

The Parish Church of All Saints, Stand
Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

Administrative Information

All Saints, Stand is part of the Diocese of Manchester within the Church of England.

The correspondence address is:

Stand Rectory, 32 Church Lane, Whitefield, and Manchester M45 7NF.

Bankers Details: Barclays Leicester LE87 2BB

The Independent Examiner of the Accounts is:

Angela Fletcher

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity registered with the Charity Commission 1131227 and each member of the PCC is a Trustee.

The function of the PCC includes co-operation with the Minister in promoting in the parish the mission of the church, pastoral, social, evangelistic and ecumenical.

Chair: - Revd Elizabeth Binns

PCC Members from APCM 2024- APCM 2025

	Name	Position	When elected	Term Ends
	Revd. Elizabeth Binns	Priest in Charge		
	Chris. Dodd	Warden	2021	
	Judith Ellis	PCC Secretary	Ex Officio	
1	Chris. Haworth	Deanery Synod	2023	2026
2	David Davies	Deanery Synod	2023	2026
3	Gail Branch	Deanery Synod	2023	2026
4	Philip Wharmby	Deanery Synod	2023	2026
1	Ian Orrell		2024	2027

2	Allan Atkins		2024	2027
3	Neil Nelson	Safeguarding	2024	2027
4	Sue Orrell		2024	2027
5	Jackie Pearson		2023	2026
6	Lynda Hinton		2023	2026
7	Mandi Davies		2023	2026
8	Susan Cahal		2023	2026
9	Joyce Lomax		2023	2026
10	Glenda Hegg		2023	2026
11	Christine North		2024	2027
12	Vacant			

Number of lay representatives at APCM 2025 and beyond The APCM of 2020 agreed that PCC members be elected for 3 years, with the option of being re-elected for a further 3 years and then a year off. This should allow continuity and learning especially for new PCC members. The number of lay representatives for 2025-26 is 12
the number of Deanery Synod members for 2023-26 is 4

Church Statistics there are 121 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, of whom approximately 32% live outside the parish.

Statistics in the form submitted to Parish Returns of the Church of England.

Event	2024	2023	2022
Attendance Christmas	272	221	191
Attendance Easter	224	314	149
Average Week, October	82	97	91
Average Weekly Attendance Adults (October)	66	91	88

Average Weekly Attendance Children (October)	16	16	3
Average Usual Sunday	72	66	61
Average Usual Sunday Adults	64	59	57
Average Usual Sunday Children	8	7	4
Average Usual Wednesday	15	15	
Baptisms	12	40	26
Weddings	6	7	7
Wedding Blessing	1		3
Funerals	16	14	23
Burial of Ashes	26	21	20

Easter includes: Palm Sunday, Holy Week, Easter Day

Christmas includes: Christmas Eve, Crib service, Christmas Day

October includes: Harvest

This is the third time I have had to sit down and write “*The Vicar’s Report*” for the APCM and all of a sudden, I am very conscious that I will only be writing two more after this one, because things are changing. Yes, things are changing, and WE need to be ready to change with them. The capitals are deliberate because WE all know this, but WE [including myself] don’t really like to think about it too much. The church, whether small c or big C tends not to be keen on change and when it does come it does not manage it well.

Perhaps change is especially challenging when, as most of us are, we are fairly satisfied with how things are here at Stand. At least I hope that is true! I don’t think any of us are claiming that we are perfect or that our way is the only way, but we are, most of the time, a happy church. Neither am I saying that I am the best priest you could possibly have [feel free to disagree]! However, I do believe that I have been the right priest for this time and will, God and Bishop David willing, be so for the next two years. Together we have made Stand that happy place. And that is wonderful, it is special and [sadly] it is rarer in churches than we might think. Still, as I said, that may make the future even more challenging.

So, like it or not, at this point on our journey, we must start planning for the future, which means that we have to ask and answer some big questions:

1. What are the things we could do better at Stand now?
2. How can we make this church more relevant to the wider community?
3. How do we prepare for a future where we may not have “our own priest”?
4. What can we do to make the Mission Community a more integrated part of our church life?
5. What can WE do – that’s you, me and all of us to support our church.
6. And, most importantly, what can WE do to help someone hear the good news of Jesus Christ?

These questions are my thoughts, there will be others and probably better ones because things will keep changing as time and circumstances develop.

Now at this point, just like you, I don’t really know what the future is going to be, but we can take some educated guesses based on what we know:

- We know that clergy vacancies are taking longer to fill, and that the Diocese has made no secret of the fact that the number of stipendiary clergy must be reduced. So, even though here at Stand we have grown and met [even exceeded] diocesan targets set for increased attendance it may not be enough to secure a full-time priest.
- We know that the Church of England is going through a difficult time for which there can be few/no excuses. There may well be changes in Safeguarding and other areas which we will have to implement but we also

need to understand that most people in this country no longer look on the Church with reverence or even respect. And I really think this gives us in the *small c church* a further challenge to demonstrate that we are caring, capable and relevant.

- We know that in this diocese the development and influence of Mission Communities will continue and also, that more of what we do will not just be about US at Stand. Sometimes our priorities will be in and for the Mission Community. If we can all play our part our Mission Community has the potential to develop into a group which is supportive and meaningful for all of us but to do that WE have to support it and make it meaningful to us.
- We know that our wonderful building will continue to be a source of pride and of problems in fairly equal measure and that on top of all the repairs we really are going to have to get our heads round Eco Church.
- We know that there is a big push by the Church and the Diocese to get young people in our churches and again, we have to look at this seriously and respond. But please, please remember that whatever our age we are valued and valuable. We are, after all, All God's Children!

Well, I think I have probably depressed you enough now, so let's put the challenges and problems aside for a moment and let's be well, yes, a little self-satisfied...

Because YOU are wonderful people who bring joy and happiness to our church, and you certainly bring joy and happiness to me. You have changed my life for the better and I thank you for that. And I thank you also for the privilege of sharing your journey. So please, have faith in our Lord Jesus Christ and have faith in yourselves.

Yours in Christ

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth".

THE REVEREND ELIZABETH A. BINNS

PRIEST IN CHARGE

Parochial Council of All Saints' Church, Stand
Statement of Financial Activities
For the Year Ending 31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	2024	2023
Incoming Resources	CR					
Voluntary income	1	244553.40	59922.10		304475.50	73163.30
Income from church activities	2	36648.00			36648.00	34865.00
Activities for generating funds	3	7486.31			7486.31	18306.09
Income from investments	4	8997.71	3252.60		12250.31	9371.41
Other incoming resources	5		7105.48		7105.48	0.00
Total incoming resources		297685.42	70280.18	0.00	367965.60	135705.80
	Check	297685.42	70280.18			
Resources Expended	DR					
Fund Raising Trading Costs	6	640.65	4131.14		4771.79	10206.23
Church Activities	7	298997.25	17.00		299014.25	145172.48
Total resources expended		299637.90	4148.14	0.00	303786.04	155378.71
	check	299637.90	4148.14			
Net Incoming (Outgoing) Resources		-1952.48	66132.04	0.00	64179.56	-19672.91
Losses/Gains on Investments				185263.61	185263.61	18162.86
Gross Transfers		10327.66	-10327.66			
Net Movement in Funds		8375.18	55804.38	185263.61	249443.17	-1510.05
Balances B/Fwd Jan 1st 2024		313863.91	26998.37	259371.16	600233.44	601743.49
Balances C/Fwd December 31st 2024		322239.09	82802.75	444634.77	849676.61	600233.44
	Check	322239.09	82802.75	444634.77	849676.61	600233.44
	diff	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Parochial Council of All Saints' Church, Stand

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2024

Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	2024	2023
Fixed Assets					
Church Hall	120000.00			120000.00	120000.00
Investments			444634.77	444634.77	259371.16
	120000.00	0.00	444634.77	564634.77	379371.16
Current Assets					
Debtors	4467.25	56.25		4523.50	5307.25
Bank Accounts					
Restoration A/c		74391.18		74391.18	21575.94
COIF A/c		222.07		222.07	208.56
Gen A/c	8825.93			8825.93	5221.52
General Bonus A/c	169225.49			169225.49	165412.41
Church Hall	0.00			0.00	0.00
Designated A/c	259.65			259.65	255.80
HIBA	481.53			481.53	474.39
Holy Toast café		8133.25		8133.25	5157.62
BPA Trust 1& 2	20160.95			20160.95	18253.29
Total bank	198953.55	82746.50	0.00	281700.05	216559.53
Total Assets	203420.80	82802.75	0.00	286223.55	221866.78
Liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due in one year	1181.71	0.00	0.00	1181.71	1004.50
Net Current Assets	1181.71	0.00	0.00	285041.84	220862.28
Total Assets less current liabilities	322239.09	82802.75	444634.77	849676.61	600233.44
Creditors - amounts falling due after one year	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Net Assets	322239.09	82802.75	444634.77	849676.61	600233.44
Total Funds from SOFA	322239.09	82802.75	444634.77	849676.61	600233.44

Accounts approved by the Parochial Church Council of All Saints, Stand on [Date] and signed on its behalf by [Christine Haworth]

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities - Incoming Resources
Incoming Resources

	Nominal A/c no	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023	CHANGES BETWEEN 2023 AND 2024
Note 1 Voluntary Income						
Planned Giving	26	2875.00		2875.00	4576.10	Weekly envelope donations reduced
Gift Aided Giving	27	45821.63	900.00	46721.63	45366.20	Monthly Donations into the bank.
Tax recovered	28	13252.70	225.00	13477.70	13412.86	Tax refund on gift aided donations
Collection from plate	30	3119.41		3119.41	4636.72	Weekly services cash reduced
Donations and appeals	32	4484.66		4484.66	5171.42	Donations plus via Payaz machine baptisms in 2024 reduced-
Grants	33	0.00		0.00	0.00	
Legacies	34	175000.00	58797.10	233797.10	0.00	Heyworth Legacy
		244553.40	59922.10	304475.50	73163.30	
Note 2 Income from Church activities						
Fees Weddings/Funerals/Monuments	39	14866.00		14866.00	12604.00	Weddings, funerals and BOA plus monuments
Fees Music/Heritage	40	0.00		0.00	0.00	
Church Hall lettings	41	21277.00		21277.00	21756.00	Alyson Livesey £17627 Painting £3650
Church Hire	70	505.00		505.00	505.00	Concerts in church
		36648.00	0.00	36648.00	34865.00	
Note 3 Activities for generating funds						
Fund Raising	35	5111.10		5111.10	2929.15	Nickies Concerts £2630 - Duck Race £200 - Plants £632. Wedding packag
Holy Toast Café	35		7105.48	7105.48	13595.88	Café
Magazine Sales	36	1285.21		1285.21	1557.06	
Magazine Advertisments	37	1090.00		1090.00	224.00	2022 included £540 for 2023
		7486.31	7105.48	14591.79	18306.09	
Note 4 Income from Investments						
Dividends and interest	38	8997.71	3252.60	12250.31	9371.41	interest received on Bequest before transfer to Trust
		8997.71	3252.60	12250.31	9371.41	
Note 5 Other Incoming Resources	29	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total Incoming Resources		297685.42	70280.18	367965.60	135705.80	

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities - Resources Expended
Resources Expended

	Nominal	Unrestricted	Restricted			
	A/c No			2024	2023	Diffs between 2023 and 2024
Note 6 Fund Raising Trading Costs						
Fundraising Trading Costs	61	640.65		640.65	936.51	
Fundraising Costs Holy Toast Cal	61		4131.14	4131.14	9269.72	Reduced openings
		640.65	4131.14	4771.79	10206.23	
Appendix to Note 6						
All Fund Raising has been received net of costs and is accounted for in the Fund Raising Account.						
Note 7 Church activities						
Parish Share	44	57000.00		57000.00	55000.00	Agreed Parish share after Discussio and Agreement meeting
Clergy Expenses	45	2111.97		2111.97	1723.94	donation towards new robes
Rectory Costs	47	0.00		0.00	0.00	
Church running costs	48	24729.46		24729.46	18578.13	Insurance Church and Hall £8800 - Gas/elec/water £7860 - Carillion £210 - Lightning Conductor £222 - Service :- PAT, Bells - Handrail £1480 Organ £612 plus security
Church Maintenance	49	12700.04		12700.04	170.00	Bell Ropes £1400 Boiler £1680 Roof £1320 Decroation £6500 Toilet £360 LEDS £460
Upkeep of Services	50	2579.76		2579.76	6385.80	Service Books, all services now covered - Projector £385
Upkeep of churchyard	51	239.85		239.85	18264.09	2023 - storm damage. Tree Work and Burst Water
Church Hall running Costs	52	5994.79		5994.79	8879.07	
Organists	62	6970.00		6970.00	6905.00	
CYF Worker	72			0.00	0.00	
Weekly Envelopes	43	156.25		156.25	149.14	
Cost of Magazine	53	2530.00		2530.00	2805.00	
Administration	54	7540.13		7540.13	4918.32	Risk Assessment - Licences - Cabinet - Photocopier
Support Costs	55	30.00		30.00	196.99	
Bank Charges	56		17.00	17.00	0.00	Holy Toast a/c
Loan Interest	57			0.00	0.00	
Donations	58	25.00		25.00	75.00	Gtr M/c Preservation Soc
Restricted Costs	59			0.00	0.00	
Charitable giving - home	60	1390.00		1390.00	1430.00	CAP/ Pantry/ Poor Whitefield
Fixtures and Fittings	68			0.00	1260.00	
2026 Celebration Project	72			0.00	960.00	
Major Works	65			0.00	17472.00	No major works
Investment	3	175000		175000.00	0.00	
		298997.25	17.00	299014.25	145172.48	

Note 8 Other payments

No other payments or personal expenses were paid to any PCC member or persons closely connected to them or other related parties. This does not include reimbursement of expenditure where a PCC member was acting as an agent for operational purchases on behalf of the Church.

The cost of the independent examination in the year and in the prior year was £200.

The Church had no employees in the year or the prior year

Total Resources Expended	299637.90	4148.14	303786.04	155378.71
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Detailed Balance Sheet

Fixed Assets

Nominal a/c No

(a) Tangible

Church Hall	1	120000.00	\
		<u>120000.00</u>	

(b) Investments

Investment Trusts CBF	25	393094.42	
Investment Trusts CCLA	25	51540.35	
		<u>444634.77</u>	

Debtors (Unrestricted Funds)

3

HMRC	3212.80
Alyson Livesey	1180.00
Manchester Diocese	74.45
	<u>4467.25</u>

Debtors (Restricted Funds)

3

HMRC	56.25
	<u>56.25</u>

Total Debtors

4523.50

Liabilities

Amounts falling due in one year (2024) Unrestricted Funds

21

Water Plus	122.66
British Gas	822.47
Corona Energy	236.58
	<u>1181.71</u>

Amounts falling Due in one year (2024) Restricted Funds

21

0.00
<u>0.00</u>

Total Creditors

1181.71

Funds

The restricted funds comprises the Restoration Fund, Holy Toast Restoration Fund and the COIF Account.
The Restoration funds contains funds raised and grants received for the Restoration of the Church Building. The restricted debtor relates to the restoration fund.

Fund movements

Balance at 1st January 2024
Incoming resources
Resources expended
Balance at 31st December 2024

Restoration Fund

21575.94
60635.24
<u>-7820.00</u>
<u>74391.18</u>

COIF A/c

208.56
13.51
<u>0.00</u>
<u>222.07</u>

Holy Toast Restoration

5157.62
7123.77
<u>-4148.14</u>
<u>8133.25</u>

Analysis of Net Assets

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Trust Funds
Tangible fixed assets	120000.00		
Investment Fixed assets			444634.77
Current assets			
Debtors	4467.25	56.25	
Cash	198953.55	82746.50	

Liabilities

Amounts falling due in one year Unrestricted
Amounts falling due in one year Restricted

<u>-1181.71</u>	<u>0.00</u>	
<u>322239.09</u>	<u>82802.75</u>	<u>444634.77</u>

ALL SAINTS - STAND - Charities 2024

* Direct to Charities not through PCC account

Leprosy *	56.23
Alzheimers	410.00
Childrens Society Christingle Service	252.90
Childrens Society - Boxes	378.50

Via PCC Accounts

Needy families	600.00
Christians Against Poverty £20 per month	240.00
The Pantry - £50 per month	600.00

2537.63

Independent examiner's report to the PCC of All Saints', Stand

I report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 1 and 2, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2008 ("the Regulations") and section 43 of the Charities Act 1993 ("the Act").

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. You consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and section 43(2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the *Church Guidance*, 2006 edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishops' Council. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
 - to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulationshave not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed... *A. Fletcher*

Name... *ANGELA FLETCHER*

Address;- *25 RIPON AVENUE, WHITEFIELD, MANCHESTER, M45 8PJ*

Date : - *18/4/25*