done." The team is comprised of volunteers from each of our churches, who help facilitate worship and educational events and services for children in our churches, and within three of our local school. It has worked really well,
- In October our PCCs met together to begin discerning a shared Team Vision, acknowledging that we needed to continue the journey of working together closely, sharing our resources and supporting one another. Our team vision is articulated (and has subsequently been shared with churches in 2024) in the form of three goals:

Our vision is to be a team that:

1. Puts Jesus at the centre of all we do.
2. Serves our community in meaningful ways.
3. Provides faith opportunities for all age groups.

At our October meeting we also highlighted some short term achievable goals to work towards together, all of which at the time of writing we have completed or made good progress with. These were:

- To produce one vision statement for the whole team.
- To employ a shared team administrator.
- To have one shared web presence.
- To cooperate together on social events.
- To gather older children from across the churches for a social event, and begin to explore what a 'team youth ministry' might look like.

Our PCC's will meet again in 2024 to continue to think about our next set of priorities and making further steps on the road to becoming the team of churches God calls us to be.

Throughout 2023, God has been faithful to us. We've seen growth in some areas of our churches life, our service to our community and a good number of people have come to faith, and began their journey of keeping Jesus at the centre.

We trust that God's faithfulness towards us will continue in 2024, holding on to these verses (Ephesians 3:20-21) as we do so:

Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.

Rev Gareth

Deanery Synod Report

Deanery synod only met on a few occasions through 2023, but the primary meeting was held in March, during which we discussed and debated a paper proposing the pastoral reorganisation of the deanery into a larger single parish (the Fit For Mission proposal), and a number of other parishes who had chosen not to be part of the Fit For Mission programme. It was decided that the parishes (ours included) that were not part of FFM, would begin their own discernment with regards to how their clergy allocation would be distributed across the churches.

Groups and Activities

Kid's Church Report

This past year we have welcomed new families and said goodbye to others who have moved away. Over the past year we have enjoyed many stories, games and creative activities together. Some memorable moments have been our Faith Questions series which helped the children (and adults) explore some of the big and small questions of our Faith; we've followed the lectionary and joined up with our adult church family for a "Back to school" series looking at the book of James and how we might treat others.

Kids church made us all proud when they pulled off another fantastic Nativity service, sharing the message of hope with many people who attended. It was

lovely to see some families who attend toddler groups and other churches come along and join in with the service! Each year that nativity is a wonderful service our Kids Church put together and I am sure it will be a joyful experience this coming year too!

We've ended the past year by looking at discipleship and what it means to follow Jesus, celebrated Easter together and we are now exploring the fruits of the spirit on the run up to our annual Pentecost Party! I know St Johns are very grateful for the children and for the wonderful adults who help teach, guide and support the children on their faith journey; including adults who muck in with crafts, tidy up and have fun with the children in the games. Thank you all!

April Banton

Toddler Group

This year we have seen Toddler In grow as a group. We've said goodbye to some of our families as children head to nursery or school, but we have also welcomed a large number of new families who have become regulars! In the past 6 months we have seen a growing number of grandparents become very engaged in the group, helping tidy up, sing the songs and do our story actions! We are also incredibly grateful for Victoria, a toddler group mum, who prepares a sensory activity for the children each week following our curriculum. What a gift! We have seen some changes within our team; Ann, Jude E and Andrea have left the group this past year. We have also welcomed Sue C to the team this year! Please do pray for our team as we manage this change in helper numbers and for God to provide more support from our church and the group; we are in need of befrienders - helpers who are willing to chat with the adults who come to group, get to know them, offer support and a listening ear. If you're interested in becoming a befriender then please speak to April Banton. The past year at Toddlers we have explored the story of Moses and the Exodus, we have also enjoyed stories about Jesus - looking at his birth, his miracles, his stories and his death and resurrection. This term the children will be exploring the early church and the fruits of the spirit. Please pray for seeds of faith in the hearts of the children and their grown ups. There will also be copious amounts of toast, biscuits and singing this coming year too!

April Banton

Schools Ministry Team

Our Schools ministry team formed in September 2023, and has members from across the team of churches. We've preparing, been coordinating, organising, leading and enjoying many events and services involving our local schools. We've done things in the schools themselves, and also in our church building.

It's incredibly rewarding, and our team has a variety of gifts and skills to draw from.

Young at Heart

The Young at Hear group meet every Monday 1pm till 3pm and is a group for the older members of the community. We enjoy a number of activities on our weekly get togethers including quizzes, play your cards right, beetle drive, bingo, live entertainment and occasional speakers, also we enjoy refreshments and lots of laughter and chatting.

Members pay a £1.00 per week membership which pays for their refreshments, prizes and special events they also allow us to make donations to the church on a monthly basis which helps with heating and other costs.

Some members have said that they look forward every week to the group meeting as sometimes it's the only time they get to come together with other people, have been able to make new friends and again have found a warm place to be in the winter months.

We have around 30 members on the books most of whom come every week, the age range is from 50 to the oldest member who is 95 and attends every week. The members come from as far away as Marshalls Cross and as close as Crossley Road.

In the past year we have enjoyed a day out in Southport and a Christmas meal at the Bull and Dog hotel where we enjoyed carol singing as well as good food. We also had a Christmas party in the centre with live music, a quiz and entertainment.

We have found it a privilege to be able to celebrate members birthdays and other times of celebration. Our future plans include an afternoon tea and another Christmas meal out. A big thank you goes to the volunteers who make this group happen and work hard to ensure that members have a good time when they are with us.

John, Val and Betty.

Tea and Toast

The toast and coffee morning is held each Thursday at 10am until 12noon and serves tea, coffee and toast to those who attend. There is no charge for this but people do make donations towards the costs. There is an average of 20 people attend each week and they are made up of members of St. Johns church, visitors from other churches in the team and unchurched members of the local community who make up about half of the attendee's. This gives us a great opportunity to reach out to the local community and to introduce them to the love of Jesus through our service.

Tuesday Bible Study

The Bible Study meets every Tuesday at 10.30am in the Memorial Hall at St. Johns. We have an average of 12 people attending and contributing to our studies and discussions. We have studied various books and topics throughout the year from both the old and new testaments. We started the year by looking at what worship means to us as Christians and found references in a number of books that helped us to understand what different forms worship can take. Some of the books we have looked at has been 1 Peter, Jeremiah, James and a number of the Psalms finishing the year off with a study of Psalm 119 which took us 3 months to complete but held a wealth of information and instruction for all of us. We have enjoyed our journey through 2023 and have been able to consider different issues that have surfaced through our studies, There is something special about meeting together as a group to study and learn more about God and His way and how best we can apply that to our everyday lives.

Thursday House Group

Thursday house group began meeting in the vicarage in April 2022, and we've looked at and explored many different topics, themes and stories in the Bible, from Hebrew words, to the theme of priesthood throughout the Bible, to short epistles in the New Testament. One thing we've been doing a lot of is working our way through the Chosen, a t.v series currently being created, which is an imaginative dramatisation of the lives of the disciples. We've just started watching, discussing and reading around season four, which is really exciting.

Gareth



ANNUAL REPORT

**THE PARISH CHURCH OF
ST JOHN, RAVENHEAD**

For the year ending December 2023



Crossley Road, WA10 3ND



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**St. John the Evangelist, Ravenhead,
Crossley Road, St Helens WA10 3ND.**

**Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council
for the year ending 31st. December 2022.**

Incumbent:

Revd Gareth Banton

Team Clergy:

Revd Helen Coffey (Team Rector)

Revd Sonya Doragh (Team Vicar)

Revd Gregor Stewart (Team Curate) until March 28th

Banks:

HSBC Bank Plc

33 Ormskirk Street St Helens Merseyside

WA10 2SZ

CCLA, Church of England Deposit Fund, 85 Queen Victoria Street, London

Independent Examiner:

Rev'd. A. A. Clements, MA, ACIB, FCIE

15 Carleton Road, Chorley PR6 8TQ

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Administrative Information

St. John's Church is situated in Crossley Road, St Helens. It is part of the Diocese of Liverpool within the Church of England. The correspondence address is St John's Church, Crossley Road, St Helens, WA10 3ND.

Under the terms of section 3 of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 the Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a body corporate and currently excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

PCC members:

Incumbent:

Revd Gareth Banton Team Vicar (Chair)

Team Clergy:

Revd Helen Coffey Team Rector until Sept 2023

Revd Sonya Doragh Team Vicar

Revd Gregor Stewart Team Curate until March 2023

Churchwarden

Mr John Ingham

Reps Deanery Synod:

Vacant

Vacant

Vacant

Elected members:

Mrs Angela Davies

Mrs Val Ingham

Mrs Elizabeth Johnson

Mr Peter Johnson

Mrs Christine Fenney

Mrs Elizabeth Carney (PCC Secretary)

Mrs Sarah Garnett

Mr James Thomas (Treasurer)

Mrs Judith Thomas

Mrs Wendy Mousdell (Safeguarding Officer)

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. The Standing Committee of the PCC is the only committee required to be in existence by church law and

has the power to transact the business of the PCC between meetings, subject to ratification of the PCC. The members of the Standing Committee are: Revd Gareth Banton, both Churchwardens, Mrs Joy Light and Mrs Sheila Lancaster. This Committee met as and when necessary during the year.

Induction Training

All PCC members elected for the first time and any others who have been re-elected to the PCC after an absence of sometime are supplied with copies of the minutes of the previous PCC meeting. In service training is provided where and when appropriate. A copy of the short e-book "A PCC members guide" is available for anyone who wishes to read it.

It is considered that all PCC members and any others who could be understood to be 'managers' in the activities and affairs of the Parish of St. John's Church, Ravenhead are deemed to be 'fit and proper' persons under the terms of the Finance Act 2010.

Aim and Purposes

The PCC is aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in 'The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit' and have regard to it in their administration of the Parish.

The PCC believes that, by fulfilling its responsibility to work together with the incumbent and to co-operate in all matters of concern and importance for the promotion of the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, it provides a benefit to the public by:

- Providing resources and facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for its members and anyone who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers;
- Promoting Christian values, and service by members of the Church in the Parish to its community, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

Achievements and performance

There are 83 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll.

Objectives and Activities of the year 2023

The PCC met on six formal occasions during 2023. We also had an informal 'away day' with PCC members from our other Team Churches and corresponded, occasionally making decisions by email.

At the start of 2023 our PCC meetings focused on some of the financial difficulties we were facing and how to continue tackling and challenging it.

Decisions have been taken and the situation has improved thankfully. Another large point of discussion was the deanery pastoral reorganisation (which is now set to come into effect on May 1st 2024). Towards the end of 2023 our business focused on the appointment of a team administrator, and our new Team Vision.

Financial Review

At the end of 2023 the wealth of the Parish was 15,395 in the current account at HSBC. The deposit account with CCLA (Church of England Funds Management) was at £5000.

The Parish has paid the Parish Share in full for 2023. This is due in large part to the very generous gift of St James with St Matthews parish paying £10,000 of our parish share bill. This prevented the charity from becoming insolvent. Our financial situation has improved since then, and we finished the year with a deficit of -£2,525. The PCC has been considering a range of measures to tackle our deficit, thanks all our regular givers and donors, and encourages all members to routinely review their financial offerings, as part of their discipleship. One positive and recent development (as of April 2024) is that we have begun reclaiming gift aid from the last few years, which will also help our financial situation. Particular thanks is given to Mrs Angela Davies for her hard work getting the church up to date with our tax reclaim.

Risk Assessment

The PCC recognises that in relation to 'Risk Assessment', risk is defined as 'the threat of any action or event which will adversely affect an organisation's ability to achieve its objectives and execute its strategies'. It also accepts that the term 'risk' can include any circumstances that may, or do, have an adverse effect, and is wider than financial matters. 'Risks' relate not only to the negative consequences of a threat, but also to the impact of not taking advantage of opportunities.

The PCC recognises it requires a practical Health and Safety Policy covering activities for both the church and its surrounding grounds. This is reviewed on a regular basis. An Accident Book is maintained.

The contents and obligations of the Equality Act 2010 and the 2018 General Data Protection Regulation are known and complied with to the best of the PCC's ability. The PCC is aware of its responsibilities in respect of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 in its requirement to carry out a fire

assessment to identify any possible dangers and risks, to take action to minimise the risks and to create a plan to deal with any emergencies, and also to write up and keep a record of its findings and to review its assessment annually. The PCC has appointed the Churchwardens to be the responsible persons to put these things into operation.

There is a Safeguarding Policy in place in respect of children and vulnerable adults. Checks have been and are made with the Disclosure and Barring Service in respect of persons dealing regularly with young people and vulnerable adults. The PCC's appointed officer for this is Mrs Wendy Parkinson. Whilst it is impossible to eliminate all risks and their consequences, efforts are constantly made to minimise such occurrences.

Reserves Policy

The PCC seeks to retain (for current and emergency expenditure) the equivalent of three month's running costs (approximately £15000) to meet the everyday costs of running the parish with remaining funds being invested in the CCLA deposit account. Our current account currently stands at approximately this amount, with a small amount of money still kept in the CCLA fund.

Future Plans

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we state on our Charity Commission profile, that we offer "spiritual instruction through services and bible studies for members and general public, also offer access to community ventures through St Johns Centre."

Approved by the PCC on

and signed on their behalf by

Wednesday 17th March 2024



Rev Gareth Banton

Receipts for the year ending December 31st 2023

General Fund Receipts and Payments Account.					
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
Receipts	2023	2023	2023	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Voluntary Income					
Tax Efficient Planned Giving	17,598			17,598	10,480
Other Planned Giving	1,280			1,280	6,605
Collections at Services	12,115			12,115	3,693
All other giving/Vol. Receipts	3,333	1,527		4,861	1,405
Gift Aid Recovered					nil
GASDS recovered	-				nil
Total Voluntary Receipts					22,183
Fundraising Activities	444			444	3,318
Investment Income				-	133
Church Activities				-	3,148
P.C.C Fees				-	25,118
Trading Activities	23,579			23,579	29,266
Other Receipts	-			-	1,500
Total Receipts	58,348	1,527		59,876	55,399

Payments Made for the Year Ending 31st December 2023

2023					
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
Payments	2023	2023	2023	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£	£
<u>Church Activities</u>					
Mission Giving and Donations				-	440
Parish Share	28,473			28,473	39,131
Salaries, wages and honoraria	9,269			9,269	19,866
Clergy and Staff Expenses	2,697			2,697	249
Church running expenses	2,393			2,393	2,422
Church repairs and maintenance	3,893			3,893	1,467
Church Building Insurance	3,573			3,573	3,785
Church Utility Bills	11,388			11,388	7,678
Cost of Trading	714			714	210
<u>Total Payments</u>				62,401	75,408
Excess of Receipts over Payments				- 2,525	- 20,009
Accountancy Adjustment					1,759
Deficit / Surplus after Adjustment				- 2,525	- 18,250
Bank Account as at 1st. January 2023				17,920	36,170
Bank Account as at 31st. December 2023				15,395	17,920

Statement of Assets and Liabilities Page

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st. December 2023.					
<u>Monetary Assets</u>					
	General	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
	Unrestricted			2023	2022
	£	£	£	£	£
HSBC	13,868	1527		15395	4920
CCLA	5,000			5000	13000
Sub Total	18,868	1527		20395	17920
Cash in Hand	-				1272
Total	18,868	1527		20395	19192

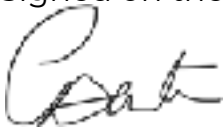
The Financial Statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church accounting regulations using the Receipts and Payments basis.

The following assets are recognised but not necessarily valued in the Statement of assets and liabilities: moveable church furnishing held by the church wardens on special trust for the P.C.C and which require a faculty for disposal.

The expenses paid to clergy may include a small material portion which relates to their function as P.C.C members. No other payments made to P.C.C members for being members of the P.C.C.

Approved by the P.C.C by correspondence on **Tuesday 12th March 2024**

Signed on their behalf by



Rev Gareth Banton



Mr James Thomas

Accounting Policies for the PCC of the Parish of St. John the Evangelist, Ravenhead

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts & Purchases basis.

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any special restrictions regarding their use and are available for application to the general purposes of the PCC. These include funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC.

The accounts include monetary transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC can be held responsible.

They do not include the accounts of other Church groups that owe an affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

Subject to the above, receipts and payments include income as received and expenditure when irrevocably paid.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

The following assets are recognized but not necessarily valued in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities:

- Movable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal.
 - Land and buildings held on behalf of the PCC.
 - Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment where the PCC is free to dispose of such assets without faculty and where the original cost exceeded £1,000.
- Investments held beneficially by the PCC.

The following assets are recognized and a monetary value given as part of the description in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities:

- Amounts owing from the Inland Revenue where a formal claim has been made.

Any other amounts owing to the PCC including church hall lettings and insurance claims.

Legacies where formal notification of entitlement and amount has been received by 31st December by the PCC.

Closing bank balances as shown in the receipts and payment account.

The following liabilities may be recognised in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities:

Outstanding fees owed to the Liverpool Diocesan Board of Finance

Any Any loans or overdrafts advanced to the PCC

Any arrears of Diocesan Parish Share

Creditors for goods or services where the supply has been received and invoiced by 31st December.

(Awaiting Independent Examiners Certificate.)

Narrative Reports

Worship Report

Please note that averages below reflect 'ordinary' Sundays. Sundays with a christening or a special festival are not included as they inflate our averages.

FIGURE 1

Total Attendance 2023 (11am Service)

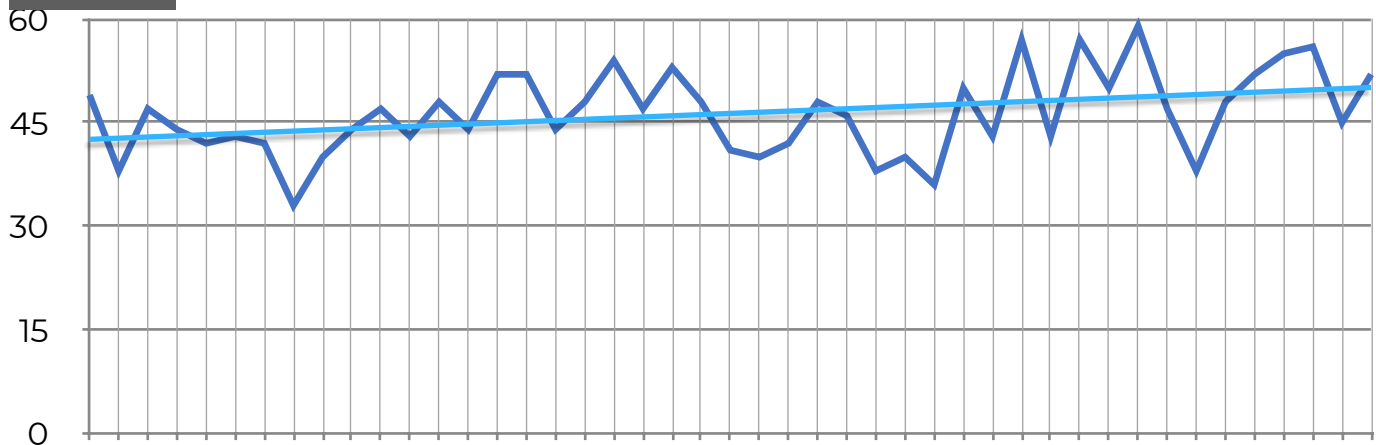


FIGURE 2

Three Yearly Comparison (11am Service)

Year	Adults	Children
2021	21	1
2022	28	7
2023	35	12

FIGURE 3

2021, 2022, 2023 Attendance (11am)

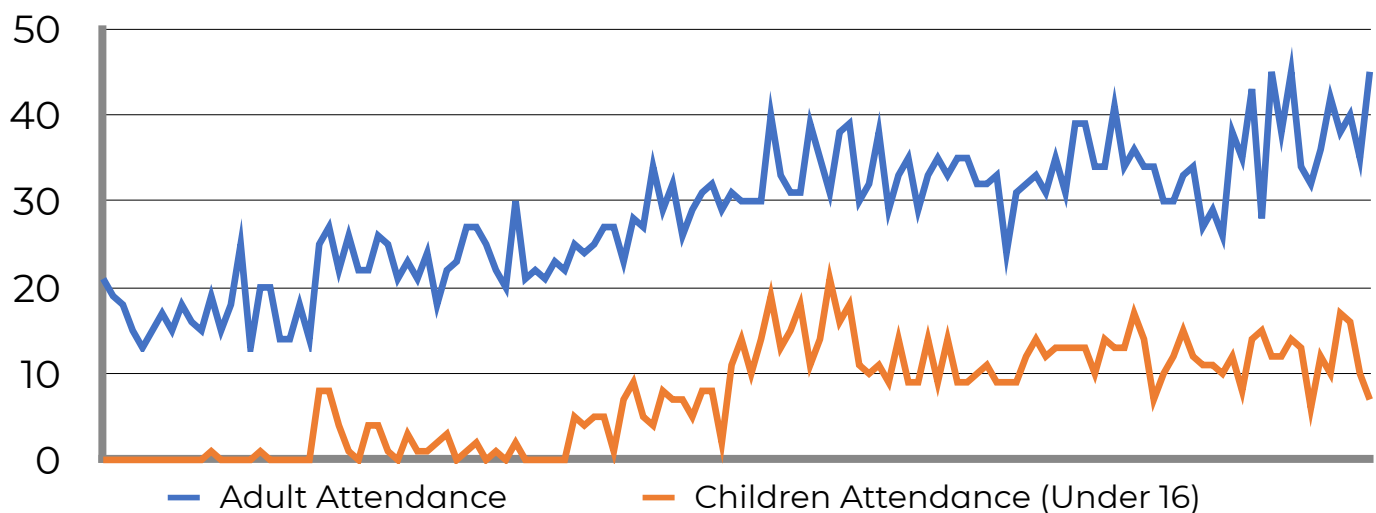
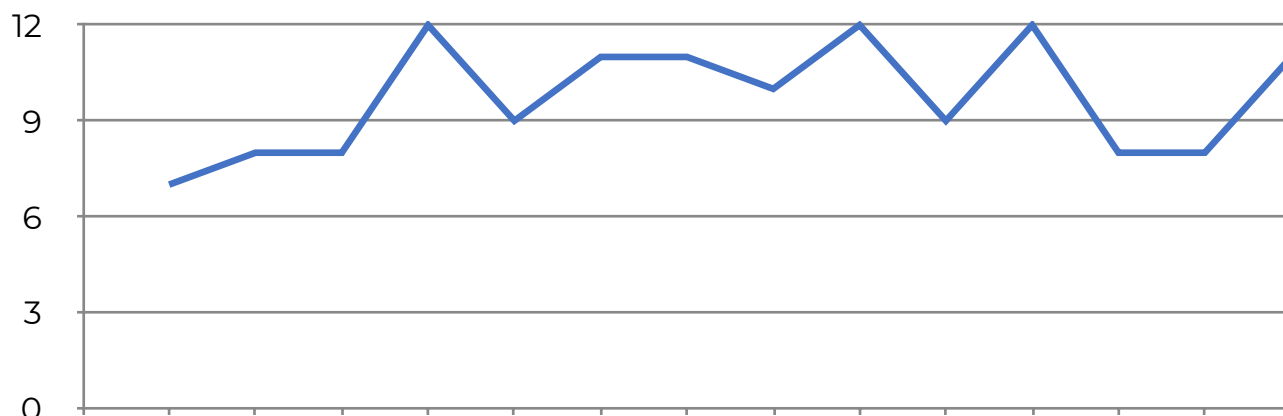


FIGURE 4**Total Attendance 2023 (8.30 BCP Service)****FIGURE 5****Life Events (Three Year Comparison)**

Year	Funerals (inc Crem Only)	Weddings	Baptisms
2021	19	1	6
2022	15	1	7
2023	10	1	8

You'll see from the data above that overall, attendance at worship is increasing, which continues the trajectory we've been on since returning from the pandemic. Growth at our 11am service has been really encouraging, as we have now returned to pre-pandemic numbers, but we've grown back younger with more children and young families. 8.30am BCP services are held on fourth Sundays and major festivals (there were 14 throughout 2023). Attendance at these is smaller but remains steady.

Sunday attendance is just one marker of a church's health, but it is an important one, as Sunday mornings are the primary way we express our togetherness, our unity, and the main way in which we worship God together. We live in a time when many churches are declining, some are stable and few are growing. The fact that we have grown consistently for a few years is to be commended and it is a testimony to our common life as a community that people visit and feel able to return.

The data for life events is, in my opinion, unremarkable. Funerals are below the number for previous years, which reflects a national trend away from church funerals and toward secular, humanist or civil celebrants. Weddings are rare at

St John's but have remained consistent at one per year, and baptisms were slightly busier in 2023 than previous years.

Vicars Report

Well, what can I say about 2023? It was a whirlwind, loads of good things happened and we faced some real challenges as well. Please see the 'Eccleston Team' report which outlines some of the larger events that transpired on a team level.

On Sundays, we continued to grow gently and steadily in 2023 (see statistics above). I'm so grateful for everybody who is involved in helping make sure Sundays are a success. Whether you lead worship, do readings or lead prayers, count the money, assist with Kid's Church, arrange flowers, welcome people or serve refreshments, I'm so grateful. All our individual acts of service contribute to making Sunday mornings enjoyable, friendly and glorifying to God. There's also a number of people doing roles quietly in the background, from gardening, to managing our finances, to safeguarding. All of these are a service not just to church but to God, and again I express my thanks for all that people offer.

When 2023 began we were in a really precarious position financially as a church, having reached the very end of our reserves and still running a sizeable deficit. Fortunately, St James with St Matthews offered to pay for three months of our monthly parish share payments (approximately £10,000). This was tremendously generous, and a testimony of how our team of churches are committed to each others' flourishing. This gave us breathing room while we made some more cuts and raised income. Sadly one of the decisions we had to make was to make our community centre caretaker redundant in June. The final six months of the year were significantly better than the first, and we finished the year with a deficit circa £2500 which is an enormous improvement from the previous year. We continue to be mindful of our finances, as some months we make a loss and some a small profit. As our finances stabilise, I feel the time is right to carefully invest once more in our building and the church grounds in places where it is looking tired or neglected.

We did a number of bigger events throughout the year, in addition to our regular activities. We held a successful Spring and Christmas fair, each raising a good sum of money but perhaps more importantly bringing people through the doors and raising our profile in the community. We hosted a Strawberry Tea in July, for our team church members which helped generate a little extra

income as well. We held a Rock and Roll night in November which was booked out and a real success. Thank you to all the volunteers who made these events possible.

Our regular ministries continued their important work week in and week out. You can read their reports below for more detail. One new team-wide ministry began in September: our new Schools Ministry Team. Made up of people from across the churches we help facilitate events and worship in school and in our church buildings for 3 of our local schools. As a church we continue to enjoy a good relationship Thatto Heath Primary School. I sit as Vice-Chair of the governing body, and regularly visit the school for assemblies and to help with the R.E Curriculum. In July 2023, the school made a commitment to ensure that every academic year group, gets it own special visit to the church every year, in addition to visiting for the school-wide Christmas and Easter services. The opportunities the school offers us to reach into our community is significant. And every visit and every assembly helps the children feel more at home in our church, and lays good foundations to build upon.

There are some key priorities for St Johns going forward. We need to continue to strive for financial health, and maintain our building so it is fit for the future. But more importantly we need to keep investing in the young people who are part of our community, ensuring that provision is given to them for each stage of life. God has brought many young families into our church family, and we want the children's relationship with Jesus to develop and grow, even as they grow and mature. Kid's Church has proven a big success with primary school-aged children but we need to begin considering provision for older children and teenagers, or we risk neglecting their spiritual needs.

Wardens Report

The fabric of the church is in reasonable condition although there has been some repairs to the church to contend with and some roof work included in that. There is still work to be done to the fabric of the church but we are currently planning some work to the outside grounds in order to level off the hill at the back of the church so it can be a more useable space.

Numbers attending church services have been growing during the past year with new people coming to worship at St. Johns, also which is great to see, we are seeing more children coming to Kid's church. The PCC made a decision to hold meetings bi-monthly and this seems to be working well. From 1st May the Fit for Mission project will legally come into being this means that St. Johns

along with St. Lukes and St. James who decided not to join will form a team which is currently known as the Eccleston Team. This means that after the 1st May we will be able to advertise for a team vicar and the team churches are currently preparing their parish profiles ready for when we do that. During last year Revd Helen Coffey moved on to a new role and this meant that Gareth was left as the only vicar in the team. This of course has increased the workload for Gareth but the laity are helping as much as possible. Looking forward we pray that we will see St. Johns grow and any partnership with the other churches locally will be a strong one and will be to the glory of God.

John Ingham

Finance Statistics

As you can see from the finance report above, and the statistics below, our financial position improved through 2023, but we still have a little way to go before we are able to break even.

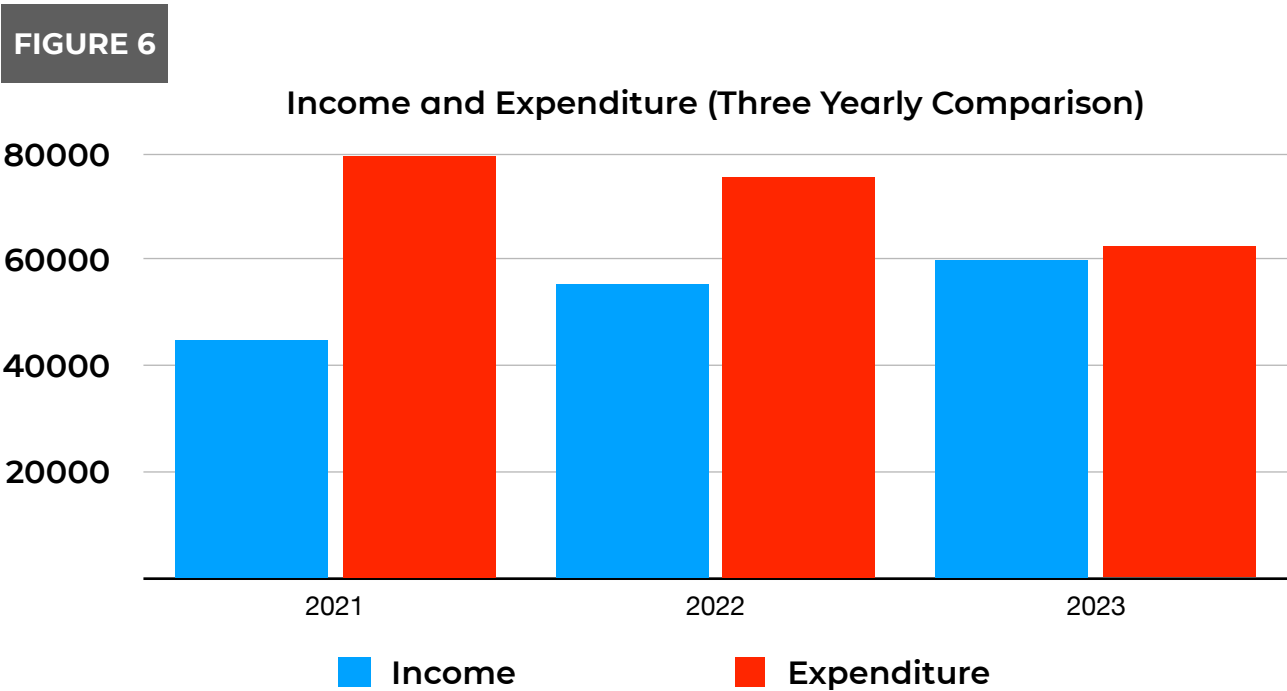


FIGURE 7

	2021	2022	2023
Income	£45040	£55399	£59876
Expenditure	£79369	£75550	£62401
Profit/Loss (£)	-£34329	-£20151	-£2525

Eccleston Team Report

As a team we've responded to these changes to the best of our ability. I'm proud of how our churches are faring at the moment, holding our own and even growing in the face of difficult circumstances.

I didn't ever envision becoming the sole vicar in a team of churches but that's how events have transpired. It's been challenging, (at times extremely so) but I've been supported by so many of our members and volunteers in a variety of different ways, for which I'm truly grateful. Our willingness to work together as a team has made ministry possible in a variety of different ways, big to small.

Some of the significant events affecting our team throughout 2023 were as follows:

- As the year began, two of our parishes (St James with St Matthews, and Christ Church) were engaging in the Fit For Mission (FFM) process, and two churches (St John's, and St Luke's) were not. For those who do not know, Fit for Mission is the name of a Diocese-wide strategy to convert deaneries into single larger parishes, to reduce governance and increase missional energy. Early in the year, on the 15th January, the PCC of St James with St Matthews had lengthy discussions and after prayerful consideration decided to withdraw from the FFM process. Their reasons were outlined in a statement which is available upon request.
- In March we said farewell to our Team curate, Rev Gregor, who moved to Blackburn Diocese to serve in the Fellfield Team of churches. A team leaving service was held for him at St Luke's.
- Shortly afterwards, Rev Helen our Team Rector announced that she would be leaving the Eccleston team, after a period of study leave to take up a post in the Winwick Deanery.
- Also, in March our Deanery Synod was presented with the formal proposal for pastoral reorganisation in our deanery. As part of this the churches in our team (as well as two other churches not engaged in FFM) were presented with three different options for how clergy would be deployed in our churches. It was decided by the synod that 2.4 clergy were to be allocated across the 5 parishes and there were three options outlined for how to share that allocation. None of which were deemed acceptable by our parishes, (or our

parishes patrons). It was decided that we would conduct a separate process by which we determine how best to deploy clergy in our churches.

- In May, Helen celebrated her final Sunday service in the Eccleston Team and began her study leave. At this point Rev Gareth as Team Vicar, became the sole clergy person for the three parishes. A leaving service was held for Helen and Tony in September when she had completed her sabbatical.
- In September a new 'Schools Team' was established. We are inspired by the words from Psalm 78: "we will not hide these things from our children, but we will tell the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and the wonders he has done." The team is comprised of volunteers from each of our churches, who help facilitate worship and educational events and services for children in our churches, and within three of our local school. It has worked really well,
- In October our PCCs met together to begin discerning a shared Team Vision, acknowledging that we needed to continue the journey of working together closely, sharing our resources and supporting one another. Our team vision is articulated (and has subsequently been shared with churches in 2024) in the form of three goals:

Our vision is to be a team that:

1. Puts Jesus at the centre of all we do.
2. Serves our community in meaningful ways.
3. Provides faith opportunities for all age groups.

At our October meeting we also highlighted some short term achievable goals to work towards together, all of which at the time of writing we have completed or made good progress with. These were:

- To produce one vision statement for the whole team.
- To employ a shared team administrator.
- To have one shared web presence.
- To cooperate together on social events.
- To gather older children from across the churches for a social event, and begin to explore what a 'team youth ministry' might look like.

Our PCC's will meet again in 2024 to continue to think about our next set of priorities and making further steps on the road to becoming the team of churches God calls us to be.

Throughout 2023, God has been faithful to us. We've seen growth in some areas of our churches life, our service to our community and a good number of people have come to faith, and began their journey of keeping Jesus at the centre.

We trust that God's faithfulness towards us will continue in 2024, holding on to these verses (Ephesians 3:20-21) as we do so:

Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.

Rev Gareth

Deanery Synod Report

Deanery synod only met on a few occasions through 2023, but the primary meeting was held in March, during which we discussed and debated a paper proposing the pastoral reorganisation of the deanery into a larger single parish (the Fit For Mission proposal), and a number of other parishes who had chosen not to be part of the Fit For Mission programme. It was decided that the parishes (ours included) that were not part of FFM, would begin their own discernment with regards to how their clergy allocation would be distributed across the churches.

Groups and Activities

Kid's Church Report

This past year we have welcomed new families and said goodbye to others who have moved away. Over the past year we have enjoyed many stories, games and creative activities together. Some memorable moments have been our Faith Questions series which helped the children (and adults) explore some of the big and small questions of our Faith; we've followed the lectionary and joined up with our adult church family for a "Back to school" series looking at the book of James and how we might treat others.

Kids church made us all proud when they pulled off another fantastic Nativity service, sharing the message of hope with many people who attended. It was

lovely to see some families who attend toddler groups and other churches come along and join in with the service! Each year that nativity is a wonderful service our Kids Church put together and I am sure it will be a joyful experience this coming year too!

We've ended the past year by looking at discipleship and what it means to follow Jesus, celebrated Easter together and we are now exploring the fruits of the spirit on the run up to our annual Pentecost Party! I know St Johns are very grateful for the children and for the wonderful adults who help teach, guide and support the children on their faith journey; including adults who muck in with crafts, tidy up and have fun with the children in the games. Thank you all!

April Banton

Toddler Group

This year we have seen Toddler In grow as a group. We've said goodbye to some of our families as children head to nursery or school, but we have also welcomed a large number of new families who have become regulars! In the past 6 months we have seen a growing number of grandparents become very engaged in the group, helping tidy up, sing the songs and do our story actions! We are also incredibly grateful for Victoria, a toddler group mum, who prepares a sensory activity for the children each week following our curriculum. What a gift! We have seen some changes within our team; Ann, Jude E and Andrea have left the group this past year. We have also welcomed Sue C to the team this year! Please do pray for our team as we manage this change in helper numbers and for God to provide more support from our church and the group; we are in need of befrienders - helpers who are willing to chat with the adults who come to group, get to know them, offer support and a listening ear. If you're interested in becoming a befriender then please speak to April Banton. The past year at Toddlers we have explored the story of Moses and the Exodus, we have also enjoyed stories about Jesus - looking at his birth, his miracles, his stories and his death and resurrection. This term the children will be exploring the early church and the fruits of the spirit. Please pray for seeds of faith in the hearts of the children and their grown ups. There will also be copious amounts of toast, biscuits and singing this coming year too!

April Banton

Schools Ministry Team

Our Schools ministry team formed in September 2023, and has members from across the team of churches. We've preparing, been coordinating, organising, leading and enjoying many events and services involving our local schools. We've done things in the schools themselves, and also in our church building.

It's incredibly rewarding, and our team has a variety of gifts and skills to draw from.

Young at Heart

The Young at Hear group meet every Monday 1pm till 3pm and is a group for the older members of the community. We enjoy a number of activities on our weekly get togethers including quizzes, play your cards right, beetle drive, bingo, live entertainment and occasional speakers, also we enjoy refreshments and lots of laughter and chatting.

Members pay a £1.00 per week membership which pays for their refreshments, prizes and special events they also allow us to make donations to the church on a monthly basis which helps with heating and other costs.

Some members have said that they look forward every week to the group meeting as sometimes it's the only time they get to come together with other people, have been able to make new friends and again have found a warm place to be in the winter months.

We have around 30 members on the books most of whom come every week, the age range is from 50 to the oldest member who is 95 and attends every week. The members come from as far away as Marshalls Cross and as close as Crossley Road.

In the past year we have enjoyed a day out in Southport and a Christmas meal at the Bull and Dog hotel where we enjoyed carol singing as well as good food. We also had a Christmas party in the centre with live music, a quiz and entertainment.

We have found it a privilege to be able to celebrate members birthdays and other times of celebration. Our future plans include an afternoon tea and another Christmas meal out. A big thank you goes to the volunteers who make this group happen and work hard to ensure that members have a good time when they are with us.

John, Val and Betty.

Tea and Toast

The toast and coffee morning is held each Thursday at 10am until 12noon and serves tea, coffee and toast to those who attend. There is no charge for this but people do make donations towards the costs. There is an average of 20 people attend each week and they are made up of members of St. Johns church, visitors from other churches in the team and unchurched members of the local community who make up about half of the attendee's. This gives us a great opportunity to reach out to the local community and to introduce them to the love of Jesus through our service.

Tuesday Bible Study

The Bible Study meets every Tuesday at 10.30am in the Memorial Hall at St. Johns. We have an average of 12 people attending and contributing to our studies and discussions. We have studied various books and topics throughout the year from both the old and new testaments. We started the year by looking at what worship means to us as Christians and found references in a number of books that helped us to understand what different forms worship can take. Some of the books we have looked at has been 1 Peter, Jeremiah, James and a number of the Psalms finishing the year off with a study of Psalm 119 which took us 3 months to complete but held a wealth of information and instruction for all of us. We have enjoyed our journey through 2023 and have been able to consider different issues that have surfaced through our studies, There is something special about meeting together as a group to study and learn more about God and His way and how best we can apply that to our everyday lives.

Thursday House Group

Thursday house group began meeting in the vicarage in April 2022, and we've looked at and explored many different topics, themes and stories in the Bible, from Hebrew words, to the theme of priesthood throughout the Bible, to short epistles in the New Testament. One thing we've been doing a lot of is working our way through the Chosen, a t.v series currently being created, which is an imaginative dramatisation of the lives of the disciples. We've just started watching, discussing and reading around season four, which is really exciting.

Gareth

Independent Examiner's unqualified report to the members of the P.C.C. of St. John the Evangelist Church, Ravenhead, in respect of the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st. December 2023 as set out on pages 7 to 9 as attached to this document.

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Independent examiner's statement.

In connection with my examination, no material matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act, or
- the accounts do not accord to the accounting records.

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts is reached.

Signed. *Alan A Clements* , Date 29th. April 2024
Name Revd. A. A. Clements

Fellow Association of Charity Independent Examiners.

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St. John the Evangelist, Ravenhead,
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**Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church
Council for the year ending 31st. December 2022.**

Incumbent:

Revd Gareth Banton

Team Clergy:

Revd Helen Coffey (Team Rector)

Revd Sonya Doragh (Team Vicar)

Revd Gregor Stewart (Team Curate) *until March 28th*

Banks:

HSBC Bank Plc 33 Ormskirk Street St Helens Merseyside WA10 2SZ
CCLA, Church of England Deposit Fund, 85 Queen Victoria Street, London

Independent Examiner:

Rev'd. A. A. Clements, MA, ACIB, FCIE
15 Carleton Road, Chorley PR6 8TQ

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St. John's Church - Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council for the Year Ended 31st December 2021

Administrative Information

St. John's Church is situated in Crossley Road, St Helens. It is part of the Diocese of Liverpool within the Church of England. The correspondence address is St John's Church, Crossley Road, St Helens, WA10 3ND.

Under the terms of section 3 of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 the Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a body corporate and currently excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

PCC members who have served from 1st January 2022 until the date this report was approved are:

Incumbent:	Revd Gareth Banton
Team Clergy:	Revd Helen Coffey (Team Rector) Revd Sonya Doragh (Team Vicar) Revd Gregor Stewart (Team Curate) <i>until March 28th</i>
Wardens	Mr John Ingham Mr Deryck Hadfield
Reps Deanery Synod:	Mr John Ingham, Mrs Val Ingham, Mrs Sheila Lancaster
Elected members:	Mrs Joy Light Mr James Mellor Mrs Ann Elliot Mrs Angela Davies Mr Peter Johnson Mrs Elisabeth Johnson Mrs Susan Stewart (Until March 2022) Mrs Sarah Garnett (From March 2022) Mr James Thomson <i>Co-opted</i> (Treasurer) Mrs Wendy Parkinson <i>Co-Opted</i> (Safeguarding Officer)

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. The Standing Committee of the PCC is the only committee required to be in existence by church law and has the power to transact the business of the PCC between meetings, subject to ratification of the PCC. The members of the Standing Committee are: Revd Gareth Banton, both Churchwardens, Mrs Joy Light and Mrs Sheila Lancaster. This Committee met as and when necessary during the year.

Induction Training

All PCC members elected for the first time and any others who have been re-elected to the PCC after an absence of sometime are supplied with copies of the minutes of the previous PCC meeting. In service training is provided where and when appropriate. A copy of the short e-book "A PCC members guide" is available for anyone who wishes to read it.

It is considered that all PCC members and any others who could be understood to be 'managers' in the activities and affairs of the Parish of St. John's Church, Ravenhead are deemed to be 'fit and proper' persons under the terms of the Finance Act 2010.

Aim and Purposes

The PCC is aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in 'The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit' and have regard to it in their administration of the Parish. The PCC believes that, by fulfilling its responsibility to work together with the incumbent and to co-operate in all matters of concern and importance for the promotion of the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, it provides a benefit to the public by:

Providing resources and facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for its members and anyone who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers;

Promoting Christian values, and service by members of the Church in the Parish to its community, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

Achievements and performance

There are 85 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, as at 31st December 2022.

Objectives and Activities of the year 2022

The PCC met on seven formal occasions during 2021. We also had a number of informal meetings with other members of the Team churches PCCs and attended a number of informational and consultation events to do with the "Fit for Mission" proposals put forward to the deanery.

It is fair to say that the two items of business that have taken priority in our discussions and agendas have been "Fit for Mission", and our finances. In July we met with the Archdeacon who conducted a Parish Review. Overall, he was pleased with the parish and how it's been run, and he gave us a financial challenge: to reduce annual expenditure by £6000 and increase income by £6000 by Summer 2022. We very nearly achieved this target early by the year end.

Financial Review

At the end of 2022 the wealth of the Parish was £4,919.88 in the current account at HSBC, consisting of £1000 in the Children's Ministry Fund and £4,819.88 in the General Fund. The deposit account with CCLA (Church of England Funds Management) was £13000

The Parish has paid the Parish Share in full for 2022, but going forward we are going to struggle manage our financial responsibilities. Our finances have improved in some ways since 2021, but our average deficit in 2022 was approximately -£1600 per month. The PCC has been considering a range of measures to tackle our deficit.

Risk Assessment

The PCC recognises that in relation to 'Risk Assessment', risk is defined as 'the threat of any action or event which will adversely affect an organisation's ability to achieve its objectives and execute its strategies'. It also accepts that the term 'risk' can include any circumstances that may, or do, have an adverse effect, and is wider than financial matters. 'Risks' relate not only to the negative consequences of a threat, but also to the impact of not taking advantage of opportunities.

The PCC recognises it requires a practical Health and Safety Policy covering activities for both the church and its surrounding grounds. This is reviewed on a regular basis. An Accident Book is maintained.

The contents and obligations of the Equality Act 2010 and the 2018 General Data Protection Regulation are known and complied with to the best of the PCC's ability. The PCC is aware of its responsibilities in respect of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 in its requirement to carry out a fire assessment to identify any possible dangers and risks, to take action to minimise the risks and to create a plan to deal with any emergencies, and also to write up and keep a record of its findings and to review its assessment annually. The PCC has appointed the Churchwardens to be the responsible persons to put these things into operation.

There is a Safeguarding Policy in place in respect of children and vulnerable adults. Checks have been and are made with the Disclosure and Barring Service in respect of persons dealing regularly with young people and vulnerable adults. The PCC's appointed officer for this is Mrs Wendy Parkinson. Whilst it is impossible to eliminate all risks and their consequences, efforts are constantly made to minimise such occurrences.

Reserves Policy

The PCC seeks to retain for current and emergency expenditure the equivalent of three month's running costs (approximately £15000) to meet the everyday costs of running the parish with remaining funds being invested in the CCLA deposit account. Our reserves currently stand far short of this amount. The PCC has been speaking to the Diocese and the Archdeacon about their precarious financial situation.

Future Plans

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we state on our Charity Commission profile, that we offer "spiritual instruction through services and bible studies for members and general public, also offer access to community ventures through St Johns Centre."

Approved by the PCC on

and signed on their behalf by

23rd May 2023

Benton REV GARETH
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J Ingham MR.
John
Ingham

Receipts in 2022

The Parish of St. John the Evangelist, Ravenhead.

Financial Statements for the year ending 31st. December 2022.

General Fund Receipts and Payments Account.

	Unrest. 2022 £	Desig. 2022 £	Rest. 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Receipts					
<i>Voluntary Income</i>					
Tax Efficient Planned Giving	10480			10480	8939
Other Planned Giving	6605			6605	nil
Collections at services	3693			3693	4571
All other giving/Vol. Receipts	5	400	1000	1405	4363
Gift Aid recovered	nil			nil	nil
GASDS recovered	nil			nil	nil
Total Voluntary Receipts	20783	400	1000	22183	17873
<i>Fund raising activities</i>	3318			3318	nil
<i>Investment income</i>	133			133	51
<i>Church activities</i>					
P.C.C. Fees	2428	720	nil	3148	
<i>Trading activities</i>	25118			25118	17851
	30997	720	nil	29266	24156
<i>Other Receipts</i>		1500		1500	2960
Total Receipts	51779	2620	1000	55399	45040

Payments Made in 2022

Payments	Unrest. 2022 £		Desig. 2022 £	Rest. 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
<i>Church activities</i>						
Mission Giving and Donations	440					260
Parish Share	39131					35853
Salaries, wages and honoraria	19866					18045
Clergy and staff expenses	249					796
Church running expenses	2422					2428
Church repairs and mainten.	1467					2054
Church building insurance	3785					3680
Church utility bills	7678					6189
Cost of trading	210					906
		75248			75248	70211
<i>Other Payments</i>						
Bank interest	160	160			160	
Other						9159
Total Payments		75408	nil	nil	75408	79370
Excess of Receipts over Payments					-20009	-34330
Accountancy Adjustment					1759	
Deficit after adjustment to 2022 accounts					-18250	
Bank Account as at 1st. January 2022					36170	70500
Bank Account as at 31st. December 2022					17920	36170

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st. December 2022.

Monetary Assets

	General Unrest. £	Desig. £	Rest. £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
HSBC	1300	2620	1000	4920	13170
CCLA	13000			13000	23000
Sub total	14300	2620	1000	17920	36170
Cash in hand				1272	1116
Total				19192	37286

Notes	Outstanding fees owed to the Liverpool Diocesan Board of Finance.	
	For the year ended 2020	607
	For the year ended 2021	2402
	For the year ended 2022	2037

The Financial Statements of the P.C.C. have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations using the R & P basis.

The following assets are recognised but not necessarily valued in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities : moveable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the P.C.C. and which require a faculty for disposal.

The expenses paid to clergy may include a small material portion which relates to their function as P.C.C. members. No other payments were made to P.C.C. members for being members of the P.C.C.

An adjustment entry of £1759 has had to be made in order that the balance carried forward for 2023 is the total funds in the P.C.C.'S ownership according to the Bank and CCLA statements for 31st. December 2022.

Approved by the P.C.C. at their meeting on 23rd May 2023

and signed on their behalf by

REV GARETH
BANTON.

James Hearn

Accounting Policies for the PCC of the Parish of St. John the Evangelist, Ravenhead

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts & Purchases basis.

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any special restrictions regarding their use and are available for application to the general purposes of the PCC. These include funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC.

The accounts include monetary transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC can be held responsible.

They do not include the accounts of other Church groups that owe an affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

Subject to the above, receipts and payments include income as received and expenditure when irrevocably paid.

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Land and buildings held on behalf of the PCC.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment where the PCC is free to dispose of such assets without faculty and where the original cost exceeded £1,000.

Investments held beneficially by the PCC.

The following assets are recognized and a monetary value given as part of the description in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities:

Amounts owing from the Inland Revenue where a formal claim has been made.

Any other amounts owing to the PCC including church hall lettings and insurance claims.

Legacies where formal notification of entitlement and amount has been received by 31st December by the PCC.

Closing bank balances as shown in the receipts and payment account.

The following liabilities are recognized in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities:

Any loans or overdrafts advanced to the PCC

Any arrears of Diocesan Parish Share

Creditors for goods or services where the supply has been received and invoiced by 31st December.

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Signed. *Allen A. Clements* Date *16h June 2023*

Name Revd. A. A. Clements

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Church Wardens Report 2021

2021 continued with the country still in the grip of covid and the church had to be closed for some time as the country face lockdown once more. We continued to keep in touch through the You Tube services from St. Johns and the other team churches and we continued to put out a weekly notice sheet by email and some delivered by hand. A WhatsApp prayer and praise group was developed for St. Johns as well as an Eccleston team WhatsApp group.

The fabric of the church is reasonable although we did have some of the ceiling come down in the centre as a result of water ingress from a damaged cowl on the roof, both have been repaired and the ceiling repainted.

Part way through the year we began to get the centre users back as covid restrictions were relaxed and we were able to attract some new groups to use the centre.

The team rector Helen Coffey and the other team clergy and curates continued to be the support arm for the church which has enabled us to develop a closer relationship with them and the rest of the team and we were able to plan for the introduction of a new team vicar.

Later in the year we were able to welcome people back into the church for in person worship which was a blessing to us all and an opportunity to share in fellowship one more.

John Ingham and Deryck Hadfield

Church Wardens St. Johns Church

Independent Examiner's unqualified report to the members of the P.C.C. of St. John the Evangelist Church, Ravenhead, in respect of the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st. December 2021 as set out on pages 1 to 6 as attached to this document.

Respective responsibilities of the P.C.C. and the examiner.

The P.C.C. members acting as the charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of the Independent Examiner's statement.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission and the guidance published in PCC Accountability (The Charities Act 2011 and the P.C.C.), 5th edition). An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required for an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement.

In connection with my examination, no material matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act, or
the accounts do not accord to the accounting records.

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts is reached.

Signed. *Rev. A. Clements*
Name Revd. A. A. Clements

Date 27th. May 2022.

Fellow Association of Charity Independent Examiners.

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Parochial Church Council of St John The Evangelist, Ravenhead

Statement of Financial Activities

for the year ended 31 December 2021

RECEIPTS 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted 2021	Restricted 2021	Total 2021	Total 2020
Incoming Resources					
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Church Activities	1b	£24,156	£2,960	£27,116	£19,222
Income from investments	1c	£51	£0	£51	£394
Activities for Generating Funds	1d	£0	£0	£0	£95
Total incoming Resources		£42,080	£2,960	£45,040	£53,022

Resources Expended

Church Activities	2a	£67,365	£11,841	£79,206	£84,828
Governance Costs	2b	£163	£0	£163	£360
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Net incoming / outgoing resources		(£25,448)	(£8,882)	(£34,329)	(£32,166)
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Fund Balances brought forward £82,498 £269,439 £351,937 £384,103

Fund Balances carried forward £58,804 £258,803 £317,608 £351,937

Notes on pages 3 to 6 form part of the financial statements

Parochial Church Council of St John The Evangelist, Ravenhead

Balance Sheet

for the year ended 31 December 2021

		2021	2021	2021	2020
	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	3	£25,333	£258,804	£284,137	£293,018
Total Fixed Assets		£25,333	£258,804	£284,137	£293,018
Current Assets					
Cash at Bank and in hand	4	£37,632	£0	£37,632	£58,919
Debtors and Prepayments	5	£0	£0	£0	£0
Total Current Assets		£37,632	£0	£37,632	£58,919
Total Assets		£62,965	£258,804	£321,769	£351,937
Current Liabilities (amounts due within 1 year)					
Creditors and accruals	6	(£4,161)	£0	(£4,161)	£0
Total		(£4,161)	£0	(£4,161)	£0
Net Current Assets / (Liabilities)		£33,471	£0	£33,471	£58,919
Total Assets less current liabilities		£58,804	£258,804	£317,608	£351,937
Creditors (amounts falling due after 1 year)	7	£0	£0	£0	£0
Net Assets		£58,804	£258,804	£317,608	£351,937
Funds					
Restricted		£0	£258,803	£258,803	£269,439
Unrestricted		£58,804	£0	£58,804	£82,498
Total		£58,804	£258,803	£317,608	£351,937

The annual report and accounts were approved at a meeting of the Parochial Church Council held on 17th May 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

John Ingham
Church Warden

Parochial Church Council of St John The Evangelist, Ravenhead

Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 December 2021

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Donations	£3,693	£0	£3,693	£640
Total Gifts	£17,203	£0	£17,203	£24,896
Special Offerings				
Water Aid / Harvest	£260	£0	£260	£579
Safe Families	£410	£0	£410	£0
Total Special Offerings	£670	£0	£670	£579
PCC Fees	£0	£0	£0	£1,161
Gift Aid Reclaimed	£0	£0	£0	£6,675
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Room Hire				
General/Unspecified	£1,900	£0	£1,900	£10,893
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Weddings	£199	£0	£199	£0
Funerals	£6,106	£0	£6,106	£0
Total PCC Fees	£6,305	£0	£6,305	£0
Book Sales	£0	£0	£0	£5
Magazine Adverts	£0	£0	£0	£319
Other Income				
JRS Grant (Furlough)	£0	£2,960	£2,960	£0
Other income	£0	£0	£0	£8,005
Total Church Activities	£24,156	£2,960	£27,116	£19,222

Parochial Church Council of St John The Evangelist, Ravenhead

Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 December 2021

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Income on deposits	£51	£0	£51	£0
Total Other Income	£51	£0	£51	£394

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Charity Boxes				
Flowers	£0	£0	£0	£95
Total Restricted Income	£0	£0	£0	£95

RESOURCES EXPENDED	Unrestricted 2021	Restricted 2021	Total 2021	Total 2020
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Water Aid / Harvest	£0	£0	£0	£579
Donations	£0	£0	£0	£378
Flower Fund	£0	£0	£0	£96
Administration Costs	£438	£0	£438	£0
General Expenses	£728	£0	£728	£524
Service Costs	£11	£0	£11	£970
Telephone	£254	£0	£254	£193
Utilities	£6,189	£0	£6,189	£8,285
Insurance	£3,680	£0	£3,680	£3,668
Building Expenses/Repairs	£2,054	£0	£2,054	£5,324
Parish Share	£35,853	£0	£35,853	£39,130
Vicarage Costs	£277	£0	£277	£534
Vicars Expenses	£0	£0	£0	£532
St Lukes Vicars Expenses	£796	£0	£796	£0
Payment to St Lukes	£2,000	£0	£2,000	£0
Wages	£11,523	£2,960	£14,483	£15,451
Payroll Costs	£256	£0	£256	£282
Contributions to Team workers	£1,287	£0	£1,287	£0
Depreciation	£0	£0	£0	£8,882
Fees Paid	£2,019	£0	£2,019	£0
Total Church Activities	£67,365	£2,960	£70,325	£84,828

2 b Governance Costs				
Subscriptions/Memberships	£163	£0	£163	£0
Accountancy	£0	£0	£0	£360
Total	£163	£0	£163	£360

Parochial Church Council of St John The Evangelist, Ravenhead

Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 December 2021

	Freehold Buildings	Fixtures and Fittings	Total
3 Tangible Assets			
<u>Cost</u>			
At 1st January 2021	£444,078	£97,228	£541,306
Additions	£0	£0	£0
At 31st December 2021	£444,078	£97,228	£541,306
<u>Depreciation</u>			
At 1st January 2021	£151,059	£97,228	£248,287
Charges for year	£8,882	£0	£8,882
At 31st December 2021	£159,941	£97,228	£257,169
<u>Net Book Value</u>			
At 31st December 2020	£293,019	£0	£293,019
At 31st December 2021	£284,137	£0	£284,137
4 Cash	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
HSBC Account	£13,124	£0	£13,124
CCLA CBF Deposit Account	£23,000	£0	£23,000
Cash in hand	£1,507	£0	£1,507
Total Cash	£37,632	£0	£37,632
5 Debtors and Prepayments	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Gift Aid Debtors	£0	£0	£0
Other Debtors	£0	£0	£0
Total	£0	£0	£0
6 Creditors (falling due within 1 year)	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
LDBF Fees 2021	(£2,403.00)		(£2,403.00)
LDBF Fees 2020	(£607)		(£607)
PAYE	(£757.97)		(£757.97)
NI	(£393.09)		(£393.09)
	(£4,161.06)	£0.00	(£4,161.06)

Parochial Church Council of St John The Evangelist, Ravenhead

Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 December 2021

7 Restricted Funds Summary	Balance b/f	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Balance c/f
	b/f				c/f
Reaching Out Project	£267,686		(£8,882)		£258,804
Flower Fund	£86			(£86)	£0
Sundry Donations	£1,613			(£1,613)	£0
Charity Boxes	£55			(£55)	£0
	<u>£269,440</u>	<u>£0</u>	<u>(£8,882)</u>	<u>(£1,754)</u>	<u>£258,804</u>

8 Unrestricted Funds Summary	General	Designated	Total
Balance as 01/01/2021	£78,894	£3,604	£82,498
Net movement in funds for the year	(£20,090)	(£3,604)	(£23,694)
Balance at 31/12/2021	<u>£58,804</u>	<u>£0</u>	<u>£58,804</u>

9 Analysis of Net Assets by fund	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Fixed Assets for church use	£25,333	£258,804	£284,137
Current Assets	£37,632	£0	£37,632
Current Liabilities	(£4,161)	£0	(£4,161)
Fund Balance	<u>£58,804</u>	<u>£258,804</u>	<u>£317,608</u>

10 Capital Commitments

At 31 December 2021 there were no commitments for capital expenditure

Independent Examiner's unqualified report to the members of the P.C.C. of St. John the Evangelist Church, Ravenhead, in respect of the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st. December 2021 as set out on pages 1 to 6 as attached to this document.

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Parochial Church Council of St John The Evangelist, Ravenhead

Statement of Financial Activities

for the year ended 31 December 2021

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Parochial Church Council of St John The Evangelist, Ravenhead

Balance Sheet

for the year ended 31 December 2021

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10 Capital Commitments

At 31 December 2021 there were no commitments for capital expenditure

Accounts

**Charity Number 1129191
Ravenhead**

St. Johns the Evangelist

**Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2020**

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Church Information

Council of Members during the year were:

Name	Position
Rev Dozie Moneme	Chairperson (to May 2020)
Rev Helen Coffey	Chairperson (from May 2020)
Mr A Abbot (Ex Officio)	Assistant Treasurer
Mrs M Abbot	
Mrs K Hunt (Ex Officio)	Deanery Synod Rep (to Oct 2020)
Mr J Ingham	Acting PCC secretary
Mr Cyril Barratt	Treasurer
Elizabeth Johnson	
Mr John Ingham	Warden
Val Ingham	
Mr John Davies	(to Oct 2020)
Janet Henderson	
Mrs Sheila Lancaster	
Mrs J Light	
Mr D Hadfield	Warden

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CCLA Investment
CBF Church of England Deposit Fund

Independent examiner

Mr David Southerden

Administrative Information

Status

The Parochial Church Council is a registered charity of excepted status.

Structure, Governance & Management

The members of the Parochial Church Council are either ex officio or elected by the

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. All church members are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Chairperson Chairperson

Rev Dozie Moneme (to May 2020)
Rev Helen Coffey (from May 2020)

Vice Chairman

Mr J Davies (Oct 2020)

Church Wardens

John Ingham
Derek Hadfield (from Oct

Reps On Deanery Synod

Elected Members of PCC

Val Ingham	3 yrs
Elizabeth Johnson	3 yrs
Mr John Davies	2 yrs
Margaret Abbot	1 yrs
Janet Henderson	1 yr

Other Officers

Treasurer/ Gift Aid Treasurer

Cyril Barratt

Assistant Treasurer

Alan Abbot

Reps on Diocesan Synod	Vacant		
Rep on General Synod	Vacant		
Sidepersons	Mike Lane	Ms J Light	M Wilson
	Mr R Lea	Mr A Abbot	
DBS Officers	Vacant		
Health & Safety Officer	John Davies		

Structure, Governance & Management

The members of the Parochial Church Council are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. People are elected for a term of office for three years, two years and one year in order to enable one third of the elected people to come off PCC each year and as a result only elect annually one third.

Standing Committees

This is the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council.

Health and Safety Officer

John Davies was elected as Health & Safety Officer.

Risk Management

The PCC actively reviews the various risks and challenges associated with the church by means of its regular meetings. Measures to mitigate those risks are implemented accordingly.

Safeguarding

The PCC has a Policy for Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults. All members of the Church and visitors must comply with the Policy. Anyone hiring the premises or any organisation using the premises must comply with the Policy or present and comply with, an equivalent policy of your own.

We will ensure that children, young people and vulnerable adults are protected at all times, by taking all reasonable steps to prevent injury, illness, loss or damage occurring. All hirers of the premises must insure the Church against such risk.

Objectives & Activities

The PCC has responsibility for the oversight and the maintenance of the Church Centre complex at St John's.

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

Worship and prayer, learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.

Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.

Missionary and outreach work.

Trustees Report

This year has been particularly difficult due to the worldwide COVID-19 virus. Church was closed in March then re-opened with limited numbers in September only to close during the November 2020 lockdown. You Tube services were available from April onwards and Team Zoom Services were also made available to the congregation.

Some morning services started up again in September with a limited number of people being allowed to attend due to the need to socially distance and not congregate in groups of more than 6 people.

Early in 2020 the Reverend Dozie Moneme advised the Church that he would be leaving St John's in May 2020 and, sadly, it was not possible for us to say our farewells in person but many members of the congregation viewed Dozie's farewell service via You Tube.

The covid lockdown also meant that we had to postpone a lot of our evangelistic work in the community but wherever possible we stayed in touch with members via our weekly Newsletter.

We are very grateful to John Ingham for all the work he has done during the last year and, on many occasions, he has had to take on sole responsibility for "managing" the Church.

The Church Centre was closed during lockdown and so there was a significant hit on our income from hiring out the Centre. Some groups did return in September following detailed Risk Assessments but the November lockdown impacted on their ability to use the Centre to full advantage.

Our gratitude also goes to our worship group and in particular Paul Henry for putting together the weekly You Tube Services. Thanks also to Rev Colin Smith and Jan Henderson who are continued to provided music for the morning service

via recordings made in their own homes. We thank God for their dedication and commitments and for their willingness to offer their own ideas and be open to musical creativity.

We are gradually embedding ourselves into the Ecclestone Team and look forward to benefitting from the sharing of resources. A new Team Vicar will be appointed in 2021 and although resident in the St John's Vicarage the appointed person will be shared across the Ecclestone Team.

Once the Covid restrictions are lifted we look forward to our Bible Study groups meeting on a regular basis and a continuation of evangelism across the local community but most of all, to being able to worship together in the church building.

As we move forward we:

GIVE THANKS

- For the relationship we have with the schools and opportunities we have to share ministry with them.
- The many volunteers at St John's Church who are making a difference in God's Kingdom
- The members of the PCC and the wider church
- For the dedication of all bible study groups and their leaders

PRAY FOR

- New worshippers to continue to join us for this important act of worship.
- A continuing culture of thankfulness and encouragement of all at St John's Church
- For more children and young people to join St. John's Church family.

Churchwardens' Report

What a year, 2020 is a year we won't forget. The year started well and we were planning for the APCM which was scheduled for March and planning the events and services for Easter. The Covid 19 virus arrived on our doorstep in March and resulted in the country being put on lockdown and the church having to close for worship, bible study, toddler group, coffee morning and all the other activities that usually occurred in the church and centre. Billy the caretaker was furloughed and the centre effectively closed down.

During the closure of the church we looked at ways of keeping in touch with each other and Paul Henry proposed that we should do a pre recorded You Tube service which could go out to everyone who could access You Tube, this has proven to be a great success and has enabled the church to keep in contact with the majority of people who usually worship at St. Johns. There is now also a live zoom team service every Sunday and also a WhatsApp praise and prayer app that people can access on their phones and again this is a great way to stay in touch with each other and to praise and worship our God with friends from the other team churches. We decided to continue to publish the notice sheet each

week as another way of staying in touch, this is sent out on email and some are hand delivered by John, Val and Alan Abbot.

We also had the announcement from Dozie that he would be leaving St. Johns and moving to the Isle of White. This of course came as a shock and St. Johns had to start looking at how to plan for the immediate future with no vicar. The APCM had to be cancelled because of the lockdown as did the PCC meetings and contact had to be maintained with PCC members through emails and phone calls.

The team rector Helen Coffey and the other team clergy and curates became the support arm for the church which has enabled us to develop a closer relationship with them and the rest of the team and we were invited to take part in the Team meetings which are held every week and gives all the churches in the team an opportunity to have an input into planning for the future.

We were able to hold services in church from 13 September but with limited numbers, a strong risk assessment, no singing and wearing face coverings, we held both 08.30 BPC services and 10.00am service of the word and was able to offer Holy Communion to both services. Our Christmas services were very different but at least we were able to have our usual midnight communion on Christmas Eve and a celebration on Christmas Day.

The Covid virus raised its head again in January and a new strain made it more contagious than before so a decision was made by the team to close the church once more to protect people and to review the situation at the end of January.

The church building is in good condition considering its age although we did have some water ingress in December which was a result of some disturbance in the roof slates on part of the roof, this has been repaired and is now dry again.

We now have a vaccine for the virus and are praying that once it has got to most people we will be able to return to some kind of normality, having said that the last year with all its restrictions has given us new ways to worship and reach out, it has brought us closer

to our team churches and when we are able to return to worship together without the restrictions we have now, we can build on the team work that has already started and through it all we have the love and protection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

John Ingham and Deryck Hadfield

PCC Secretary's Report

As a result of the Covid 19 virus there has been very little activity during the year, the virus reached us in March and as a result the country was put on lockdown including places of worship, this meant that we had to close bible studies, toddler groups coffee mornings, Evangelism outreach and Sunday services as well as PCC meetings.

We had managed a PCC meeting in January and a special meeting in February to approve the accounts ready for the APCM which was to take place in March. We had our last Sunday service in church on the 16th March and we were open for prayer on the 22nd March prior to the complete lockdown.

Dozie made the announcement that he would be leaving in a letter to the congregation as we weren't allowed to meet together and the APCM had to be postponed because of lockdown.

Dozie put out a reflection on Facebook and Instagram each Sunday and we had a pre recorded farewell service for Dozie on You Tube. This lead eventually to a pre recorded You Tube service each Sunday organised by Paul Henry. Our dear friend Marjorie Bates passed away during lockdown and it was disappointing not to be able to hold the funeral in church because of the restrictions.

We were allowed back in church on the 13th September after marking out the church to make it safe and to keep everyone two meters apart and a very comprehensive risk assessment.

We were able to hold a PCC meeting in September in person keeping socially distanced and with people wearing face coverings. The meeting was chaired by Rev Helen Coffey Team Rector at the meeting we were able to set a date for the re arranged APCM.

The APCM was held on Sunday 20th September following the 10am service and a new PCC was elected and Deryck Hadfield was elected Church Warden along with John Ingham.

A PCC meeting on zoom on the 19th October elected the officers for the new PCC. J Henderson was elected vice chair, C. Barratt treasurer, A. Abbot assistant treasurer. Secretary, J. Ingham said he would do the secretary for another year if nobody else could do it, C. Barratt suggested that his wife Jean would be happy to take the minutes of the meetings if that was agreeable to the council all agreed. The meeting was also able to set a calendar for future meetings and the APCM which would be on Sunday 28th March 2021.

At PCC meeting was held on zoom on 16th November we were able to plan for the Advent and Christmas Services which we were able to held in church.

So in summary it was a topsy turvy year but we were able to hold some meetings and get some of the work done to keep the church running, I pray that 2021 will be more normal and the work to appoint a new team vicar will go smoothly.

John Ingham, PCC Secretary

Financial Review

Total receipts for ordinary unrestricted funds were £52,808. £76,982 was spent to provide Christian ministry of St John's including £39,130 Diocesan Parish share.

The net result for the year, including Restricted Funds, was a deficit of (£32,166) compared to a deficit £16,653) in 2019.

The impact of not meeting in the Church building was very serious as a significant proportion of our income comes from weekly envelopes, open plate collections and from renting out the Centre.

Investment Policy

The Council has considered the most appropriate policy for investing surplus funds and has found that charitable bonds meet their requirements to generate income. The council considers the average return on investments at about 0.2% in the year, to be satisfactory.

Reserves Policy

The Council have reviewed the Church's need for reserves in line with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission and have issued a detail reserves policy. The Council believe that in addition to known commitments there is a need to hold at least three months running costs in free reserves given that the Church's sources of funding are not certain and to ensure that the church can run efficiently and meet the needs of its parish.

At 31 December 2020 total reserves amounted to £351,937 of which £269,439 was held as restricted fixed assets.

Statement of Council's Responsibilities

The Church Accounting Regulations 2006 require the Council to prepare accounts for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the church, and of the results of the church for that period.

In preparing these financial statements we
are required to: select suitable
accounting policies and apply them
consistently make reasonable and
prudent judgements and estimates
state whether accounting standards have been followed and give
details of any departures prepare accounts on a going concern basis
unless in our view the charity will be unable to continue in operation

We are also responsible for:

Keeping proper accounting records
Safeguarding the Charity's Assets
Taking reasonable steps for the detection and prevention of fraud.

Declaration

I declare that, in my capacity as Treasurer of the PCC that:

The members have approved the report and have authorised me to sign it on their behalf

Cyril Barratt February 2021

Independent examiner's report on the accounts of Parochial Church Council of St John The Evangelist, Ravenhead for the year ended 31 December 2020

My report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 9 to 18, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting

Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act')

Respective responsibilities of Board of Trustees and the examiner

The PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention to indicate that:

- ☐ accounting records have been kept in accordance with the Charities Act; and ☐ the accounts do not accord with such records:
- ☐ to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
- ☐ any matter which the examiner believes should be drawn to the attention of the reader to gain a proper understanding of the accounts.

David Southerden

David Southerden 30th January 2021

19 Myers Avenue, Whiston, Prescot L35 7NN

Statement of Financial Activities

		2020	2020	2020	2020
		Unrestrict	Restrict	Total	Total
		ed	ed	funds	al
		funds	fund		fun
		s			ds
		£		£	£
Incoming Resources					
Voluntary Income	2a	33,19	119	33,311	53,
		2			940
Activities for generating funds	2b	-	95	95	
					551

Income from investments	2c	39		394	
		4	-		572
Church activities	2d	<u>19,22</u>	<u> </u>	<u>19,222</u>	<u>24,</u>
		<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>		<u>260</u>
Total incoming resources		52,80	214	53,022	79.
Resources expended		8			323
Church activities	3a	76,62	8,206	84,828	93,
		2			802
Governance costs	3b	<u>36</u>	<u> </u>	<u>360</u>	<u>2,</u>
		<u>0</u>	<u>-</u>		<u>174</u>
Total resources expended		76,98	8,206	85,188	95.
		2			976
Net incoming / (outgoing) resources		(24,174)	(7,992)	(32,166)	(16,653)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Fund balances brought forward		<u>106,672</u>	<u>277,431</u>	<u>384,103</u>	<u>400,756</u>
Fund balances carried forward	(4)	<u>82,498</u>	<u>269,439</u>	<u>351,937</u>	<u>384,103</u>
for the year ended 31 December 2020					

The notes on pages 11 to 20 form part of the financial statements.

Notes

**Balance Sheet as
at 31 December
2020**

		2020 Unrestri cted	2020 Restric ted	2020 Total	2019 Total
Fixed Assets		£	£	£	£
Tangible Assets	(5)	<u>25,482</u>	<u>267,536</u>	<u>293,018</u>	<u>301,900</u>
Total fixed assets		<u>25,482</u>	<u>267,536</u>	<u>293,018</u>	<u>301,900</u>
Current Assets					
Debtors and prepayments	(6)	-	-	-	0
Cash at bank and in hand	(7)	<u>57,016</u>	<u>1,903</u>	<u>58,919</u>	<u>82,203</u>
Total Current Assets		<u>82,498</u>	<u>269,439</u>	<u>351,937</u>	<u>82,203</u>
Current Liabilities					
Amounts falling due within one year					
Creditors and accruals.	(8)	-	-	-	-
Total Current Liabilities					-
Net Assets/Liabilities		<u>57,016</u>	<u>1,903</u>	<u>58,919</u>	-
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>82,498</u>	<u>269,439</u>	<u>351,937</u>	<u>82,203</u>
Net Assets		<u>82,498</u>	<u>269,439</u>	<u>351,937</u>	<u>384,103</u>
					<u>384,103</u>
Funds					
Restricted Funds		-	269,439	269,439	277,431
Unrestricted funds		<u>82,498</u>	-	<u>82,498</u>	<u>106,672</u>
Total Funds		<u>82,498</u>	<u>269,439</u>	<u>351,937</u>	<u>384,103</u>

The annual report and accounts were approved at a meeting of the Parochial Church Council held on 18 February 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

Mr C Barratt Treasurer

The notes on pages 14 to 19 form part of the financial statements.

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020

1 Accounting Policies

a Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP 2005.

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

There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year. No changes have been made to the accounts for previous years.

b Funds

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also restricted. Restricted funds are funds that can only be used for a particular restricted purpose within the objects of the Church. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body or those that are informal gatherings of church members.

c Incoming Resources

Voluntary Income and Capital Sources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received.

Income Tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal

entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain. Sales of books and magazines from the church bookstall are accounted for gross.

Income from Investments

Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

Gains and Losses on Investments

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold.

Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at the year end.

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020**d Resources Expended****Grants**

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

Activities Directly Relating to the Work of the Church

The diocesan parish share is accounted for when paid. Any parish share unpaid at the year end is provided for in the accounts as an operational (though not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor on the Balance Sheet.

Allocation of Costs

Costs are allocated between direct charitable and other expenditure according to the nature of the cost. Where items involve more than one category, they are apportioned between the categories according to the nature of the cost.

Expenditure and Liabilities

General liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the church to expenditure.

e Fixed Assets**Consecrated Property and Movable Church Furnishings**

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by Section 96(2) of the Charities Act 1993.

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

property acquired prior to (2000) there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts.

All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings, individual items under

£1,000 or on the repair of movable church furnishings acquired before 1 January 2000 is written

Buildings, Other Fixtures, Fittings and Office Equipment

Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets over their expected useful lives on the following basis:-

Buildings: 2% straight line basis to nil

Fixtures and fittings: 7 years straight line

Motor Vehicles: 4 years straight line

2 Incoming Resources

2a Voluntary Income	£	£	£	£
Planned Giving				
Weekly offering (Gift Aid donations)	19,110	-	19,110	25,528
Income tax recoverable	6,675	-	6,675	8,748
Other planned giving - FWO Envelopes	4,269	-	4,269	8,252
Collections (open plate) at all services	54	-	548	3,072
Gift days	21	-	210	1,078
Sundry donations	64	-	640	1,651
Water Aid/Harvest	57	-	579	684
Baptism Weddings Funerals	1,161	-	1,161	4,251
Charity Boxes	119	119	119	251
	<u>0</u>			<u>676</u>
	<u>32,192</u>	<u>119</u>	<u>33,311</u>	<u>53,940</u>
2b Activities for generating funds				
	<u>-</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>551</u>
Flower Fund				

2c Income from investments

Bank Interest	<u>394</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>394</u>	<u>572</u>
	£	£	£	£
	5	-	5	
2d Church activities	319	-	319	
	10,893	-	10,893	530
Book Sales	<u>8,005</u>	-	<u>8,005</u>	
Magazine Adverts	<u>19,222</u>		<u>19,222</u>	0
Room Hire Charges				23,
Other Income				158
				<u>572</u>
				<u>24,</u>
				<u>260</u>

	2020 2019	2020	2020	
Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
3 Resources Expended	£	£	£	£
3a Church Activities				
Grants	-	-	-	
-				
Water Aid/Harvest	579	-	579	
674				
Donations	378	-	378	
500				
Barnabus	-	0	0	
100				
Alder Hey Childrens Charity	-	0	0	
150				
Thatto Heath CP School	-	0	0	
150				

Ravenhead Foyer 200	-	0	0	
Sub Total 1,774	957	0	957	
Parish Share 39,421	39,130	-	39,130	
Vicarage Costs 2,637	534	-	534	
Vicar's Expenses 1,390	532	-	532	
Heat, Light, Water Insurance	8,285 3,668	- -	8,285 3,668	9,222 3,593
Repairs 2,800	5,324	-	5,324	
Service Costs 2,545	970	-	970	
Book Purchases 1,098	0	-	0	
Flower Fund 513		96	96	
	58,443	96	58,539	
64,993				
Activity Centre				
Wages 13,173	15,451		15,451	
Payroll Costs 942	282	-	282	
Telephone, Postage 795	193	-	193	
Sundry Expenses 3,123	338	-	338	
Events Depreciation	0 772	- 8,110	0 8,882	530
8,882				
Cleaning 1,364	186	-	186	
	76,622	8,206	84,828	-
93,802				

3b Governance Costs

Administration 48	0	-	0	
Subscriptions 1,670	0	-	0	
Accountancy 450	360	-	360	
360	360	-	-	
2,174				

4 Staff Costs

Gross Salaries 13,173	15,451	-	15,451	
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5 Tangible assets

	Freehold Buildings	Fixtures & Fittings	
Total	£	£	£
<u>Cost</u>			
At 1 st January 2020	444,078	97,228	541,306
Additions	-	-	-
At 31 st December 2020	<u>444,078</u>	<u>97,228</u>	
<u>541,306</u>			
<u>Depreciation</u>			
At 1 st January 2020	142,178	97,228	239,406
Charges for year	<u>8,882</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,882</u>
At 31 st December 2020	151,060	97,228	
<u>248,288</u>			
<u>Net Book Value</u>			
At 31 st December 2020	<u>293,018</u>	<u>-</u>	
<u>293,018</u>			
At 31 st December 2019	<u>301,900</u>	<u>-</u>	
<u>301,900</u>			

6 Debtors and Prepayments

2019	2020	
	£	£
Income Tax recoverable	-	-
-		
Others	-	-

7 Cash in Hand and at Bank

Cash and Bank	<u>58,919</u>
<u>82,221</u>	

8 Creditors and accruals

	2020
	2019
£	£

Creditors
0 0
Accruals

0 0

	£	£ Incomi ng	£ Outgoing	£ Transfers	£ Balanc e C/F
Balance B/F					
Reaching Out Project					
275,646			7,960		267,686
Flower Fund					
87	95	96		-	86
Sundry Donations		-	-		
1,613					1,613
Charity Boxes					
85	<u>119</u>	<u>150</u>		-	<u>55</u>
<u>277,431</u>	<u>214</u>	<u>8,206</u>		-	<u>269,439</u>

Unrestricted funds summary

	General Fund £	Designated Fund £	Total £
Balance at 1.1.20	99,948	6,724	106,672
Net movement in funds for the year	<u>(21,054)</u>	<u>(3,120)</u>	<u>(24,174)</u>
Balance at 31.12.20	<u>78,894</u>	<u>3,604</u>	<u>82,498</u>

Analysis of Net Assets by fund	Unrestricte d Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total Funds £
Fixed Assets for Church Use	25,482	267,536	293,01

Current Assets	57,016	1,903	8 58,9 19
Current Liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	-
Fund balance	<u>82,498</u>	<u>269,439</u>	<u>-</u> <u>351,96</u> <u>7</u>

Capital Commitments

At 31 December 2020 there were no commitments for capital expenditure

Adequacy of assets to meet fund restrictions

Sufficient resources are held in an appropriate form to enable each fund to be applied in accordance with the restrictions imposed.

Change in year end The PCC have not changed the year end date nor the length of the charity's financial year.

Funds

The charity holds restricted and designated funds.

Discontinued, continuing and acquired operations

All the charity's operations are continuing operations and there were no operations discontinued or acquired during the year.

Funds in deficit

No funds (unrestricted, designated, restricted or endowment) are in deficit at the balance sheet date.

Inalienable of historic assets

The charity had no assets at the balance sheet date classed as inalienable or historic.

Intangible assets

The charity has no intangible assets.

Revaluations

None of the charity's functional fixed assets have been revalued during the year and the charity does not have a policy of revaluation of these assets.

Subsidiaries

The charity has no subsidiary companies.

Uncapitalised fixed assets

The charity has no material fixed assets which have not been capitalised and included on the balance sheet.