



**Report to the
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VICAR'S REPORT (Revd Anthony Barnshaw)

'The Cross of Christ is the most revolutionary thing ever to appear among men. The Cross of old Roman times knew no compromise; it made no concessions. It won all its arguments by killing its opponent and silencing him for good. It spared not Christ but slew him the same as the rest. He was alive when they hung him on that cross and completely dead when they took him down six hours later. That was the cross the first time it appeared in Christian history.

***After Christ was risen from the dead the apostles went out to preach His message, and what they preached was the cross. And wherever they went into the wide world, they carried the cross and the same revolutionary power went with them. The radical message of the cross transformed Saul of Tarsus and changed him from a persecutor of Christians to a tender believer and an apostle of the faith. Its power changed bad men into good ones. It shook off the long bondage of paganism and altered completely the whole moral and mental outlook of the Western world.'* (A.W. Tozer, (1897-1963)**

In this annual report to the APCM, we look back at the last year in the life of All Saints, we remember all at all that has been undertaken, planned, prepared and delivered; we review our finances, we elect our churchwardens and PCC members and we look forward to the future; for a moment before all this starts, I would ask us to pause a moment and picture the front of our church and see the Cross.

And continue to picture it or go and have another look.

In silence.

For Two minutes.

What would you say about the cross?

Considering we are going to look back at the last year in the life of All Saints, we will remember all at all that has been undertaken, planned, prepared and delivered; we will review our finances, we will elect our churchwardens and PCC members and look forward to the future.

What would you say about the cross?

We often sing about the cross in our services, here is one example: *There's a place, Where mercy reigns, And never dies, There's a place, Where streams of grace, Flow deep and wide, Where all the love, I've ever found, comes like a flood, comes flowing down.*

At the cross, at the cross, I surrender my life, I'm in awe of You, I'm in awe of You Where Your love ran red, And my sin washed white, I owe all to You, I owe all to You Jesus.

What would you say about the cross?

As your vicar, writing this part of the report I would say the cross is the place where all our sins are washed away, removed as far as the east is from the west; where we are wholly forgiven, where we are made a new creation; that is how much the Lord loves you. He would die on a cross for you.

The cross is the symbol that unites us as Christians together in love to one another and spurs us on to service and *mission*, to take out the message of the cross to our community. As Tozer says, it is still *the* radical message that can transform lives. It transformed yours and it transformed mine.

Therefore, looking again at the cross at the front of All Saints, all we can say is: Thank you for the Cross. Thank you, this last year the cross has sustained us, reminded us of Jesus final cry 'it is finished', caused us to sing because it is finished, uplifted us and given us daily hope and hope does not disappoint! It can be sometimes tempting in an annual report such as this, to point to or focus on 'the new things' of the past year, proof of growth, and of blessing. Important as they are, I am certain it is also a place to pause and look at the things that have continued over the past year and will continue strongly in the future and to be *thankful for them and all the people who ensure they continue*.

Therefore, I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who, throughout this last year, has contributed to the life of All Saints in all its kaleidoscope of colour.

As a church, we have been delighted that, once again, we could warmly and enthusiastically welcome Anchorsholme school into church. It was wonderful to see the children practicing in an empty church, and then to see the church full as they delivered what they had practised to their parents and their new head teacher Mrs Barr.

We all, at All Saints, congratulate Mrs Barr on her appointment as head teacher and we were delighted to welcome her into All Saints and look forward to many more visits and a continuing warm relationship.

We have had new carpet in the main church. a new projector has arrived, new people have made All Saints their home of worship, a new youth group for primary aged children launched, new young people have joined the older youth group, prayer has continued for the world, for the wider church and for our own services. We have supported and will continue to support the wonderful ministry of BYSW, willingly and with joy took on supporting Graham and Belinda Marsh in Zimbabwe, where no rain has fallen for a long time and the population is predicted to explode; and continue to support other Christian causes with our financial giving.

We have continued to welcome and minister spiritually and physically to the needs of our refugee families; some of whom have undergone baptism preparation, been baptized and helped with the maintenance of the church building. Messy, Dorcas, Home Groups, Toddler Group, KidsZone, Olive Branch, Connect More, DCF, Table Tennis, Bible Study, visiting; all have continued to flourish and be a blessing to those who attend and have been visited.

There is so much more that can be said that cannot be contained in this brief Vicar's report or it would be very much overlong! Indeed, in many ways, I risk simply repeating what others have written elsewhere in this report.

Please read what they have written. Think of the cross at the front of church and give thanks to the Lord for the work that has encouraged, built up, comforted and reached out in mission. And, if there are any questions, raise them at the APCM, where I will give a verbal report.

All I can say is that I am heartened and to the Lord for all he has done in this last year.

And so, to the future: Let us commit ourselves afresh in the next year to pray and pray again for the ministry of All Saints, so that we can fulfil the great commission to be witnesses, to run the race and pass on the good news, proclaiming loudly He is Risen!!! **Anthony**

SAFEGUARDING REPORT (Amanda Wooldridge)

Safeguarding Report for All Saints Church APCM 2025 including reference to Compliance with Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016

Introduction

This safeguarding report outlines the church's commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of all members, particularly vulnerable adults and children, in compliance with current safeguarding guidelines. A specific focus is placed on the church's adherence to Section 5 of the *Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016*, which deals with the requirement for clergy to comply with safeguarding practices.

Background

The *Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016* is a critical piece of legislation designed to ensure that safeguarding is embedded in the life of the Church of England. Section 5 specifically requires that clergy must comply with safeguarding procedures, including ensuring that safeguarding policies are followed within the church environment, training is conducted, and there is a clear response to any allegations of abuse.

PCC Compliance with Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016

1. Safeguarding Policies and Procedures

- **Development and Review:** The Parochial Church Council (PCC) ensures that safeguarding policies and procedures are regularly reviewed and updated to meet the latest legislative requirements and best practices. The policies cover a range of areas, including child

protection, safeguarding vulnerable adults, and the prevention of sexual abuse.

- **Implementation:** The safeguarding policies are implemented across all church activities. These include services, youth groups, Sunday schools, social events, and outreach programs. The PCC has a safeguarding officer (Amanda Wooldridge) responsible for overseeing the implementation of these policies.

2. Training and Awareness

- **Training for Clergy and Volunteers:** The PCC ensures that all clergy, staff, and volunteers who work with vulnerable groups undergo regular safeguarding training through the Diocese of Blackburn. This includes:
 - Initial safeguarding training for new staff and volunteers.
 - Refresher courses to ensure ongoing awareness of the policies and procedures. PSO Amanda Wooldridge is trained to deliver the Blackburn Diocese Basic and Foundation courses.
 - Specific and advanced training for those in leadership roles.
- **Awareness Campaigns:** The church organizes periodic awareness campaigns (Safeguarding Sunday) within the congregation to ensure that everyone understands their role in safeguarding and the reporting procedures for any concerns or allegations. There is a Safeguarding noticeboard in the main foyer area with appropriate information available.

3. Recruitment and Vetting Procedures

- **Safe Recruitment:** The PCC follows a rigorous recruitment process to ensure that all clergy, staff, and volunteers are thoroughly vetted. This includes obtaining enhanced DBS checks (Disclosure and Barring Service) and references as appropriate.
- **Clergy Discipline:** The church has clear procedures in place to address any concerns related to the behaviour of clergy members. This includes a transparent process for handling allegations of misconduct and ensuring that any alleged breaches of safeguarding are taken seriously and addressed promptly.

4. Monitoring and Evaluation

- **Safeguarding Audits:** The PCC receives an update at each PCC meeting from the Safeguarding Officer to evaluate the effectiveness of current practices. The Parish Safeguarding Officer has close links with the Safeguarding Team at Blackburn Diocese and pays due regard to all correspondence to ensure that the church's safeguarding arrangements are in line with national standards.
- **Feedback Mechanisms:** The church actively seeks feedback from the congregation, staff, and volunteers on safeguarding matters. This ensures that the church is responsive to any concerns or suggestions for improvement.

5. Response to Allegations and Incidents

- **Immediate Action:** The PCC is committed to ensuring that any safeguarding allegation or concern is dealt with swiftly and with the utmost sensitivity. This includes immediate reporting to statutory authorities (such as the police or social services) and cooperation with investigations.

- **Support for Victims and Survivors:** The PSO is able to provide information and details of support for anyone affected by safeguarding issues, including those who report concerns or are impacted by incidents of abuse.
- 6. Clergy Discipline Compliance**
- **Section 5 Compliance:** The PCC ensures that all clergy are familiar with and adhere to Section 5 of the *Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016*. The PCC works closely with the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (DSA) to ensure that clergy are fully aware of their responsibilities under the Measure and any potential disciplinary actions that could arise if safeguarding protocols are not followed.

Conclusion

This report demonstrates that the church, through its PCC, has put in place comprehensive measures to comply with Section 5 of the *Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016* and to maintain the highest standards of safeguarding practice. The church remains committed to the ongoing protection of vulnerable individuals and to ensuring that its safeguarding practices are continually improved.

Regular training, clear procedures for recruitment, prompt responses to allegations, and a commitment to ongoing monitoring all contribute to a culture of safeguarding within the church community. The PCC will continue to work closely with diocesan authorities and statutory bodies to ensure that safeguarding remains a central concern in all aspects of church life.

Amanda Wooldridge Parish Safeguarding Officer March 2025

BLACKPOOL DEANERY REPORT (Revd Anthony Barnshaw)

The Blackpool deanery have met on a regular basis to discuss issues affecting the proclamation of the gospel and the life of the churches in Blackpool. From here concerns can be passed to the diocesan synod. Issues discussed are finance to underpin the desire of the deanery to reach out and grow, the ways to engage in outreach across the deanery, how to work more closely together, being honest about strengths, weaknesses, and challenges that each church in the deanery face and the possibility of sharing a youth worker across the deanery.

Issues raised by the national church have also been discussed as they will have an impact on the deanery and the life and witness of the churches within it.

There is a good relationship across the churches and amongst the clergy which is something to celebrate.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (Shirley Wardle)

Another 12 months has gone by, and again God has been at work in many ways both in and through our church and community. We have seen His hand of blessing, experienced much joy, and also shared sadness and endured some difficulties.

Through it all, our God has been faithful, and I am very grateful for all He has done.

I'm reminded that many times when God is at work, it is in the things unseen. I believe God is at work in our Church and community in many things unseen. I trust that He is building His kingdom in Anchorsholme even in the most ordinary of things.

This past year, with a great team of supporters, I have sought to reach out to our community by continuing the work done previously. There are so many people that contribute to the effectiveness of All Saints for God's glory, and I'm especially grateful for all those who do this by supporting me in many ways. Thank you to you all – you know who you are and God knows who you are. You are valued, and a blessing to me and to many!

The groups held in church are continuing to see good attendance on the whole, with growing relationships and some cross over into other groups.

Olive Branch Café continues to be a good mix of Church and community customers, providing a space for people to socialise and share joys and worries, in a supportive environment, over a brew.

Our brilliant team work so hard to create a such a welcoming space and I thank you all for everything you bring to this outreach. Whether waiting on, making tea/toast, baking cakes, chatting at tables, loading the dishwasher or washing the cloths, you all do a fabulous job cheerfully– thank you so much for serving God and blessing others in this way!

Connect More games group on Friday afternoon is still well attended (usually 20+). We have some people who have been attending from the start up, and others that have only been with us for a few weeks, but we endeavour to make each person feel at home here. We sometimes have carers that come with their clients to enjoy a game, and they all express how valuable it is and how much they enjoy it. One carer even came on his day off recently!

Thank you to all church members who attend and take time to get to know community members. It's why the group exists – to prevent loneliness, develop friendship and create opportunity to share God's love.

A huge thank you to those who have baked cakes for this group – we always get so many compliments – you are so appreciated!

Spring Fling – As I write this, we are in the process of planning for 2025. By the time of our AGM, it will be over! Many folk from our area have signed up and we trust that it will be a great time of fun, togetherness and witness. Thank you to all who have generously offered to help with activities, baking cakes, on the kitchen team, signing in, giving a thought or reflection, on tech, or elsewhere. And a big thank you to Sarah and Janet who have worked so hard to plan. Judith has taught us well! With her guidance and God's help, I'm confident it will be as great as previous years, fellowshiping together and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with each other.

Youth Group on Fridays continues to see around 8-12 high schoolers join us, to play games, chat, watch each other tap away on their mobile phones, discuss current issues and faith, and eat lots of toast and biscuits! The young people ask many questions at talk time and share thoughts and opinions openly and respectfully. They are a great group of people! Please keep them in your prayers

and ask God to increase our number and our faith. Thank you to the leaders who give of their time to journey alongside the teens, being that influencer for good and for God in their lives.

Friday Kids – has begun for primary aged children. We did start with 10 children attending but for various reasons, we now have usually around 4, despite advertising in the local school and on fb. Please pray for guidance on how to move forward with this.

Messy Church is still messy and tiring and wonderful! A monthly congregation of families who delight in coming and being part of church!

We have seen mostly consistent numbers in the 50's-60's with regular attenders, There are a whole army of volunteers that get stuck in on Messy Church days and it wouldn't happen without them, so a massive, heartfelt thank you to everyone involved!

The format in church is still a short song, bible reading/story through video with quick talk and a prayer. We have also introduced an introduction to worship and saying the Lord's prayer together.

It's a place to explore, to worship, to question, to craft and play, to be encouraged, to be enriched and to be loved. And to eat! The gift of hospitality is extended to all, made possible by your generous giving, so thank you!

Kidzone events have continued and have gone well, especially 'On Your Marks' at summer, although numbers and interest has fallen in the one-off events. However, many of those who attended previously are either too old or are now part of our Messy Church.

Some new families came to Kidzone in Summer and contact with them has been maintained through school connections. We hope to see more new children attending in the future.

As always, the team of Kidzone leaders have been incredible – servant hearted, God focused and lovingly enthusiastic in ministering to all who come through the doors! You are all appreciated enormously.

We have welcomed **Anchorsholme School's** new headteacher and are delighted that the connections have been maintained. All Saints has hosted seasonal class assemblies and a Y5 carol service. This has brought lots of parents into church and has been a good way to meet them and invite them to church activities.

Kincraig primary have also been to church for RE lessons, and the link through BSYW remains as Sheila and I are often the team members to lead worship in our local schools.

I have again been involved in assemblies and workshops as part of **BSYW** and have also organised prayer days for children in the local CofE school. It's always lovely to hear the children call my name in the street, or chat outside their home and introduce me to parents as 'the bible lady'! It's even lovelier to hear them recalling scriptures from sessions or seeing a piece of work they've done with the gospel message evident! I feel very privileged to be part of this work.

As Co-Chair of **Cleveleys Churches Together**, I have been maintaining our links with the team in Cleveleys, and we have again witnessed to our town in the Christmas and Easter services on the street as well as worshipping and praying

together as a community of believers, and fellowshiping together which included organising a BBQ in the summer.

As a team, Churches Together in Cleveleys are hoping to reach out in our community with events over the summer and are discussing the options at present.

There are a few things planned for the summer to reach out and make connections with our community in Anchorsholme— A family fun day at church and 'stalls' in community spaces, among others. Do you have any ideas? Please share them...

So, as I look ahead, anticipating all God has for us in the coming months, I ask for your prayers and continued support so that we, the family at All Saints, can shine God's light in the dark places and rejoice in all the good He is doing.

Let's remember to tell of His wonderful deeds; to spur one another on; and to keep trusting that He is at work, even in the unseen. Let's shine so brightly that others will see and glorify our Father in heaven!

PASTORAL TEAM (Anthony Barnshaw)

The Pastoral visiting team consists of the Reverend Anthony Barnshaw and Shirley Wardle who visit church members as part of their ministry. They are joined by a small group of church members who volunteer to also visit church members in times of illness, loneliness and bereavement either in their own homes, hospitals or care homes. We also recognise that the whole church family take on a lot of visiting as well. We liaise with Hazel who looks after the refugees, Sue who looks after the Mums and toddlers and Robert who has a pastoral interest in the men who are either struggling with their health or emotionally through being bereaved. Janet continues to visit as part of her responsibilities as an authorised lay minister, so to Amanda who has also been involved with pastoral care. We have been joined by Sheila who continues to develop her role in supporting the team with visits and phone calls. We have to acknowledge that Norma who after years of dedication to the pastoral group has now herself had to step down due to family commitments. She is and will be sorely missed by us all and we thank her for all that she has achieved and done, and we pray that she has the strength and courage to continue her journey as she attends to her family's needs. We need to remember that caring for each other is everyone's responsibility as a Christian, so if you are part of any church group please support each other. However, if you need any help and support then we are here to help you just let us know. If you are interested in learning more about what we do or maybe interested in joining us then please contact the church office by phone so we can arrange to meet with you.

MISSION SUPPORT TEAM (Susan Watson)

We rejoice in the generosity of God and of our Church family at All Saints. Romans 11:36, "For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forevermore. Amen."

Our mission remit has been **to support Mission in Blackpool and beyond.**

The charities we support include:

Operation Mobilisation supporting Tony Holbach: in his role of Crisis Management Consultant and People Care which deals with family debriefings and CID (Critical

Incident Debriefing). Tony receives 30% of the Church tithe. Operation Mobilisation is a Christian missionary organization mobilizing people to live and share the Gospel of Jesus.

Graham and Belinda Marsh: serving God in Zimbabwe with training and development of individuals. They are involved in starting up an Alpha course and hope to start a new church in the city. They are also working with schools and chick starter programs. They receive 15% of the Church Tithe. (<http://btw.life> Beyond the Walls).

Blackpool Schools Youth Work: telling the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord. Psalm 78 verse 4. They are in their 30th year of going into primary schools and drama is often a focal part along with pupil participation. They also receive 15% of the Church Tithe.

Christian Institute: A nondenominational Christian Charity that is committed to upholding the truths of the Bible and upholding the Sanctity of Life. They communicate with Government and offer education and encouragement to us to write to MPs about issues of concern to Christians in society. They receive 10% of our Church Tithe.

Leprosy Mission: Following Jesus Christ, they seek to bring about transformed lives; empowering people to attain healing, dignity and life in all its fullness. Working in 27 countries they seek to stop the transmission of the disease. They receive 5% of the Church Tithe.

Middle East Concern: Helping the persecuted church. They also advocate for people being held in prison/detention centers. More can be seen on the web site meconcern.org supporting Christians in Turkey, Iran and Gaza. They receive 5% of the Church Tithe.

Mission Aviation Fellowship: is an Evangelical Christian organization that provides aviation, communications, and learning technology services to more than 1,000 Christian and humanitarian agencies, as well as thousands of isolated missionaries and indigenous villagers in the world's most remote areas. They receive 5% of the Church Tithe.

Scripture Union: We support a northwest worker, Rob Steward. He works with individuals and churches with the aim to use the Bible to inspire children, young people and adults to know God. He receives 5% of our Tithe.

Through The Roof/Wheels for The World via Disabled Christian Fellowship. The aim is to help transform lives of disabled individuals. They provide mobility aids and offer Bibles and prayer. They receive 5% of the Church Tithe.

Samaritans Purse/Turn on the Tap: an [evangelical Christian humanitarian aid](#) organization that provides aid to people in physical need as a key part of its [Christian missionary](#) work, helping in emergencies, disasters and war. They follow the principal of the Good Samaritan. They receive 5% of the Church Tithe.

Compiled by Susan Watson on behalf of All Saints Mission Support Group. 24th March 2025.

MUSIC MINISTRY TEAM (Anthony Barnshaw)

I am really and truly thankful for the gifts, abilities and dedication of time to all who have contributed to musical worship that has glorified the Lord at All Saints this last year.

It is truly wonderful to have so many musicians who love the Lord and wish to see him glorified in song.

After a brief pause due to illness the monthly Praise service has returned to much welcome.

A meeting of all involved in music ministry was held with discussions taking place on the expectation of attendance at church when not playing.

The groups have been reformed and relaunched and now need some time to get together and practice; then they can be confident in leading worship again.

We have Ising Worship as a backup when live music is not available, and it allows the musicians to have time off to be ministered to themselves.

Anthony

JAS/TGWNN (Shirley Wardle)

It is such a joy to be writing about our children and young people in church, knowing that we are blessed to have so many worshipping with us regularly on Sundays, with some coming alone and others with their parents.

It's a privilege for us as leaders to contribute to discipling and nurturing them in their faith, and we thank God that our All Saints family is a family of all ages where our children play an active part.

Those who attend the 10:30 service will have seen and heard from some of our younger members and may have noticed how much they have grown in confidence and understanding. It's a delight to see several take the lead for our family worship song, often making requests for the song we sing and creating actions to share. The feedback after JAS group highlights the things that we learn about (even if sometimes they digress!) and many have been willing to take part in all age services throughout the year. If you've not seen them up front, look behind you – you'll often see them stood at the back!

The primary aged Jas group has remained similar to the previous year in format, and we have welcomed another 'home grown' leader onto our regular team. The teens also help in the group once a month, bringing ideas, fun and energy - they are positive Christian role-models for the younger children.

We have enjoyed many games, crafts, songs and challenges whilst learning about people who lived in bible times and what they teach us. We have found out more about God, reminded ourselves of things Jesus did on earth and how He wants us to live, prayed lots, and so much more...

We trust that all we have shared will be used by God to deepen the faith of our group members and to bring us closer as the family of God.

The secondary aged group leaders have also had much encouragement from seeing the young people grow as disciples. There is a core of 6 adults and one more ready

to join following training. They too have covered many different topics and characters in their sessions including faith, prayer, 10 commandments, friendship and Christians in society. A range of materials have been used from 24/7 prayer, Christian Institute, Go Teach and Battle Plan, with creative responses such as making light holders and candle jars (reflecting on Jesus, light of world), or sending cards and notes of encouragement included in sessions.

As a team, leaders have been encouraging growth in prayer and worship, and helping the young people understand more about their personal faith and trusting in God even when things are tough. The group can include 3-10 teens per session, predominantly girls which can be challenging for the boys in the group.

At Christmas, some of the young people were able to meet Graham and Belinda Marsh and hear about the 'Chick Starter' programme. They have written notes of support and have generously and cheerfully given money towards that work.

We are so thankful to God for each and every one of our JAS/TGWNN members and leaders, and pray that we will all "look to Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith" and in all things, put Him first.

We have a great team who teach, support and encourage one another and our under 18's.

Please do remember that each of you can also play a part in this work –by praying and by taking time to get to know our children and young people. You could share a greeting on a Sunday, take a genuine interest in their week, ask their thoughts about something, send a card to remind them how much God loves them, and many other things...

You may have heard the African proverb "It takes a village to raise a child" but it takes a church to raise a child who knows they are secure in Christ.

Let's be the community of adults who love, care and pray for them, help them grow as Christians and model Godly character for them, and see them grow up strong in their faith and joyful in their service to God and each other.

What a delight that will be when "He who began a good work, will bring it to completion on the day of Jesus Christ."

HOME GROUPS (Sarah Tarbuck)

Our church home groups have continued to provide an opportunity for our church members to meet together more informally than on a Sunday, to study God's word and to build and strengthen bonds of fellowship. In addition to our existing 7 groups, we now have a home group for Farsi speakers, which meets fortnightly and provides a wonderful opportunity for its members to study the Bible at a pace that caters for their improving English, this is a wonderful addition to our homegroup provision. Our other groups have continued to welcome new members and are thriving under the care and commitment of our fabulous home groups leaders. 2 of our groups continue to meet in the church building, 5 in homes and one online, one group meets in the daytime with the rest meeting on a weekday evening; with such a variety of venues and times it's hoped that most church members are able to find one that will suit their schedules. Last year all the groups took part in the Discipleship course, which received very positive feedback and they have now reverted back to choosing their own materials to study. Each group continues to have its own distinct identity and an invitation is extended to all church members to visit the groups to find the one

where they feel most comfortable. Once again, we offer sincere thanks to our home group leaders for the pastoral care they offer to their groups and the time they give in preparing the material the groups enjoy together.

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. Colossians 3:16

PROPERTY GROUP (Jacqui Green)

It has been a year where general maintenance has been at the forefront, majority of which has been addressed by the Working Party. Every year we quite rightly express our thanks to the them and again we do so this year however I would also like to draw attention to the fact that work carried out by them has greatly saved time and money.

The 5 year Electrical Installation Condition certificate was renewed in the Autumn. General PAT testing and annual boiler services have also been carried out. We are however in the process of obtaining quotes for replacement Parish Centre side boilers noting the age of the existing ones. The aim is to have any replacement work completed in the summer as in theory it should be warmer.

Looking ahead there is potential as ever for further expenditure not only with the cost to replace the boilers but consideration has also to be given to replacing additional windows in church. Jacqui.

TODDLER GROUP (Sue LeDieu)

This year, instead of a conventional report, I asked some of the Parents and Grandparents if they had any comments that I could put in my report. Here is a selection

"It is friendly and welcoming, and bliss when I can have my lovely cake and drink, while the children are busy"

"I like that there is plenty of room, lots of different toys, and plenty of space to park"

"It has a lovely atmosphere and I like all the different sections. It's good for parents and grandparents, so we don't feel isolated. And I love the cake!"

"I have met a lot of other Mums in the baby corner, with children a similar age, and we keep in touch. It's a safe place for my daughter to play while I am looking after the baby."

"It's great - I love coming here."

"It's the best group I've been to with lots of different activities. We both love coming. It's so welcoming and well run"

Our Refugee Family (Hazel Qureshi)

"Therefore as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers" (Galatians 6:10)

Currently around 28 refugees regularly join with us in worship, including 8 children and teens, plus up to a dozen others often, who have made Blackpool their home. There are also 4 or 5 families who were moved to other areas, frequently return to visit us, as they consider this fellowship 'their family'.

I am grateful for the support in providing transport for them to join us week by week, for which there is a team of 9 regular drivers, plus a couple of others who help out when needed.

5 of our friends were baptised and one renewed his baptismal vows in December. A further series of Baptism classes is currently in progress.

Thank you to all those who have helped them feel welcome here, chatting to them, bringing toiletries each month, donating suitcases, or household items to help those granted refugee status to set up a home. Once again we were able to provide them all with donated Christmas gifts

Others have invited them to their home for lunch, or taken them on a trip out.

It's been good to see a number of our overseas family helping at midweek groups, the men's working group and Olive Branch. Others volunteer with Gwen's Comfort Cafe.

It was also good to see Lindsay & Tony set up a homegroup in the past year, with several refugees participating. It was also great to see one of our friends has set up his own YouTube channel, recording short videos of teaching, based on a bible passage to encourage others.

Thanks again to all who contribute in whatever way, to support them and help them feel welcomed, and part of the family.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Steve Green)

Our finances remain in a healthy position, providing a solid foundation to move forward. The net worth from accounts at the end of December (£103,572.13) was up from the start of the year position (£92,542).

Overall, our income in 2024 exceed expenditure by a significant margin, with regular giving and hall lettings both up. We were also awarded Year 2 of the Youth Grant, and we continued to cap the Parish Share payments to £60,000.

This means we have been able to extend the Shirley's contract (CEW) until August 2026, which of course means we can press forward with mission plans to further engage with the community around us.

In addition, the PCC has agreed to use some of the surplus from last year to replace the two boilers in the other side of church, both of which are passed their normal life expectancy. The plan is to complete that work this summer.

Additionally, a new projector will be installed soon using money donated for that purpose, and we aim to use money that was bequeathed to replace the carpet in the welcome area and meeting room.

The accounts for 2024 have been signed off by the Independent Examiner.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity. Steve Green

All Saints Electoral Roll

The new Electoral Roll at the date of preparation of this report - 110

Parochial Church Council

The PCC is made up of the Vicar, One Churchwarden, Two Licensed Lay Ministers, Two Deanery Representatives, Nine Elected Members, One Co-Opted Member and the Safeguarding Officer.

The PCC met six times since the last APCM.

The current membership (April 2025) is as follows:

Clergy – Rev'd Anthony Barnshaw (Six)

Churchwarden – Jacqui Green (Six)

Licensed Lay Ministers (LLMs) (WEF: 14.11.24) – Sarah Tarbuck (Three) & Ken Wong (0)

Deanery Representatives – Steve Green (Five) & Steve Wardle (Five)

Safeguarding Officer – Amanda Wooldridge (Six)

Elected Members – Julie Barlow (Five), Peter Chivers (Four), Janet Clark (Five), Yvonne Davies (Six), Michele Duer (Five), Mick Green (Five), Kerrie Holme (Five), Mansel Jones (Five), Philip Watson (Five) & Susan Watson (Five).

Apologies were received for all absences.

The All Saints PCC is a charity registered with the Charity Commission. All Saints PCC accounts are audited by the Independent Examiner David Hamish Martin.

All Saints, Anchorsholme

Balance sheet (Summary)

As at: 31 December 2024

	As at 31/12/2024 £	As at 31/12/2023 £
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets	308,322	310,402
	<u>308,322</u>	<u>310,402</u>
Current assets		
Debtors	6,366	3,280
Cash at bank and in hand	109,428	92,284
	<u>115,794</u>	<u>95,565</u>
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	2,733	4,064
Net current assets less current liabilities	<u>113,061</u>	<u>91,500</u>
Total assets less current liabilities	<u>421,383</u>	<u>401,903</u>
Total net assets less liabilities	<u>421,383</u>	<u>401,903</u>
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General fund	361,386	335,684
Designated		
Designated - to sponsor travel & subsistence costs on mission	200	200
Designated - Kitchen Fund	328	328
Designated - Tech Team	(2,338)	(2,142)
Designated - Youth Work	1,031	—
Designated - Adult Holiday Club	252	101
Designated - mission	469	—
Restricted		
Restricted - Community Engagement Worker	(16,804)	(5,689)
Restricted - Youth Grant	(1,124)	(209)
Restricted - emergency reserve (Charity Commission)	37,000	37,000
Restricted - Youth ChickStarter project	30	—
Restricted - Christmas Fair Collections	263	263
Restricted - Gift Day	34,163	31,083
Restricted - Messy Church	1,698	457
Restricted - One Group	3,135	3,135
Restricted - Upkeep of Church Buildings	(1,584)	(1,584)
Restricted - Window replacements 2023	225	225
Restricted - Worship	3,050	3,050
Funds of the church	<u>421,383</u>	<u>401,903</u>

There may be minor discrepancies in the totals if the pence are not being shown



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
All Saints PCC

On accounts for the year
ended

31/12/2024

Charity no
(if any)

1132756

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 12 / 2024.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

David H. Martin

Date:

19. March 2025

Name:

DAVID HAMISH MARTIN

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
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