



**Parish of Ansdell and Fairhaven St Paul**

**Clifton Drive, Lytham St Annes**

**Diocese of Blackburn**

**Registered Charity Number: 1131961**

**Annual Report and  
Financial Statements  
of the Parochial Church Council  
for the year ended 31st December 2023**

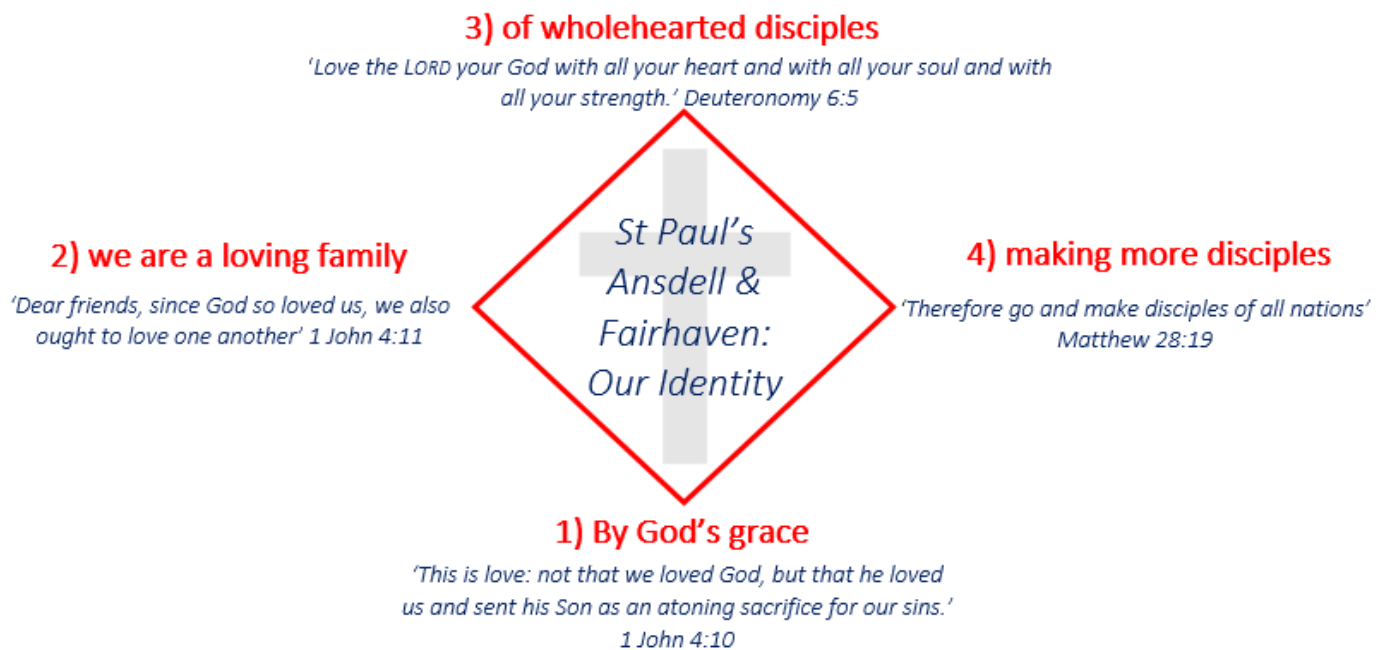
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## Aims and Purposes

The Parochial Church Council (hereinafter referred to as the PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Revd. Paul Bye, in promoting in the parish, the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

This aim is further expressed in St Paul's Identity and Vision statement.



### **Our Vision:** Under Jesus, we long and aim to be:

- An Anglican parish church where God and the good news of his undeserved and generous love in Jesus is shaping all we do –
  - a welcoming, accessible family of all ages, experiences and backgrounds, which learns, shares and works together;
  - a Bible-centred family growing in Jesus and transformed by his Spirit, whose life demonstrates a generosity in giving; the goodness of Jesus' ways; and serves our community as an expression of the good news.
  - a family growing in number, reaching out beyond ourselves to tell others of Jesus so that they might also receive him as Saviour and Lord.

It is also expressed in the PCC Statement of Aims:

**The PCC is a team representing the church family: it seeks God's will for the church and the parish.**

***Jesus said, 'Go and make disciples...' Matthew. 28 v19.***

**Working in partnership with the vicar and the church fellowship, the PCC aims to enable people to engage with Jesus through the Bible: to come to faith, to grow in him and to serve him as Lord. With this aim in mind, the PCC manages the finances, resources and needs of the church.**

The PCC also holds maintenance responsibility for the church buildings and attached hall and has responsibility for the management of the Fundraising shop on Woodlands Road, Lytham St Annes.

## Objectives and Activities

*“This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. (1 John 4:10-11)*

This was our motto text for 2023. Recognising that many new people had joined St Paul’s since the formation of our identity statement, as well as a number of years having passed, revisiting this statement and its meaning for our church life was central to this year. The motto text enabled us to focus on God’s grace to us, and the responses that it calls forth in our lives. The formation of the Three Year Plan to give shape to implementing our identity and vision was one fruit of this focus in 2023. This plan involved reflection by the PCC, opportunity for input from the wider congregation, and discernment of projects and priorities which we would like to undertake in the coming three years.

The PCC continued to operate the ‘Outside Support Fund’ designating some of church finances, and a proportion of shop profits, to benefit the following projects:

- **Crosslinks** – While no decision has been taken on supporting a specific missionary through Crosslinks (in part because of the new link with Kware parish), a donation was made to support them
- **Christians Against Poverty** – seeking to help people find freedom from debt, and true freedom in Jesus;
- **The Bridge Project** – A Salvation Army project helping the most vulnerable in Blackpool;
- **Faith in Kids** – This organisation works to support parents and churches disciple young people in Christ. St Paul’s has used a number of their excellent resources in Tots, Sunday Club and services.
- The ten percent proportion of profit from the Fundraising Shop was added to the Shop Profit Fund, alongside the proportion unspent from 2022. Some of this fund was used in December 2023 to support local families in food poverty, identified through local schools. This culminated in seventeen families receiving Christmas hampers.

The first three projects were not simply about giving, but partnership - supporting the projects financially and in prayer and widening our horizons on God’s work in the world.

The PCC has had due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant. The PCC has undertaken its activities for the public benefit, and believes it has provided a benefit to all sections of the public by:

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

## Achievements and Performance

The Lord has once again been kind, and it is right to give thanks. Benefit to the public can be seen in the achievements God has brought through the life of St Paul's this year.

### 2023 at a glance

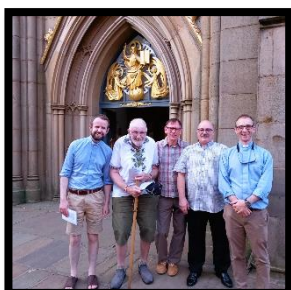
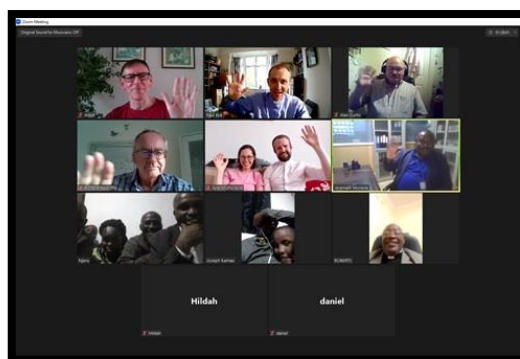
**January** – Marking our patronal festival and the conversion of the Apostle Paul. Beginning of Confirmation classes to prepare a group of adults and young people for confirmation. A series of four Question and Answer sessions for Year 7 students at AKS school. Assembly at Ansdell Primary school. Volunteers Thank You afternoon tea to say thank you to our Fundraising Shop volunteers.

**February** – Ash Wednesday service. First online meeting with our new link partner church, Kware, in Thika Diocese, Kenya. Second year of our study groups begins with an Old Testament overview, as well as the Foundations Course run for a second year. Assembly at Ansdell Primary school. Beginning of the monthly Prayer for Life prayer meeting.

**March** – Baptism of Mikayla Osetoba. Confirmation service with Bishop Philip, including one adult baptism, two affirmation of faith, and five confirmations. Organ recital raising money for Embrace the Middle East's Earthquake Appeal. Session for the infant children at Clifton Primary for Easter. Assembly at Ansdell Primary school for Easter. Giving Review Sunday following a giving review period as a church.

**April** – Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Holy Week services including Compline, Maundy Thursday communion, Good Friday All-Age service and a Good Friday reflection. Second online meeting with Kware Parish. Assembly at Ansdell Primary school.

**May** – Coronation Organ Recital, Afternoon Tea and talk, and Coronation Evensong marking King Charles III's coronation. Assembly at Ansdell Primary school. Ascension Day service. Two PCC members attend the Living Out day conference in Manchester. Morning Prayer and Prayer Walk as part of Thy Kingdom Come prayer events. Joe Hinkson Heys begins as Fundraising Shop Manager and Church Community Worker at the St Paul's Fundraising Shop.



**June** – Archdeacon's Visitation at St Thomas' St Annes including the investing of churchwardens, Alan Curtis and Mike Fenton. Assembly at Ansdell Primary school. Third online meeting with Kware Parish. Visit of five men from St Paul's to the Man Alive event at Blackburn Cathedral. Involvement of St Paul's in Lytham Club Day. St Paul's Music Group re-formed.



**July** – Assembly at Ansdell Primary school. Concert with Heyhouses Choir and Clifton Primary school choir at St Paul's. Visit by Year 2 at Ansdell to St Paul's to explore baptism. Visit by 10 members of St Paul's to the Keswick Convention. Involvement in the No More Knives project run by the Message Trust in Lytham St Annes High School. Beginning of the Three Year Plan for St Paul's.



**August** – First Men's Prayer Breakfast and Work Day, working on the church hall. Renewal of the lease on the St Paul's Fundraising Shop.



**September** – Heritage Open Day welcomes members of our local community into the church building. Assembly at Ansdell Primary school. Harvest Sunday with bring and share meal. Beginning of Christianity Explored course. Church Away Day at Christ Church Thornton.

**October** – Harvest Assembly at Ansdell Primary School and AKS preparatory school. Session for year 1 at Clifton Primary School. Beginning of formal engagement with the Front Door website project run

by Blackburn Diocese. Memorial Service held for members of the church and community to remember loved ones who had died.



**November** – Remembrance Sunday service. Advent Sunday. Assembly at Ansdell Primary school. Involvement in the Ansdell Light Switch on. Bright Lights Party, a fun alternative to Halloween pointing our community to Jesus. Invitation Service, inviting our parish to engage with the invitation of Jesus hosted with a good number of guests from the community.

**December** – 'Advent Window' reaching the community in the

Shop window. Christmas leaflet and letter distributed around the parish, with positive responses received. Christingle Service, Carols by Candlelight service, Crib service and services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. A choir rehearsed to bring additional musical content to our Carol Service. Carol singing at local nursing homes in Ansdell. St Paul's Tots Nativity and Christmas Party held. Visit of Ansdell Primary for their Christmas service. School trip from Year 1 at Clifton Primary School to consider Christmas. Carol service hosted for Laugh, Live, Love luncheon club.



## Pastoral

The church family has welcomed visitors from within, as well as outside, our parish boundary, and from a range of ages and backgrounds. There were 104 parishioners on the church electoral roll (as of 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023), 43 of whom are not resident within the parish. The Regular Weekly Attendance (those over 16 attending once a month or more) was counted in October at 56.75 people. The average Sunday attendance in October was 51 adults and 8 children. Although our encouragement has been for people to physically meet together again, we have continued to provide the live stream of services for those not able to attend. Pews News Extra, our parish magazine continues to be a valuable way of keeping people connected and informed, as well as regularly picked up by members of our community.

We saw two church members baptised, one thanksgiving, one churching of women service, two reaffirmation of baptismal vows, five confirmations, eight funerals and one interment of ashes.

To enable us to grow as disciples, multiple courses have taken place. Kyle, our Assistant Curate, re-ran a series of courses in the day time and evening, looking at the Apostles' Creed, Lord's Prayer and Ten Commandments. He also began a second year stream of courses looking the Old Testament and Church History. There was Confirmation Class run to prepare possible candidates for confirmation. Growth Group continued and Christianity Explored also ran in the autumn. On Sundays, a prayer meeting has been meeting at 9.45am to lift the day and week to God. This has fluctuated in numbers at different points during the year, and all are welcome to join for this important time of expressing dependence on God. In February a new prayer group looking at and praying about pro-life matters from a Christian perspective began.

The church continued to support people within the congregation and the wider community, especially in key 'life' moments, providing appropriate care, preparation, and support at these times.

## Evangelistic

Sharing the good news of Christ is at the heart of what we want to do at St Paul's.

St Paul's Tots continues to flourish, with growing numbers as 2023 progressed. Regularly 40+ children and their carers attend each week, enjoying crafts and activities, a warm welcome and hearing of Jesus. It is led by Amy Mulholland, and supported by a group of volunteers. Its aim is evangelistic – wanting to make Jesus known to those who attend, through Bible stories, songs and conversation.



The Invitation Service in November was the fruit of our Autumn sermon series in Acts 13-28. The service saw the whole parish invited through flyers, online platforms and personal invitation. Several church members shared their testimony. It was a joy to welcome guests from the parish as well as church members.

A new programme of Family Events formed part of the Three Year Plan. These are designed as stepping stones for families in our community to access. The first was a Bright Light Party offering a fun alternative to Halloween for our community and pointing to Jesus. Families from the parish and Tots attended. A further programme is planned in 2024.

The appointment of a full time permanent Fundraising Shop Manager and Church Community Worker enables the continuing desire for the Fundraising Shop to continue to be a place where we connect with our community, share something of the love of Christ in our welcome, and have resources to point people to Jesus. Many customers have commented on the welcome they have received. Prayer has underpinned this work and God has answered many of these with opportunities to serve the parish in moments of need, and point people to Jesus.

The 4, our more informal multigenerational service continued. While this has not fully enabled us to connect with some of the demographics we had hoped, we saw a new family joining us during the year. It has also enabled a time of worshipping and fellowship together for a range of ages, which has been encouraging.

## **Social**

Wednesday Coffee continued, and has been a place where new people have been welcomed, particularly those feeling more isolated. Jacob's Join meals took place during the year enabling the church family to eat and share in fellowship together. It has been a joy to see church members increasingly spending time with each other outside of services, and eating in each other's homes. The Coronation Afternoon Tea and Lent Lunch allowed a place for members of the community to access us on a more social basis.

The congregation has given to good causes benefiting those wider than the parish. These included the Bishop's Harvest Appeal and Safe Families at the Christingle. The Outside Support Fund is detailed on page 2-3.

## **Ecumenical**

St Paul's played a part in Deanery Synod of Kirkham Deanery, and Paul is a member of the Diocesan Synod. Peter Hinkson was appointed as a lay Deanery Synod representative at the APCM in April 2023. We currently have two vacancies for Deanery Synod members.

St Paul's offered support to St Anne's Baptist church as it sought to reopen, in both Paul and Kyle speaking at a Sunday service.

St Paul's joined with other Christians locally for the outdoor Good Friday service outside the Fundraising Shop.

## **Fabric**

Key works on the church fabric in 2023 have been:

- The three boilers in the church cellar were serviced and inspected along with the boiler in the hall kitchen;
- The organ was maintained and tuned;
- Ongoing issues with various leaks were looked into. The likely result is that the hall roof may need completely replacing;
- Works on drains have been carried out due to tree root ingress and repairs to one toilet drain in the ladies is ongoing with relining required;
- Fire extinguishers were inspected and fire alarm and emergency lights checked on a regular basis;
- In the kitchen the oven door seal was replaced;

- The church office was relocated to a side room off the corridor and with the help of the Men's Prayer Breakfast members, all the church records and filing cabinets were re-located in the old music room. The office move was completed;
- Various minor issues with water pipes were repaired by Richard Rowell;
- The old office, old store room and gardens were cleared of rubbish into a 6 yard skip. Any scrap metal was taken to a scrap dealer and monies received were paid into church funds. This was in preparation to decorate the old office as a space available for church use;
- Whilst decorating the old office it was discovered that water was running down the inside of the cavity wall. Work has ceased until a structural engineer gives advice on several issues regarding the brickwork around the Gent's toilet to kitchen areas;
- It was reported that the hall floor had lifted in several locations but with careful use of the hall heating we have managed to lower the humidity levels over several weeks and the floor appears to have settled back down (Thank you Paul).
- Mike and Judith have worked hard in the grounds all year. After a wardens' walk round of the grounds, the advice of the Diocesan Tree Advisor was sought with regards to cutting back several trees. Whilst on site he was asked to look at two trees that we have received letters about. Unfortunately, they are an invasive species and we have no option but to cut them down as the roots are affecting neighbouring properties. This is subject to a faculty and is ongoing at this time.

## Financial Review

### Financial review 2023

Financially we continue to thank the Lord for his provision, and we are grateful for our financial gifts. In 2023 we faced a difficult year as the cost-of-living increases affected our parish just as it has affected us as individuals. The main impact was seen in our heat and light costs, whilst our usage decreased our costs increased to £18,564 in 2023 compared to £10,035 in 2022. We still have much to be thankful for; Planned giving increased by 15.5% (£6,087), we were awarded £10,000 Parish Share Support by the Blackburn Diocese Board of Finance and we received a donation of £10,000.

The final position of the General fund, at 31/12/23, was a surplus of £24,438. As in previous year the surplus is from our fundraising shop (net profit £33,353). We are very thankful to Joe, the volunteer supervisors who cover for annual leave etc., and all the volunteers at the Fundraising shop. Our hall hire income increased by 49.7% to £15,376, thanks to Mary & Ian Winterflood, for their work with the hall hire and we are grateful for the wide variety of groups that use the hall.

Financially, in 2024 we continue to face challenges from increased costs such as heat and light and ongoing repairs to the church building and hall, but on a positive note the PCC has committed to increase our Mission activities and we trust that we will be able to meet all these commitments as our General fund budgeted payments exceed the budgeted receipts.

|                                | 2023              | 2022              |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Planned giving - tax efficient | £45,149.00        | £39,062.00        |
| Planned giving - other         | £15,374.00        | £14,891.00        |
|                                | <u>£60,523.00</u> | <u>£53,953.00</u> |

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|--------------------------|------|----|
| Number of Planned givers | 2023 | 56 |
| Number of Planned givers | 2022 | 55 |

## Reserves Policy

All surplus monies are placed with the Diocese of Blackburn Deposit Account. The P.C.C. seeks to place with the Diocese of Blackburn Deposit Account all such monies that are surplus to current requirements. Current requirements are defined as sufficient funds to satisfy three months' average expenditure.

## Future developments

Some key areas for focus in 2024 are:

**Discipleship** – In 2024, we will continue to explore in Sunday sermons and small groups our identity statement, considering ways to help us grow in each of the areas – depending on God's grace, being a loving family, being wholehearted disciples, and making more disciples. In the early part of the year looking at the book of Galatians will help us grow in clarity over God's grace – what it means, how it comes to us, and why it is so vital. Wider changes in the Church of England around *Prayers of Love and Faith* will also be a topic which the PCC and church will be required to consider.

**Plan** – The Three Year Plan has begun to be implemented. However further work is needed to embed the plan in the life of St Paul's, enable ownership by all, and clarify areas which needed further discernment. Some key aspects of Year One of the plan await action including Sunday Tots, reviewing services, and your youth provision. A system to monitor progress is also needed.

**Sustain** – The Equip course began in January 2024. This course aims to help to equip church members in their personal discipleship, as well as roles they may also be serving in. With existing ministries continuing, and the departure of the Mulhollands when Kyle's curacy finishes, it is the desire that this course (as well as through other areas of church life) will also help identify and train leaders and teams to serve in those ministries in to the future.

**Fellowship** – Our 'bring and share' lunches have been real moments of us operating as a family, with relationships across backgrounds and ages being witnessed. However, the deepening of our relationships with each other and learning to live well together continues to be important. This growth in fellowship is wider than simply within our church. It is our aim to have a small team from St Paul's to visit Kware parish in Kenya to help further develop our partnership with these Kenyan Christians.

**Finances** – We give great thanks to God for his provision in 2023. It has meant that the PCC has not sought a Diocesan grant in 2024. However, closing the gap between our current financial situation and providing for our needs ourselves continues to be a priority. Without income from the Fundraising Shop, St Paul's is not covering its own expenses at present.

**Fabric** – As well as ongoing works from the last Quinquennial Inspection, some significant decisions and repairs will be needed to the roof of the church hall this year.

## Structure, Governance and Management

The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956 as amended and the Church Representation Rules (contained in Schedule 3 to the Synodical Government Measure 1969 as amended).

The PCC consists of the incumbent, ex-officio members (Wardens, Deanery Synod representatives, Licensed Lay Minister, and those elected by the membership of the Electoral Roll. Church attendees who are eligible are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll (revised prior to the 2023 APCM) and stand for election to the PCC. Elected members hold post for three years and are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting each year.

The PCC met eleven times during the year with an average attendance of 84%. A number of decisions were also made by email in between meetings. These have all been recorded for future reference. The Vicar, PCC and Standing Committee wrote to the congregation in January regarding church finances. Close monitoring of the finances, stewardship, cash flow projections were undertaken, with excellent support of the Treasurer and Stewardship Officer. There has been significant work behind the scenes by a number of individuals to enable the PCC's responsibilities to be carried out.

The PCC also operates through a Standing Committee which meets between the full meetings of the PCC when required. This is the only Committee required by the Church Representation Rules and it has the power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings and subject to the directions given to it by the PCC. It met on two occasions (once jointly with the Shop Oversight Committee). The Standing Committee made 16 financial, logistical and personnel decisions by email and discussed various other matters. The PCC elected a Shop Oversight Committee consisting of four members. This has met four times in person, and individuals from the SOC have also met to liaise with the Shop Manager on a number of other occasions. Various matters were also discussed by email. Minutes or Reports from the SOC are reported to the PCC. The PCC also has two additional committees to help share the work of the church – the Fabric Committee and Finance Committee. The Finance Committee met once to carry out the annual review of finances following good practice procedures of the Charity Commission, and begin to consider the 2024 budget.

Our Hall Hire Secretary continued to do much work behind the scenes liaising with hall hirers.

## Risk Assessment

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

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

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

any possible dangers and risks, to act to minimise the risks and to create a plan to deal with any emergencies, and to write up and keep a record of its findings and to review its assessment annually.

Regarding safeguarding, an annual safeguarding review using the new Parish Dashboard took place in autumn 2023. The PCC continues to operate by the National Church of England Safeguarding Policy and Parish Handbook, first accepted in 2018, and ratified in 2023. Checks are made with the Disclosure and Barring Service in respect of persons dealing regularly with young people and vulnerable adults. Where needed a number of enquiries were made to the Diocesan Safeguarding team to check correct best practice. A Safer Recruitment process is in place.

Whilst it is impossible to eliminate all risks and their consequences, efforts are constantly made to minimise such occurrences.

## Administrative Information

**Charity Name:**

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical  
Parish of Ansdell and Fairhaven St Paul

**Charity Number:**

1131961

**Correspondence Address:**

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**Church Website:**

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The Parish Church of Ansdell and Fairhaven, St Paul is part of the Diocese of Blackburn within the Church of England. Under the terms of Section 3 of the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956 the Parochial Church Council is a body corporate and is a charity currently registered No. 1131961 with the Charity Commission.

PCC members who have served from the 1st January 2023 until the 31st December 2023 are:

Incumbent  
Curate  
Licensed Lay Minister  
Churchwardens

Deanery Synod Representative  
Elected Members

The Revd. Paul Bye \* Chair  
The Revd. Kyle Mulholland  
Janet Kimber \*  
Pam Rowell (Until APCM 2023) \* Secretary (from  
APCM 2023)  
Alan Curtis \*  
Mike Fenton (from APCM 2023) \*  
Peter Hinkson (From APCM 2023 – December 12<sup>th</sup> 2023)  
Diane Austin  
Stuart Austin  
Loraine Lee Treasurer  
Dorothy Anne Story  
Stephen Whittaker (until APCM 2023)  
Jennifer Sealey  
Judith Fenton  
Anne Scanes

\* Standing Committee

Key Postholders during 2023 were:

- Safeguarding Officer – Stephen Whittaker
- Data Protection Lead – Richard Rowell, Deputy Lead - Bill Crabtree
- Hall Hire Secretaries – Mary and Ian Winterflood
- Stewardship Secretary – Pam Rowell
- Shop Oversight Committee – Paul Bye, Judith Lakin, Pam Rowell, Diane Austin
- Procurement Officer – Judith Fenton

It is considered that all members of the P.C.C. and any others who could be understood to be 'managers' in the activities and affairs of the parish church of St. Paul, Ansdell and Fairhaven are deemed to be 'fit and proper persons' under the terms of the Finance Act 2010.

All members elected for the first time and any others who have rejoined the P.C.C. after an absence of time will be supplied with copies of the minutes of the P.C.C. meetings of the past year, a copy of the last Annual Report and Accounts, and will be invited to meet with the P.C.C. Treasurer, the Churchwardens and the Incumbent in order that they may be thoroughly briefed on the present situation of the Parish. In-service training is available to all P.C.C. members as and when required.

Signed.....  ..... Date..... 25/3/24 .....

The Revd. Paul Bye

Vicar (on behalf of the PCC)

# Financial Statements



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| PARISH OF ANSDELL and FAIRHAVEN ST PAUL |                  | Registered Charity<br>No. 1131961 |                       |
| Receipts and payments accounts          |                  |                                   |                       |
| For the period<br>from                  | 1st January 2023 | To                                | 31st December<br>2023 |



## Section A Receipts and payments

|  | No<br>te | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>to nearest £ | Designated<br>funds<br>to nearest £ | Restricted<br>funds<br>to nearest £ | Endowment<br>funds<br>to nearest £ | Total funds<br>to nearest £ | 2022<br>to nearest £ |
|--|----------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>A1 Receipts</b>                             |          |                                       |                                     |                                     |                                    |                             |                      |
| Voluntary Receipts                             |          |                                       |                                     |                                     |                                    |                             |                      |
| Regular Giving                                 |          |                                       |                                     |                                     |                                    |                             |                      |
| Planned giving (tax efficient)                 |          | 45,149                                | -                                   | -                                   | -                                  | 45,149                      | 39,062               |
| Planned giving (other)                         |          | 15,374                                | -                                   | -                                   | -                                  | 15,374                      | 14,891               |
| Collections at services                        |          | 4,370                                 | -                                   | -                                   | -                                  | 4,370                       | 5,312                |
| Other voluntary receipts                       | 5a       | 21,812                                | 95                                  | -                                   | -                                  | 21,907                      | 21,166               |
| Gift Aid Recovered                             |          | 10,374                                | -                                   | -                                   | -                                  | 10,374                      | 8,934                |
| Activities for generating funds                | 5b       | 55                                    | -                                   | 1,192                               | -                                  | 1,247                       | 927                  |
| Receipts from Church Activities                | 5c       | 101,954                               | -                                   | -                                   | -                                  | 101,954                     | 83,076               |
| Investment income                              | 5d       | 1,275                                 | -                                   | -                                   | -                                  | 1,275                       | 420                  |
| Any other income                               |          | -                                     | -                                   | -                                   | -                                  | -                           | -                    |
| <b>Sub total</b>                               |          | <b>200,363</b>                        | <b>95</b>                           | <b>1,192</b>                        | <b>-</b>                           | <b>201,650</b>              | <b>173,788</b>       |
| <b>A2 Asset and investment sales, etc.</b>     |          | <b>-</b>                              | <b>-</b>                            | <b>-</b>                            | <b>-</b>                           | <b>-</b>                    | <b>-</b>             |
| <b>Total receipts</b>                          |          | <b>200,363</b>                        | <b>95</b>                           | <b>1,192</b>                        | <b>-</b>                           | <b>201,650</b>              | <b>173,788</b>       |
| <b>A3 Payments</b>                             |          |                                       |                                     |                                     |                                    |                             |                      |
| Cost of Generation Voluntary income            |          |                                       |                                     |                                     |                                    |                             |                      |
| Fund-raising trading costs                     | 5e       | 90                                    | -                                   | -                                   | -                                  | 90                          | 18                   |
| Church Activities                              |          |                                       |                                     |                                     |                                    |                             |                      |
| Diocesan Parish Share                          |          | 71,137                                | -                                   | -                                   | -                                  | 71,137                      | 66,928               |
| Other Payments                                 | 5f       | 103,491                               | 979                                 | 1,246                               | -                                  | 105,716                     | 88,279               |
| Mission giving and charitable donations        | 5g       | 1,000                                 | -                                   | -                                   | -                                  | 1,000                       | 1,050                |
| Governance Costs                               | 5h       | 207                                   | -                                   | -                                   | -                                  | 207                         | 150                  |
| <b>Sub total</b>                               |          | <b>175,925</b>                        | <b>979</b>                          | <b>1,246</b>                        | <b>-</b>                           | <b>178,150</b>              | <b>156,425</b>       |
| <b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc.</b> |          | <b>-</b>                              | <b>-</b>                            | <b>-</b>                            | <b>-</b>                           | <b>-</b>                    | <b>-</b>             |
| <b>Total payments</b>                          |          | <b>175,925</b>                        | <b>979</b>                          | <b>1,246</b>                        | <b>-</b>                           | <b>178,150</b>              | <b>156,425</b>       |
| <b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>              |          | <b>24,438</b>                         | <b>- 884</b>                        | <b>- 54</b>                         | <b>-</b>                           | <b>23,500</b>               | <b>17,363</b>        |
| <b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>              |          | <b>- 13,334</b>                       | <b>13,335</b>                       | <b>- 1</b>                          | <b>-</b>                           | <b>-</b>                    | <b>-</b>             |
| <b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>             |          | <b>45,889</b>                         | <b>28,911</b>                       | <b>1,333</b>                        | <b>-</b>                           | <b>76,133</b>               | <b>58,770</b>        |
| <b>Cash funds this year end</b>                |          | <b>56,993</b>                         | <b>41,362</b>                       | <b>1,278</b>                        | <b>-</b>                           | <b>99,633</b>               | <b>76,133</b>        |



## Receipts and payments accounts

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### Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

| Categories  | Details   | Unrestricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Designated funds<br>to nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to nearest £ |
|---|---|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>B1 Cash funds</b>                                | NatWest   | 37,575                             | 7,125                            | 1,278                            | -                               |
|   | BDDA  | 19,373                             | 34,237                           | -                                | -                               |
|   | Cash in hand  | 45                                 | -                                | -                                | -                               |
|   | <b>Total cash funds</b>                               | <b>56,993</b>                      | <b>41,362</b>                    | <b>1,278</b>                     | <b>-</b>                        |
|   | (agree balances with receipts and payments accounts)) |                                    |                                  |                                  |                                 |
| <b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>                     | Details   |                                    |                                  |                                  |                                 |
|   |   |                                    |                                  |                                  |                                 |
|   |   |                                    |                                  |                                  |                                 |
|   |   |                                    |                                  |                                  |                                 |
|   |   |                                    |                                  |                                  |                                 |
|   |   |                                    |                                  |                                  |                                 |
| <b>B3 Investment assets</b>                         | Details   |                                    | Fund to which asset belongs      | Cost (optional)                  | Current value (optional)        |
|   |   |                                    |                                  |                                  |                                 |
|   |   |                                    |                                  |                                  |                                 |
|   |   |                                    |                                  |                                  |                                 |
|   |   |                                    |                                  |                                  |                                 |
| <b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b> | Details   |                                    | Fund to which asset belongs      | Cost (optional)                  | Current value (optional)        |
|   |   |                                    |                                  |                                  |                                 |
|   |   |                                    |                                  |                                  |                                 |
|   |   |                                    |                                  |                                  |                                 |
|   |   |                                    |                                  |                                  |                                 |
|   |   |                                    |                                  |                                  |                                 |
|   |   |                                    |                                  |                                  |                                 |
|   |   |                                    |                                  |                                  |                                 |
| <b>B5 Liabilities</b>                               | Details   |                                    | Fund to which liability relates  | Amount due (optional)            | When due (optional)             |
|   |   |                                    |                                  | -                                |                                 |
|   |   |                                    |                                  | -                                |                                 |
|   |   |                                    |                                  | -                                |                                 |
|   |   |                                    |                                  | -                                |                                 |
|   |   |                                    |                                  | -                                |                                 |

The notes attached on page 3 form part of these financial statements

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

|           |                   |                  |
|-----------|-------------------|------------------|
| Signature | Print Name        | Date of approval |
|           | Reverend Paul Bye | 19/3/24          |
|           | Loraine Lee       | 19/3/24          |



## Receipts and payments accounts

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### Section C Notes

- The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments Basis.
- The following assets are recognised but not necessarily valued in the statement of Assets and Liabilities: Moveable church furnishings held by churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal.
- The expenses paid to clergy may include a small immaterial proportion which relates to their function as PCC members. No other payments were made to members for being members of the PCC.
- The movement in designated and restricted funds in the year were:

| Restricted:                       | Bal b/f       | Receipts     | Payments     | Transfer      | Bal c/f       |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| Club Day/Landau Fund              | 401           | -            | 16           |               | 385           |
| Keith Turner Memorial Fund        | 86            | -            | 85           | 1             | -             |
| Toddler Group Fund                | 172           | 1,192        | 1,145        |               | 219           |
| Hardship Fund (donations)         | 675           | -            | -            |               | 675           |
|                                   | <b>1,334</b>  | <b>1,192</b> | <b>1,246</b> | <b>1</b>      | <b>1,279</b>  |
| <b>Designated:</b>                |               |              |              |               |               |
| Quinquennial Fund                 | 22,237        | -            | -            | -             | 22,237        |
| Vicar's Special Support Fund      | 106           | -            | 57           | -             | 49            |
| Support Worker Fund               | 2,000         | -            | -            | 10,000        | 12,000        |
| Hardship Fund (church designated) | 1,000         | -            | -            | -             | 1,000         |
| Flowers                           | 67            | 95           | 127          | -             | 35            |
| Shop 10% Profit                   | 3,501         | -            | 795          | 3,335         | 6,041         |
|                                   | <b>28,911</b> | <b>95</b>    | <b>979</b>   | <b>13,335</b> | <b>41,362</b> |

| 5. Receipts and Payments analysis  | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Designated funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ | Total funds to nearest £ | 2022 to nearest £ |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Receipts</b>                    |                                 |                               |                               |                              |                          |                   |
| Other voluntary receipts 5a        |                                 |                               |                               |                              |                          |                   |
| Legacy                             | -                               |                               |                               |                              | -                        | -                 |
| Grants                             | 10,000                          |                               |                               |                              | 10,000                   | 18,625            |
| Donations                          | 11,812                          | 95                            |                               |                              | 11,907                   | 2,541             |
|                                    | <b>21,812</b>                   | <b>95</b>                     | <b>-</b>                      | <b>-</b>                     | <b>21,907</b>            | <b>21,166</b>     |
| Activities for generating funds 5b |                                 |                               |                               |                              |                          |                   |
| General                            | 55                              |                               | 1,192                         |                              | 1,247                    | 927               |
| Social                             | -                               | -                             |                               |                              | -                        | -                 |
|                                    | <b>55</b>                       | <b>-</b>                      | <b>1,192</b>                  | <b>-</b>                     | <b>1,247</b>             | <b>927</b>        |
| Receipts from Church Activities 5c |                                 |                               |                               |                              |                          |                   |
| Shop                               | 85,675                          |                               |                               |                              | 85,675                   | 71,378            |
| Hall lettings                      | 15,376                          |                               |                               |                              | 15,376                   | 10,270            |
| Fees                               | 558                             |                               |                               |                              | 558                      | 512               |
| Mission & evangelism events        | 317                             |                               |                               |                              | 317                      | 416               |
| Sundry                             | 28                              |                               |                               |                              | 28                       | 200               |
|                                    | <b>101,954</b>                  | <b>-</b>                      | <b>-</b>                      | <b>-</b>                     | <b>101,954</b>           | <b>82,776</b>     |
| Investment income 5d               |                                 |                               |                               |                              |                          |                   |
| BDDA interest                      | 1,275                           |                               |                               |                              | 1,275                    | 420               |
| Bank interest                      | -                               |                               |                               |                              | -                        | -                 |
|                                    | <b>1,275</b>                    | <b>-</b>                      | <b>-</b>                      | <b>-</b>                     | <b>1,275</b>             | <b>420</b>        |



## Receipts and payments accounts

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### Section C Notes continued

#### 5. Receipts and Payments analysis

|                                      | Unrestricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Designated funds<br>to nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to nearest £ | Total funds<br>to nearest £ | 2022<br>to nearest £ |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Payments</b>                      |                                    |                                  |                                  |                                 |                             |                      |
| Cost of Generation Voluntary income  |                                    |                                  |                                  |                                 |                             |                      |
| 5e                                   |                                    |                                  |                                  |                                 |                             |                      |
| Event costs                          | -                                  | -                                | 0                                | 0                               | -                           | -                    |
| Stewardship envelopes                | 90                                 | 0                                | 0                                | 0                               | 90                          | 18                   |
|                                      | 90                                 | -                                | -                                | -                               | 90                          | 18                   |
| Church Activities                    |                                    |                                  |                                  |                                 |                             |                      |
| 5f                                   |                                    |                                  |                                  |                                 |                             |                      |
| Other Payments                       |                                    |                                  |                                  |                                 |                             |                      |
| Salaries, wages and honaria          | -                                  | -                                | -                                | -                               | -                           | -                    |
| Clergy & staff expenses              | 7,919                              | -                                | -                                | -                               | 7,919                       | 7,786                |
| Sub total                            | 7,919                              | -                                | -                                | -                               | 7,919                       | 7,786                |
| Church Expenses                      |                                    |                                  |                                  |                                 |                             |                      |
| Mission and evangelism costs         | 2,326                              | -                                | -                                | -                               | 2,326                       | 1,053                |
| Church, hall and grounds maint.      | 8,623                              | -                                | -                                | -                               | 8,623                       | 13,673               |
| Church repair minor                  | -                                  | -                                | -                                | -                               | -                           | -                    |
| Hall repair                          | 68                                 | -                                | -                                | -                               | 68                          | 2,820                |
| Insurance                            | 5,387                              | -                                | -                                | -                               | 5,387                       | 5,183                |
| Equipment                            | 324                                | -                                | -                                | -                               | 324                         | 373                  |
| Telecoms                             | 1,474                              | -                                | -                                | -                               | 1,474                       | 1,301                |
| Print & stationary                   | 3,095                              | -                                | -                                | -                               | 3,095                       | 2,654                |
| Parish office                        | 188                                | -                                | -                                | -                               | 188                         | 440                  |
| Sundries                             | 89                                 | -                                | -                                | -                               | 89                          | 55                   |
| Service requirements                 | 1,231                              | -                                | -                                | -                               | 1,231                       | 859                  |
| Subs & licences                      | 918                                | -                                | -                                | -                               | 918                         | 840                  |
|                                      | -                                  | -                                | -                                | -                               | -                           | -                    |
| Sub total                            | 23,723                             | -                                | -                                | -                               | 23,723                      | 29,251               |
| Church utility bills                 |                                    |                                  |                                  |                                 |                             |                      |
| Light & heat                         | 18,564                             |                                  |                                  |                                 | 18,564                      | 10,035               |
| Water rates                          | 962                                |                                  |                                  |                                 | 962                         | 875                  |
| Sub total                            | 19,526                             | -                                | -                                | -                               | 19,526                      | 10,910               |
| Shop (cost of trading)               | 52,323                             | -                                | -                                | -                               | 52,323                      | 37,138               |
| Vicar's Special Support fund         | -                                  | 57                               | -                                | -                               | 57                          | -                    |
| Keith Turner fund                    | -                                  | -                                | 85                               | -                               | 85                          | 34                   |
| Club Day                             | -                                  | -                                | 16                               | -                               | 16                          | 613                  |
| Hardship fund                        | -                                  | -                                | -                                | -                               | -                           | -                    |
| Flower fund                          | -                                  | 127                              | -                                | -                               | 127                         | 595                  |
| Community Foundation fund            | -                                  | -                                | -                                | -                               | -                           | 14                   |
| Local School support fund            | -                                  | -                                | -                                | -                               | -                           | 959                  |
| Shop 10% profit fund                 | -                                  | 795                              | -                                | -                               | 795                         | -                    |
| Toddler Group fund                   | -                                  | -                                | 1,145                            | -                               | 1,145                       | 979                  |
| Major repairs to the Church building | -                                  | -                                | -                                | -                               | -                           | -                    |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>103,491</b>                     | <b>979</b>                       | <b>1,246</b>                     | <b>-</b>                        | <b>104,921</b>              | <b>88,279</b>        |
| Mission giving and donations         |                                    |                                  |                                  |                                 |                             |                      |
| 5g                                   | 1,000                              | -                                | -                                | -                               | 1,000                       | 1,050                |
|                                      | 1,000                              | -                                | -                                | -                               | 1,000                       | 1,050                |
| Governance Costs                     |                                    |                                  |                                  |                                 |                             |                      |
| 5h                                   |                                    |                                  |                                  |                                 |                             |                      |
| Independent Examiner's fees          | 200                                | -                                | -                                | -                               | 200                         | 150                  |
| Postage                              | 7                                  | -                                | -                                | -                               | 7                           | -                    |
|                                      | 207                                | -                                | -                                | -                               | 207                         | 150                  |

# Accounting Policies

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

## Funds

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

The accounts include monetary transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC can be held responsible. They do not include the accounts of other church groups that owe an affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

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

## Statement of Assets and Liabilities

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

- Moveable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal.
- Land and buildings held on behalf of the PCC.
- Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment where the PCC is free to dispose of such assets without faculty and where the original cost exceeded £1000.
- Investments held beneficially by the PCC.

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

- Amounts owing from the Inland Revenue where a formal claim has been made.
- Any other amounts owing to the PCC including church hall lettings and insurance claims.
- Legacies where formal notification of entitlement has been received by 31st December by the PCC.
- Closing bank balances as shown in the receipts and payments account.

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

- Any loans or overdrafts advanced to the PCC.
- Any arrears of Diocesan Parish Share.

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

**Independent Examiner's unqualified report to the**  
**P.C.C. of Ansdell and Fairhaven St. Paul,**  
**Clifton Drive, Lytham St. Annes, Diocese of Blackburn.**

This report of the financial statements of the P.C.C. for the year ended 31st December 2023 which are set out on pages 12-15, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

As members of the P.C.C. you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. You consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and section 144(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 145(5)(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 P.C.C. 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 130 of the Act; and
  - to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and
  - comply with the requirements of the 2011 Act and the Regulations have 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 ..... Date .....

Name Rev'd. A. A. Clements,  
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