



# **All Saints Parish Church**

## **Cheadle Hulme**



**Registered Charity 1131779**

## **Annual Report and Accounts**

### **for the year ended 31st December 2023**

Report of the Parochial Church Council of the activities, life and finances of All Saints Parish Church, Cheadle Hulme and its associated organisations.

This report was presented to and adopted by the Parochial Church Council of the ecclesiastical parish of All Saints, Cheadle Hulme

Rev Sarah Hancock, PCC Chair

28 April 2024

## Section One: Background

### Introduction

Consecrated in 1863, All Saints is the original parish church of Cheadle Hulme, a suburban area 10 miles south of Manchester and 3 miles south-west of the centre of Stockport. It is now one of 2 parishes with 3 Anglican churches in Cheadle Hulme, the others being St Andrew's and Emmanuel, now both in one parish. The church is situated on Church Road in Cheadle Hulme.

The Parish of All Saints is situated in the southern half of Cheadle Hulme, a mainly residential suburb in the Borough of Stockport, Greater Manchester, and has a population of approximately 13,500.

It is in the Province of York, Diocese of Chester, Archdeaconry of Macclesfield and Deanery of Cheadle.

The PCC has the responsibility for co-operating with the incumbent in promoting within the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church: pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. It also has the responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of the Church building, other Church property and assets, management and reporting of the Church's finances and its outward giving.

### The Annual Report and Accounts 2023

This document is the twenty fourth report from the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of All Saints, Cheadle Hulme and its associated organisations.

- **Section One: Background** introduces the report, with the Vicar's Letter and an introduction to our Mission Statement, around which the report is based.
- **Sections Two to Four: Life of the Church** sets out a review of the activities of each of the groups and organisations of the Church in three separate sections, to reflect how they contribute to the Mission of our Church and the life of the Parish.
- **Section Five: The PCC** sets out the membership, administration and activities of the PCC in 2023.
- **Section Six: Finance** sets out our approach to finance and the key accounting policies adopted by the PCC.
- **Section Seven: Financial Accounts** for the Year Ending 31 December 2023 and the Independent Examiner's Report on those accounts.

## Vicar's Report

In 2023 life at All Saints continues to grow.

In February 2023 we had a PCC away day to reflect, pray and plan. We looked at our vision of "All are welcome because God first welcomes us". That we want to be a church that welcomes all regardless of where they are on the journey of faith. We have looked at three areas for this: welcome at our front door; welcome to the building; welcome beyond the building. There is further information about these three areas of our church within this report.

Having started our Warm Spaces café on Wednesdays in 2022, it transformed into our Friendship Café in April 2023 and continued throughout the year.

In May we celebrated the King's Coronation with a tea party at the Parish Rooms. In the summer the whole church on Sundays studied together what it means to be a disciple of Jesus.

In October we handed out Hot Chocolates on Halloween to those who were trick and treating on Hill Top Avenue. We served over 150 people!

In November we launched our first Makers' Market to raise funds for the church, which was a great success and raised over £1,000 for the church.

In December we saw our congregation numbers swell as we celebrated Christmas at All Saints. It was a joy to welcome so many visitors to our church during that time. However, with the joys there was also some sadness as we said goodbye to so many of our congregation who died during 2023. We miss them and remember them with fondness.

Photo of our Christmas Celebration at the Friendship Café:





Our Refreshment Team getting ready to celebrate the King's Coronation:



Rev Sarah Hancock

## All Saints Mission Statement

*We welcome all because God first welcomes us.*

*We seek to be an inclusive church where “All are Welcome”. Where everyone is celebrated and where all are affirmed no matter where they are on their journey of faith.*

*From whether you want to come and ask questions and explore, to whether you are looking to deepen your faith and to encourage and equip others, you'll find a place with us.*

*To make sure we are welcoming in all areas of our church we have divided up this vision in to three areas: welcome at the door; welcome to our building; welcome beyond our door.*

*Welcome at our door focuses on our worship; welcome to our building focuses on the work needed for the upkeep of our building; welcome beyond our front door is our mission and outward focus to our community.*

## Section Two: Welcome at our Door

**Welcome at our door** focuses on the weekly pattern of worship at All Saints Church with the addition of special services throughout the year that punctuate big celebrations of Christmas and Easter with those quieter festivals, such as Ash Wednesday and Ascension Day. The worship is to deepen our journey of faith. Worship is the key aspect of All Saints church. Many things help us to sustain a worshipping community at church, from the people involved to the furnishings around us.

To cultivate our faith, and to learn more about it, we have a variety of different groups that help people of all ages learn more about God and the Christian faith.

### Worship Services

We have seen consistency throughout our Sunday Services with numbers at our 10am Parish Communion service.

At our Wednesday service we have seen more people come and join us with people from the Friendship Café making their way down the corridor to come and join in with the service.

On Sunday evenings we have noticed that our numbers for Evensong are fewer with some regulars now struggling to come out in the evening.

We continue to stream our 10am Parish Communion service on 3 Sunday's out of 4 each month, and this has been wonderful in reaching those who are part of our church but can no longer join us onsite, or even if they are away on holiday and want to join us they can.

We celebrated Easter a bit differently in 2023 with an interactive, self-guided reflection on Good Friday, which saw many in our congregation and community engage with the different stations and enjoy learning about Good Friday from a different perspective.

Our special services at Christmas were again successful with our Crib service numbers increasing again (one family even made sure their restaurant booking on Christmas Eve didn't clash because they love it so much). Our Christmas Eve Midnight Communion was a wonderful mixture of our regulars and visitors coming together to worship that first communion of Christmas. We even welcomed a dog on Christmas Day at our Parish Communion.

In 2023 our numbers for Messy Church have increased and it has been wonderful to see our Mainly Music attendees come and join us.

Rev Sarah Hancock, PCC Chair



A selfie with our Crib Service congregation:



## Choir Report

To start at the end of the year, we were all very gratified by the many comments of appreciation we received from the congregation for both the Advent Preparation Service and the Carol Service. This was achieved by the hard work of all the choir members, and I am always inspired by their dedication and faithful service. All Saints can be justly proud of their choir.

2023 was not an easy year for the choir. For a number of weeks in March and April I was absent from the choir, and I was very grateful to both Eric Ward who undertook to take choir practices and played for Evensong, and to Steve Hall who played for all the morning Services during that time. Sadly, during those weeks Michael Hawkins died. He had been a long-standing and faithful member of the choir and is much missed.

The worship at All Saints continues to be enhanced by the commitment of the members of its Choir. Indeed, All Saints is most fortunate in having thirteen choristers 'on roll' not only enhancing the Sung Eucharist every Sunday morning, but also providing Sung or Choral Evensong on the second Sunday in the month, when many churches do not have any Service in the evening. Those of the congregation who attend the evening Service often comment on how much they enjoy it. If you have never been to a Sung Evensong, why not come along and try it out, you may be surprised how much it offers as a quiet but joyful service of worship in the midst of a busy world.

Several members of our choir had never sung in a choir before they came to sing with us. If you enjoy singing and are willing to learn why not speak to one of the choir members or to me. We work hard, have fun and enjoy the great pleasure of making music together. Choir practice is at 3pm on a Wednesday afternoon.

Trevlyn Thomas, Organist and Choir Trainer

## Church Flower Group

The Flower Group has enjoyed a normal working year. Our weekly rotas have been covered by two or sometimes three members of the Group each month. The altar flowers are paid for each week by members of the congregation. We don't ask for a specific amount of money, that is up to the contributor, and we spend what we are given and use the type and colour of flower chosen by the contributor.

Throughout the year we also arrange flowers in four situations: porch, south-east corner and cloister. These are paid for by the Flower Fund. For major festivals other areas are also decorated. Again, the money for these flowers comes from the Flower Fund.

Along with donations, our major source of income is our Christmas Coffee Morning. The main attraction at this event is the Festive Flower Arrangement Stall. There is also a raffle and stalls for gifts, jigsaws, books and cakes. 2023 was again a success which we hope to repeat this year.

Membership is always a problem. Our last appeal for new members drew only one response for which we are truly grateful. We love what we do and hope that over the coming year more will be inspired to join us.

Frances Pickett, Flower Group Coordinator

## Cheadle Deanery Synod

The purpose of the Synod is to provide a link between local churches and the Diocese, so that every church member has the opportunity to make their views on matters of importance to the Church of England more widely known.

Rev Paul Cumming was commissioned as Rural Dean of Cheadle on 20 April by the Bishop of Stockport and Rev Sarah Hancock was appointed to the role of Assistant Rural Dean.

Cheadle Deanery Synod met three times in 2023.

The first meeting of the year, in March, was held at St Cuthbert's, Cheadle. There was a discussion on how we can improve communication and collaboration between parishes.

In June, there was a social meeting at St Michael's, Bramhall. This was an opportunity for the members of Synod to chat informally while enjoying a barbecue.

The final meeting of the year, in October, was held at Emmanuel, Cheadle Hulme. Each parish presented encouraging and exciting things that were happening in their churches. The problem of housing for retired clergy was also discussed.

Meetings began with Worship and included financial and Diocesan Synod reports and any notices from the Rural Dean and the parishes.

[Julia Ball, PCC Deanery Synod Representative](#)

## James Group

The James Group chose its name, inspired by the Epistle of St James where the writer urges us to pray for the sick and assures us that "the prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective".

The James Group meets on the first Monday of the month at 2pm in the church meeting room. The group updates on those for whom we have been asked to pray and a short service is held, including the saying out loud of names to acknowledge people we have been asked to pray for. Prayer is offered on behalf of those in need of prayer for sickness, any other adversity or cause for concern.

The members of the James Group pray daily for those whom they have committed to pray for; the James Group list is mentioned in intercessions at our services.

Many requests were made to the James Group, from our church family and from members of our local community, during the past year.

We thank our loving God for the commitment and devotion of the James Group members. We gratefully acknowledge with thanks the prayers of those who remain part of our prayer group but are now unable to attend meetings. These members are remembered with love.

The James Group is keen to welcome new members; all are welcome to join us.

We thank our loving Father for the many answered prayers and pray for the continued power of our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord.



## The James Prayer

Almighty and ever-loving God, we ask you to bless the James Group as they seek to promote the Ministry of Healing within our church of All Saints.

May your power be at work among us all, building us in a healing community which will bring glory to your name. **Amen.**

Linda Ackerley, Pastoral Worker

## Messy Church

Messy Church takes place at 4pm on the fourth Saturday in the month. We met 11 times during the year and were very pleased to welcome an increasing number of children and adults.

We started the year with sessions exploring the lives of some of the big Old Testament characters including Moses, Noah and Joseph. After our Easter session we had a colourful session thinking about how Jesus was a great leader and linked this to the Coronation of King Charles and what qualities we need to be a good leader today. We had a celebration in July before the summer holidays and had great fun making (and then destroying) a pinnata!



September had us thinking about how we could care for creation. Amongst other things we made seed bombs and planted them at the front of the church – look out for some colourful wildflowers in the summer!

October was a month for being thankful for the resources God has provided for us and thinking about how we can share what we have with those who haven't got as much.



The year ended with our Christmas celebration (above) we made Christingles and learnt about what each part of the Christingle represented. The smell of oranges in the church was lovely!

Clare Russell, Pastoral Worker

## **Afternoon Bible Discussion Group**

Yet again this group has been made most welcome in the home of Constance and David Jones, for whose warm and generous hospitality we continue to be most grateful.

Between January and March, we continued our 2022-23 theme of 'callings'. In these meetings we looked at how David, Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel were each called to service, which led to a number of interesting discussions.

For our 2023-24 Season we have returned to the New Testament and a 'real meaty diet' in the form of Paul's letter to the Romans. October to December 2023 saw us considering some of the theological issues raised by Paul along with some of his more controversial ideas. Needless to say, we found plenty of food for discussion.

In the first part of 2024 we hope to turn to more practical concerns as we consider what Paul has to teach us regarding living as a Christian people. All our discussions are conducted with good humour and respect for one another's contributions.

Pat Yates & Michael Aiers

## Discovery Group

The Discovery Group started after the Lent Course in 2021. It is a group that meets each Tuesday evening to chat about the Christian faith and what it means to follow Jesus. We cover a variety of topics, and it is for anyone at any point on their Christian journey. We invite others to join us during the weeks of Advent and Lent, even if they've not been before. We always welcome newcomers.

Rev Sarah Hancock

### Section Three: Welcome to our Building

**Welcome to our building** has become a focus this past year as substantial building work needs to take place to the external and internal walls of our main worship area.

Our building is used most days for worship, children's groups and the Friendship Café, as well as a dedicated group of volunteers who make sure the building is clean and is appropriately dressed for worship.

As the PCC, we have included this section to remind us that we are custodians of the building which has been part of the village of Cheadle Hulme for a long time, and we want to be able to pass it on to future generations in good working order.

### Section Four: Welcome beyond our Front Door

**Welcome beyond our front door** is all the things that we are doing to connect with our community with the good news of Jesus through our words and actions. Through our connections we hope to transform the community around us. We develop these connections through the groups that are held in our buildings and raising money for local and national charities. Through our online presence we hope to cultivate more connections with our local community.

## Friendship Café

Warm Spaces was launched in November 2022 and proved extremely successful offering warmth, refreshment and friendship to both church members and to those in our community who, having seen the sign outside, came in and enjoyed the welcome and fellowship.

The number attending Warm Spaces steadily increased during the winter months of 2023. As we approached the warmer weather in April 2023, it was decided that our weekly café with soup, sandwiches, biscuits and treats was not only needed but had become an essential and integral part of church life and the life of the wider Cheadle Hulme community. Our All Saints' Friendship Café was launched in April 2023.

Steadily the numbers attending continued to grow with regular faces bringing along friends and relations, and a very welcome assortment of four legged doggie friends also visited and were made welcome.

Our Friendship Café was established!



The Friendship Café is staffed by willing, generous volunteers without whom it would not be possible to open and run it every week. The volunteers give their time, their energy, bake cakes and scones, listen and chat to people and give continually.

With the popularity and need for the café prevalent, a local community project grant through the local council has been applied for and granted.

We give grateful thanks to those who come and those who help. As a Friendship Café Team, we look forward to the bright and beautiful future of our Friendship Café to enable more friendship and love to be shared and more memories to be made.

Linda Ackerley, Pastoral Worker

## Senior Fellowship

During the past year sadly, members of our senior fellowship have passed away. We acknowledge their treasured friendship and are grateful for the happy times we were able to spend together.

Offers of help have continued throughout the year, phone calls to check on well-being and to enquire if shopping or other help is required.

Home visits have taken place and been enjoyed. Visits and phone calls to those who have been sadly bereaved have taken place.

Linda Ackerley, Pastoral Worker

## Home Communions

Home Communion visits for those unable to attend our church services continue. It is a privilege and honour to visit members of our congregation in friendship and fellowship in their own homes.

A local care home in the community is visited every four weeks, offering the opportunity for residents to be involved in a Home Communion Service. The number of residents attending these services is steadily increasing. Special themed services are held at significant dates in the church calendar, for example Christmas, Easter and Remembrance Sunday.

The services follow the Home Communion service format, and a well-known hymn or carol encourages the residents to join together and sing. Many memories are shared after the services over coffee, and we give grateful thanks for the opportunity and privilege of being invited into the care home.

Linda Ackerley, Pastoral Worker

## Parish Rooms

In 2023 we have seen an increase in the use of our Parish Rooms by our community which has been wonderful to see. The Parish Rooms require a lot of repairing and the small committee responsible for overseeing this began tackling the long list of repairs.

Our small business at the front of the Parish Rooms has moved to new premises. The room has been refurbished and it is now ready to be let again.

The Church used the Parish Rooms again in 2023 for the Harvest Lunch, which is a popular event for our parish, and for our Maker's Market and King's Coronation.

We have increased our rental prices for the Parish Rooms as the cost of running the building has increased, especially our gas and electricity. We have a healthy buffer in our finances for this increase at the moment, but we are looking at ways to reduce our usage.

Rev Sarah Hancock, Parish Rooms Committee Chair

## Craft Group

Following lockdown, some members of the of the Craft Group were eager to recommence meetings and I eventually agreed on the condition that we met once a month, members brought along their own projects and with the assurance that there would be assistance and materials provided.

The Craft Group now meets on the second Thursday of each month from 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm. We still charge only £1 per session and provide beverages and biscuits, however only a few members have returned to the meetings.

Some are no longer with us, and some are not as able as they were, but I think one member summed up the reason for the diminished numbers when she said, "We like being told what to do". So, it seems that I shall have to put my thinking cap on and come up with ideas!!

Frances Pickett

## Charities Committee

Following our first post-Covid event in 2022, we were able to stage two events in 2023.

The first, a Beetle Drive held in Church on 20 July, was a great success and enjoyed by all participants, not only for the excitement of fast and furious dice shaking but for the social interactions during the refreshment interval. The consensus is that the Beetle Drive should be an annual event.

The second event was our usual Harvest Lunch in the Parish Rooms on Sunday 15 October. Despite some last-minute catering problems, it was highly successful and made a profit of £376.

Regrettably, it has become evident that we will probably be unable to put on an annual Christmas Fair in future. This will inevitably substantially decrease the amounts we can donate to our nominated charities. The Harvest Lunch profit together with the £252 profit from the Beetle Drive and income from 2022 meant that we donated £425 to each of the three charities: Centrepont, Stockport and District Mind, and Christians Against Poverty. These are small sums compared to our donations in previous years but were received with much gratitude.

We aim to put on four fundraising events in 2024 and propose to support one national and two local charities. Again, we would encourage new recruits to our group, enthusiasm and new ideas being especially welcome, and we would like to express thanks for the help we receive in clearing and tidying up after our events.

David Pickett, Charities Committee

## Churches Together in Cheadle Hulme Christian Aid Sub-Committee

In March, the Lent Lunch at All Saints raised £164 for Christian Aid.

At the beginning of May, All Saints held an “Indoor Street Party” for the Coronation at which £185 was donated for Christian Aid.

During Christian Aid Week in May, volunteers from All Saints delivered envelopes to 1,954 houses in Cheadle Hulme. As in previous years, we did not go back to collect the envelopes. Some people brought their envelopes to church, giving a total of £477. Some envelopes were taken to other churches and there were also on-line donations to our Just Giving web page. The total for all the churches in CTCH was over £1,959. Our distribution of the envelopes may also have resulted in further on-line giving done directly to the main Christian Aid site.

In the summer, All Saints' June Jaunt raised a wonderful £645.

In November we held our Sponsored Swim, All Saints raised £670 and the total for Christian Aid from CTCH was over £1,700.

The total raised directly by All Saints in 2023 was £2,141. These fundraising events and the money raised did not form part of the PCC's accounts.

Julia Ball

## Chelwood Foodbank Plus

All Saints' congregation has continued to support the Foodbank at Chelwood over this past year with gifts of food and toiletries, or financially, both as a congregation and personally.

We have had one major collection for the Foodbank at Harvest time and two other smaller collections.

As always, our donations are very much appreciated for those in need in Stockport.

Constance Jones

## Mainly Music Pre-school Children's Group

Mainly Music is a pre-school group held in the church. We have held weekly Mainly Music sessions on a Monday morning throughout term-time in 2023. The sessions are full of songs and rhymes, actions and movement designed to engage the children with their carers.

We have had many new families join us this year including mums, dads and grandparents. It has been a wonderful opportunity to connect with people and welcome them into All Saints Church. The music session lasts for approximately 30 minutes and is followed by 45 minutes of eat/play/chat. Snacks are served followed by a play time in the meeting room with toys and puzzles.

We are very grateful to our team of volunteers who help run the session – setting up the space, providing refreshments and clearing away afterwards.

Clare Russell, Pastoral Worker



## **7<sup>TH</sup> Cheadle Hulme (All Saints) Scout Group**

We're always busy at our Scout Group with a regular three-year programme of favourites to keep the kids involved and a chance to try new things.

For the first time since 2019 we have returned to the annual Panto at Stockport Plaza, with lots attending including parents and siblings.

This year we have also done several camps which gave the children a chance to try archery, kayaking, air rifle shooting and many more exciting things.

On camp they all learn how to get on with each other and how to support everyone on camp with a set rota of preparing for meals, cooking, washing up. Prizes for Best Tidiest Tent, Best Cub on Camp, etc.

We're already preparing for our next big camp which will be at Linnet Clough. Before then we will have a one-night camp somewhere, to get the new ones used to being away from their parents.

A lot of the events and planning are now done by the children as they are given a say to vote for what they want to do, which nearly always includes grass sledging.

This year we will be getting more cubs through their Chief Scout Silver Awards, and the Beaver Section will also be gaining lots of badges and Bronze Awards this coming year.

The Beaver Section is always fun to attend with brilliant leaders who create a huge number of wonderful things for the younger ones to enjoy.

I would now like to thank all those involved at 7<sup>th</sup> for making this all possible as they all spend loads of their free time planning and arranging all the wonderful things the children get to experience.

Andy Thompson, GSL

## **Digital Communications**

All Saints' digital channels continue to be vital ways to show 'All are Welcome' at our church.

### **Livestreaming Services**

We continue to livestream the majority of Sunday 10am services, but also special services and funerals (where requested). The live 'audience' on YouTube can be up to ten computers (which may be viewed by more than one person at a time). The number of views increases to an average of around 35 by the end of the week.

Livestreaming makes our services accessible to those who cannot join onsite. Viewers have shared how much it means to them to be able to join worship in their 'home' church. It also allows those who are looking for a local church to get a sense of our worship.

A new WiFi-connected streaming camera was purchased in November. When installed this will allow the removal of the cables – currently taped to the floor – and enable the 'operator' to work from the sound desk. We now hope to expand the technical team over the next year.

## **YouTube Channel**

The [All Saints YouTube channel](#) is the 'home' for our videos. It is the place to find livestreams and recordings of past services. It also hosts reflections.

Subscriber numbers, although still small, have grown by 10% to 58 in December 2023. These are people who have asked to be notified about our videos and broadcasts.

## **Email Newsletters**

Weekly emails are sent to a list of subscribers. These contain a message from the Vicar, news of church events and activities and a link to our livestreamed service.

We have continued to grow our email subscriber list over the last twelve months.

## **Website: [allsaintscheadlehulme.org.uk](http://allsaintscheadlehulme.org.uk)**

The look and feel of All Saints' website was refreshed in November after a platform upgrade by our hosting service (Church Edit). This is the first stage in a re-design which will give our web presence a more contemporary feel and make it easier for users to find what they want.

## **Facebook: [facebook.com/AllSaintsCH](https://facebook.com/AllSaintsCH)**

2023 was a strong year for increasing the number of people following our Facebook posts. It grew by more than 40%. Followers are people who have asked to see our posts and videos. Many people who are not members of our 'established' weekly congregations engage with us online. We try to post several times a week – a combination of photos, video and links to our weekly streamed services.

We had particular success (high reach) with content about our community events such as the Makers Market, Halloween Hot Chocolate, Tea at the Vicarage, as well as our Christmas services. Please continue to SHARE (and like) All Saints' posts when you can!

[Sarah Ball](#)

## **Men's Society**

We had an interesting year, starting with our February meeting when Mr Hooley gave a talk on Scottish Railways.

In March, Ian Harrison spoke about his Wood Turning and brought some lovely examples. In April, Andrew Mather educated us on Aspects of Gardening. In May, we had our AGM & get-together.

As we always break for the summer, our next meeting was in September when David Pickett spoke on his trip to China. In October, we had a tour of the Anson Engine Museum.

In November, Ken Clarke gave the first part of a talk on his life. We are looking forward to part two in 2024.

In December, we had a talk on Famous Buildings in Manchester by Mr Ray Hoety.

[Brad Torbitt](#)

## Friday Club

Friday Club continues to flourish, and we are still attracting new members which is very gratifying. We are a ladies' group which meets fortnightly at 2 'o clock on a Friday, as our name suggests.

The club has existed for over sixty years, and we still have a founder member Ann Hewitt, who is our treasurer. We are always happy to welcome new members, and ladies are also welcome to have a few taster sessions to see if they would like to join.

Our programme of activities is varied and ranges from listening to speakers on subjects like "Lyme Park - My Weekend Home", "The Northwest Air Ambulance " and "My Garden", to name but a few.

We also enjoy going for meals, and we begin our initial meeting after the summer break in September with a Beetle Drive. Sometimes, one of our members will offer to take a meeting and show us one of their own interests, and we have had enjoyable afternoons listening to members' favourite pieces of music or songs. In the case of songs with which we are familiar, we join in.

We operate all year apart from the month of August. We welcome all ladies and, when we have an open meeting, we welcome gentlemen as well.

Lily Mitchelhill

## Section Five: The Parochial Church Council

### Charitable Objectives and Principal Activities

The primary objective of the PCC is the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England.

The main activities of the church include regular public worship open to all, pastoral work, teaching of Christianity through sermons and small groups, the provision of activities for all groups including parents, toddlers and young people, and support for charities in the UK and overseas.

The PCC has been committed to making worship at All Saints accessible to as many people as possible, and to encouraging them to become part of our Parish community. The PCC has maintained an overview of worship as expressed in all the activities of the Church, making suggestions as to how our services could involve the many groups within the Parish.

In planning the activities for the year, the incumbent and the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's direction on Public Benefit, giving special attention to the guidance to charities engaged in the advancement of religion. In particular, we have sought to equip people to live out their faith as part of the parish community through: worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel and developing their true knowledge and trust in Jesus; provision of pastoral care for people living in the Parish; missionary and outreach work. We have set out our approach to developing faith in the Parish in our All Saints' Mission Statement, see page 4 of this report.



## ECO Church - an A Rocha UK project

All Saints' Church has started on its journey to become an Eco Church. It is a journey towards greater environmental responsibility, caring for God's creation as part of our everyday Christian living.

At All Saints we are aiming to achieve the Bronze Award. There are 5 key areas of Church life in the Eco Survey which lead to the award: Worship and Teaching, Management of Church Buildings, Church Land, Community and Global Engagement, and Lifestyle. We have already made changes in our church life that will earn points towards our award.

We are very pleased to have received the Renewable Power Certification, thanks to work by our previous and current Treasurers. This acknowledges the fact that All Saints' Church uses only Green Electricity, which comes from Hornsey 1 Wind Farm in the North Sea.

Our journey continues . . .

More information about Eco Church can be found at [ecochurch.arocha.org](http://ecochurch.arocha.org).

Constance Jones

## Governing Document

Parochial Church Councils (PCCs) are charities, which are governed by two pieces of Church of England Legislation called Measures. These are the Parochial Church Powers Measure (1956) as amended and the Church Representation Rules. Members of the PCC are elected or appointed in accordance with these rules.

## Membership and Terms of Office 2023

The PCC is an independent charity, registered with the Charity Commission as charity number 1131779. It is part of the Diocese of Chester within the Church of England.

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. During 2023 the following served as members of the PCC:

### Ex-officio Members

Vicar	Rev Sarah Hancock
Ex-Officio	Rev Janet Owens
Churchwardens	Mrs Janet Ashman Mr John Ackerley
Pastoral Workers	Mrs Linda Ackerley Mrs Clare Russell

### Representatives on the Deanery Synod

Mrs Julia Ball  
Mrs Clare Russell  
Mrs Lily Mitchelhill

**The following PCC members were re-elected at the APCM 2022 to serve further terms of 3 years to the APCM 2025:** Sarah Ball, Kate Hughes, Constance Jones, Janet Valentine.

**The following PCC members were re-elected at the APCM 2023 to serve for further terms of 3 years until APCM 2026:** Margaret Epps, Lydia Karuku-Ndungu.

**Previously elected to serve until APCM 2024:** Lily Mitchelhill, Frances Pickett, Jeremy Valentine

**New members elected for a 3 year term at the APCM of 2023:** Jenny Pickering, Roger Owens, David Gibbens.

**Return in an ex-officio capacity agreed at the APCM of 2023:** Rev Janet Owens

Linda Ackerley, PCC Secretary

## **Review of the PCC during 2023**

The PCC has met on 6 occasions during 2023. The membership has been at quorum at each PCC meeting. The PCC membership at the end of 2023 stood at 19 members.

On Saturday 18 February 2023, the PCC gathered at the Players to talk, study and pray for the next year in our church. We looked at what the purpose of the PCC is, “to help the incumbent in promoting within the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church – pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical and the responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of the Church building, other Church property and assets, management and reporting of the church finances and its outward giving”.

The PCC has dealt with:

1. The election of PCC Officers.
2. The reception of reports from Deanery Synod, Charities and other church committees, and also various correspondence.
3. The Churchwardens have undertaken the care and management of the church, its fabric, and its utilities.
4. The Churchwardens have kept members informed at each meeting about all the church’s various activities.
5. The Treasurer has continued to produce carefully prepared computerised reports of our income and expenditure and has given explanations at each PCC meeting.
6. The Facebook page continues to be populated by a team led by Sarah Ball.
7. The Parish Rooms and its associated business; the supervision and management of the Parish Rooms Supervisor.

Linda Ackerley, PCC Secretary

## Section Six: Finance and Governance

### Financial Review

#### General/Unrestricted Funds

In 2023 the total income on the Unrestricted (General) Fund was £96,790 (2022 - £102,709). Giving, including related Gift Aid and legacies brought in £66,788 (2022 - £76,894). The year includes £19,800 rental income (2022 - £19,800). The PCC received £2,637 (2022 - £3,269) in fees for weddings, funerals and baptisms.

Unrestricted expenditure was £129,934 (2022 - £127,483). The largest item of expenditure was the Parish Share at £92,259 (2022 - £89,571) representing 71% of unrestricted expenditure (2022 - 70%). The Parish Share is paid to the Diocese to cover expenditure across the Diocese, a major element being clergy costs.

We enjoyed a gain on investments of £509 (2022 - loss of £713) but the net movement in the Unrestricted Fund was a reduction of £32,635 (2022 reduction of £25,487), the main difference being the receipt of two large legacies in 2022.

Our General Fund is made up of: Investments £5,877 (2022 - £5,368); cash at bank and in hand £60,934 (2022 - £94,812); curacy house £2,386 (listed at the cost of purchase); church equipment £11,884 (2022 - £14,512); vestry rebuilding £814,978 (listed at cost of rebuild); debtors & prepayments £14,885 (2022 - £13,443); creditors & accruals £5,635 (2022 - ££7,949).

#### Restricted Funds

There were 8 restricted funds during the year (2022 - 6): A grant of £12 to cover **Commonwealth War Graves** maintenance was received and spent in the year. The PCC voted to transfer the **Pew Cushion** fund of £9, which has not moved since the last of the cushions was purchased, to the General Fund. The balance brought forward from 2022 for the **Streaming Services** fund was £274.85. Further streaming equipment was purchased at a cost of £399.99 during the year, clearing this fund to zero with the remaining cost being taken from the General Fund. £100 was received towards **Mainly Music** during 2023 which, as in 2022, was spent in full within the year.

The **Charities Committee** income 2023: £766 at the Harvest Lunch (2022 - £836), costs against this being £389 (2022 - £487); £49 in donations received for second-hand books (2022 - £22); £252 at the Beetle Drive no costs recorded against this event (2022 – no income). Following these events, the balance of funds from previous years and funds raised during 2023 were paid out to the following charities: Centrepont £425; Christians Against Poverty £425; Stockport Mind £425. Balance remaining £124 (2022 - £719).

We received a further £200 into the **Building Repairs and Maintenance** fund during 2023 and spent £3,825, leaving a balance of £455 to carry forward. A new fund was set up for **Messy Church** following a specific donation of £25, this was spent during the year.



A new fund was set up for **Warm Spaces/Friendship Café** with a donation of £100 and grants from Stockport MBC to £3,000 and costs of £2,757 for utilities, insurance, food and drink have been allocated to it, leaving a balance of £343 for 2024.

The net movement across the Restricted Funds was a decrease of £4,161 as funds were used towards their specified purpose (2022 – increase of £4,451).

Total net movements across all funds therefore amounted to a reduction of £36,796 after depreciation and year-end adjustments (2022 reduction of £21,036).

## **Reserves**

Note 22 to the Accounts shows the assets and liabilities attributable to the various funds by type and Note 21 summarises the movement on each restricted fund in the period.

The PCC recognises the need for the Charity to establish and maintain reserves to enable it to continue to carry out its charitable objectives in the event of unforeseeable matters arising. It is the policy of the Church that unrestricted funds, which have not been designated for a specific use, should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six months' expenditure, that is up to 50% of its annual expenditure.

Taking our available assets and cash together, this level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year. However, the PCC are aware that with expenditure for the year being £129,934 and cash in hand and at bank being £60,934, our liquid reserves at the end of the year have fallen below 50% of expenditure during the year.

The Trustees have spent considerable time during PCC meetings discussing the ongoing annual financial deficits and considering ways to reverse this trend. Two Giving/Gift Day services and a Makers Market were all held during 2023, raising funds for the church as well as raising awareness our increasingly difficult financial position.

## **Risk Management**

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks during 2024.

Policies and procedures are in place covering relevant requirements such as Health and Safety, employment law, Charities Act and Safeguarding. The Safeguarding Policy is enclosed with this report and can also be found on our website.

The buildings are generally in good repair and that work related to repairs required is in progress at the time of writing.

The most significant risk to the Charity at time of writing is the continued use of reserves to fund day to day running costs rather than being able to fund them from annual income.

## **Statement of Members' Responsibilities**

The members of the PCC are responsible for preparing an Annual Report and Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), and the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to Charities and relevant requirements of the Financial Reporting Standard (FRS 102).

The members of the PCC are required to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Church and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, of the Church for that period.

In preparing those financial statements, the PCC members have complied with the requirements to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Church will continue in business.

The members of the PCC are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Church and which enable them both to ascertain the financial position of the Church and ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to Charities and relevant requirements of the Financial Reporting Standard (FRS 102), and the provisions of the trust deed.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Church and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. In particular they are responsible for investing charitable funds wisely to maximise the return in a manner conducive to its charitable needs and demands.

The members of the PCC acknowledge their responsibilities in relation to these requirements as set out above.

The PCC's annual report has been approved by the PCC on 28 April 2024

Rev Sarah Hancock

Chair of the PCC



## Section Seven: Appendix

# Safeguarding Policy

### PROMOTING A SAFER CHURCH

The following policy was agreed at the Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting held on 21 May 2023

In accordance with the Church of England Safeguarding Policy our church is committed to:

- Promoting a safer environment and culture.
- Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children, young people and vulnerable adults within the church.
- Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation.
- Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse and other affected persons.
- Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns or allegations of abuse and other affected persons.
- Responding to those that may pose a present risk to others.

The Parish will:

- Create a safe and caring place for all.
- Have a named Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) to work with the incumbent and the PCC to implement policy and procedures.
- Safely recruit, train and support all those with any responsibility for children, young people and adults to have the confidence and skills to recognise and respond to abuse.
- Ensure that there is appropriate insurance cover for all activities involving children and adults undertaken in the name of the parish.
- Display in church premises and on the Parish website the details of who to contact if there are safeguarding concerns or support needs.
- Listen to and take seriously all those who disclose abuse.
- Take steps to protect children and adults when a safeguarding concern of any kind arises, following House of Bishops guidance, including notifying the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (DSA) and statutory agencies immediately.

- Offer support to victims/survivors of abuse regardless of the type of abuse, when or where it occurred.
- Care for and monitor any member of the church community who may pose a risk to children and adults whilst maintaining appropriate confidentiality and the safety of all parties.
- Ensure that health and safety policy, procedures and risk assessments are in place and that these are reviewed annually.
- Review the implementation of the Safeguarding Policy, Procedures and Practices at least annually.

Each person who works within this church community will agree to abide by this policy and the guidelines established by this church.

This church appoints Clare Russell as the Parish Safeguarding Officer.

#### **CONTACTS:**

All Saints' Parish Safeguarding Officer Clare Russell 07515 699272

Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council

Children's Services: 0161 217 6028

Adult Services: 0161 217 6029 or (out of hours) 0161 718 2118

Additional support is available from Sean Augustin, Acting Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor Email: [sean.augustin@chester.anglican.org](mailto:sean.augustin@chester.anglican.org)

Telephone: 07704 338885

The Diocesan website also provides [links to other safeguarding organisations and charities](#).



# **Independent Examiner's report**

**Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

## **Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and they consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 144(2) 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. 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 with 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 to be reached.

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Signed:

Stephen Hendy

# THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, CHEADLE HULME

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

		Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Notes							
<b>Income from:</b>							
Donations and legacies	3	66,788	3,337	70,125	76,894	5,162	82,056
Charitable activities	4	22,437	-	22,437	23,209	-	23,209
Other trading activities	5	5,754	1,169	6,923	1,503	858	2,361
Investments	6	1,811	-	1,811	1,103	-	1,103
<b>Total income</b>		<b>96,790</b>	<b>4,506</b>	<b>101,296</b>	<b>102,709</b>	<b>6,020</b>	<b>108,729</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>							
Raising funds	7	869	1,664	2,533	-	487	487
Charitable activities	8	127,407	7,003	134,410	124,783	1,082	125,865
Other	11	1,658	-	1,658	2,700	-	2,700
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>129,934</b>	<b>8,667</b>	<b>138,601</b>	<b>127,483</b>	<b>1,569</b>	<b>129,052</b>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	12	509	-	509	(713)	-	(713)
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(32,635)</b>	<b>(4,161)</b>	<b>(36,796)</b>	<b>(25,487)</b>	<b>4,451</b>	<b>(21,036)</b>
Fund balances at 1 January 2023		937,944	5,083	943,027	963,431	632	964,063
<b>Fund balances at 31 December 2023</b>		<b>905,309</b>	<b>922</b>	<b>906,231</b>	<b>937,944</b>	<b>5,083</b>	<b>943,027</b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

# THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, CHEADLE HULME

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	14		829,248		831,876
Investments	15		5,877		5,368
			<u>835,125</u>		<u>837,244</u>
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stocks	16	-		394	
Debtors	17	14,885		13,443	
Cash at bank and in hand		61,856		99,895	
		<u>76,741</u>		<u>113,732</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	18	(5,635)		(7,949)	
Net current assets			71,106		105,783
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>906,231</u>		<u>943,027</u>
<b>Income funds</b>					
Restricted funds	20		922		5,083
Unrestricted funds			905,309		937,944
			<u>906,231</u>		<u>943,027</u>

The financial statements were approved by the PCC on 28th April 2024

Rev'd S Hancock

# THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, CHEADLE HULME

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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#### 1 Accounting policies

##### Charity information

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of All Saints, Cheadle Hulme is a registered unincorporated charity.

##### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the church Accounting regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCC's, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The church is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The church has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the church. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

##### 1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the PCC have considered and are aware of the reducing cash position. However, in light of continued pledged giving and increased community activity, as well as the investment asset and the asset of the curacy house, they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing this set of financial statements.

##### 1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the PCC in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the church.

##### 1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the church is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the church has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the church has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.



# THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, CHEADLE HULME

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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### **1 Accounting policies**

**(Continued)**

#### **1.5 Resources expended**

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

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

Other expenditure is generally recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred to raise funds for charitable purposes.

Expenditure on charitable activities comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Other costs include all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SoFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource.

#### **1.6 Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Office equipment	20% straight line
Organ and fixtures	10% straight line
Central heating	5% straight line

Freehold land is not depreciated.

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

#### **1.7 Fixed asset investments**

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

#### **1.8 Impairment of fixed assets**

At each reporting end date, the church reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

# THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, CHEADLE HULME

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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### **1 Accounting policies**

**(Continued)**

#### **1.9 Stocks**

Stocks are consumables held in stock to be used during the next accounting period and are stated at their cost price.

#### **1.10 Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

#### **1.11 Financial instruments**

The church has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the church's balance sheet when the church becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

##### ***Basic financial assets***

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

##### ***Basic financial liabilities***

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

##### ***Derecognition of financial liabilities***

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the church's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

#### **1.12 Employee benefits**

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the church is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

# THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, CHEADLE HULME

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

### 2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the church's accounting policies, the PCC are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

### 3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2023	2023	2023	2022	2022	2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	5,157	337	5,494	18,360	5,162	23,522
Pledged giving	39,416	-	39,416	38,737	-	38,737
Grants	-	3,000	3,000	767	-	767
Collections at services	8,968	-	8,968	8,238	-	8,238
Sunday morning coffee donations	924	-	924	-	-	-
Income tax recoverable	12,323	-	12,323	10,792	-	10,792
	<u>66,788</u>	<u>3,337</u>	<u>70,125</u>	<u>76,894</u>	<u>5,162</u>	<u>82,056</u>

### 4 Charitable activities

	Fees paid to the PCC	Hulme Hall Crescent rental income	Total 2023	Fees paid to the PCC	Magazine income	Hulme Hall Crescent rental income	Total 2022
	2023	2023		2022	2022	2022	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Other income	<u>2,637</u>	<u>19,800</u>	<u>22,437</u>	<u>3,269</u>	<u>140</u>	<u>19,800</u>	<u>23,209</u>

# THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, CHEADLE HULME

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

### 5 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2023	2023	2023	2022	2022	2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Meeting room	1,500	-	1,500	550	-	550
Charities committee events	-	1,069	1,069	-	858	858
Fundraising events	4,254	100	4,354	732	-	732
Sunday morning coffee sales	-	-	-	221	-	221
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Other trading activities	5,754	1,169	6,923	1,503	858	2,361
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====

### 6 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
Dividends receivable	161	160
Interest receivable	1,650	943
	=====	=====
	1,811	1,103
	=====	=====

### 7 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Restricted funds
	2023	2023	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
<u>Fundraising and publicity</u>				
Fundraising events	869	-	869	-
Charities committee costs	-	1,664	1,664	487
	=====	=====	=====	=====
Fundraising and publicity	869	1,664	2,533	487
	=====	=====	=====	=====
	869	1,664	2,533	487
	=====	=====	=====	=====



# THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, CHEADLE HULME

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

### 8 Charitable activities

	2023 £	2022 £
Staff costs	4,330	4,372
Depreciation and impairment	2,628	2,628
Parish share	92,259	89,571
Ministry	-	134
Vicarage	2,039	2,200
Church insurance and utilities	15,714	10,427
Church maintenance	3,890	3,968
Church organ maintenance	295	250
Magazine expenditure	-	1,500
Upkeep of churchyard	4,516	5,630
Upkeep of services	4,950	2,127
Curate house	2,037	1,623
Management & administration	963	1,418
Warm spaces	789	17
	<u>134,410</u>	<u>125,865</u>
	<u>134,410</u>	<u>125,865</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>		
Unrestricted funds	127,407	124,783
Restricted funds	7,003	1,082
	<u>134,410</u>	<u>125,865</u>

### 9 PCC

None of the PCC (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the church during the year.

### 10 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

2023 Number	2022 Number
<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

# THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, CHEADLE HULME

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

### 10 Employees (Continued)

Employment costs	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	4,330	4,372

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

### 11 Other

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023 £	2022 £
Independent examiners fees	658	2,700
Accountancy fees	1,000	-
	1,658	2,700

### 12 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023 £	2022 £
Revaluation of investments	509	(713)

### 13 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

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### 14 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Organ and fixtures £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 January 2023	817,364	85,093	902,457
At 31 December 2023	817,364	85,093	902,457
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>			
At 1 January 2023	-	70,581	70,581
Depreciation charged in the year	-	2,628	2,628
At 31 December 2023	-	73,209	73,209
<b>Carrying amount</b>			
At 31 December 2023	817,364	11,884	829,248
At 31 December 2022	817,364	14,512	831,876

### 15 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £
<b>Cost or valuation</b>	
At 1 January 2023	5,368
Valuation changes	509
At 31 December 2023	5,877
<b>Carrying amount</b>	
At 31 December 2023	5,877
At 31 December 2022	5,368

### 16 Stocks

	2023 £	2022 £
Stock of consumables	-	394

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### 17 Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	13,132	11,820
Prepayments and accrued income	1,753	1,623
	<u>14,885</u>	<u>13,443</u>

### 18 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2023	2022
		£	£
Deferred income	19	1,650	1,650
Other creditors		340	-
Accruals and deferred income		3,645	6,299
		<u>5,635</u>	<u>7,949</u>

### 19 Deferred income

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other deferred income	<u>1,650</u>	<u>1,650</u>

Deferred income is included in the financial statements as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Deferred income is included within:		
Current liabilities	<u>1,650</u>	<u>1,650</u>

There were no movements in the year.



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#### 20 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds			Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 January 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 1 January 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Mainly Music Fund	-	150	(150)	-	100	(100)	-
Charities committee	348	858	(487)	719	1,069	(1,664)	124
War graves	-	12	(12)	-	12	(12)	-
Cushions	9	-	-	9	-	(9)	-
Streaming	275	-	-	275	-	(275)	-
Church maintenance	-	5,000	(920)	4,080	200	(3,825)	455
Messy church	-	-	-	-	25	(25)	-
Warm spaces and friendship cafe	-	-	-	-	3,100	(2,757)	343
	<u>632</u>	<u>6,020</u>	<u>(1,569)</u>	<u>5,083</u>	<u>4,506</u>	<u>(8,667)</u>	<u>922</u>

#### 21 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2023 are represented by:						
Tangible assets	829,248	-	829,248	831,876	-	831,876
Investments	5,877	-	5,877	5,368	-	5,368
Current assets/(liabilities)	70,284	822	71,106	100,700	5,083	105,783
	<u>905,409</u>	<u>822</u>	<u>906,231</u>	<u>937,944</u>	<u>5,083</u>	<u>943,027</u>