



St Paul's Church, Barrow in Furness

**Annual Reports and Accounts
For the year to 31 December 2023**

Charity Registration: 1132621



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ST PAUL'S CHURCH,
HAWCOAT LANE,
BARROW-IN-FURNESS
LA14 4HD

Aim and Purpose

St Paul's Parochial Church Council (the "PCC") has the responsibility of cooperating with the Incumbent, the Reverend Robin Ham ('priest-in-charge'), in 'promoting in the ecclesiastical parish and benefice and the Diocese, and also at home and abroad the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical'. (This is as stated in the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956.) The PCC is also responsible for maintaining the church building and the church hall. This overall mission is expressed in the following mission statement:

***Empowered by God's Spirit, we're a community passionate about giving everyone the opportunity to hear, enjoy, & live out the good news of Jesus
- for God's glory in Barrow & beyond.***

MEMBERSHIP

The PCC is a charity registered with the Charity Commission. Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

PCC MEMBERS

During the year, the following served as members of the PCC:

Incumbent:

Revd Robin Ham

Associate Priest:

Revd Canon Elaine Bates

Curates:

Revd Dr Sarah Richardson
Revd Simon Jones

Church Wardens:

Miss Jackie Dower (until July 2023)
Mr Mike Derry
Mrs Fiona Geibel (from July 2023)

Representatives on General Synod:

Mrs Zoe Ham

Representatives on Deanery Synod:

Mrs Maureen Aubrey
Mrs Tracy Graham (until May 2023)
Mrs Eleanor Ledesma (from September 2023)

Elected Members:

Mr Derek Bradley

Mrs Julia Burns
Miss Susan Cowell
Mrs Debbie Gardner (until May 2023)
Mrs Tracy Graham (from May 2023)
Mrs Lesley Hubbard (from May 2023)
Mrs Julie Jones
Mr Howard LeRoy
Mr Peter Molyneux
Mrs Sheila Pearce (until May 2023)
Mr Callum Whitehall

Treasurer:

Revd Canon Elaine Bates (Acting Treasurer)

COMMITTEES

Standing Committee

This is the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council.

Finance Committee

This committee oversees the general financial matters of St Paul's Church by monitoring income and expenditure and the financial implications of PCC decisions.

Building Committee

This committee has responsibility for maintenance of the church buildings and fabric.

Safeguarding

Our safeguarding officer is Mrs Tracy Graham, with Mrs Fiona Geibel helping her by overseeing safeguarding particularly for our J7 children's ministry.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE & ELECTORAL ROLL

At the time of writing this, there are 70 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, of whom 25 are not resident within the parish. 8 people have been added in the last year.

The Average Weekly Attendance for **January-December 2023** was:

Sunday	9 at 8.00 am Holy Communion service 49 at 10.00 am Sunday worship and 11 children under the age of 16 yrs.
Wednesday	9 at 10.00 am Holy Communion service

At a previous APCM, a request was made as to whether this document could indicate previous figures too, so we have included the following.

Previous years' service attendance:

	Sun 8am	Sun 10am	Children u16	Weds 10am
Year 2023	9	49	11	9
Year 2022	11	37	14	10
Year 2021	11	41	14	10
Year 2020	11	36	7	13
Year 2019	13	33	4	12
Year 2018	10	32	2	11
Year 2017	13	36	6	11

Previous years' electoral roll:

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Electoral Roll	102	80*	77	73	68	64	55*	52	57	64	62

* Indicates when a new electoral roll is issued (every 5 years all electoral roll members have to sign-up afresh and a new roll is issue).

FORMAL MEETINGS

The full PCC met 5 times during the year in their usual pattern of meeting, with 3 extraordinary meetings to particularly discuss Living in Love and Faith.

The Finance committee met in between meetings where necessary and reported back to the PCC. An EcoChurch Working Group also met between some meetings and reported back. Good attendance was had throughout.

Review of 2023 from Rev Robin Ham, Chair of the PCC

Once again I have structured this report around our five 'vision priorities' for 2022-25, which we discerned in 2022. However, in the last year the PCC we have added to this by also agreeing a new mission statement, which acts as a compass and overall focus for our work in those five areas:

Empowered by God's Spirit, we're a community passionate about giving everyone the opportunity to hear, enjoy, & live out the good news of Jesus for God's glory in Barrow & beyond.

Transforming Gatherings that Grow & Sow

Our gatherings are such an important part of our church life.

We have continued to have two main weekly services, Sundays at 8am & 10am, as well as a fortnightly service, Wednesday at 10am. Our Sunday 10am service has seen a steady increase in regular participants, whilst Sunday 8am & Wednesday 10am has seen a small decline, chiefly due to ill health and immobility. We now have five Connect Groups meeting midweek, as well as weekly Night Prayer on Thursdays on Zoom at 9pm with others from across the Barrow Mission Community.

On Sundays we have engaged with various parts of God's word. In both January-February and June-July we considered from Exodus how God is revealing himself as a God who rescues for a relationship. We also continued our steady journey through Luke's gospel in February-March. In Holy Week we ran a special '7 Words from the Cross' service on Good Friday, and on Easter Sunday we were delighted to baptise six adults.

In June we took a week to think about our digital life as disciples of Jesus, following Eleanor Ledesma's Diocese-wide initiative, Digital Sunday. Over the school summer holidays we had a series called 'None Like Him', looking at the attributes of God, with some brilliant all age talks given by Callum Whitehall. During September-October we began a series in 1 Corinthians, 'Truly Spiritual', before engaging with Ecclesiastes in November and the powerful message that life is 'hebel', or vapour. During Advent Sarah Richardson compellingly led us through a much-appreciated series looking at the characters in Jesus' genealogy, 'Muddy Boots Welcome'.

We're grateful for all those who preach, lead services, lead us in our sung worship,

lead J7, serve on the AV desk, Welcome team and Refreshments team, as well as all manner of behind the scenes roles. It has been wonderful to have a number of people step up and use their gifts for the first time. In March we held a 'Serving on Sundays' afternoon to particularly encourage people to consider how they could use their gifts to serve in different ways at our Sunday services.

Prayer is a crucial part of any fruitful church - and we gather in a number of ways. For a number of years, a group of people had been meeting to pray on Monday mornings, particularly for ministry to children and families. This was relaunched as 'Powerhouse' and moved to the church lounge. We have also maintained a monthly Sunday late afternoon prayer gathering to pray for the life of the church.

Frontline-focused

In many ways this vision priority is the hardest to measure in a report such as this, as it refers to the work of the church as the 'scattered' people of God, rather than our services, activities and events.

However, our hope is that all our 'gathering' has the purpose of sending us out as the people of God, inspired, equipped and transformed by God's Spirit to live for the glory of God, wherever we have been placed.

We hope that this is a priority that runs through our different services and gatherings and becomes part of our 'DNA' as Christians. We are particularly conscious of not wanting to foster a culture 'busy Christians' who have no times for their colleagues, neighbours, family members, etc.

Growing Younger

It's been exciting to see this vision priority come to birth in different ways - and we continue to try to connect these different strands together...

Our J7 groups continue to be such an important means of discipling young people, overseen by Maureen Aubrey, Zoe Ham and Becca Whitehall. We continue to have two age-groups: J7 Adventurers (3-7s) and J7 Crew (8-11s). Alongside these we ran a number of associated events, including our annual Pancake Party and a J7 Movie & Pizza Night in June.

In early 2023 we relaunched the after school youth drop-in as Hot Chocolate Mondays (or Lemonade Mondays in the summer term!). This was initially aimed at serving secondary school students walking home, with the recognition that we have

very little contact with young people aged 12-16. Initially an outdoor 'stall', in September this began to meet in the church lounge with games and activities, with Simon Jones, Lesley & Tony Hubbard and Jackie Dower forming the nucleus of the team.

In the run-up to Easter 2023, an amazing team once again put on Experience Easter for the younger age groups of local primary schools, which was really appreciated by local schools. I'm thankful to Maureen Aubrey, Howard Le Roy, Julia Burns and Jackie Dower for overseeing this.

Significantly, in September we launched Monday Crew, a new Monday evening group for those aged 7-11 - 'fun, friends & faith', overseen by Fiona Geibel and a brilliant team. This has been a pioneering initiative and regularly has over 12 young people attending. As part of the weekly group, we also ran a Light Party around Halloween and a Christmas Party; both events were open to younger children and parents.

Who Let The Dads Out? continued each month, taking a break for August, and connects with a network of (mainly) dads and grandads. It was great see Howard LeRoy return to action after some time off for recovery, as he leads this with Jenny and Jackie Dower.

It was wonderful to join with St Paul's School in celebrating 180 years in the summer. Jackie Dower and Simon Jones now both serve as school governors, with Jackie taking on the role of chair. The school continue to come into church for monthly collective worship, carol services, a mock wedding, etc.

Partnership Beyond Our Walls

We continue to seek to play our part in the work of the gospel across Barrow and beyond.

Our two BMC curates, Sarah Richardson and Simon Jones, continue to serve across the Deanery as part of their ministry, whilst being based at St Paul's. After a year of serving as a deacon, Simon was ordained in July as prebyster by Bishop James in one of the Bishop's last ordinations before his retirement. We continue to pray for Simon as he seeks to faithfully exercise the ministry God has called him to, as well for ourselves, that each of us would use our gifts, time & passions in God's service.

We have hosted a number of events, helping to resource ministry and mission across the area. In January we hosted one of the touring 'God for All Roadshows',

with people from across Barrow & Furness coming to St Paul's to hear more from Bishop Rob about the refreshed Diocesan vision. Bishop Rob challenged us all to take the gospel melody and play it in our time and place.

In Lent Sarah Richardson organised a town-wide engagement with the Prayer Course, and it was good to host a group at St Paul's. In April we also hosted a meeting for local people to share their views about the next Bishop of Carlisle, as part of the Diocesan Discernment process. In the same month we were also part of the Anna Chaplaincy 'Holiday at Home' week, for those in later life unable to take holiday 'away', with one of the days held at St Paul's, coordinated by our Anna Chaplaincy 'friend', Julie Jones.

Members of the church continue to lead and serve as part of the Open The Book ministry dramatising Bible stories to primary schools. In July we hosted an OTB training event that saw team members from Walney, Ulverston, Millom & Coniston all attend.

During August, our Barrow Community Pastor, Opa Geibel, ran a Mental Health First Aid course, which St Paul's hosted and a number of St Paul's members took part in.

In September we were invited to host a monthly six-session Diocesan course, 'The Discipleship Project', with Bob & Mary Hoskins, as well as Nicky Smith from Carlisle Diocese. As well as St Paul's members engaging with this, there have also been attendees from across Furness & beyond.

Simon Jones has overseen our ministry with Farsi-speakers, a considerable number of whom began attending the church in summer 2022. He has also particularly worked with those at St Mark's Church, and led a discipleship programme alongside some Farsi-speaking leaders. A number of the participants were baptised at St Paul's or St Mark's. In summer 2023 many of these men were moved away from Barrow as part of their asylum process. We miss their presence in the St Paul's community, and feel it was a privilege to have them worship and grow amongst us. Wonderfully some of their stories were shared in a 2023 edition of The Way, the Diocesan newspaper.

In September we were also joined by Sunny & Jessica, who came from Taiwan to serve in Barrow as Ministry Interns for ten months through a partnership between the Norwegian Mission Society and the Diocese of Carlisle. Although serving across the town (including with NYC Barrow, St Mark's Clothes Bank & Open the Book), their base has been St Paul's and it has been a joy to begin to get to know them.

The Twenties & Thirties network continues to meet fortnight and attract young adults from across Furness, including some with no real church commitment. This has been coordinated by members of St Paul's, including Nathan Mair, Callum & Becca Whitehall & Simon Jones.

Looking at the wider Deanery, I was delighted by the appointment of Rev Stuart Silk to serve on Walney & Barrow Island, after a significant vacancy there. We also joined with Christians from across the Deanery for the Ascension Day service at St Francis.

Open Doors & Hearts to our Community

Back in January, church members shared their talents at a social evening to blow away the January blues, a 'Midwinter Merriment Mash-Up'.

As mentioned above, Hot Chocolate Mondays was launched to particularly open our doors to young people. Vintage Thursdays also happens once a month for those in later life, providing cake, conversation and craft, coordinated by Julie Jones and Patsy Derry.

We also took part in the BarrowFull 'Window Wanderland' displays, with a full-window display on the theme of Psalm 19.

During the summer term we ran an Alpha Course in summer term for those wanting to explore the Christian faith, coordinated by Debbie Gardner. We then offered a range of 'summer socials' to encourage friendships and welcome those on the fringe of church over July-August.

In September Julia Burns and Sarah Capstick helped us host an annual Macmillan Coffee Morning for Cancer Support.

Our 2023 Christmas programme, 'O Come Let Us Adore Him', included a number of Christmas carol services. We brought back real candles in our Carols by Candlelight and on Christmas Eve we included a Christingle in our Family Carols event, which seemed very popular. Numbers were generally at their highest since COVID.

We also appreciated the opportunity to once again host carol services for St Paul's School, Dane Ghyll School, St Mary's Light Up a Life, Lynwood Nursery and Deemon Performance Academy. There was also a new Happy Tots carol service this year, alongside their visits during term time.

Our Ecochurch working group helped us consider our stewardship of God's creation,

and this included an afternoon spring 'work party' in the church grounds.

Grateful Hearts

It has been such a joy to see God at work amongst us and through us in 2023 - and often in spite of us too! On behalf of the PCC as legal trustees, I want to say a big 'thank you' to the whole church community - we are the body of Christ, and it has been a privilege to see different gifts, personalities and people working together!. I'm also grateful to the PCC themselves for their support and partnership; we have had to work through some significant issues, including Living in Love & Faith, and I believe God enabled us to do this with much grace.

Since their appointment at the last APCM, Fiona Geibel and Mike Derry have been wonderful churchwardens, with Fiona only in her first year. I'm so grateful for their encouragement, thoughtfulness, prayerfulness and servant-heartedness through some significant decisions and discussions.

I'm continually grateful too to our staff, Sheila Pearce who does so much 'behind the scenes' and 'above & beyond' as administrator, and to Christine, our cleaner, who diligently helps our premises stay in good condition.

Working closely with Revd Canon Elaine Bates, Revd Sarah Richardson and Revd Simon Jones has been a real joy and privilege too - and they are such an example of abundant, sacrificial and joyful service. We are so blessed!

I'm especially grateful for the work that Elaine continues to do so diligently and generously as Acting Treasurer. As you'll see in her report, this year has been challenging financially, but Jesus Christ is building his church.

In closing, as I reflect on the past year, I am overwhelmed with gratitude to our Almighty and Gracious God for His unwavering guidance, provision, and goodness. Through the challenges and encouragements of 2023, His faithfulness has been our steadfast anchor. Together, we have witnessed His transformative power at work in our community. As we continue to move forward in faith, let us remain rooted in His Word, fervent in prayer, and committed to spreading the Gospel message of love and salvation. With hearts overflowing with thankfulness, let us press on in our mission to glorify God and make disciples of all nations, filled by his Spirit. To God be the glory!

CHURCH WARDEN REPORT 2023

With Robin covering the ministry and mission of the church in 2023 in his own report, this report focuses on the PCC's responsibility for the fabric and property of St Paul's Church.

However, we would like to express our joy at seeing God at work in and through His people during 2023; including people exploring faith and being baptised, new ministries starting, interns arriving and the ongoing faithful, perseverance of many.

This has been a relatively uneventful year in terms of the fabric of the building:

Work has been done on the roof to upgrade the efficiency of the guttering & gullies.

There has been considerable activity in the church and grounds spear-headed by the church Eco group with areas to the sides and rear of the building being cleared and wilding taking place.

In addition to the above, some trees have had to be felled and cut back, as they were in a dangerous condition. There was significant cost to this work (nearly £3k), but this is part of our legal obligation. The wooded area 'over the wall' has also been cleared by our own team and a path laid through it.

LED lighting has been installed in the lounge area and a Diocesan grant received to cover the cost for this.

The Quinquennial Inspection with Paul Grout in September flagged up the inadequacy/inefficiency of the heating system in the main part of the church as well as highlighting the ingress of damp and consequent mould on walls.

We await the report based on this inspection but it is highly likely that remedial work will be required, both to the latter issue and to the wooden window frames in the newer part of the building, which have degraded and need repair or replacement as a matter of urgency.

Sadly, the potential sale of the Church Hall has not progressed. We had multiple viewings and one offer was accepted in early 2023, but this fell through in June due to a change of circumstance with the potential buyer. It still remains a matter for prayer that a future sale will be possible.

We are thankful for the many years service that Jackie Dower undertook as church warden before stepping down in May 2023. For us, it has been a pleasure to be part of the team here at St. Paul's and also to be on the receiving end of the support given by the church family to our endeavours as wardens. As Robin has also

expressed, we are hugely thankful for the community of people playing their part in the body of Christ here.

Mike Derry & Fiona Geibel
April 2024

Acting Treasurer's Report 2023

This year, as last, has been challenging not least because of the correctly anticipated impact of high fuel bills. Our commitment to stepping out in faith in offering a warm space to others in the community including children and young people through Hot Chocolate Mondays and Monday Crew and to those who are older through Vintage Thursday was rewarded by generous grants from the Benefact Trust, the local council and the Church of England nationally.

Nonetheless the year has again ended with a deficit. Thanks to the reserves we have been able to cover this but the PCC recognises that serious consideration must be given to increasing income and/or decreasing expenditure and seeking further grant funding. That is a priority for early 2024 and at the time of writing is well underway.

The majority of our regular giving now comes electronically which is immensely valuable and online banking has been effective in reducing bank charges. The card reader and giving online via the website has brought a small but welcome stream of income. LED lights have been installed in some parts of the building and further steps to reduce our carbon footprint are being explored.

We are enormously grateful to all who give in such difficult times, often generously or sacrificially and to the team who is responsible for counting and banking money, administering Gift Aid recovery and facilitating other financial administration.

Elaine Bates
Acting Treasurer



The Annual Report to the PCC and to the APCM 2023

1. The Parish Safeguarding Officer

The Parish Safeguarding Officer for St Paul's Church Barrow-in-Furness is;

Mrs Tracy Graham, Tel: 07786438357, Email: tracyj22.tg@googlemail.com,

I have completed the following training: Text
Safeguarding Foundations
Safer recruitment and people management.

2. Safer Recruitment, and Training

Our parish supports the following groups working with children and young people, and with adults who are vulnerable:

J7 - Activities for children during the 10 o'clock service.

WLTD0? – Dads and Children Aged 0 to 11 (end of Y6) every third Saturday in the month from 10.00 to 11.45.

Open the Book – Groups visit local schools and retirement homes to perform stories from the Bible and share their meaning.

Easter Experience – Schools visit Church to hear about and discuss the Easter Story

Happy Tots Nursery – Groups of children visit fortnightly to enjoy stories from the Bible; learn about Jesus and learn about the church and its work.

Visits to Church – Groups e.g., schools visit church for special services, assemblies or activities.

Home Communion – Held on request for individuals who are not able to attend church.

Vintage Thursdays- Craft, conversation & chat for those later in life.

New events for 2023 are :-

Hot Chocolate Mondays – This is a drop in for children on there way home from secondary school

Monday Crew- is for children aged 7 to 11 and runs from 6.15pm to 7.30pm.

The leaders and volunteers working with our groups have all been safely recruited according to the Church's national guidance.

2023 we continued with safeguarding to the level that people required. Training is always ongoing. I will continue to support everyone to ensure they have received the level of training required by the Church.

The DBS checks are carried out where required and the register is regularly updated with checks being carried out for members of the church working with children or vulnerable adults for the first time, or those whose checks have reached the 3 year deadline for renewal. I have been helping people who do not have access online to complete their checks on a one to one basis.

3. Church Policy and Guidance

All parishes are required to have formally adopted the House of Bishops 'Promoting a Safer Church; Safeguarding Policy statement', and Church of England safeguarding policy and guidance.

This policy statement was adopted by the PCC at a meeting on 12th March 2018 and was reviewed on 11th March 2024. Details of this are on the poster displayed in the lounge which also included contact details for parish safeguarding in St Pauls church.

St Paul's Safeguarding Policy for Children and Vulnerable Adults has also been reviewed and updated. This is now a single policy for both children and vulnerable adults and it was reviewed at a meeting of the PCC on 11th March 2024 Copies are available from the office on request.

I have struggled with time constraints during 2023, but I retire in 2024 so this will enable me to give more time and have a better life balance. I am committed to the role and have book on 2 new courses for 2024. One is a new safeguarding dashboard and the other is Modern slavery.

5. Church Practice

Any safeguarding concerns should be reported to the Parish Safeguarding Officer, the Churchwardens or the Clergy. There are also posters in church giving other points of

contact. The Diocese Safeguarding Adviser can be contacted for advice where needed.

Risk assessments for activities involving children, young people or vulnerable adults are regularly reviewed and updated and the Parish Safeguarding Officer, the Churchwardens or the Clergy should be notified of any concerns regarding the safety or welfare of church members and/or visitors.

Everyone has their part to play in keeping our church and community safe and I would like to thank you all for your help with this. It is very much a team effort and your support is invaluable.

Finally, we give thanks to The Lord as He guides and protects us in our work with both adults and children. His blessings are many and we know that we are nothing without Him.

Tracy Graham Parish Safeguarding Officer

A Year in Review Jan 2023 - Dec 2023

We're Church.... Just a little DIFFERENT!



The headlines...

- **FOCUSED IN ON NEWBARNs AREA**
- **EXTENDED OUR WORK IN NEWBARNs TO OPEN DROP INS ON A MONDAY AND A WEDNESDAY AFTERSCHOOL**
- **RELAUNCHED OUR SUNDAY EVENING GATHERINGS**
- **CONTINUED DROP IN AT ABBEY RD BAPTIST CHURCH**
- **OPENED A SMALLER TABLE GAME GROUP AT ABBEY RD BAPTIST**
- **LAUNCHED A FAMILY BREAKFAST ONCE A MONTH**
- **HELPED LAUNCH A CUMBRIA WIDE YOUTH EVENT**

During the year 2023 Network Youth Church Barrow made a decision. That decision was to step away from trying to open new things across the town and to focus in on one area. Through prayer it was decided that the best plan would be to build on the work happening in and around the Abbey Rd Baptist Church. This opened the door to growing work out of St Aidans, into the Newbarns area of the town. We already had contact with a number of the young people living in the area, and decided that having opened a drop in within the area, we would begin to extend the work and open two days a week. We also relaunched our Sunday Evening Gatherings, which look a bit more like Church as we know it. We also reopened a table gaming group meaning that we have two days a week in Baptist church and two days a week at St Aidans.

We began to engage families in conversation and so in October of 2023 we started a 'Big Breakfast' for the young people and their families, and we have been excited to see how the breakfast has grown, and different families coming together.

Network Youth Church Barrow also helped plan and lead a successful county wide youth event at the Keswick Convention Centre and we took 30 young people to the event from across Barrow to join in with another 140 young people from across the county for a time of fun, faith and friendship.

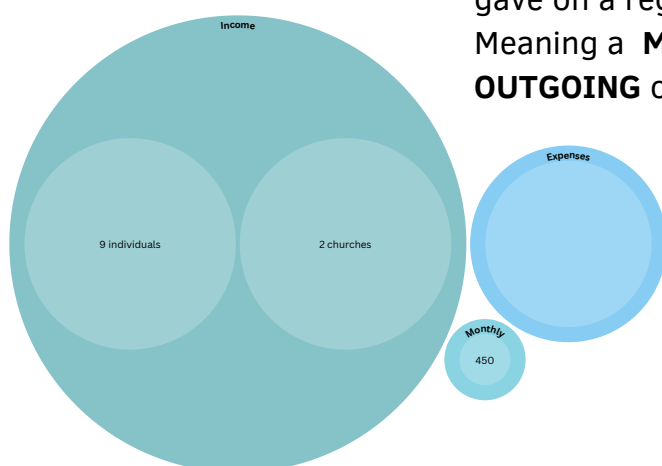
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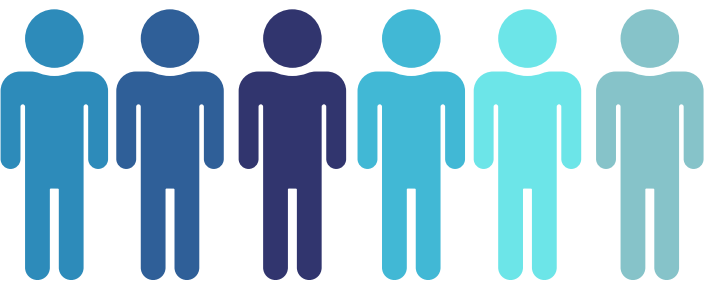
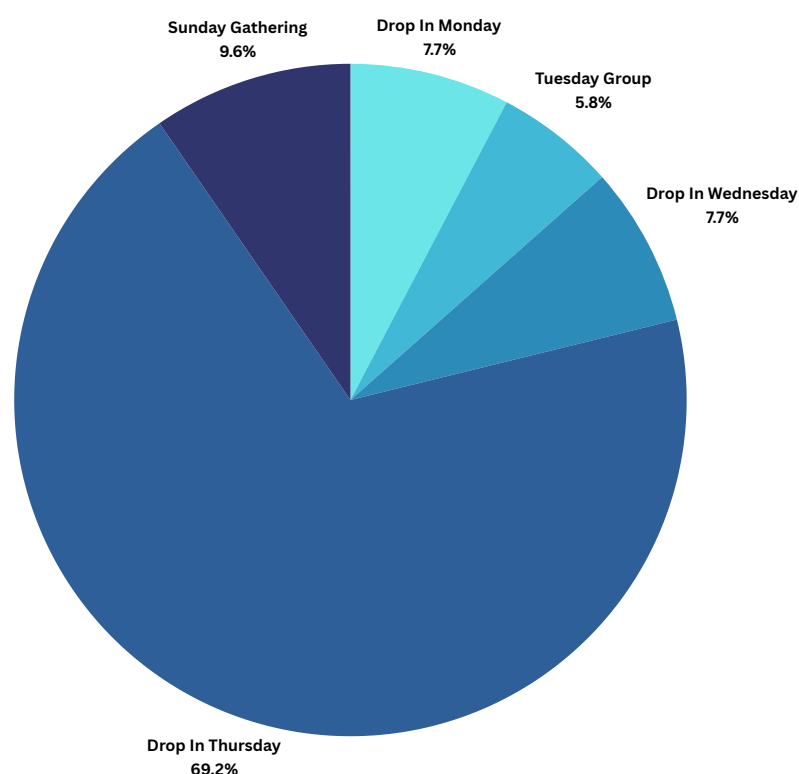
Our Funding...

Network Youth Church recieved **£7749** throughout the year of 2023. That came from 9 INDIVIDUALS AND 2 CHURCHES who gave on a regular basis.

Meaning a **MONTHLY BUDGET** of **£450** and a total yearly **OUTGOING** of **£4797.21**



this means we can reach **220** young people every week



WHERE WE'RE HEADING...



- continue to build on the foundations we have
- work on seeing more young people more times a week
- continue to try and find more sources of income
- continue to seek opportunities to share God with the young people, and disciple them.
- take young people to "the Big One" in Keswick

Looking ahead into 2024 we are hoping to build on the work we have started, both with the young people and their families. We are wanting to find ways to spend more time with the young people and work on teaching them more about who Jesus is and how we can live and following Him. We are working on ideas and ways to raise more income for Network Youth Church Barrow, as we recognise that if some of our givers stopped then our work would also have to stop. We will continue to seek ways to reach the young people of the town with the good news of Jesus. And once again we hope to take a large number of young people to the county wide event in Keswick later in the year.

what can you do?

Pray

The easiest thing you can do to support Network Youth Church Barrow is too Pray...

1. *Pray for the young people of the town, and their families, and that God would touch their hearts and lives*
2. *Pray for the volunteers and helpers of Network Youth Church Barrow, pray for wisdom and strength as they give their time to impact the young people of this town.*
3. *Thank God for what he is doing through Network Youth Church Barrow and for the impact and relationships that have been built.*

Support

Another way to support Network Youth Church Barrow is through giving time and finances. Maybe you feel that you have a couple of hours a week that you would like to give, or a spare £5 a month that could be given to the work of Network Youth Church here in Barrow. If so please do get in touch and we can give you details of how to give or start a conversation about where you might give your time.

Andy

and the Network Youth Church Team

Contact Details
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St Paul's PCC
Receipts and Payments Account 2023

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Designated	Total	2023	2022
Incoming Resources							
Voluntary Income:	63,438.00	2,427.91				65,865.91	60,714.80
Gift Aid Tax Recovered	14,782.20					14,782.20	13,613.35
Grants				12,643.00		12,643.00	0.00
Legacies							
Activities generating funds:							
Special Efforts & Sales							
Rent Income	376.00					376.00	1,143.00
Charitable Activities:							
Service Fees	1,545.00					1,545.00	3,333.14
Other	55.50					55.50	27.10
Investment Income:							
Interest	1,155.18					1,155.18	520.01
Total Incoming Resources	81,351.88	2,427.91		12,643.00		96,422.79	79,351.40
Resources Expended							
Parish Share	52,291.00					52,291.00	47,334.00
People	14,904.55	960				15,864.55	12,895.63
Where we meet	15,954.87	427.62		10157.34		26,539.83	16,767.76
Ministry & Mission	535.52	1399.71		1510.91		3,446.14	1,843.37
Giving Away	3,390.57					3,390.57	3,414.92
Office & Admin	4,455.00					4,455.00	4,872.34
Cost of Generating Funds							
	91,531.51	2,787.33		11,668.25		105,987.09	87,128.02
Net (Outgoing)/Incoming resources	-10,179.63	-359.42		974.75		-9,564.30	-7,776.62
Balance brought forward	36,399.71	4,073.89	621.00	0.00		41,094.60	48,871.22
Funds transferred							
Balance Carried Forward	26,220.08	3,714.47	621.00	974.75		31,530.30	41,094.60

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	2023	2022
Current Assets		
Cash at Bank and in hand	£31,530.30	£41,094.60
Current Liabilities		
Deposit refundable	£43.00	£43.00

Fund Movements in 2023

	At 1/1/23	Receipts	Payments	At 31/12/23
General Funds	36,399.71	81,351.88	91,531.51	26,220.08
Restricted Funds				
Alpha	17.50			17.50
Building	427.62		427.62	0.00
Bus Ministry	727.91		727.91	0.00
Charity Donations	0.36			0.36
Flower Fund	190.00			190.00
PAIS/Interns	1470.00	1880.00	960.00	2390.00
WLTD0	240.50	547.91	579.80	208.61
Hardship Fund	1000.00		92.00	908.00
	4073.89	2427.91	2787.33	3714.47
Designated Funds				
Digital Innovation Grant		500.00		500.00
Seedcorn Monday Crew		250.00		250.00
Benefact Trust Grant		2200.00	2200.00	0.00
Brighter Lives		5000.00	5000.00	0.00
National CofE Fuel Scheme		4693.00	4468.25	224.75
		12643.00	11668.25	974.75
Endowment Funds				
Andrews & Knights Bequest	621.00			621.00
	621.00			621.00
	41094.60	96422.79	105987.09	31530.30



Independent Examiner's Report To the Trustees of St Paul's PCC

I report on the accounts of St Paul's Church for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on pages 18 and 19.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:-

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:
Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting
- requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or

- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Anita Brook - FCCA

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Anita'.

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