



# Annual Report 2024

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## Chair's Report

It's been a good year for the church with lots to celebrate and some things to keep praying into. In January we met and prayed through as a Church our priorities, so under those titles:

- 1) ***To grow as a church of disciples who make disciples:*** We started a new life group, preached and taught into making disciples, continued to develop the Deeper programme of mornings exploring faith, and encouraged mentoring including providing materials to support mentoring and discipleship. Discipleship life group material provided some consistent input on formation. In the September Cat joined us as children's pastor which has been instrumental in seeing our children's ministry developing and sowing into our teams. In 2025 we will need to seek God for a new Youth Pastor to work alongside the great work Ruby and Tim are doing with youth.
- 2) ***To be less busy and more family, inviting others to come and helping them find their place:*** Whilst still doing a lot over the year, we focussed this year on ensuring there are periods of activity and periods of rest for the church family, making space for people to invest in their friendships within and outside the church. We encouraged an invitational culture and saw many more people come to social events over the year from outside the usual congregation. We evaluated ministries over the year and worked with ministry leads to help provide more opportunities for people to respond to the good news of Jesus. The Church Camp in July was a great time to come together, and alongside other events over the year helped new people to join the All Saints family. 2024 was also a year of trying some new things to see what God would do. We launched a pub based discussion group that didn't work, We also launched Kintsugi which has had two very successful courses, offering mental health support to those in the community. Looking ahead to 2025 we are wanting to start providing CAP training and expand Kintsugi courses in the community. Alpha continues to have some success, but like other churches across the UK, we are tending to see more people come to explore faith informally through connections to the congregation.
- 3) ***To develop in reaching, engaging, and discipling 20-39's:*** *The Young Adults group continue to do well under Ben and Emily's leadership. We have also focussed under Cat's leadership on reaching out to parents through the toddlers group, through bigger events during the year like the Glow Party and will be launching a parents support group in 2025. In order to help our communication to this group 2024 saw the redesign of our website, logo, and mission statements. In 2025 we are going to launch a social media team in order to use Instagram to reach out to younger generations.*

As we look to 2025, many of the prophetic words being offered suggest God has started, and will increasingly lead us into freedom in worship, fruitfulness in evangelism, and to have a greater impact in our communities. Our desire continues to be establishing a church where people can easily find out about Jesus and respond to him, where it is easy to find your place and flourish, and where seeing the kingdom of God come in the building and in our daily lives is what we seek. Joy is growing. The church family is seeing new people joining us. And we continue to celebrate God at work. There is an exciting year ahead of us with God leading us to step out and see Him at work.

Rev. Matt Levinsohn

## Wardens' Report

At All Saints Church we believe we are here to serve the local and wider community at Preston on Tees. The building continues to be well used throughout the year by the congregation attending All Saints and other local people independent of our Church.

Maintenance projects have included further work on the roof of All Saints and some further upgrading in the toilets and to the kitchen and equipment has taken place.

Further work has been carried out to the sound desk, and it is shortly to be finished and decorated by a kind member of our congregation.

Following successful fund raising the centre hall flooring will be refurbished. Plans are in place for the Nave to be recarpeted in the very near future. The fund raising has gone towards financing the replacement LED lighting in the main hall in the centre and the foyer and the car park. Half of the cost for this came from a grant from the Diocese of Durham.

We are exploring secondary glazing options in our church which would further improve the insulation of the building. Durham Diocese has set a target for all Churches to reach Net Zero Carbon by 2030, and these recent upgrades to our building are a demonstration of our intent to achieve this objective.

Working parties have again helped in the clearing of a Laurel tree and hedge at the front of the church and the car park area has recently been weeded and cleared. We are extremely grateful to the members of the congregation who gave up their time to support us with these tasks.

Our two Flats 558 A and 558 B continue to be inhabited by the same tenants. The Flat 558 B has required the installation of handrails and a step to support the tenant with his access requirements. As of 01.02.25 the PCC and Treasurer agreed that it was necessary for a small rent increase which both tenants were agreeable to.

We extend our thanks to both Matt Falcus and to our Caretaker Peter Lankford for their continued assistance in improving the conditions within the Flats and in managing repairs and remedial work.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Shiromi Davison, Rachel Levinsohn and Peter Lankford our Caretaker for all their amazing work in supporting the running and administration of All Saints Church.

As Wardens we are also supported by a team of Assistant Wardens, namely: Karen Killick, Anne Rolfe, Matt Falcus, Martin Howard, and Stuart Johnson. Our thanks go to those named above who look after our services every week.

Chris Vass and Karen Snowden  
**Churchwardens**

## Treasurer's Report

### Review of 2024

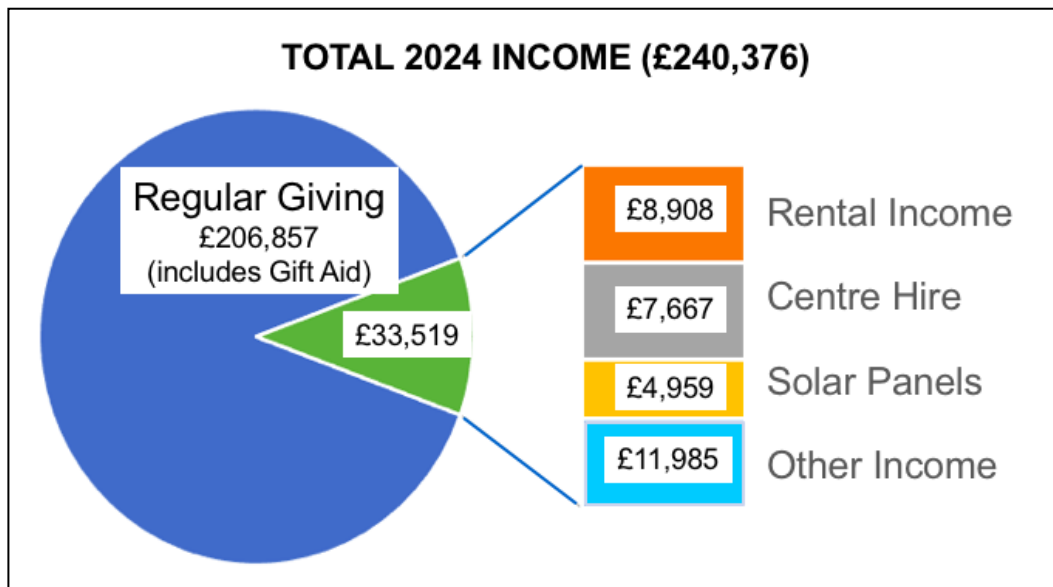
Our profound thanks once more for the way you have given financially to the work of the church here. Without it we could not do all that God has called us to do in this place including discipleship, evangelism, children's and youth work, blessing our communities and so on. Thank you.

Our total combined income (restricted and unrestricted) in 2024 from gifts, various activities, rent, solar panels, etc. was £240,376. Meanwhile, total combined expenditure on activities, staff salaries and buildings etc. was £215,158. Our finances thereby ended 2024 with an surplus of £25,219. The surplus has mainly come from not having a Youth Pastor and a Children's Pastor for significant periods of the year and the savings made by not paying this salaries. Having appointed into both roles we will not see that saving repeated in 2025.

Whilst some of the surplus we are banking to be used to help the financial picture in the coming year, the PCC have decided to use a portion of it to employ Ruby as Assistant Youth Pastor (January to July 2025), and some to help cover the much higher energy bills we will face from summer 2025 when a new fixed-term energy contract starts.

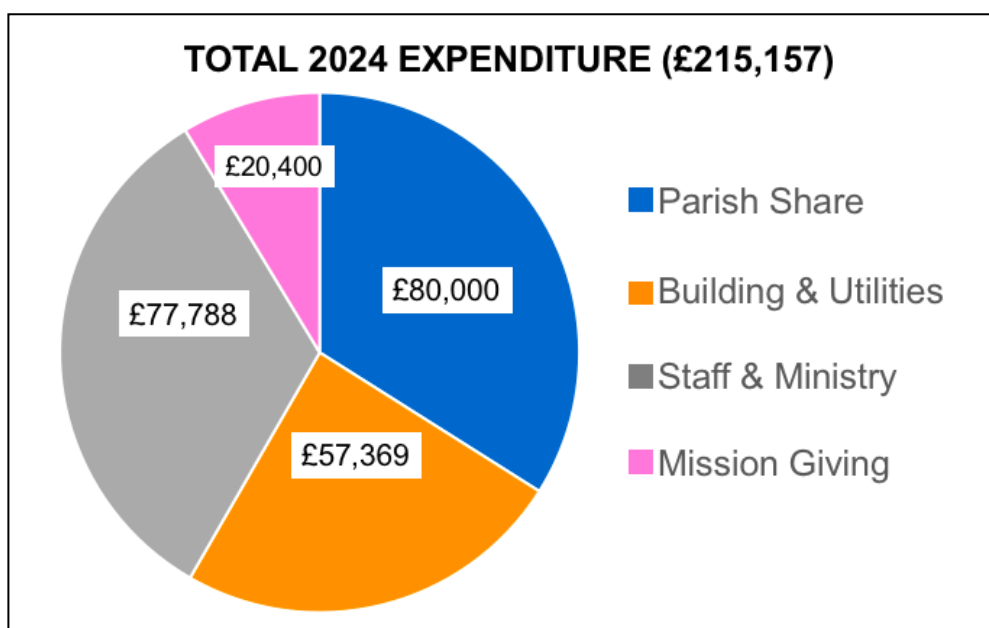
### Income:

- Overall voluntary income for 2024 decreased slightly (with regular giving through Standing Orders down and amounts received through the Parish Giving Scheme up).
- Once again, we received a number of general one-off donations during the year which was a welcome boost to our regular giving.
- The appeal for donations towards building improvements made in the autumn raised a further £11,321.02 (to which some Gift Aid and Diocese funding is still to be added). The sum of £3262 has already been spent on LED lighting for the Centre. At the present moment we are proceeding organising for the replacement of carpet in the main church and working with the architect to identify a good system for secondary glazing to reduce energy loss.
- The new cashless giving machine introduced in December 2023 has proven popular for giving small donations. The transaction fees incurred mean making larger donations are more effective through bank transfers.
- Rental income was unchanged compared to 2023 having made a modest increase to monthly rents charged.
- Income from Centre hire went up through increased number of hires during the year.
- The Solar panels contributed 13% more income compared to last year.
- Overall unrestricted income for the year was down about £10,000 (i.e. 6% lower than last year).



Expenditure:

- Our overall expenditure during 2024 was lower than planned, primarily driven by salary savings awaiting the start of our replacement Children's Worker and Youth Pastor.
- The PCC gave £80,000 to the Diocese as Parish Share in line with our Pledge.
- We continued to give away 10% of our unrestricted voluntary income to local and overseas mission (excludes special donations made to the building improvement appeal).
- All Saints' PCC continued to ensure that all staff are paid at, or higher than, the Living Wage advised by the Living Wage Foundation.
- Overall expenditure totalled £215,158 for the year, leaving us with a surplus compared to overall income of £25,219 for 2024. This is a one-off situation - salary costs when vacant posts have been filled and energy costs with a new fixed-term contract will increase our expenditure in 2025.



### Looking ahead to 2025

The PCC continue to balance the need for prudence and common sense with faith that God will provide for what we are called to do as a church. The budget for 2025 makes use of available unrestricted funds while maintaining a £40,000 reserve as per our policy to be able to withstand two months lost income in the year. We will continue to give away 10% of voluntary income to local and overseas mission. Our Parish Share Pledge to the Diocese is £84,000 in 2025. Key building improvements scheduled for the year ahead include carpeting the main church and floor resurfacing in the church centre.

### Acknowledgements

I would like to thank the following people for their support through the year:

- Karen Killick, for her weekly trips to the bank to deposit the weekly collection and other income throughout the year);
- Martin Howard, for handling HMRC reporting of salaries and pensions information;
- Margaret Vaughan, for her work as Gift Aid Secretary;
- Eliphanos Moyo, for reading electricity and gas meters each month;
- John Belmont, as the previous Treasurer, for his ongoing practical advice and support.

Most importantly, we continue to be so grateful to each and every person who contributes to God's work here at All Saints' Church whether that be through prayer, service and/or financial giving. Prayer underpins everything we do and our service and finances enable it to happen. Please continue to pray for God's provision and protection as we endeavour to realise the calling of His Church; to worship Him, proclaim the Gospel and reach out to those in need.

**Guy Wingate**  
Treasurer

## **Safeguarding Report**

I am sure you have become aware of the headlines that have been hitting our news concerning safeguarding in the Church of England over this year – actual cases of concern and how they have been handled. I want to assure you that at All Saints' we strive to maintain a positive safeguard culture where we want everyone to feel safe and where any concerns are dealt with in a sensitive and timely manner following correct protocols and offering support to victims and survivors. This has been echoed by the INEQE First Annual report on Independent Safeguarding Audits of the Church of England (2024):

“Our findings highlight a positive trajectory, reflecting improved safeguarding practices led by Diocesan Safeguarding Teams. These teams comprise individuals with significant experience of working in statutory agencies and other relevant organisations, ensuring a robust and informed approach to safeguarding within church settings.”

Our biblical mandate calls us to protect and care for those who are vulnerable. Proverbs 31:8 calls us to 'speak out on behalf of the voiceless, and for the rights of all who are vulnerable'. It is a theme which is replicated throughout the whole Bible, with God portrayed in the 121st psalm, as the keeper of Israel. This Hebrew word can be translated as Safeguard, which is God's need and wish for the Church, not only that we are safe, but we all work for safety for all people.

To accomplish this at All Saints' during 2024 we have:

- Continued to comply with the duty to have 'due regard' to the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance at a national level and continues to adhere to Durham Diocese Safeguarding policies and guidelines.
- Continued to have safeguarding as an item on the agenda at every PCC meeting for updates.
- Been extremely busy with 38 staff and volunteers renewing their DBS checks now having 73 signed up to the DBS update service. Also Safeguard training was either offered face to face or online with 17 staff and volunteers updating Basic Awareness level, 73 updating Foundation level and 7 their Leadership level.
- Asked Ministry leads to write risk assessments for their individual ministries looking at safeguarding and health and safety hazards and risks. These will be reviewed by PCC early in 2025.
- Attended a number of diocesan meetings: PSO Get Togethers where information is disseminated and support for the role offered; Meeting with Alexander Kubeyinje, National Safeguard Director to discuss role of PSO's and our concerns at a parish level; SRPM Evaluation with National Safeguard Team member with a view to refining the process; National Safeguard Standards Meeting to learn about linking new standards to the dashboard and compliance is needed within 18 months.
- Continued to use and update the The Parish Safeguarding Dashboard which is an online tool that helps us keep track of safeguarding in All Saints' and keeps us up-to-date with local and national changes in safeguarding requirements. It also allows for measuring and reporting of parish compliance.

During the year we have had a number of safeguard concerns reported and all have been handled sensitively and supported appropriately, and advice from Diocesan Safeguard Adviser, Beth Miller, has been sought where needed.

So, again, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their commitment to help make All Saints' a safe place for all, and for the support and encouragement of individuals as I have continued in this role.

I leave you with this prayer:

Father, give the leaders of the church your wisdom, guidance and grace. For ourselves, we ask you to give us your heart for the vulnerable, the oppressed, the voiceless and the forgotten. Help us to see them as you see them; to value them as you value them, and to nurture and protect them as you desire. We commit together to create safer places. Amen.

**Diane Backhouse**  
**Parish Safeguarding Officer**



## Parochial Church Council

At the last APCM, the following nominations were declared as All Saints' PCC members:

Diane Backhouse (PSO)  
Simon Honeywell  
Jacob Howard  
Martin Howard (PCC Secretary)  
Geoff Jowett  
Anne Rolfe  
Pamela Rushton  
Paul Wheeldon  
Guy Wingate (Treasurer)

In addition, other members became ex officio PCC members:

Lucy Falcus (Deanery Synod Member)  
Karen Killick (Vice Chair & Diocesan Synod)  
Rev. Matt Levinsohn (Chair)  
Ben Scott (Curate)  
Karen Snowden (Warden)  
Margaret Vaughan (Diocesan Synod)  
Chris Vass (Warden)

The PCC has reviewed and updated many of All Saints' policies and procedures that ensure its robust governance. These included:

- Donations and Legacy Policy
- Hire Policy
- Booking Forms
- Drivers Bank Policy
- Drivers Bank Declaration Form
- Risk Assessment Procedure
- Disclosure Policy
- Health & Safety Policy
- Food Safety Policy
- Complaints Handling & Whistle Blowing
- Recruitment of Ex Offenders
- Safer Recruitment

PCC also reviewed the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy to ensure our other policies matched this policy

**Martin Howard**  
**PCC Secretary**

## Deanery Synod

Stockton Deanery Synod is a group of representatives from every parish in the Stockton area, and all clergy (vicars, curates and open to retired clergy) and meets 4-5 times per year. The aim is to provide a link between parishes, sharing things we do well and things we struggle with, and tackle bigger issues such as what our Deanery Plan is. This covers what our mission is across Stockton, either together or as separate parishes, and where we appoint our clergy.

2024 meetings focussed on growth and discipleship across the Deanery with opportunities for churches to share what they are doing, and all input into planning how we use the resources the Diocese gives as part of our Deanery plan.

**Lucy Falcus**

## Diocesan Synod

There have been two meetings of Diocesan Synod in 2024.

May 2024 had significant items on:

- Diocesan Board of Education – update and briefing on new RE syllabus;
- Update on Diocesan Transformation;
- Presidential address by Acting Bishop of Durham, Bishop Sarah;
- The 2023 financial statements for the Diocese;
- Update on Durham Lesotho LINK project.

November 2024 meeting was the first of the “new triennium” [3 year term] so commenced with elections of the Chair of House of Clergy (Revd Paul Arnold) and Chair of House of Laity [Frances Stenlake]. The significant items for this meeting were:

- Presidential address by Acting Bishop of Durham, Bishop Sarah;
- Safeguarding – briefing on Safeguarding standards and upcoming INEQE audit;
- Adopting the 2025 Diocesan Budget;
- Update on Diocesan Transformation plans and details on the streams of activities being developed and implemented;
- Diocesan Priority: Challenging Poverty;
- Caring for God’s Creation; update on progress to reach net zero 2030; update on projects in various parishes and Eco church;
- Prayers for upcoming Crown Nomination Meeting (i.e., process for discerning the next Bishop of Durham).

The Diocesan Synod operates on a three-year cycle of membership. During Summer 2024 nominations were sought for the next 3 years. Karen Killick and Margaret Vaughan are both lay members and Matt Levinsohn is one of the clergy members for Stockton Deanery, all till summer 2027. Please do ask any of these three if you want further details on any Diocesan Synod business.

**Margaret Vaughan**

## Administration

During 2024 we had changes in our children's and youth ministry leaders, so I've been supporting the teams and Cat when she started. A big part of my role is supporting ministries, and it is always exciting to see new things happening in All Saints.

The Electoral Roll was moved onto ChurchSuite, with an online form option offered for the first time, which helped me and Andrew Eley to think about the full revision of the roll due in 2025.

Some office tasks are the same year: supply ordering, Sunday services visuals, Christmas and Easter plans, organising Church Camp, dealing with bookings for church family and external hirers, website and ChurchSuite updates, preparing Welcome Packs, and responding to emails are all part of my day to day job.

We changed the way our rotas are set up - each rota now covers four months which is working well, and I am grateful for the help of church family members who organise the individual rotas.

I have continued to work with Diane on our DBS renewals and checks for new volunteers.

I've enjoyed working with Rachel, Peter (our caretaker) and our staff team in another busy year.

**Shiromi Davison**  
**Administrator**

## Reception

My role as Receptionist is a lovely one seeing the variety of people who come into the building midweek. I especially enjoy setting up the Monday drop in coffee morning and seeing everybody enjoying a weekly catch up. Some days in the centre are busier than others. Thursday morning is one of the busier mornings and a lot of fun with lots of toddlers and their carers in the building. During the summer the building was particularly busy while we had the TVYFC mission teams here helping around the building and grounds. We also get the local primary schools visiting the building at key times in the church calendar and it is a real joy to welcome them into the church.

I do a range of administrative tasks including advertising events on social media and keeping the noticeboards up to date. I particularly enjoy making our advertising material look pretty on Canva.

**Rachel Levinsohn**  
**Receptionist**

## Publicity, Communication & Website

Our website update is ongoing, a huge thank you to Matt Falcus for the work he is doing on the website. We are hopeful that it will be launched soon.

I continue to work on the monthly programme and copies are shared by email, on our website, public Facebook page and printed out for those visiting the building to pick up. Thank to everyone who helps by writing articles or providing images to be included in the programme.

We are looking to get a team together to work on our social media, so if you might be interested, please speak to Rachel or myself.

**Shiromi Davison**

### **Staff Management Team**

The staff management team has helped with revision of job descriptions, staff appointments, preparation of contracts and appraisals. The team members were Michelle Honeywell and myself. One or two new members would be welcome.

**David Emerton**

### **Music and Worship 09.00**

Music and Worship continues as usual at the 9am service, with sung worship led by a variety of people, including traditional hymns and modern songs, within the structure of the service which includes worship in other ways e.g. liturgy and psalms.

**Lucy Falcus**

### **Music and Worship 10.30**

Some things stay the same and some things change. Since last year's report the leadership team for the worship group at the 10.30 has said thank you and goodbye to some and welcome to others. Michelle and Simon Honeywell, along with Marcie, have started leading and Sue has returned to a more frequent role, we're grateful for all of them and everyone else involved!

We have been trying out a few new things like having a gentle focus on all-age worship (taking into account children's ministries and the youth preferences) and aiming to spend a little more time waiting on God in worship. So far so exciting in our opinion, but please let us know what you think. Jim is happy to have a chat or receive emails to start a conversation (contact details on churchsuite).

Please pray for the team as we move into another new phase - musical worship is always in a state of change as we experiment and find out how to get closer to Jesus together. My hope is that by this time next year we will have welcomed new members, made progress in finding new ways to spend time in congregational worship and found new songs to enjoy together.

Please let me know if you are considering joining the team!

**Jim Daniel**  
**Worship Coordinator**

## Youth

Our hope is to see our young people become life-long followers of Jesus. We are so incredibly grateful to have such an amazing group of young people as part of the youth ministry at All Saints' Church and also a great team of people who invest in them.

I want to firstly honour both Kathryn & John Belmont, who served our youth ministry for so long and have blessed and invested in so many young people over the past 18 years. Kathryn left the role of youth pastor in September 2024 to take up a role at the Diocese and helped to make this a place where every young person was not only made to feel welcome, but also were given opportunities to grow, lead and deepen their relationship with Jesus, whichever stage in that journey they were at. She created a space for both the quiet and the loud, the shy and the confident, those struggling and thriving and those with faith and without. A place they could all feel welcome and at home. Despite John not being employed by the Church, he was just as caring, diligent and faithful to the young people as Kathryn was. Our young people have always been a priority to John and he wasn't just a support to Kathryn, but integral to the sustained quality of youth ministry experienced at All Saints'. We are so grateful to them both. Thank you.

We are also very grateful to those who serve faithfully on our youth team, enabling us to deliver a full program of opportunities for our young people including Youth Church, midweek life groups, Friday night youth club, mentoring, mission trips, youth camps, schools work, café church, Refresh, youth services and serving in the life of the church too. Thank you for giving up your time, and for investing in our young people.

In our regular gatherings, Friday youth club has a good balance of regular church attenders who have been able to invite their friends and other young people from the local area who enjoy hanging out with us for a couple of hours. We always share something of our faith, and it has been a great space to welcome new people to All Saints'.

Our Wednesday night life groups have included the Vox course, preparation for Festival Teesside, the Youth Alpha course, peer mentoring, social nights and we are currently working through big stories and characters of the Old Testament. We see our young people grow in their faith so much at life group and they have various opportunities to learn how to engage with God in creative prayer, worship and response times.

At Youth church we tend to follow the same teaching series as adult church, and we give opportunities for our young people to be involved in helping to lead aspects of the service too. We have also continued to run youth apprenticeships where once a month, our young people get to serve and learn different parts of the adult church service. We often spent time in worship and praying for the Holy Spirit to move during our response moments.

We took a significant number of young people on a mission trip to Mexico. It is always an amazing trip and an important one for our youth to experience serving in a completely different context and one which we hope will give them a life changing moment.

We had a brilliant time at Satellites youth camp and will be returning there this Summer. It's a great chance to worship with other young people from across the country and see our young people grow closer in their relationships with Jesus and each other.

Some of our young people are part of Doulos, a servant leadership program led by Tees Valley Youth for Christ where they learn to lead and serve like Jesus did.

We continue to pray that God sends us the right person to take up the full time Youth Pastor role in 2025. Alongside all that has happened at All Saints, we were very involved with Festival Teesside, putting on local events for young people as well as serving at the Festival in Middlesbrough.

We continue to see our amazing young people grow in confidence to share their faith with their friends, and it has been a joy to see the development of the 2 student led Christian union groups at Egglescliffe school supported by Ruby and Ben, our curate.

Please continue to pray for our young people and our young people through the rest of 2025.

**Tim Wye-Williams & Ruby Watson**  
**Youth Team**

### **Children & Families**

What a joy it is to be working alongside children and families in this wonderful church where children want to come to church and are valued and loved by the whole church family. Seeing children lead prayers, action songs and share what they have learnt to the wider church has been an encouragement to many.

Gems and Trailblazers have been having fun learning about Jesus and spending time with him. They talk about their faith and amaze the team of leaders with the things they know about God. Gems have been enjoying sensory play and a similar structure each week. Trailblazers engage in fast-paced games and like to choose how they want to respond to the story or theme in various creative ways.

Toddlers has an incredible, committed team who serve every week, welcoming and loving many parents, carers and their children from our community. We share our faith within conversations and by singing and praying together. We also have structured crafts and sensory play.

God's Giants is a fun life group for Y5/6 children with games and time to share life. The children have a desire to open the bible, exploring what God is saying and spending time in his presence. We also enjoy trips out together.

Discovery Church, whilst having been very big and successful in the past does not seem to have been working in the same way recently. We are therefore focussing on beacon events like The Glow Party and Christmas Family Fun to celebrate together, as well as building relationships with local families, spending time together and exploring faith in more organic ways. We are starting a parent wellbeing and discipleship group soon which will be smaller and a way to take our next steps in faith.

Schools have been so open to working with us through assemblies and RE lessons both in school and bringing children into church. The Links and Junction Farm came to church for Christmas services and Preston came to do their Christmas production here.

We are looking forward to working together with the local Uniform Groups and seeing God work through Holiday club, Life Exhibition and drawing more families and children to Jesus.

**Cat Wakefield**  
**Children and Families Ministry Leader**

## Connect Lunch Club

Connect lunch club meets monthly and seeks to connect retired people from our community to enjoy a two course lunch with friends and to make new friends. We continue to have between 40 – 50 guests attending. We continue to provide a short traditional service in church before lunch for those who wish to join us. About 20 – 25 guests attend, most of whom do not attend any other services at All Saints.

There is an activity after lunch where people can chat and get to know one another. Some of our congregation are there to facilitate friendships.

Activities this year :

- New Year and Valentines quizzes and crafts
- Bring and buy sale with proceeds going to Butterwick Hospice charity
- Japanese themed crafts
- Coach trip to Beningbrough Hall near York
- A talk and songs by one of our guests on Vera Lynn
- Sing along with Eagle Ukes Ukulele group
- Carol singing

Our aims are to make All Saints a welcoming place, to offer prayer, to share God's love with our local community and to reach out to those who may be lonely.

We couldn't do this without God's help and the dedication of our wonderful Connect team of cooks, service leaders and preachers, activities organisers, setting up team, welcomers and washer uppers. Many thanks to everyone involved with Connect lunch club, including our guests and thank you to God for the way He continues to bless this ministry.

**Karen Snowden**  
**Team Leader**

## Friendship Gathering

The Friendship Group had a good year. Providing friendship, food, and themed sessions over the year. The group continues to attract people from within Timothy Hackworth, and guests invited in from outside. In Sept 24 Alex who was heading up the ministry stepped down, and since then the team has been leading the ministry themselves with some support from myself. In advent, and at Christmas we were able to lead some faith based sessions including Carol Singing and reflecting on how we celebrate Christmas. Looking ahead to 2025 the group is looking at the regularity of sessions and how the church can best partner with Timothy Hackworth.

**Matt Levinsohn**

## Chairbics

We meet each Tuesday (except lunch club days) with a break for Christmas and in the summer. Starting at 1pm we exercise, followed by a thought for the day and a prayer, then a cuppa and biscuit and chat.

At present there are 11 in the group (which includes 1 man!) and we share a WhatsApp group. I am the only person who comes to our church and only 1 other goes regularly to another church. We are led by Ann Coppick - a qualified teacher – who puts us through our paces whilst firmly planted on a chair – hence the name.

Objectives:

- To improve breathing, posture and cardiovascular conditioning.
- Joint mobility to improve range of movement.
- Stretching exercises to ease tension.
- Short routines to improve mental and physical co-ordination.

Group members say:

- 'It is vital for my physical well-being and social interaction. Since attending the class my physical capabilities have improved – I can walk further, do more physically and my muscles are stronger'.
- 'With Ann's expertise if you have a problem area, she adapts the exercise accordingly e.g. my circulation - I noticed an immediate improvement. The chat and cuppa afterwards enable socialising and sharing issues in a safe environment'.

**Pam Rushton**

## Prayer

As one of the team of prayer coordinators we are enthused and blessed at the way God meets us and answers prayer.

Setting out the prayer room with ways to encourage thinking about prayer was a highlight and we plan more in the future.

The daily prayer suggestion updates on Facebook are well received and I have recently started to update names for requests. Please let me know at any time if you want anything changing or adding, both personal and ministry wise. It's great to keep updated and prayer in its many forms is always powerful.

We pray regularly in an intercessory and prophetic way, after the Wednesday morning communion service, with no set agenda except what God reveals to us. It is often a very encouraging and revelatory time, sometimes a calling to battle for what's on God's heart.

Everyone is welcome to join us, in this endeavour.

**Sandra Griffiths**



### **Prayer and Worship Saturdays**

We have continued to meet monthly throughout the year, usually the second Saturday of the month, at the earlier time of 9-10am. Our basic task is intercession - for the world, for All Saints', for the wider church, and for particular needs. But we also highly value praise and worship, focusing on the God who has blessed us so much and, in whose presence, there can be fulness of joy. We also seek to be open to the Holy Spirit for any particular words or direction for our prayers. Our numbers ranged from 2 to 14, with a faithful core. Please join us when you can.

**Rev. David and Jill Munby**

### **Morning Prayer Zoom Meetings**

During 2024 we continued our on-line meetings established when Covid 19 made us all essentially housebound. Half a dozen people are still using this opportunity to start our days with communal prayer for the world around us, for the church and for people in need. We use the format of Lectio 365, led by members of the group attending. This comprises, usually readings from a Psalm and from either the Old Testament or the New, with prayer times focussed on particular themes, changing daily, and a time for more general intercession. We meet on weekdays with the exception of Wednesday (to avoid any potential conflict with the Wednesday Communion Service) at 9.10 and usually finish by about 9.30. Clearly this means that many people will be at work, and unable to take part, but if you *are* able to join us, I think you'll find it rewarding and well worthwhile and a great way to start the day. We use Zoom with the *meeting identifier* 862 4733 2301 and *passcode* 316316. (Think John 3.16) and would be delighted to share this time of prayer with you.

**John Littlehailes**

### **Life Groups**

There are 10 Life Groups in All Saints', meeting at different times of the week, in homes, in church and at a local cafe. It is a great opportunity for people meet regularly with close friends, study the Bible, worship, pray together and exercise spiritual gifts. Most of our Life Groups have a "missionary link" and are in regular contact with the missionaries associated with All Saints'. This is a great encouragement to those in the groups and to the missionaries themselves.

We are truly blessed with our Life Groups and pray for more members to join the groups and for more leaders to lead them.

**Stuart & Ruth Johnson**  
**Life Group Coordinators**

## Pastoral Care

The Pastoral team in All Saints continued to serve both within the church and the wider community.

Currently the team is: Chris Vass, Karen Killick, John Taylor, Nicola Dursley, Claire Warren, Sarah Hope, two new team members were added this year, Andrew and Elaine Eley. We listened, prayed and offered practical, confidential help whenever called upon.

Referrals to the team came from both the Leadership and the membership and mainly requested practical help, advice, prayers or guidance in a variety of situations. It is our hope that the advice, assistance and practical input has made a real difference to the well-being of those to whom we have been able to minister.

As always, we are so thankful for those valued personal relationships and friendships, vital Life Group contacts, which are firmly at the forefront of meeting needs, immediate and long term, spiritual and practical, which presented themselves over the last year. We continued to monitor the membership list to ensure that, as far as we were able, no-one was overlooked and all members have someone who “has their back” and can encourage them in their faith during difficult times.

Once again, we thank God for such a caring church and for the support of you all.

**Peter Gray**  
**Team Leader**

## Young Adults

Last year I took over running the weekly young adult's life group in place of Matt and Rachel. We have continued a similar format of meeting weekly on an evening to chat about the bible, using different courses such as ones produced by HTB or by journeying through a book together. Over the past year we tried to combine this weekly life group with the wider Teesside young adults' group which met once a month but unfortunately this didn't work out. We still have connections with the young adults from this group, with us meeting up on occasion for social events and are confident that they are being supported by their own churches.

Our hopes for this year ahead are to maintain consistently with our members, something which we have struggled with recently, but the encouraging news is that it is picking up and we are heading towards our goal of having 10 members consistently each week.

**Ben Scott**

### **Joyful Craft**

Another joyful year has passed for this craft group.

We have had a few changes in members (some left and others joined) but we remain about half church members and half friends and neighbours, the average attendance is 15.

We have updated our risk assessment and safeguarding responsibilities again (we thank Diane Backhouse for guidance on this essential matter.

We have been blessed by guidance by Judith Brun and others. Stone pictures, cardboard Christmas trees in church, some making hats for premature babies and beautiful gowns for “babies born sleeping” in the hospital. A highlight was a Christmas party when we had a delicious afternoon tea with Carols and a Christmas message from Matt. We continue to pray and be blessed by the Lord and encourage each other as we share our passion and skills (or desire to learn) craft making.

**Sandra Griffiths**

### **Favourite Hymn Singing**

We continue to meet informally on the last Monday of the month at All Saints to sing some of our favourite hymns. We are happy to welcome anyone who shares our interest in singing hymns that we know and love and we regularly have singers from St Mary's, Long Newton and St John's, Butts Lane amongst our number. The hymns have mainly been chosen by people in the group and we are as ever indebted to our wonderful pianist, Janet Smith .

Everyone in the group comes because they enjoy singing and they also enjoy seeing friends there. We would be happy to see some new faces join us if you think you would like to try it. There is no judgement about your singing ability and you will be surprised how good it feels to join a singing group. Please have a word with me if this interests you.

**Kate Pickover**

### **Ukrainian Family Support Café**

The Ukraine cafe is continuing to be well attended. Members of the council immigration support team now attend once a month to offer their support and use the cafe as a place to share information with the guests.

We held 3 sessions of The Alpha course in Ukrainian, that was spoken about in last year's report, and this was very well attended with lots of discussions. Two of the teenage boys that attend regularly prayed with Elaine to invite Jesus into their lives. Follow up has been a bit tricky as they haven't been able to attend the youth groups at church. Their whole family attend the cafe and Andrew Killick has now started meeting with the father on alternate Thursday's to help his language learning.

We held a Christmas party which had over 50 people come along. Andrew Killick was able to share a gospel message based on a Christingle service and everyone really enjoyed it.

We are seeing a number of Ukraine guests attending church events and we received this lovely message from one of the regular ladies that comes along.

In my opinion the coffee and chat evenings are very important to the Ukrainians. As even 3 years after..... they are still missing home so much and probably didn't settle mentally yet here in the UK. The church is giving a huge help to fill them and they are not lonely in the UK. This is an opportunity to be around Ukrainians and also around very friendly and caring British people. Also that is an opportunity to learn more British Culture and traditions, find new friends or help when needed. For some Ukrainians, the church is the thing "why they need to go out of the house". Otherwise, they would sit inside the house, watch bad news, and be more mentally ill. These coffee and chat evenings are a good opportunity to learn or improve the English language. Personally for me and could be for others the church is like a family now where I can feel I'm human and it doesn't matter if I am Ukrainian or British.

We have also been able to send Andrew Killick's book A beautiful Creation to young soldiers being trained at Catterick Garrison several times and this will continue this year thanks to the donation of funds from the mission fund from church.

#### **Prayer requests**

- More volunteers - especially for the summer term
- Opportunities to share our faith and to pray for the Ukraine guests

**Ruth Johnson & Judith Evans**  
**Team Leaders**



# **Annual Report 2024**

**Parochial Church Council of All Saints', Preston-on-Tees**

**Financial Statements**

**For the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

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**Parochial Church Council of All Saints', Preston-on-Tees**  
**Annual Report**  
**For the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

The Parochial Church Council present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

**Reference and Administration Information**

Church Office	22 Dunottar Avenue Eaglescliffe Stockton-on-Tees	
Status	Registered Charity No: 1132440	
Chairman	Revd M Levinsohn	
Vice-Chair	K Killick	
Secretary	D Backhouse (until April 2024); M Howard (from April 2024)	
Churchwardens	A Rolfe (until April 2024) K Snowden (from April 2024) C Vass	
Treasurer	Dr G Wingate	
Members	D Backhouse A Burns (until April 2024) Dr L Falcus S Honeywell J Howard (from April 2024) M Howard G Jowett	A Lamond (until April 2024) A Rolfe P Rushton Revd B Scott M Vaughan Dr P Wheeldon
Independent Examiners	Lynne Dickson FCA JBC Accountants Limited 3B Lockheed Court Preston Farm Stockton-on-Tees TS18 3SH	
Bankers	Barclays Bank PLC	

**Parochial Church Council of All Saints', Preston-on-Tees**  
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**Structure, Governance and Management**

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is required to register with the Charities Commission.

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

Appropriate induction and training procedures are in place, and PCC members are sent on relevant training courses when, and where necessary.

The PCC has a Standing Committee which meets monthly to discuss all areas of strategy, planning for PCC meetings and to decide on courses of action where appropriate. Certain tasks are delegated where necessary and sub-committees have been set up for areas that require close attention, for example, the Mission Giving and Support Group review donations made on behalf of the church to our domestic and overseas mission partners.

The Staff Team consists of all paid staff plus some other members with oversight of specific areas of ministry. They meet weekly and discuss issues that need to be dealt with as they arise, and are also significant in terms of setting the overall vision of the church, under the guidance of the Vicar.

The major risks to which the PCC is exposed have been identified and reviewed by the PCC and a supporting action plan agreed to manage those risks.

**Objects and Activities**

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

All Saints' PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

It also has maintenance and repair responsibilities for the Church building and the Church Centre complex of All Saints', Preston-on-Tees.

The objectives of the PCC are promoted through a detailed programme of activities, such as various children's and youth groups, incorporating a wide range of activities, groups for older members of the community, coffee mornings, provision of rooms/hall for hire, etc.

Each year, approximately 10% of voluntary income is donated as 'Mission Giving'. Recipients are identified by the Mission Support Group and approved by the PCC. Requests for donations from other potential recipients are also considered by the committee.

When planning our activities for the year, the incumbent and the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through: worship and prayer; provision of pastoral care; and missionary and outreach work.



**Parochial Church Council of All Saints', Preston-on-Tees**  
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**Achievements and Performance**

***Review of the year and financial review***

Our total combined income (restricted and unrestricted) in 2024 from gifts, various activities, rent, solar panels, etc. was £240,376. Our total combined expenditure on activities, staff salaries and buildings etc. was £215,158. Our finances thereby ended 2024 with an surplus of £25,219, primarily driven by salary savings awaiting the start of our replacement Childrens Worker and Youth Pastor. The surplus will be used to pay for our increased Parish Share to the Diocese in 2025 and much higher energy bills resulting from our new 3-year contract which starts summer 2025.

***Unrestricted Funds (General Funds)***

***Income:***

The overall unrestricted income for the year was £241,846 (2023: £255,325).

Voluntary income went down 7% in 2024 compared to 2023 (this excludes one-off donations received in response to an appeal for money to support building improvements which is reported under restricted funds).

Grants received were down £9,371 with the ending of energy support and less employer NI reimbursed.

The Centre is being hired more and solar panel income is up 13% on last year.

The credit and direct debit card machine introduced at the end of 2023 has proved popular for small payments.

***Expenditure:***

The overall expenditure of unrestricted funds was £216,617 (2023: £258,345).

As a church we continued to give away 10% of our unrestricted voluntary income to local and overseas mission.

We paid our Parish Share Pledge of £80,000 (2023: Parish Share payment was £90,942).

We continue to pay staff at, or higher than, the Living Wage advised by the Living Wage Foundation.

The resultant unrestricted fund surplus before transfers was £25,229 (2023: deficit before transfers was £3,021).

***Designated Funds***

The fund established in 2023 for mission and ministry has not been used and holds the sum of £7,312.29.

A new designated fund was created with £1,500 for Childrens Mission to facilitate a Life Exhibition in 2025.

**Restricted Funds**

***Hardship Funds***

Used to support those who find themselves in times of particular hardship.

***Youth (General)***

Used to support congregation members attending summer camps and the local monthly service, held at All Saints' specifically for youth in Teesside. The fund also holds a hardship fund for young people in particular need.

***Youth Room***

This fund was established to collect donations to support the refurbishment of the Church Centre youth room.

***REACH Fund / Building Improvements 24-25***

Set up in 2017 for the reordering of church, the fund had a residual balance £381.50. Donations with Gift Aid from an appeal made in 2024 for further building improvements (£11,321.02) has been added. New LED lighting cost £3262, leaving £8,059.02 (to which some Gift Aid and Diocese grant funding is to be added) for other work e.g. new carpet and double glazing in the main church and reburishing the wooden floor in church hall in 2025.

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*Mexico*

Used to hold donations supporting young people participating in a project to build houses in Mexico for people living in poverty. The planned trip to Mexico took place in Easter 2024. The fund is now empty and not in use.

*Livestreaming*

Set up during the COVID-19 pandemic to support live streaming of services. The fund is no longer used.

*Special Collections*

Collections for key events eg leaving gifts. This fund had a zero balance at start and end of year.

*Ephesians Fund*

A new fund has been established to received gifts to All Saints made through the UK Ephesians Fund.

*Reserves policy*

It is the intention of the PCC to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds, which equates to at least two months unrestricted payments, equivalent to around £40,000, to cover significant loss of income in a particular year. The balance held in unrestricted funds at the end of 2024 satisfies this policy.

***Looking forward into 2025***

The PCC continue to balance the need for prudence and common sense with faith that God will provide for what we are called to do as a church. Our financial planning processes aligns with the diocese budgeting cycle and activities undertaken to develop our own church vision. As a Resource Church we are constantly reviewing whether we are ready to plant new congregations and where they might be.

The PCC would like to note all those who have helped with all financial matters during 2024. Particular thanks go to:


Karen Killick, in her role as Recorder with associated trips to the bank to deposit money;  
Martin Howard, for handling HMRC reporting of salaries and pensions information;  
Margaret Vaughan, for her work as Gift Aid Secretary;  
Eliphanos Moyo, for reading electricity and gas meters each month;  
Shiromi Davison, for tracking various purchases, fees and petty cash;  
John Belmont, as previous Treasurer, for his ongoing practical advice and support.

Lastly, and most importantly, we are so grateful to each and every person who have contributed to God's work here at All Saints' Church through prayer and/or financial giving. Prayer underpins everything we do and our finances enable it to happen. Please continue to pray for God's provision and protection as we endeavour to fulfill the calling of His Church; to worship Him, proclaim the Gospel and reach out to those in need.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on ..... 24/2/25 .....

Signed by:

.....  ..... Rev M Levinsohn (Chair)

.....  ..... Mr C Vass (Churchwarden)

**Parochial Church Council of All Saints', Preston-on-Tees**  
**Report of the Independent Examiner**  
**For the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

I report to the members of the PCC on my examination of the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2024.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

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

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the PCC as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with these records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: .....  .....

Name: Lynne Dickson FCA

Firm: JBC Accountants Limited

Address: 3B Lockheed Court  
Preston Farm  
Stockton-on-Tees  
TS18 3SH

Date: ..... 3 March 2025 .....

**Parochial Church Council of All Saints', Preston-on-Tees**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**For the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>						
<i>Donations and legacies</i>	2a	211,360.96	-	25,735.30	<b>237,096.26</b>	270,540.15
<i>Other trading activities</i>	2b	7,997.93	-	-	<b>7,997.93</b>	9,828.81
<i>Investments</i>	2c	52.06	-	-	<b>52.06</b>	38.30
<i>Church activities</i>	2d	17,475.60	-	-	<b>17,475.60</b>	15,097.00
<i>Other</i>	2e	4,959.66	-	-	<b>4,959.66</b>	4,207.42
<b>Total</b>		<b>241,846.21</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,735.30</b>	<b>267,581.51</b>	<b>299,711.68</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
<i>Raising funds</i>	3a	190.45	-	-	<b>190.45</b>	-
<i>Mission giving &amp; donations</i>	3b	20,400.00	-	-	<b>20,400.00</b>	24,818.93
<i>Church activities</i>	3c	196,026.66	-	23,486.04	<b>219,512.70</b>	277,767.99
<b>Total</b>		<b>216,617.11</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,486.04</b>	<b>240,103.15</b>	<b>302,586.92</b>
<b>Net income / (expenditure)</b>		<b>25,229.10</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,249.26</b>	<b>27,478.36</b>	<b>-2,875.24</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>		<b>-1,466.26</b>	<b>1,500.00</b>	<b>-33.74</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>23,762.84</b>	<b>1,500.00</b>	<b>2,215.52</b>	<b>27,478.36</b>	<b>-2,875.24</b>
Balances brought forward at 1st January in calendar year		40,000.00	7,312.29	8,946.14	<b>56,258.43</b>	59,133.67
<b>Balances carried forward at 31st December in calendar year</b>		<b>63,762.84</b>	<b>8,812.29</b>	<b>11,161.66</b>	<b>83,736.79</b>	<b>56,258.43</b>

The notes on pages 8 to 14 form part of these accounts.


**Parochial Church Council of All Saints', Preston-on-Tees**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**As at 31 December 2024**

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors	5	3,460.00	1,195.00
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>83,026.79</u>	<u>59,613.43</u>
		<b>86,486.79</b>	<b>60,808.43</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	2,750.00	4,550.00
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u><b>83,736.79</b></u>	<u><b>56,258.43</b></u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	7	-	-
<b>Total net assets</b>		<u><b>83,736.79</b></u>	<u><b>56,258.43</b></u>
<b>The funds of the Church</b>			
	8 & 9		
Unrestricted		63,762.84	40,000.00
Designated		8,812.29	7,312.29
Restricted		11,161.66	8,946.14
<b>Total Church Funds</b>		<u><b>83,736.79</b></u>	<u><b>56,258.43</b></u>

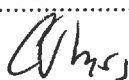
The notes on pages 8 to 14 form part of these accounts.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on ..... 24/2/25 .....

Signed by:



Rev M Levinsohn (Chair)



Mr C Vass (Churchwarden)

**Parochial Church Council of All Saints', Preston-on-Tees**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

**1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - Charities SORP (FRS 102) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102 - Section 1A small entities) and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

The PCC has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemption in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 - the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

The PCC constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

**Funds**

*Unrestricted funds* represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC.

*Designated funds* are also unrestricted funds, but the PCC have decided to set up a contingency fund with the aim of money being set aside for major items of expenditure that would not be covered by the annual budget.

*Restricted funds* represent donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance for that fund.

**Income and endowments**

*Donations and legacies:*

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC. Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received. Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised. Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain. Funds raised by the fete, garden party and similar events are accounted for gross. Sales of books and magazines from the church bookstall are accounted for gross.

*Other income*

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

*Investments:*

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable. Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

**Parochial Church Council of All Saints', Preston-on-Tees**  
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**Expenditure**

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

*The diocesan parish share* is accounted for when paid. Any parish share unpaid at 31st December is provided in these accounts as an operational (through not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor on the Balance Sheet.

All other expenditure is generally recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the PCC to that expenditure, it is probably that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis.

**Fixed assets**

*Consecrated property and moveable church furnishings:*

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by S.10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Moveable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted for as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the Church's Inventory which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For inalienable property acquired prior to 2004, there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets have not been valued in the accounts. All expenditure incurred since 2004 on consecrated or beneficed buildings, on moveable church furnishings, or items with an immaterial purchase price is written off when the asset is acquired.

*Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment:*

Equipment used within the church premises is capitalised and depreciated on a straight line basis over the life of the asset. Individual items or equipment with an immaterial purchase price are written off when the asset is acquired.

**Current assets**

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31st December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

**Parochial Church Council of All Saints', Preston-on-Tees**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

**2 INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:**

		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>2a Donations and legacies</b>						
Planned:	Standing Orders	63,242.06	-	-	63,242.06	71,658.55
	Envelopes	1,600.00	-	-	1,600.00	1,395.00
	Parish Giving Scheme	94,823.65	-	-	94,823.65	93,984.79
	One-off Donations / Legacies	5,938.40	-	-	5,938.40	5,229.83
	Income tax recoverable	40,467.92	-	-	40,467.92	39,680.68
	Open collections	2,244.78	-	-	2,244.78	1,789.68
	Grants Received	3,044.15	-	-	3,044.15	12,415.20
	REACH donations	-	-	10,964.52	10,964.52	300.00
	Ephesians	-	-	446.31	446.31	-
	Hardship	-	-	-	-	1,379.76
	Special Collections	-	-	2,655.71	2,655.71	-
	Mexico	-	-	2,751.26	2,751.26	34,482.71
	Youth (General / Hardship)	-	-	8,917.50	8,917.50	8,215.00
	Youth room refurbishment	-	-	-	-	8.95
		<u>211,360.96</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,735.30</u>	<u>237,096.26</u>	<u>270,540.15</u>
<b>2b Other trading activities</b>						
	Ministry Income	7,719.76	-	-	7,719.76	9,673.32
	Other income (inc Photocopying)	278.17	-	-	278.17	155.49
		<u>7,997.93</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,997.93</u>	<u>9,828.81</u>
<b>2c Investments</b>						
	Dividends and interest received	52.06	-	-	52.06	38.30
<b>2d Church activities</b>						
	Rent on 558A/B Yarm Road	8,908.00	-	-	8,908.00	8,160.00
	Church centre lettings	7,667.60	-	-	7,667.60	6,234.00
	Fees	900.00	-	-	900.00	703.00
		<u>17,475.60</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,475.60</u>	<u>15,097.00</u>
<b>2e Other</b>						
	Feed in Tariff from Solar Panels	4,959.66	-	-	4,959.66	4,207.42
<b>TOTAL</b>		<u>241,846.21</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,735.30</u>	<u>267,581.51</u>	<u>299,711.68</u>



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**3 RESOURCES EXPENDED**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 £	2023 £
<b>3a Costs of generating funds</b>					
Cost of fundraising	190.45	-	-	190.45	-
<b>3b Mission Giving &amp; Donations</b>					
Missional and charitable giving (note 11)	20,400.00	-	-	20,400.00	24,818.93
<b>3c Church activities</b>					
Diocesan parish share	80,000.04	-	-	80,000.04	90,942.90
Salaries (inc expenses)	63,876.94	-	-	63,876.94	81,607.62
Vicar and Curate expenses	1,093.01	-	-	1,093.01	736.24
Ministry costs	10,993.58	-	-	10,993.58	15,293.96
Other Mission costs	3,283.81	-	-	3,283.81	1,823.58
Church running expenses	23,915.30	-	-	23,915.30	28,313.90
Church and Centre costs	12,099.99	-	-	12,099.99	17,593.87
Church major repairs and maintenance	-	-	3,262.00	3,262.00	1,185.43
Bank charges	213.99	-	-	213.99	183.87
Independent Examiner's fee	550.00	-	-	550.00	550.00
Ephesians	-	-	-	-	-
Hardship	-	-	100.00	100.00	-
Special Collections	-	-	2,655.71	2,655.71	-
Livestreaming	-	-	-	-	595.67
Mexico	-	-	7,634.97	7,634.97	29,599.00
Youth (General / Hardship)	-	-	9,773.36	9,773.36	8,358.00
Youth room refurbishment	-	-	60.00	60.00	983.95
	<u>196,026.66</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,486.04</u>	<u>219,512.70</u>	<u>277,767.99</u>
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>	<b>216,617.11</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,486.04</b>	<b>240,103.15</b>	<b>302,586.92</b>

<b>4 STAFF COSTS</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Wages and Salaries	57,233.13	71,811.75
Social Security Costs	3,044.15	4,249.20
Pension Costs	1,675.75	2,151.24
	<u>61,953.03</u>	<u>78,212.19</u>

The average number of staff employed during the year was (all administrative):

<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
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No employee earned more than £60,000 during the year.

The Vicar and Curate expenses are included within the detail of note 3c.

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<b>5 DEBTORS</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Income tax recoverable	2,212.94	125.00
Prepayments and accrued interest	<u>1,247.06</u>	<u>1,070.00</u>
	<u>3,460.00</u>	<u>1,195.00</u>
<b>6 LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Other creditors	<u>2,750.00</u>	<u>4,550.00</u>
<b>7 LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER ONE YEAR</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Long Term Loans	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

**8 RESTRICTED FUNDS**

Livestreaming	This fund was set up during the COVID-19 pandemic to enable live-streaming of services. The fund is no longer used and has been closed. The residual balance was moved to general funds.
Hardship Fund	Fund was set up in 2010 to provide financial assistance to church members in need.
Youth (General)	Used to support members attending summer camps and a monthly youth service.
Youth Room	Set up in 2018 to support the refurbishment of the Youth Room in the Church Centre
Mexico	This fund was set up for contributions supporting young people attending mission activities in Mexico. The planned trip took place at Easter 2024. The fund is now empty not in use.
Special Collections	Collections for key events eg leaving gifts. This fund had a zero balance at start and end of year.
REACH/ Build Improve 24-25	Set up in 2017 for the reordering of church, the fund had a residual balance £381.50 to which have been added donations with Gift Aid from an appeal made to the congregation in autumn 2024 for further building improvements.
Ephesians	Set up in 2024 to receive gifts made through the Ephesians Fund for local parish churches who are committed to biblical faith and have signed up the the fund's Basis of Faith.

	Live-streaming	Hardship	Youth (General)	Youth Room	Mexico	Special Collections	REACH/ Bdg improve 24-25	Ephesians	TOTAL
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1st January 2024	33.74	510.19	2,162.00	1,000.00	4,883.71	-	356.50	-	8,946.14
Income	-	-	8,917.50	-	2,751.26	2,655.71	10,964.52	446.31	25,735.30
Transfers	-33.74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-33.74
Expenditure	-	100.00	9,773.36	60.00	7,634.97	2,655.71	3,262.00	-	23,486.04
31st December 2024	-	<b>410.19</b>	<b>1,306.14</b>	<b>940.00</b>	-	-	<b>8,059.02</b>	<b>446.31</b>	<b>11,161.66</b>

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**9 ANALYSIS OF FUNDS**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL £
Current assets	66,512.84	8,812.29	11,161.66	86,486.79
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	-2,750.00	-	-	-2,750.00
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	-	-	-	-
	<u>63,762.84</u>	<u>8,812.29</u>	<u>11,161.66</u>	<u>83,736.79</u>

**10 RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

No payments

**11 GRANTS MADE**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 £	2023 £
Mission and charitable giving:					
<i>Church overseas</i>					
African Pastors Fellowship	3,000.00	-	-	3,000.00	2,500.00
Oikos Ministry (Burgess)	3,000.00	-	-	3,000.00	2,500.00
UFM (Newhams)	3,000.00	-	-	3,000.00	2,500.00
OMF (Kemp)	3,000.00	-	-	3,000.00	2,500.00
Open Doors	500.00	-	-	500.00	750.00
SORD Uganda	200.00	-	-	200.00	-
Tearfund Syria-Turkey Earthquake	-	-	-	-	750.00
				-	
<i>Home missions and other church societies</i>					
Tees Valley Youth for Christ	1,500.00	-	-	1,500.00	1,750.00
Compassion	1,500.00	-	-	1,500.00	
Ukraine Mission Book*	1,200.00	-	-	1,200.00	200.00
A Way Out	1,000.00	-	-	1,000.00	1,250.00
Safe Families	1,000.00	-	-	1,000.00	800.00
Mary Thompson Fund	1,000.00	-	-	1,000.00	600.00
The Message Trust (Ragworth Foodbank)	500.00	-	-	500.00	550.00
Kintsugi Hope	-	-	-	-	100.00
Festival Teesside	-	-	-	-	4,000.00
The Moses Project	-	-	-	-	550.00
Others - Church Outreach / Hardship			559.99	559.99	3,518.93
	<u>20,400.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>559.99</u>	<u>20,959.99</u>	<u>24,818.93</u>

\* As of 31st December 2024 the invoice not received. Any remaining balance from 2024 allocation of funds will be given to another mission partner.

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**12 GOVERNMENT GRANTS**

Included in Grant Income are the following Government Grants:

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Employer's National Insurance Rebate	3,044.15	4,249.20
	<u>3,044.15</u>	<u>4,249.20</u>

All income received from Government grants has been spent in accordance with the conditions of the grant.

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**Annual Report**  
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The Parochial Church Council present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

**Reference and Administration Information**

Church Office	22 Dunottar Avenue Eaglescliffe Stockton-on-Tees	
Status	Registered Charity No: 1132440	
Chairman	Revd M Levinsohn	
Vice-Chair	K Killick	
Secretary	D Backhouse (until April 2024); M Howard (from April 2024)	
Churchwardens	A Rolfe (until April 2024) K Snowden (from April 2024) C Vass	
Treasurer	Dr G Wingate	
Members	D Backhouse A Burns (until April 2024) Dr L Falcus S Honeywell J Howard (from April 2024) M Howard G Jowett	A Lamond (until April 2024) A Rolfe P Rushton Revd B Scott M Vaughan Dr P Wheeldon
Independent Examiners	Lynne Dickson FCA JBC Accountants Limited 3B Lockheed Court Preston Farm Stockton-on-Tees TS18 3SH	
Bankers	Barclays Bank PLC	

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**Structure, Governance and Management**

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is required to register with the Charities Commission.

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

Appropriate induction and training procedures are in place, and PCC members are sent on relevant training courses when, and where necessary.

The PCC has a Standing Committee which meets monthly to discuss all areas of strategy, planning for PCC meetings and to decide on courses of action where appropriate. Certain tasks are delegated where necessary and sub-committees have been set up for areas that require close attention, for example, the Mission Giving and Support Group review donations made on behalf of the church to our domestic and overseas mission partners.

The Staff Team consists of all paid staff plus some other members with oversight of specific areas of ministry. They meet weekly and discuss issues that need to be dealt with as they arise, and are also significant in terms of setting the overall vision of the church, under the guidance of the Vicar.

The major risks to which the PCC is exposed have been identified and reviewed by the PCC and a supporting action plan agreed to manage those risks.

**Objects and Activities**

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

All Saints' PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

It also has maintenance and repair responsibilities for the Church building and the Church Centre complex of All Saints', Preston-on-Tees.

The objectives of the PCC are promoted through a detailed programme of activities, such as various children's and youth groups, incorporating a wide range of activities, groups for older members of the community, coffee mornings, provision of rooms/hall for hire, etc.

Each year, approximately 10% of voluntary income is donated as 'Mission Giving'. Recipients are identified by the Mission Support Group and approved by the PCC. Requests for donations from other potential recipients are also considered by the committee.

When planning our activities for the year, the incumbent and the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through: worship and prayer; provision of pastoral care; and missionary and outreach work.



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**Achievements and Performance**

***Review of the year and financial review***

Our total combined income (restricted and unrestricted) in 2024 from gifts, various activities, rent, solar panels, etc. was £240,376. Our total combined expenditure on activities, staff salaries and buildings etc. was £215,158. Our finances thereby ended 2024 with an surplus of £25,219, primarily driven by salary savings awaiting the start of our replacement Childrens Worker and Youth Pastor. The surplus will be used to pay for our increased Parish Share to the Diocese in 2025 and much higher energy bills resulting from our new 3-year contract which starts summer 2025.

***Unrestricted Funds (General Funds)***

***Income:***

The overall unrestricted income for the year was £241,846 (2023: £255,325).

Voluntary income went down 7% in 2024 compared to 2023 (this excludes one-off donations received in response to an appeal for money to support building improvements which is reported under restricted funds).

Grants received were down £9,371 with the ending of energy support and less employer NI reimbursed.

The Centre is being hired more and solar panel income is up 13% on last year.

The credit and direct debit card machine introduced at the end of 2023 has proved popular for small payments.

***Expenditure:***

The overall expenditure of unrestricted funds was £216,617 (2023: £258,345).

As a church we continued to give away 10% of our unrestricted voluntary income to local and overseas mission.

We paid our Parish Share Pledge of £80,000 (2023: Parish Share payment was £90,942).

We continue to pay staff at, or higher than, the Living Wage advised by the Living Wage Foundation.

The resultant unrestricted fund surplus before transfers was £25,229 (2023: deficit before transfers was £3,021).

***Designated Funds***

The fund established in 2023 for mission and ministry has not been used and holds the sum of £7,312.29.

A new designated fund was created with £1,500 for Childrens Mission to facilitate a Life Exhibition in 2025.

**Restricted Funds**

***Hardship Funds***

Used to support those who find themselves in times of particular hardship.

***Youth (General)***

Used to support congregation members attending summer camps and the local monthly service, held at All Saints' specifically for youth in Teesside. The fund also holds a hardship fund for young people in particular need.

***Youth Room***

This fund was established to collect donations to support the refurbishment of the Church Centre youth room.

***REACH Fund / Building Improvements 24-25***

Set up in 2017 for the reordering of church, the fund had a residual balance £381.50. Donations with Gift Aid from an appeal made in 2024 for further building improvements (£11,321.02) has been added. New LED lighting cost £3262, leaving £8,059.02 (to which some Gift Aid and Diocese grant funding is to be added) for other work e.g. new carpet and double glazing in the main church and reburishing the wooden floor in church hall in 2025.

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*Mexico*

Used to hold donations supporting young people participating in a project to build houses in Mexico for people living in poverty. The planned trip to Mexico took place in Easter 2024. The fund is now empty and not in use.

*Livestreaming*

Set up during the COVID-19 pandemic to support live streaming of services. The fund is no longer used.

*Special Collections*

Collections for key events eg leaving gifts. This fund had a zero balance at start and end of year.

*Ephesians Fund*

A new fund has been established to received gifts to All Saints made through the UK Ephesians Fund.

*Reserves policy*

It is the intention of the PCC to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds, which equates to at least two months unrestricted payments, equivalent to around £40,000, to cover significant loss of income in a particular year. The balance held in unrestricted funds at the end of 2024 satisfies this policy.

***Looking forward into 2025***

The PCC continue to balance the need for prudence and common sense with faith that God will provide for what we are called to do as a church. Our financial planning processes aligns with the diocese budgeting cycle and activities undertaken to develop our own church vision. As a Resource Church we are constantly reviewing whether we are ready to plant new congregations and where they might be.

The PCC would like to note all those who have helped with all financial matters during 2024. Particular thanks go to:

Karen Killick, in her role as Recorder with associated trips to the bank to deposit money;  
Martin Howard, for handling HMRC reporting of salaries and pensions information;  
Margaret Vaughan, for her work as Gift Aid Secretary;  
Eliphanos Moyo, for reading electricity and gas meters each month;  
Shiromi Davison, for tracking various purchases, fees and petty cash;  
John Belmont, as previous Treasurer, for his ongoing practical advice and support.

Lastly, and most importantly, we are so grateful to each and every person who have contributed to God's work here at All Saints' Church through prayer and/or financial giving. Prayer underpins everything we do and our finances enable it to happen. Please continue to pray for God's provision and protection as we endeavour to fulfill the calling of His Church; to worship Him, proclaim the Gospel and reach out to those in need.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on ..... 24/2/25 .....

Signed by:

.....  ..... **Rev M Levinsohn (Chair)**  
.....  ..... **Mr C Vass (Churchwarden)**

**Parochial Church Council of All Saints', Preston-on-Tees**  
**Report of the Independent Examiner**  
**For the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

I report to the members of the PCC on my examination of the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2024.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

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

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the PCC as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with these records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: .....  .....

Name: Lynne Dickson FCA

Firm: JBC Accountants Limited

Address: 3B Lockheed Court  
Preston Farm  
Stockton-on-Tees  
TS18 3SH

Date: ..... 3 March 2025 .....

**Parochial Church Council of All Saints', Preston-on-Tees**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**For the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>						
<i>Donations and legacies</i>	2a	211,360.96	-	25,735.30	<b>237,096.26</b>	270,540.15
<i>Other trading activities</i>	2b	7,997.93	-	-	<b>7,997.93</b>	9,828.81
<i>Investments</i>	2c	52.06	-	-	<b>52.06</b>	38.30
<i>Church activities</i>	2d	17,475.60	-	-	<b>17,475.60</b>	15,097.00
<i>Other</i>	2e	4,959.66	-	-	<b>4,959.66</b>	4,207.42
<b>Total</b>		<b>241,846.21</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,735.30</b>	<b>267,581.51</b>	<b>299,711.68</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
<i>Raising funds</i>	3a	190.45	-	-	<b>190.45</b>	-
<i>Mission giving &amp; donations</i>	3b	20,400.00	-	-	<b>20,400.00</b>	24,818.93
<i>Church activities</i>	3c	196,026.66	-	23,486.04	<b>219,512.70</b>	277,767.99
<b>Total</b>		<b>216,617.11</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,486.04</b>	<b>240,103.15</b>	<b>302,586.92</b>
<b>Net income / (expenditure)</b>		<b>25,229.10</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,249.26</b>	<b>27,478.36</b>	<b>-2,875.24</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>		<b>-1,466.26</b>	<b>1,500.00</b>	<b>-33.74</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>23,762.84</b>	<b>1,500.00</b>	<b>2,215.52</b>	<b>27,478.36</b>	<b>-2,875.24</b>
Balances brought forward at 1st January in calendar year		40,000.00	7,312.29	8,946.14	<b>56,258.43</b>	59,133.67
<b>Balances carried forward at 31st December in calendar year</b>		<b>63,762.84</b>	<b>8,812.29</b>	<b>11,161.66</b>	<b>83,736.79</b>	<b>56,258.43</b>

The notes on pages 8 to 14 form part of these accounts.


**Parochial Church Council of All Saints', Preston-on-Tees**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**As at 31 December 2024**

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors	5	3,460.00	1,195.00
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>83,026.79</u>	<u>59,613.43</u>
		<b>86,486.79</b>	<b>60,808.43</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	2,750.00	4,550.00
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u><b>83,736.79</b></u>	<u><b>56,258.43</b></u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	7	-	-
<b>Total net assets</b>		<u><b>83,736.79</b></u>	<u><b>56,258.43</b></u>
<b>The funds of the Church</b>			
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Unrestricted		63,762.84	40,000.00
Designated		8,812.29	7,312.29
Restricted		11,161.66	8,946.14
<b>Total Church Funds</b>		<u><b>83,736.79</b></u>	<u><b>56,258.43</b></u>

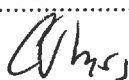
The notes on pages 8 to 14 form part of these accounts.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on ..... 24/2/25 .....

Signed by:



Rev M Levinsohn (Chair)



Mr C Vass (Churchwarden)

**Parochial Church Council of All Saints', Preston-on-Tees**  
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**1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - Charities SORP (FRS 102) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102 - Section 1A small entities) and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

The PCC has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemption in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 - the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

The PCC constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

**Funds**

*Unrestricted funds* represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC.

*Designated funds* are also unrestricted funds, but the PCC have decided to set up a contingency fund with the aim of money being set aside for major items of expenditure that would not be covered by the annual budget.

*Restricted funds* represent donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance for that fund.

**Income and endowments**

*Donations and legacies:*

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC. Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received. Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised. Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain. Funds raised by the fete, garden party and similar events are accounted for gross. Sales of books and magazines from the church bookstall are accounted for gross.

*Other income*

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

*Investments:*

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable. Interest entitlements are accounted for as the accrue. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

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**Expenditure**

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

*The diocesan parish share* is accounted for when paid. Any parish share unpaid at 31st December is provided in these accounts as an operational (through not a legal) liability and is shown as a creditor on the Balance Sheet.

All other expenditure is generally recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the PCC to that expenditure, it is probably that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis.

**Fixed assets**

*Consecrated property and moveable church furnishings:*

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by S.10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Moveable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted for as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the Church's Inventory which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For inalienable property acquired prior to 2004, there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets have not been valued in the accounts. All expenditure incurred since 2004 on consecrated or beneficed buildings, on moveable church furnishings, or items with an immaterial purchase price is written off when the asset is acquired.

*Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment:*

Equipment used within the church premises is capitalised and depreciated on a straight line basis over the life of the asset. Individual items or equipment with an immaterial purchase price are written off when the asset is acquired.

**Current assets**

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31st December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

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**2 INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:**

		Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 £	2023 £
<b>2a Donations and legacies</b>						
Planned:	Standing Orders	63,242.06	-	-	63,242.06	71,658.55
	Envelopes	1,600.00	-	-	1,600.00	1,395.00
	Parish Giving Scheme	94,823.65	-	-	94,823.65	93,984.79
	One-off Donations / Legacies	5,938.40	-	-	5,938.40	5,229.83
	Income tax recoverable	40,467.92	-	-	40,467.92	39,680.68
	Open collections	2,244.78	-	-	2,244.78	1,789.68
	Grants Received	3,044.15	-	-	3,044.15	12,415.20
	REACH donations	-	-	10,964.52	10,964.52	300.00
	Ephesians	-	-	446.31	446.31	-
	Hardship	-	-	-	-	1,379.76
	Special Collections	-	-	2,655.71	2,655.71	-
	Mexico	-	-	2,751.26	2,751.26	34,482.71
	Youth (General / Hardship)	-	-	8,917.50	8,917.50	8,215.00
	Youth room refurbishment	-	-	-	-	8.95
		<u>211,360.96</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,735.30</u>	<u>237,096.26</u>	<u>270,540.15</u>
<b>2b Other trading activities</b>						
	Ministry Income	7,719.76	-	-	7,719.76	9,673.32
	Other income (inc Photocopying)	278.17	-	-	278.17	155.49
		<u>7,997.93</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,997.93</u>	<u>9,828.81</u>
<b>2c Investments</b>						
	Dividends and interest received	52.06	-	-	52.06	38.30
<b>2d Church activities</b>						
	Rent on 558A/B Yarm Road	8,908.00	-	-	8,908.00	8,160.00
	Church centre lettings	7,667.60	-	-	7,667.60	6,234.00
	Fees	900.00	-	-	900.00	703.00
		<u>17,475.60</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,475.60</u>	<u>15,097.00</u>
<b>2e Other</b>						
	Feed in Tariff from Solar Panels	4,959.66	-	-	4,959.66	4,207.42
<b>TOTAL</b>		<u>241,846.21</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,735.30</u>	<u>267,581.51</u>	<u>299,711.68</u>



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**3 RESOURCES EXPENDED**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 £	2023 £
<b>3a Costs of generating funds</b>					
Cost of fundraising	190.45	-	-	190.45	-
<b>3b Mission Giving &amp; Donations</b>					
Missional and charitable giving (note 11)	20,400.00	-	-	20,400.00	24,818.93
<b>3c Church activities</b>					
Diocesan parish share	80,000.04	-	-	80,000.04	90,942.90
Salaries (inc expenses)	63,876.94	-	-	63,876.94	81,607.62
Vicar and Curate expenses	1,093.01	-	-	1,093.01	736.24
Ministry costs	10,993.58	-	-	10,993.58	15,293.96
Other Mission costs	3,283.81	-	-	3,283.81	1,823.58
Church running expenses	23,915.30	-	-	23,915.30	28,313.90
Church and Centre costs	12,099.99	-	-	12,099.99	17,593.87
Church major repairs and maintenance	-	-	3,262.00	3,262.00	1,185.43
Bank charges	213.99	-	-	213.99	183.87
Independent Examiner's fee	550.00	-	-	550.00	550.00
Ephesians	-	-	-	-	-
Hardship	-	-	100.00	100.00	-
Special Collections	-	-	2,655.71	2,655.71	-
Livestreaming	-	-	-	-	595.67
Mexico	-	-	7,634.97	7,634.97	29,599.00
Youth (General / Hardship)	-	-	9,773.36	9,773.36	8,358.00
Youth room refurbishment	-	-	60.00	60.00	983.95
	<u>196,026.66</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,486.04</u>	<u>219,512.70</u>	<u>277,767.99</u>
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>	<b>216,617.11</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,486.04</b>	<b>240,103.15</b>	<b>302,586.92</b>

<b>4 STAFF COSTS</b>	<b>2024 £</b>	<b>2023 £</b>
Wages and Salaries	57,233.13	71,811.75
Social Security Costs	3,044.15	4,249.20
Pension Costs	1,675.75	2,151.24
	<u>61,953.03</u>	<u>78,212.19</u>

The average number of staff employed during the year was (all administrative):

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No employee earned more than £60,000 during the year.

The Vicar and Curate expenses are included within the detail of note 3c.

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<b>5 DEBTORS</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Income tax recoverable	2,212.94	125.00
Prepayments and accrued interest	<u>1,247.06</u>	<u>1,070.00</u>
	<u>3,460.00</u>	<u>1,195.00</u>
<b>6 LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Other creditors	<u>2,750.00</u>	<u>4,550.00</u>
<b>7 LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER ONE YEAR</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Long Term Loans	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

**8 RESTRICTED FUNDS**

Livestreaming	This fund was set up during the COVID-19 pandemic to enable live-streaming of services. The fund is no longer used and has been closed. The residual balance was moved to general funds.
Hardship Fund	Fund was set up in 2010 to provide financial assistance to church members in need.
Youth (General)	Used to support members attending summer camps and a monthly youth service.
Youth Room	Set up in 2018 to support the refurbishment of the Youth Room in the Church Centre
Mexico	This fund was set up for contributions supporting young people attending mission activities in Mexico. The planned trip took place at Easter 2024. The fund is now empty not in use.
Special Collections	Collections for key events eg leaving gifts. This fund had a zero balance at start and end of year.
REACH/ Build Improve 24-25	Set up in 2017 for the reordering of church, the fund had a residual balance £381.50 to which have been added donations with Gift Aid from an appeal made to the congregation in autumn 2024 for further building improvements.
Ephesians	Set up in 2024 to receive gifts made through the Ephesians Fund for local parish churches who are committed to biblical faith and have signed up the the fund's Basis of Faith.

	Live-streaming	Hardship	Youth (General)	Youth Room	Mexico	Special Collections	REACH/ Bdg improve 24-25	Ephesians	TOTAL
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1st January 2024	33.74	510.19	2,162.00	1,000.00	4,883.71	-	356.50	-	8,946.14
Income	-	-	8,917.50	-	2,751.26	2,655.71	10,964.52	446.31	25,735.30
Transfers	-33.74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-33.74
Expenditure	-	100.00	9,773.36	60.00	7,634.97	2,655.71	3,262.00	-	23,486.04
31st December 2024	-	<b>410.19</b>	<b>1,306.14</b>	<b>940.00</b>	-	-	<b>8,059.02</b>	<b>446.31</b>	<b>11,161.66</b>

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**9 ANALYSIS OF FUNDS**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL £
Current assets	66,512.84	8,812.29	11,161.66	86,486.79
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	-2,750.00	-	-	-2,750.00
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	-	-	-	-
	<u>63,762.84</u>	<u>8,812.29</u>	<u>11,161.66</u>	<u>83,736.79</u>

**10 RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

No payments

**11 GRANTS MADE**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 £	2023 £
Mission and charitable giving:					
<i>Church overseas</i>					
African Pastors Fellowship	3,000.00	-	-	3,000.00	2,500.00
Oikos Ministry (Burgess)	3,000.00	-	-	3,000.00	2,500.00
UFM (Newhams)	3,000.00	-	-	3,000.00	2,500.00
OMF (Kemp)	3,000.00	-	-	3,000.00	2,500.00
Open Doors	500.00	-	-	500.00	750.00
SORD Uganda	200.00	-	-	200.00	-
Tearfund Syria-Turkey Earthquake	-	-	-	-	750.00
				-	
<i>Home missions and other church societies</i>					
Tees Valley Youth for Christ	1,500.00	-	-	1,500.00	1,750.00
Compassion	1,500.00	-	-	1,500.00	
Ukraine Mission Book*	1,200.00	-	-	1,200.00	200.00
A Way Out	1,000.00	-	-	1,000.00	1,250.00
Safe Families	1,000.00	-	-	1,000.00	800.00
Mary Thompson Fund	1,000.00	-	-	1,000.00	600.00
The Message Trust (Ragworth Foodbank)	500.00	-	-	500.00	550.00
Kintsugi Hope	-	-	-	-	100.00
Festival Teesside	-	-	-	-	4,000.00
The Moses Project	-	-	-	-	550.00
Others - Church Outreach / Hardship			559.99	559.99	3,518.93
	<u>20,400.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>559.99</u>	<u>20,959.99</u>	<u>24,818.93</u>

\* As of 31st December 2024 the invoice not received. Any remaining balance from 2024 allocation of funds will be given to another mission partner.

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**12 GOVERNMENT GRANTS**

Included in Grant Income are the following Government Grants:

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Employer's National Insurance Rebate	3,044.15	4,249.20
	<u>3,044.15</u>	<u>4,249.20</u>

All income received from Government grants has been spent in accordance with the conditions of the grant.