



# 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.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST RAVENHEAD ST. HELENS is a registered charity with the Charity Commission (Charity number: 1129191) and exists to provide spiritual instruction through services and bible studies for members and general public, and also offer access to community ventures through St Johns Centre.

### **PCC members:**

<b>Team Clergy:</b>	Rev Gareth Banton
<b>Churchwarden</b>	Mr John Ingham
	Mr Roy Benyon

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

<b>Elected members:</b>	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
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>						
<b><u>Voluntary Income</u></b>						
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
<b><u>Fundraising Activities</u></b>	920.82			920.82	444.4	3318
<b><u>Investment Income</u></b>	0			0	0	133
<b><u>Church Activities</u></b>	0			0	0	3148
<b><u>P.C.C Fees</u></b>	0			0	0	25118
<b><u>Trading Activities</u></b>	29086.4			29086.4	23578.73	29266
<b><u>Other Receipts</u></b>	0			0	0	1500
<b>Total Receipts</b>				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
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Payments</b>						
<b><u>Church Activities</u></b>						
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
<b><u>Other Payments</u></b>						
Bank Interest	0	0	0	0	0	160
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Payments</b>				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.

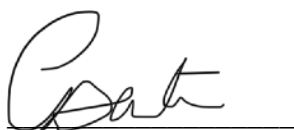
The following assets are recognised but not necessarily valued in the Statement of assets and liabilities: moveable church furnishing held by the church wardens on special trust for the P.C.C and which require a faculty for disposal.

Statement of assets and Liabilities as at 31st December							
<b>Monetary Assets</b>							
	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 31<sup>st</sup> 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:

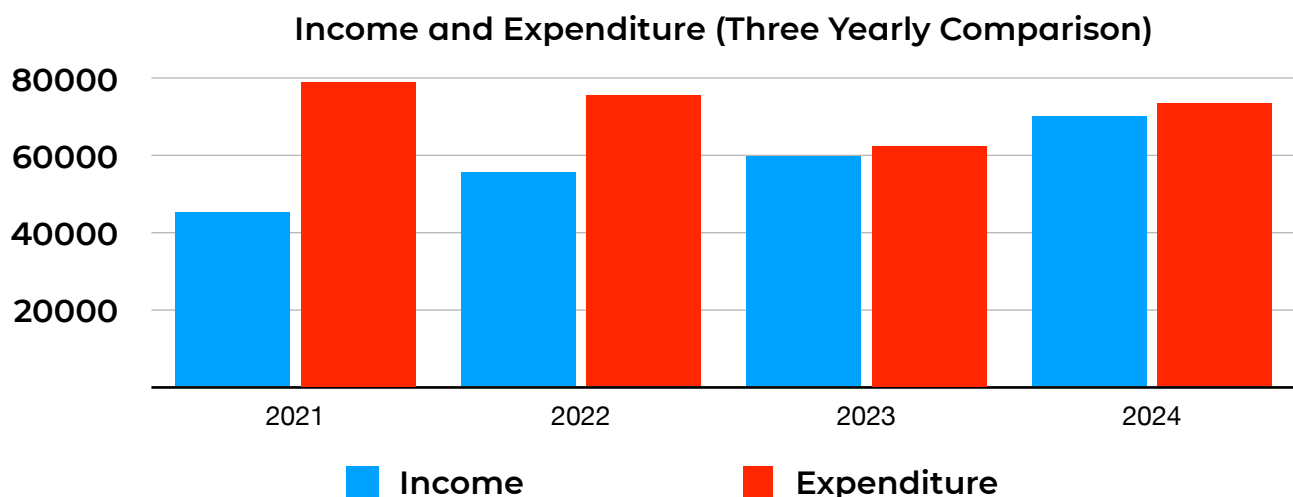
Outstanding fees owed to the Liverpool Diocesan Board of Finance

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 31<sup>st</sup> December.

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



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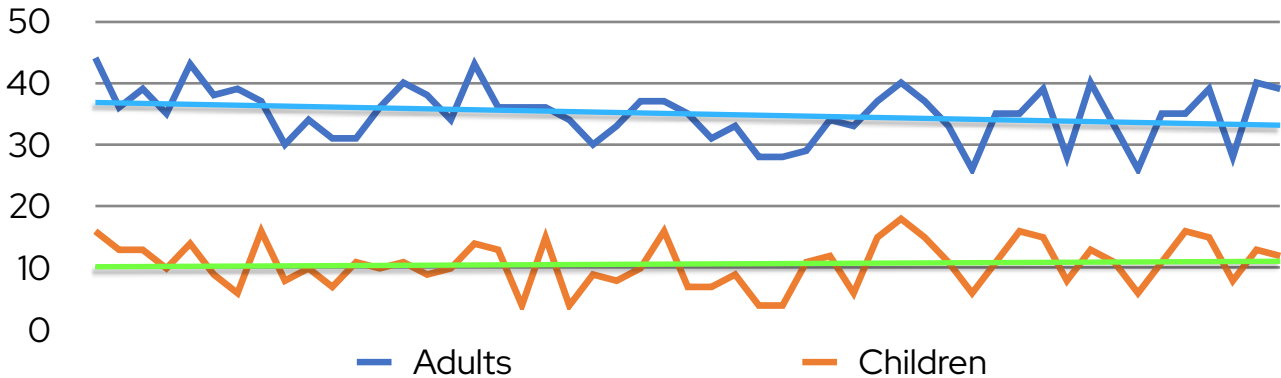
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# Narrative Reports

## 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

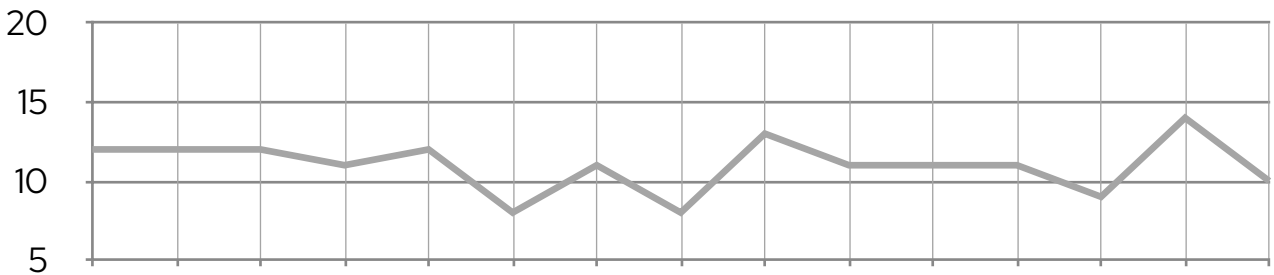


Average Attendance (Comparison)			
Year	Adults	Children	Total
2021	21	1	22
2022	28	7	35
2023	35	11	45
2024	35	11	45

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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 £
<b><u>Voluntary Income</u></b>					
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
<b><u>Fundraising Activities</u></b>	921			920.82	444.4
<b><u>Investment Income</u></b>	0			0	0
<b><u>Church Activities</u></b>	0			0	0
<b><u>P.C.C Fees</u></b>	0			0	0
<b><u>Trading Activities</u></b>	29086			29086	23579
<b><u>Other Receipts</u></b>	0			0	0
<b><u>Total Receipts</u></b>				70056	59876

Payments	Unrestricted 2024 £	Designated 2024 £	Restricted 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b><u>Church Activities</u></b>					
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
<b><u>Other Payments</u></b>					
Bank Interest	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0
<b><u>Total Payments</u></b>				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.

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.

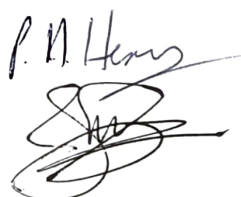
The expenses paid to clergy may include a small material portion which relates to their function as P.C.C members. No other payments made to P.C.C members for being members of the P.C.C.

Approved by the P.C.C by 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 31<sup>st</sup>. 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.), 5<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup>. November 2025.

Name      Revd. A. A. Clements

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