



St Paul's Church, Barrow in Furness

**Annual Reports and Accounts
For the year to 31 December 2025**

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ST PAUL'S CHURCH,
HAWCOAT LANE,
BARROW-IN-FURNESS
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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 Minister:

Revd Canon Elaine Bates

Associate Minister & Pioneer Minister for Newbarns:

Revd Dr Sarah Richardson

Curates:

Revd Simon Jones (until August 2025)

Church Wardens:

Mr Mike Derry

Mrs Fiona Geibel

Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO):

Mrs Tracy Graham

(Assisted by Mrs Fiona Geibel for J7 Children's ministry)

Representatives on General Synod (2021-26):

Mrs Zoe Ham

Representatives on Deanery Synod (2023-26):

Mrs Maureen Aubrey

Mrs Eleanor Ledesma

Elected Members:

Mrs Tracy Graham

Mrs Lesley Hubbard

Mrs Julie Jones

Mr Howard LeRoy

Mr Nathan Mair
Mr Peter Molyneux
Mr Solomon Praveen
Mr Callum Whitehall
1 vacancy

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 77 adult parishioners on the new Church Electoral Roll, of whom 33 are not resident within the parish.

The Average Weekly Attendance (AWA) for **January-December 2025** was:

Sunday	12 adults at 8.00 am Holy Communion service 52* adults and 22* children under the age of 16 yrs at 10.00 am Sunday worship
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**An reminder that as of 2024 we have included all Sunday 10am services in our AWA figures, whereas in previous years we had excluded baptism/thanksgiving services figures. It is worth noting that in 2025 we only had 3 baptism/thanksgiving services, whereas in 2024 we had 7. As a result, the 2024 average attendance will likely be higher to 2025 due to that difference.*

J7/Creche Regulars: J7 Adventurers: 9 children; J7 Crew: 8 children; Creche: 5 babies

Wednesday	15 adults at 10.00 am Holy Communion service
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Night prayer	7 adults at 9pm Zoom Thursday night prayer
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At a previous APCM, a request was made as to whether this document could indicate previous figures too, so we now include the following:

Previous years' service attendance:

	Sun 8am	Sun 10am	Children u16	Weds 10am
Year 2025	12	52*	22*	15
Year 2024	9	56*	16*	14
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

**Indicates average of all Sundays in this year, whereas 2017-23 excluded attendance for baptism/thanksgivings Sundays.*

Previous years' electoral roll:

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2023	2024	2025
Electoral Roll	102	80*	77	73	68	64	55*	52	57	64	62	71	73*	77

Electoral roll is a formal indication of membership of the church community for those aged 16 or over. It requires someone to either to live in the parish or to have attended worship for 6 months. Some regular attendees of worship choose not to join the electoral roll for various reasons.

** Indicates when a new electoral roll is issued (every 6 years all electoral roll members have to sign-up afresh and a new roll is issue).*

FORMAL MEETINGS

The full PCC met 6 times during the year in their usual pattern of meeting, with 3 extraordinary meetings:

- 8th January to discuss St Paul's role within Carlisle Diocese's bid for mission funding to the Strategic Mission & Ministry Investment Board.
- 6th April to approve people applying to the new electoral roll.
- 20th April to approve the end of the year accounts.

The Finance committee met in between PCC meetings and reported back to the PCC. An EcoChurch Working Group and a Partnership Working Group also met between some meetings and reported back.

Good attendance was had throughout.

Review of 2025 from Rev Robin Ham, Chair of the PCC

As we look back on 2025, we do so with gratitude to God for his continued faithfulness to us at St Paul's Church Barrow. In a year of both steady ministry and fresh opportunities, we have seen encouragement across our church family, deepening discipleship, growing partnerships, and renewed investment in children and young people.

Our mission remains the same: to be a Spirit-empowered community passionate about giving everyone the opportunity to hear, enjoy, and live out the good news of Jesus, for God's glory in Barrow and beyond.

For me personally, the year began with a three month sabbatical from January to March, for which Zoe & I, as well as the kids, remain deeply thankful. It was a valuable period of rest, renewal and reflection, and I returned on April 1st feeling refreshed for this next season of ministry. I am especially grateful to the ministry team and church members who stepped up in various ways during that time, and particularly to Rev Simon Jones, who ably took some of my responsibilities during part of his final year of curacy.

Back in 2021 we began discerning our vision priorities for 2022-25, and given this is the last year of that period, I will again use these five emphases to reflect on the past year:

1) Transforming Gatherings that Grow & Sow

We commit to enabling our services, courses & Connect Groups to be places where we abide in Jesus together, whether we re exploring God for the first time or growing as disciples.

Our Sunday gatherings continued to be places of worship, welcome and biblical teaching. During the year we journeyed through a wide range of Scripture and themes, including a slow walk through the Beatitudes in the first part of the year, a gritty but hopefully illuminating journey through Judges in the Spring, and another few laps of our marathon in Luke's gospel. Our summer holiday series saw us explore the Nicene Creed in its 1700th anniversary year, and then in the autumn we looked at the important topics of identity, bodies and intimacy in our *Made for More* series, before selections of the Old Testament prophet, Amos, during Advent.

Midweek discipleship continued largely through our newer centrally-based approach, first introduced in late 2024. Highlights included the *Growing on the Frontline* course during the new year term, alongside the Alpha course, which led to a service of adult baptisms in April. Our Lent study book, 'In Quietness & Trust', helped us reflect more deeply on the Beatitudes, before Bible-study in Ephesians in the summer term, and the *Practising the Way* discipleship rhythms course in the autumn term.

It was a particular privilege to be asked to host the Church of England's national weekly online service for Bible Sunday in October, which has had 100k views on Facebook and 4.5k views on YouTube.

Throughout Holy Week we joined with other Anglican churches for joint events, whilst our Christmas carol services were the most popular in a decade.

2) Frontline-Focused

We commit to sending, equipping & inspiring our community to live and speak the grace of Jesus in our everyday situations.

As mentioned, the *Growing on the Frontline* course from LICC gave us explicit opportunity to consider our frontlines. We've continued to pray for each other in our everyday witness through a variety of settings, especially at **Powerhouse**, **Night Prayer** on Zoom, using our **Church Prayer Diary**, and with the Deanery at **Firepit** (see later). In many ways, this is the vision priority that is under the radar, yet undergirds in many ways the mindset we encourage. Wherever we go, we go with God.

3) Growing Younger

We commit to seeing a lost generation of children, young people & families discover the love of Jesus Christ.

One of the clearest encouragements of 2025 has been continued momentum in our Growing Younger vision:

Considering first some of our midweek ministries: **The Harbour** baby & toddler group celebrated its first full year of ministry in May, providing welcome, friendship and support for parents, carers and toddlers, and was nominated for a Love Barrow award. The precious ministry of our **Happy Tots** hosting team continued, welcoming pre-schoolers into church every fortnight for a Bible story, song, craft and game. **Who Let The Dads Out?** is being discovered by a new generation of fathers and their youngsters, and after a break-in at the church in December, we were overwhelmed to receive various gifts of games consoles from the wider community to use every month. **Hot Chocolate Mondays** continued to provide an important point of connection with children and families, including special seasonal events such as pumpkin carving. A number of dedicated individuals continue to lead and serve as part of the town-wide Open the Book team.

A number of people helped to refresh our *Experience Easter* programme, which led to us welcoming around **280 Key Stage 1 children from 6 schools across 9 classes**, helping younger pupils engage with the Easter story in an interactive and memorable way.

With a growing number of children moving from primary school to secondary school, this led to a couple of strategic shifts in September. Firstly, we launched **Rooted**, a group for secondary-aged young people on Sundays. This involves the young people serving in various Sunday teams, remaining in the main congregation, but then discussing the sermon together afterwards - aiming to help them to consider themselves part of the church community. Secondly on a Monday evening we began our first church youth group for many years, imaginatively titled **Youth**, for Years 7–9. Some of these young people supported a Diocese-wide youth event, The Big One, in September. These new ventures mark an important next step in serving and discipling our young people. However, the reality of a lack of leaders meant we had to cease running the midweek group, Monday Crew, for Years 3-6.

There are increased numbers of babies and children and young people as part of our Sunday 10am congregation particularly. Alongside the aforementioned Rooted group, the creche area is often busy during a Sunday morning, and our two J7 groups for 3-11s feel more popular than ever. All of this raises questions about how we ensure our building is fit for purpose for these growing ministries. We were also pleased to take part in a national initiative, Recognise Week, celebrating the contribution of our young volunteers and helpers.

Our relationship with St Paul's School goes from strength to strength, despite challenging numbers on the school roll. With Rev Simon Jones finishing his curacy, I joined the Governing Board, alongside Jackie Dower (an incredible chair!) and Mike Derry.

4) Partnership Beyond Our Walls

We commit to playing our part in Jesus' great commission by training & partnering with others to help people become Christians & grow as followers of Jesus across Barrow & beyond.

Our partnership with St Aidan's Church, Newbarns, continued to deepen during 2025. Rev Dr Sarah Richardson was commissioned as Pioneer Minister for Newbarns at a special Firepit gathering with Archdeacon Vernon in February. This then led to a summer of prayer for the emerging work there, followed by the launch of a Sunday tea-time Alpha course as momentum grows towards planting a congregation there.

In June we said 'farewell' to the Ward family, with Andy finishing as Barrow NYC Leader after ten years of inspiring service of young people, and being ordained to serve as a curate in Kendal.

October saw our second Partnership Sunday, where we particularly highlight the work of our four global mission partners. Wonderfully, this included a visit from one of them, Lydia, helping us continue to grow in our global gospel partnerships. The Partnership Working Group arranged for a special Saturday evening event where we heard from Lydia and ate local food together.

Across the town, we saw the launch of the Rising Faith Barrow vision, which including the positive news of financial investment in Barrow from the Church of England's Strategic Mission and Ministry Investment Board, as well as tying in with the wider Barrow Rising initiative funded by BAE/W&F Council/UK Government. As well as the monthly mission-focused Firepit gatherings across the Deanery, we were also glad to welcome Bishop Rob, fresh from starting as our Diocesan Bishop, for his deanery visit in November.

5) Open Doors & Hearts to our Community

We commit to being a church connected to our wider community, using our building & land as a place of welcome and intentionally hosting and running events & spaces that build community and share the hope of the gospel.

We continue to seek ways of serving our wider community and making Christ known through welcome, hospitality and presence.

At Easter we trialled a very popular family-friendly Easter Craft Cafe, and as mentioned, our Christmas events and services were the busiest they had been for a number of years, with many attending from the wider community, including the return of the Rag-Wreath evening. It was also a privilege to host carol services and seasonal events for various external organisations, and support others, such as Carols at The Ship.

Other community highlights included our Macmillan Coffee Morning, the continuing ministry of the monthly Vintage Thursdays for those in later life, and celebrating our first wedding at St Paul's for at least five years in November.

With Gratitude and Hope

In every season, Christ has shown himself kind and faithful to us. As well as much that is visible, 'up front' or 'in the spotlight', let us thank him for every act of service, every answered prayer, every new beginning, and every quiet demonstration of love offered in his name.

Can I also express that I am so thankful for all who serve so generously across the life of the church. Whether it's leading a team, carrying a formal ministry role, or doing so much behind the scenes, I am so glad to be part of a church community that takes seriously its biblical identity as a body and a partnership.

In particular, our churchwardens, I'm thankful for **Fiona Geibel** and **Mike Derry**, who serve with much grace; our Administrator, **Sheila Pearce**, who administers cheerfully, helping the day-to-day life of the church to flourish; our cleaner, **Christine**, whose steady and faithful care of our buildings helps us provide a space that is the setting for so much of our ministry and welcome; our **PCC** and other committees and working groups, whose passion and unity I'm so grateful for.

It remains a real privilege to serve at St Paul's alongside **Revd Canon Elaine Bates** (whose generous contribution as Acting Treasurer alone is worth a thousand Gift Days!), **Revd Dr Sarah Richardson** (who we are thrilled to see released for exciting and challenging endeavours in Newbarns), **Revd Richard Goodfellow** (who is giving his time so joyfully across our Deanery for an interim period), and of course for the first half of the year, **Revd Simon Jones** (whose friendship and support I have been so grateful for during his curacy). Each one brings wisdom, faithfulness and generosity to the life of the church, and we are richly blessed by their ministry among us.

We give thanks for all God has done, and we look ahead with expectation to all that he will yet do in Barrow and beyond.

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us."

Ephesians 3:20

To God be the glory.

Revd Robin Ham

Priest-in-Charge, St Paul's Barrow

CHURCHWARDENS REPORT 2025

The focus of this report is on the PCC's responsibility for the fabric and property of St. Paul's Church.

The main headline, we are sorry to say, is that the sale of the Church Hall has not progressed as we would have liked. An offer was made and accepted, but is now stalled as we wait for the buyers to secure the appropriate planning permissions they require to proceed with the purchase.

The works on the church building set by the Quinquennial Report have therefore not commenced as we continue to wait for funds from the sale of the Church Hall.

We had a major water leak from an underground pipe which was damaged by a tree root. This resulted in an enormous volume of lost water over a period of time. Fortunately, our insurance policy covered the repair work, which has now been successfully completed.

We are pleased that the building is still in constant use throughout the week, servicing the needs of both church family and the local community.

At the start of the year, Robin was given a three month Sabbatical. During this time, we were encouraged to see various people from the church family step up to support in many different ways. We were pleased for Robin, and family, to be able to have this time for writing, reflection and rest.

Simon Jones substituted for Robin whilst he was on Sabbatical, before completing his curacy in the summer. We're thankful for the ways Simon served St Paul's over the three years he was with us, and we're pleased he is still in Barrow now serving with St Mark's and St George's.

In February, it was really special to be part of the commissioning service at St Aidan's for Sarah Richardson as Pioneer Minister for Newbarns, alongside her role as Associate Minister at St Paul's. In the autumn term we also saw the exciting beginnings of a Sunday evening gathering at St Aidan's, as people met to do the Alpha Course.

Once again, we would reiterate our comment from last year that it has been a privilege to be part of the team here at St. Paul's. We appreciate the continuing support and encouragement given by the church family to our endeavours as churchwardens.

We especially give thanks to God for all the ways people sacrificially serve, in the sharing of their skills, the giving of their time, energy and finances, all for the sake of Jesus and the building of His church.

Fiona Geibel and Mike Derry
Churchwardens 2025-2026

April 2026

Acting Treasurer's Report 2025

2025 saw a sustained picture of generous giving following the stewardship campaign in 2023, which will be revisited in early 2026 when we propose to introduce the Parish Giving Scheme as a way of giving for all new regular givers and any current givers who feel able to transfer. This scheme has the advantage that the Gift Aid is collected for us and, in time, it will simplify the role of the treasurer.

The year end saw that we again had a surplus of income over expenditure, though in part this was because we have been unable to progress some of the work recommended in the Quinquennial report, which will incur significant costs. It has been difficult to find contractors willing and able to quote for the work needed. Nonetheless, we are grateful for the generous, even sacrificial, giving from so many people and will continue to steward it wisely in line with the vision priorities. As we seek to play our part in sharing the Good News in word and action.

In 2025 we fully implemented our commitment to giving to 4 Partners in Mission (New Growth Ministries in Zimbabwe, Andrew and Debbie in Turkey, Lydia on an island in the Indian Ocean, Network Youth Church in Barrow) and were overjoyed to meet Lydia on her home leave. The church hall sale has still not been completed.

Grants towards the work of The Harbour and Monday Crew were received from the diocese and some of the latter will be used to subsidise the Youth weekend away in May 2026.

Each year brings new opportunities to give to God's work as well as new challenges in stewarding our financial resources. We are hugely grateful to those who support the stewardship of our church finances, whether counting and banking money, administering Gift Aid recovery or facilitating other financial administration and also those who serve on the Finance committee and the PCC.

Elaine Bates
Acting Treasurer



Annual Report to the PCC and to the APCM 2025

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:

Basic Safeguarding
Foundation Safeguarding
Leadership Safeguarding
Raising Awareness of Domestic Abuse
Suicide Awareness

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.

We have J7 Adventurers for ages 3 to 7. J7 Crew for ages 8 to 11. Rooted ages 11+ school year 7 to 9. There is a creche for under 3's with their parents in the lounge or space at the back of the church.

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 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.

Hot Chocolate Mondays – This is a drop in for children and families on their way home from school.

Monday Crew- is for children aged 7 to 11 and runs from 6.15pm to 7.30pm, this was held until the end of term July 2025.

The Harbour – This is a parent baby and toddler group; there are an average of 25 families attending each week with many more registered.

Youth – This is for youths aged 11+ (school year 7 to 9). It started in September 2025 and is held on a Monday night during term time 6.30pm to 8pm.

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

We continued with safeguarding training 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 10th March 2025. 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 7th May 2025. This is displayed on the website and copies are available from the office on request.

I have developed a spreadsheet with all training and DBS information on. It has formulas input so they highlight in red when due so management of renewals will be easier to see going forward. I started the Parish Dashboard and we are at level two. Our action plan for 2026 and safeguarding action summary are attached in separate reports. In 2026 I will be completing the Safeguarding hub training and bringing all the safeguarding training records onto the parish dashboard. I will be continuing to help St Aidens with their safeguarding requirements

4. 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

February 2026

St Paul's PCC
Receipts and Payments Account 2025

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Designated	Total	2025	2024
Incoming Resources							
Voluntary Income:	105,386.25	637.06		983.30	107,006.61	100,867.75	
Gift Aid Tax Recovered	22,102.32				22,102.32	15,760.32	
Grants				2,850.00	2,850.00	3,057.60	
Legacies							
Activities generating funds:							
Special Efforts & Sales							
Rent Income	677.00				677.00	1,560.00	
Charitable Activities:							
Service Fees	1,495.00				1,495.00	2,129.00	
Other	30.00				30.00	49.37	
Investment Income:							
Interest	1,997.49				1,997.49	1,397.70	
Total Incoming Resources	131,688.06	637.06		3,833.30	136,158.42	124,821.74	
Resources Expended							
Parish Share	55,426.00				55,426.00	56,687.00	
People	13,668.51				13,668.51	19,835.08	
Where we meet	22,484.23				22,484.23	13,661.59	
Ministry & Mission	1,311.70	710.61		2,574.39	4,596.70	4,374.15	
Giving Away	4,519.32				4,519.32	4,175.15	
Office & Admin	5,179.94				5,179.94	4,207.29	
Cost of Generating Funds							
	102,589.70	710.61		2,574.39	105,874.70	102,940.26	
Net (Outgoing)/Incoming resources	29,098.36	-73.55		1,258.91	30,283.72	21,881.48	
Balance brought forward	47,855.21	1,318.32	621.00	3,617.25	53,411.78	31,530.30	
Funds transferred							
Balance Carried Forward	76,953.57	1,244.77	621.00	4,876.16	83,695.50	53,411.78	

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	2025	2024
Current Assets		
Cash at Bank and in hand	£83,695.50	£53,411.78
Current Liabilities		
Deposit refundable	£43.00	£43.00

Fund Movements in 2025

	At 01/01/25	Receipts	Payments	At 31/12/25
General Funds	47,855.21	131,688.06	101,389.70	78,153.57
Restricted Funds				
Flower Fund	190.00			190.00
WLTDO	220.32	637.06	710.61	146.77
Hardship Fund	908.00			908.00
	1,318.32	637.06	710.61	1,244.77
Designated Funds				
Digital Innovation Grant	500.00			500.00
Mothers' Union for Harbour	400.00		337.15	62.85
Cumbria CF	500.00		500.00	-
Growth Fund - Monday Crew	1,870.00	1,250.00	1,376.44	1,743.56
The Harbour	347.25	2,583.30	1,560.80	1,369.75
	3,617.25	3,833.30	3,774.39	3,676.16
Endowment Funds	621.00			621.00
Andrews & Knights Bequest	621.00			621.00
	53,411.78	136,158.42	105,874.70	83,695.50



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 2024 which are set out on pages 16 and 17.

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 pf 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



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