

Annual Report and Accounts of
The Parochial Church Council of
Holy Ascension, Upton by Chester
For the year ended 31st December 2024



Registered Charity Number: 1131069

Vicar's Report

Welcome to our Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2024.

Our Church's Mission Statement:

To be the people of God in this place, committed to Christ,
to one another and to service in the community:

Together we worship God with joy and love,
with an openness to the renewal by the Holy Spirit.

Over the past year as a Church, we have been looking to be just as our Mission Statement says and as you look through this booklet and read about the many varied activities and groups that we are running as a Church in the community, I hope that you are as encouraged by it as much as I am.

To do all this involves an awful lot of people and I am fortunate to be a Vicar of so many volunteers who are prepared to use their talents and give their time to make this happen.

This has resulted in us seeing more people attending both our regular Church services and the activities that we run and it gives me great encouragement for the year ahead.

God bless

Paul

Administrative Information

Holy Ascension is in Church Lane, Upton, Chester and is part of the diocese of Chester within the Church of England.

Correspondence address is: The Parish Office, Holy Ascension Community Hall,
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Incumbent: Revd Paul Newman

Reader Emeritus: Mrs Barbara Capstick

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Mrs Tara Newman,
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Bank: Unity Trust Bank, Four Brindleyplace, Birmingham B1 2JB.

Independent examiner: John McLintock FCA FCCA

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Holy Ascension is a charity registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales, charity registration number: 1131069.

When planning our activities for the year, the PCC gave consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance to charities concerned with the advancement of religion.

The PCC is a body corporate and operates under the Parochial Church Councils Powers Measure 1956 and the Church Representation Rules 2020.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All church members are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC currently has 13 members and normally meets on the second Monday of each alternate month in the Kempe Room.

Members of the PCC:

Elected: Graham Barley
Susan Campbell
Michael Curtis - Churchwarden
Rob Evans
Colin Foden - Churchwarden
Heather Hill - Appointed 13th May 2024
Peter Lloyd - Appointed 21st April 2024
Liz Squire
Sally Symes

Co-opted: Colin Bain.

Ex officio: Sue Burgess
Barbara Capstick
Paul Newman.

Bible Study Group

There are 19 members of this group, 17 from Holy Ascension and 2 from other churches.

We meet on the 1st and the 3rd Thursday of the month in the Kempe room at 2.40pm for coffee/tea/ biscuits and a time of fellowship.

Our study begins at 3.00pm with prayers followed by 'what's on' events.

This year we have studied:

- The Feast of Epiphany
- Genesis -early chapters
- The Lord's Prayer
- The Letter of James

In February and June we were pleased to welcome David Savage from St. Columba's R.C. Church to speak to us about The Hebrew Scripture and The Wisdom Books of the Old Testament.

We are always pleased to welcome new members to join us.

Barbara Capstick

Caring & Sharing Lunch

On the second Wednesday of each month, a light lunch is served in the Kempe room after the communion service. It is a time when we can gather together for food and fellowship. Everyone is welcome.

Jane Curtis

Caring and Sharing Christmas
Lunch in the Kempe room.



Choir

The choir with its three committed members has continued to lead our singing at our 9.00am Sunday Choral communion service.

Revd Paul Newman

Christian Aid

Christian Aid supporters have been busy raising funds by doing bucket collections, Street to Street collections and Churches Together Lent lunches. Chester is England's best fund raising traditional group and there is a notice in the Kempe Room that explains this as well as a big thank you to all.

The total amount raised was £22,839.02, sadly this was a decrease of £7,000 despite all the efforts to diversify from the normal house to house collections. The main fund raising event was the street to street collection and our church members collected £1,023, which was lower than last year. Chester as a whole raised £13,823.68 with many churches taking part.

Please look on the notice board for posters advertising events and support them whenever you can. Thank you.

Margaret Bain

Churches Together in Upton

This is a group comprising representatives from three churches in Upton.

Holy Ascension Representatives are: The Vicar, Barbara Capstick, John Butler and Margaret Whaley.

St. Columba's are Father William, Rev. Lawrence Hordley and David Savage.

Upton URC's are Margaret Hainsworth, Jane Morris and John Hainsworth.

Churches together in Upton has again been funded by a CTU surplus.

The main expenditure during the year was an organist for two Fifth Sunday Services and Remembrance Day Reflections.

The Fifth Sunday services are well attended and generally appreciated by between 25 -30 worshippers, rotated round the Churches with refreshments and fellowship afterwards. The Upton Prayer diary is published yearly.

Coffee Mornings are held on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month (Excepting August). Lent and Advent material is readily available to share at these coffee mornings; one coffee morning had a visit from 3 Guide Dogs and their handlers, together with a sales table. Carol Singing took place at a December coffee morning.

A fellowship Lunch was held for Christian Aid at Holy Ascension in May. A successful Quiz Night was held in October. A wreath was laid at the War Memorial by a member of the Churches Together Committee on Remembrance Day. A visit to Chester Cathedral took place and included a guided tour, refreshments and Choral Evensong.

Whilst not strictly a Churches Together event; “Knitting for Africa” received enthusiastic support from the three churches congregations.

John Butler

Connect Group

The ‘Connect’ group is aimed at the younger ladies who come to Holy Ascension Church, to offer them a chance to take time out from their work / family commitments and get together, get to know each other and support each other in the journey of life.

In 2024 (except in Lent) up to 16 ladies met for a range of activities that have included our January Potluck Supper, making Confetti Cones for use at a wedding, a walk to and around the Chester Zoo environmental area, a cake and catch up evening, an evening of playing ‘Herd Mentality’ and finishing the year with the activity of creating Christmas table or door decorations at the start of Advent. We always open with a prayer and then at the end of the evening we take the opportunity to finish with a time of sharing and praying for each other, a chance to offer each other our support and to thank God for blessing our time together. A branch off the ‘Connect’ group is our bible study group where 9 of us meet weekly in term time to study Gods’ word and pray. We use the Life Builder study guides by IVP to lead us in our studies. In 2024 we started the year studying the book of ‘James – Faith that works’, followed by ‘Meeting Jesus’ where over 13 sessions we explored in detail aspects of Jesus life and teachings. In November we followed a 4 week Advent study ‘Because of Bethlehem’ by Max Lucado which helped us to focus on the real meaning of Christmas. All the studies we have followed have been challenging and have helped us to focus and grow in our relationship with Christ through group discussions, personal reflection and prayer.

Tara Newman

Electoral Roll Report

At the time of the APCM in April there were 134 names on the Roll and, by the end of the year, this had increased to 145.

Every six years a completely new Roll is drawn up. This will happen again in 2025 when, inevitably, there will be a drop in numbers.

Graham Barley

Fabric Report

We continue to look after our buildings and our graveyard and endeavour to keep them in good states of repair. We did some work on our hedges to open up views of our church and our clock was repainted and gilded following two generous donations, one in memory of a past member, Jennifer Benson, and the other to celebrate the wedding of our Church Patron, His Grace Hugh Grosvenor the Duke of Westminster.

Revd Paul Newman

Fellowship Group

We had a busy programme in 2024 with 30-45 people, on average, attending the meetings.

We meet in Church on the third Monday of the month at 2.30pm, followed by tea and biscuits in the Kempe Room after the talk.

We started the year with a talk given by Tim Ditchburn 'The Story Teller' who runs a traditional oral storyteller group at the Storyhouse. February was a talk by Harvey Stephens, chief gardener at Eaton Hall and in March Linda Webb told us about James Hampson Spencer who was a Chemist in Chester from 1876 and had a passion for photography.

In April we had hymns and readings to celebrate Easter.

29 members had an outing in May to Upton Golf Club to have Afternoon Tea, a good time was had by all!

There was a fascinating talk about Medical Detection Dogs in June.

The history and work of the R.N.L.I. in September followed in October by 'The History of the Deva Hospital'. November brought Ken Pye with his talk 'The Joy of Scousers and Scouse'!!

We finished the year with our annual Carol Service of Nine Lessons and Carols.

Margaret Brizell



Fellowship Group members enjoying afternoon tea
at the golf club

Finance

The Receipts and Payments accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024 are set out at the end of the Annual Report.

Unrestricted Fund

There was a surplus of receipts over payments of £267.

Voluntary income was up £12,500 compared with the previous year. This was mainly due to an increase in collections at services of £3,711, as numbers attending church services have increased, the receipt of three legacies totalling £9,000 and an increase in tax recovered of £1,412 on the additional giving.

Total receipts were up £13,651 on the previous year. Income from social activities increased due to the regular running of the Afternoon Tea and a very successful Christmas Fayre, community hall hire income also increased.

In 2024 we paid our parish share of £75,344 in full. The 2025 parish share will be £77,605 an increase of 3%.

Expenditure is always kept under review and we managed to keep total expenditure to only £3,090 above the 2023 level.

At the yearend there was £15,270 in the general fund bank accounts.

Unrestricted Designated Funds

During the year the clock renovation was completed; the cost being shown as unrestricted designated church running expenses of £12,058. Fortunately, this cost was met by two generous donations.

The Musical Tots designated fund was set up to ensure that the fees from the weekly sessions would cover any future costs associated with running the group. The Musical Tots sessions ceased to run in March 2020 and the PCC considers it unlikely that such a tots group will be run in the foreseeable future so the fund balance has been transferred to the general fund.

The Hall fund represents money allocated by the PCC to pay for future improvement works on the community hall such as a new boiler and kitchen.

Restricted Funds

The movements on restricted funds are set out in note 2 to the accounts.

During the year the PCC decided to amalgamate the Family Workers' Fund with the Sunshine Tots' Fund to create a new Children's Fund which will be used to finance future work with children.

Reserves policy

It is the PCC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds which equates to a level they consider necessary to meet forthcoming needs.

Sue Burgess

Flower Arranging Team

This year our team of 19 ladies and 2 gentlemen continue to work with enthusiasm and expertise to arrange beautiful flower arrangements to celebrate the festivals of Easter, Ascension, Harvest, Remembrance Christmas and also for Weddings.

The rota for flowers to be placed in the Sanctuary and on the War Memorial each week (except during Lent) is solely supported by generous donations from the congregation for which we are very grateful. Further donations for flowers are given at Christmas and Easter and throughout the year in memory of family and friends.

Our church is very fortunate to have so many folk who give a great deal of their time to arrange flowers throughout the year for which we are very grateful.

We are always pleased to welcome anyone who wishes to join us.

Barbara Capstick

Foodbank

As a church, we support Cheshire's Food bank. Members of the congregation bring items of food or toiletries to church and once a month the Bains or Graham Barley take everything to the food bank in Ellesmere Port.

A slip telling us how much food was taken that month to the food bank is pinned on the notice board in the church entrance alongside a list of food urgently required. Last year we sent 452 Kgs which only supports 34 people.

At the moment the food bank is distributing more food out than they are receiving so please add an extra item on your shopping list to support this charity. A Big Thank You to everyone who has donated in the last year.

Margaret Bain

Heartbeat

As agreed by the PCC in 2023 the magazine was produced on a bi-monthly basis during 2024. However, its editor, Sharon Forsdyke, resigned her post in December 2024 after ten years valuable service which together with a dearth of contributors in recent months meant it has been difficult to produce a quality magazine, the content of which being relevant to our church life. It is for these reasons that it was unanimously resolved by the PCC to cease the publication of Heartbeat from March 2025.

Health and Safety

Thankfully, there are no major problems to report. One or two remedial items have been carried out, primarily the purchase of a boiler for the community hall kitchen replacing the use of kettles at functions. Several 'people orientated' risk assessments have taken place under the banner of Safeguarding.

Fire precaution inspections are up to date and portable electrical inspections are in train. The usual preventative checks took place at the Christingle service which ran smoothly. It is hoped that the Kempe Room will be decorated during the early part of May 2025 followed by the fitting of acoustic ceiling tiles to deaden sound. This will help users who suffer from hearing difficulties.

Again on a 'positive' note, the hedges bordering Church Lane have been lowered to enable their shearing to take place at a safer height.

Colin Foden

Music Group

The band has continued to enjoy assisting the worship at our 10.45 service during the past 12 months. We now have seven members playing a variety of instruments, which means we have an average of five players available each week, barring sickness and holidays. We are continuing to increase our repertoire, playing two or three hymns each week and music at the end of the service. Holy Communion on the second Sunday of the month gives us the opportunity to play while Communion is being taken.

We have an 'honorary member' George, who has delighted the congregation on two occasions this year singing his own compositions of beautiful Easter and Christmas songs while playing the guitar. We look forward to hearing more during this year!

Thank you to the congregation for their support and encouragement and if there are any other musicians who would like to join us, please contact Paul or myself.

Mary Foden

Safeguarding

Holy Ascension takes its duty and obligation to protect all extremely seriously.

We have adopted the National Church of England's robust procedures and guidelines. You can find out more about the national policies and procedures at www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding.

In 2024

- new PCC members were appointed and checks were carried out through the Disclosure and Barring Services for them to gain a DBS certificate and then to go on and complete the safeguarding training requirements as set out in the National and Diocesan policies.
- As a church we registered for the 'Parish Safeguarding Dashboard' which we were invited to do by the Diocese. This is a simple to use, online tool, accessed via the computer or smartphone, to help the PCC keep track of Safeguarding in our church. There are 3 levels and we completed Level 2 in January 2025. It has required us to look at all the activities we do in the church, add them to the dashboard and through questioning ensure that we are doing all we need to do to ensure as a church we are safe. It has

been a lengthy process so far and is far from complete, but we have made great progress with it.

- A Safeguarding Report has been prepared and received at each PCC meeting to ensure the PCC are up to date with actions that have been taken, need approving or need discussing and any new reports or requirements from the safeguarding dashboard.

If you have any safeguarding concerns or issues of a safeguarding matter then you can find useful contact information at www.chester.anglican.org/social-responsibility/safeguarding or you can contact Tara our Safeguarding Officer at safeguarding@holycension.org.uk.

Tara Newman

Sewing Group

Sewing group continues to meet every Thursday morning in the Kempe Room between 10.00am and 12noon. During the year we made Easter and Christmas decorations which were sold at the Christmas Fayre and Hospice coffee mornings. We also made pinafore dresses and drawstring bags which were sent to Africa with the 'Fish and Chip' Jumpers that members knitted.

Everyone is welcome to come along for coffee/tea, biscuits, chat and company irrespective of sewing or knitting ability.

Sue Burgess

Sunday Club

Our age range of the children we have presently is 5 – 10 years old and we usually have 5/7 children every week and have seen three new children regularly joining us. A rota of 4 ladies supports the leader to enable the Sunday Club and this has worked well throughout the year.

We use the ROOTS material as a basis for the Sunday Club activities. We always start with action songs, games, read a story / passage from the Bible, perhaps watch a video, a discussion time, prayer and some sort of craft activity.... the aim is to make our time together fun and stimulating as we learn about God.

Presently we are learning about 'Hearing God's call' as in the story of Samuel and also 'Responding to God's Call as in the story of Jonah.

It's a privilege to teach the children about God and Jesus and to see how the children are making links and connections to previous stories and topics covered as they encounter God throughout the Bible.

We pray that all of the children continue to grow in their relationship with Christ and that what they learn with us on a Sunday morning will be a foundation for their lives now and in the future.

Tara Newman

Table Tennis

The all male group which meets Monday and Thursday mornings at 9-30 in the back room of the Community Hall has now reached the apostolic number twelve. Games of doubles are played at a steady pace during the two hour duration. There are a couple of breaks for tea, biscuits and inevitable discussions of current affairs. Bryan Jones, one of the members, publishes a comical TT magazine each month which is turning out to be a 'must read' among the group.

Colin Foden



Table Tennis group members

The Children's Society

The annual box opening in September raised £1,518-15 for the work of the Children's Society. The Christingle Service in December raised a further £150-57. The money will go to provide help and support for vulnerable children.

Margaret Brizell

Upton Heath Church Of England Primary School

Nia Bradley and I are the representatives from Holy Ascension Church on the Local Academy Committee (LAC) – akin to Governors – for Upton Heath School. Our roles include termly meetings with the school and whilst our main focus is on the Christian Distinctiveness within the school, we also take note of aspects such as, pupil standards, behaviour, and support for pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities etc. We meet with staff and pupils to talk about work and school which helps us to make judgements which we feed back into meetings. Both Nia and I visit the school's collective acts of worship – I even helped Paul during one of his regular weekly assemblies with the children. The children take an active part in the daily acts of worship that involve singing, prayers and a story or topic with a religious focus.

Early last year the school received a good judgement from Ofsted in their inspection. Later in 2024 Upton Heath was successful in achieving the required standard in its inspection by the Church of England, with many positive statements in the report about the school's Christian Vision, the pupils' wellbeing and links with the church and community.

Rick Hawkley

World Day of Prayer

On 1st March 2024 we welcomed to St. Columba's Church over 40 members from the URC, St. Columba's and Holy Ascension Churches to the service written by Christian women from Palestine. This service was written 5 years ago, when no-one could have envisaged the situation in Palestine in 2024. With the on-going warfare, the theme of the service was very appropriate: 'I beg you, bear with one another in love'. We therefore began our service with a short time of prayer and reflection for all the people of the Holy Land.

This same service is used in 170 countries and islands world-wide. An estimated 3 million men, women and young people will take part in the service. In the UK some 6,000 services will be held on this day.

Afterwards we enjoyed a time of fellowship with refreshments.

Barbara Capstick

Approved by the PCC on 10th March 2025 and signed on their behalf by

Revd Paul Newman (PCC Chair).....

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Holy Ascension, Upton-By-Chester

Receipts and Payments Accounts for the Year Ended 31st December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Fund	Unrestricted Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
<u>Receipts</u>		£	£	£	£	£
Voluntary receipts						
Planned giving		48,044	-	-	48,044	47,918
Collections at services		10,345	-	1,191	11,536	6,896
Donations		2,036	7,156	1,290	10,482	5,903
Gift Aid recovered		12,916	-	-	12,916	11,504
Grants received		202	927	5,000	6,129	-
Legacies		9,000	-	-	9,000	3,509
		82,543	8,083	7,481	98,107	75,730
Activities for generating funds	3	5,698	-	398	6,096	2,717
Church Activities	4	30,009	-	1,003	31,012	33,906
Investment Income	5	3,417	-	-	3,417	3,107
Total Receipts		£121,667	£8,083	£8,882	£138,632	£115,460
<u>Payments</u>						
Church activities						
Parish Share		75,344	-	-	75,344	71,757
Fees remitted		2,997	-	-	2,997	5,027
Clergy and Staffing costs		5,714	-	-	5,714	4,862
Church costs	6	17,977	12,058	1,856	31,891	21,007
Vicarage costs		4,561	-	-	4,561	4,139
Hall running costs		11,418	-	-	11,418	10,975
Mission giving and donations		1,906	-	2,614	4,520	5,055
		119,917	12,058	4,470	136,445	122,822
Cost of generating Funds	7	1,483	-	393	1,876	741
Total payments		£121,400	£12,058	£4,863	£138,321	£123,563
Surplus of receipts over payments		267	(3,975)	4,019	311	(8,103)
Transfer between funds		4,050	(4,050)	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand						
1 st January 2024		10,953	14,540	15,109	40,602	48,705
31 st December 2024		£15,270	£6,515	£19,128	£40,913	£40,602

Approved by the PCC on 10th March 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Rev. Paul Newman *P. Newman*

Mr. Michael Richard Curtis. *Michael R Curtis*

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Holy Ascension, Upton-By-Chester
Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st December 2024

	Unrestricted Fund	Unrestricted Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand					
Lloyds Current Account	7,991	-	4,598	12,589	9,769
Unity Trust Bank - Current Account	5,434	-	-	5,434	6,037
Unity Trust Bank - Deposit Account	27	-	3,011	3,038	7,752
CCLA – Deposit Account	1,658	6,515	11,318	19,491	16,178
CCLA – Building in Faith	-	-	-	-	17
Cash in Hand	160	-	21	181	493
Children’s Fund Account	-	-	43	43	43
Flower Fund	-	-	137	137	313
	£15,270	£6,515	£19,128	£40,913	£40,602

Other Monetary Assets

Gift Aid Recoverable	£3,734	-	-	£ 3,734	£3,997
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An amount of £1,633 paid in VAT on the clock’s restoration is recoverable under the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme and will be claimed in 2025.

Investment Assets

3,841.83 (3,841.83)					
Shares in The CBF					
Church of England Fund	£88,834	-	-	£88,834	£86,846

Fixed assets retained for church use

The fixed assets retained for church use are Holy Ascension Community Hall, the Organ (refurbished 2013) and the AV system.

All assets belong to the unrestricted fund.

	£	£	£	£	£
Liabilities					
Fees	£34	-	-	£34	£187

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Holy Ascension, Upton-By-Chester

Notes to the Receipts and Payments Accounts for the Year Ended 31st December 2024

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

2. The movements in designated and restricted funds during the year were:

	Balance b/fwd.	Receipts	Payments	Transfer	Balance c/fwd.
Restricted	£	£	£	£	£
Family Workers	650	-	-	(650)	-
Flower Fund	313	1,003	1,179		137
Sunshine Tots	3,543	-	-	(3,543)	
Children's fund	-	-	563	4,193	3,630
Caring & Sharing	205	462	259	-	408
Other	10,398	7,417	2,862	-	14,953
	£15,109	£ 8,882	£4,863	£-	£19,128

During the year the PCC decided to amalgamate the Family Workers Fund with the Sunshine Tots Fund to form a new Children's Fund which will be used to finance future work with children.

	£	£	£	£	£
Designated					
Hall	6,515	-	-	-	6,515
Musical Tots	4,050	-	-	(4,050)	-
Clock Fund	3,975	8,083	12,058	-	-
	£14,540	£8,083	£12,058	£(4,050)	£6,515

The Musical Tots Fund was originally set up so that the group would be self- financing. The group ceased to run in March 2020 and the PCC considers it unlikely that a similar group will run in the future, therefore the fund balance has been transferred back to the general account.

	Unrestricted Fund	Unrestricted Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
3. Activities for generating funds					
Social events	4,855	-	398	5,253	2,703
Sundry receipts	843	-	-	843	14
	£5,698	£-	£398	£6,096	£2,717

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Holy Ascension, Upton-By-Chester**Notes to the Receipts and Payments Accounts for the Year Ended 31st December 2024**

	Unrestricted Fund	Unrestricted Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
4. Church activities					
Fees for weddings and funerals	8,212	-	-	8,212	12,164
Community Hall hire	21,327	-	-	21,327	20,006
Magazine	470	-	-	470	30
Flower fund	-	-	1,003	1,003	1,706
	£ 30,009	£-	£1,003	£31,012	£33,906

5. Investment income

	£	£	£	£	£
Dividends	2,411	-	-	2,411	2,374
Interest	1,006	-	-	1,006	733
	£3,417	£-	£-	£3,417	£3,107

6. Church activities

	£	£	£	£	£
Church running expenses	15,020	12,058	124	27,202	16,189
Cost of services	1,664	-	-	1,664	956
Administration	1,241	-	-	1,241	1,791
Magazine	52	-	553	605	787
Flower fund	-	-	1,179	1,179	1,284
	£17,977	£12,058	£1,856	£31,891	£21,007

7. Cost of generating funds

	£	£	£	£	£
Social events	£1,483	£-	£393	£1,876	£741

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical
Parish of Holy Ascension, Upton by Chester (registered charity number: 1131069).**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31st December 2024 which are set out on pages 1 to 4.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

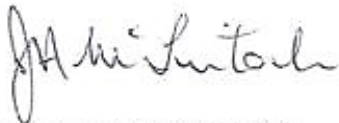
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

I have no concerns and 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 to be reached.



John McIntock FCA FCCA
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Chester

Date 10th March 2025