THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ALL SAINTS PRESTON

England & Wales · Charity number 1132970

Details

Other names	ALL SAINTS PCC PRESTON
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2009-11-25
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: Promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church.

Activities: Regular public worship open to all. Pastoral work. Teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups. Taking of religious assemblies in schools. The provision of a youth club with a Christian ethos. Promotion of Christianity. Promoting the whole mission of the church through provision of activities. Supporting other charities in the UK and overseas.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

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Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Lancashire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£314,488	£363,855	-	-
2024-12-31	£340,959	£365,227	-	-
2023-12-31	£781,348	£392,868	£519,427	4
2022-12-31	£363,574	£383,163	-	-
2021-12-31	£260,806	£250,144	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
REV Nathan Buttery	Chair	2017-01-10
ANGELA BIDEN		
Alan MacRae		2025-04-23
Dr ANDREW GEORGE GLENDINNING		
Dr Ivan Yow		2024-04-17
Dr Katherine Stewart		2019-04-24
Dr LAURA OLIVER		2014-04-20
ERIC TAYLOR		
GERALD DAVID BURROWS		
Holly Tween		2020-10-07
Jonathan McIntosh		2016-04-25
Katie Stanton		2025-04-23
Rev Simon Huw Griffiths		2021-07-01
SHELLEY BURROWS		2013-09-24
THOMAS SUTCLIFFE-CAMPO		2013-04-18

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FOR 2025

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

All Saints Church is part of the Diocese of Blackburn within the Church of England. The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity that is registered with the Charities Commission No. 1132970.

Current PCC members (trustees) who have served in 2025 until the date this report was prepared are:

Incumbent	Rev N. Buttery	Chairman
Curate	Rev S. Griffiths	
Wardens	Mr J. McIntosh	Vice Chairman
	Mr K Massey	
General Synod Representative:		
	Dr L. Oliver	
Diocesan Synod Representative:		
	Mr G. Burrows	
	Dr A. Glendinning	
Deanery Synod Representatives:		
	Mr T. Sutcliffe-Campo	Secretary
	Dr K. Stewart	
Elected Members:	Miss A. Biden	Treasurer
	Mrs S. Burrows	
	Mr A. MacRae	(Elected April 2025)
	Mrs K. Stanton	(Elected April 2025)
	Mr E. Taylor	
	Mrs H. Tween	Minute Secretary
	Dr I. Yow	

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. The PCC has met on 6 occasions, the average attendance for these meeting has been approximately 85%.

The PCC operates through a number of committees which meet between full meetings of the PCC. All Saints Church committees are as follows:

Standing Committee and Finance Committee
The Standing Committee is the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between meetings, subject to any direction given by the council. It includes the finance committee as a small group who can make dynamic financial decisions on behalf of the PCC if required. They also oversee budget planning and financial reviews.

Building Committee
Attends to matters relating to the stewardship of plant, such as Church and Hall buildings and fabric and redevelopment schemes.

Mission Committee
Develops All Saints strategy for the support of mission including the distribution of allotted financial support amongst chosen partners.

Outreach Committee
Develops All Saints strategy for evangelism and the planning of events to aid this.

Worship Committee
Attends to matters relating to Church services and worship.

Children and Youth Work Committee
Oversees the children and youth work activities.

Responsibilities:
The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Incumbent in promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical in the ecclesiastical parish. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Church and Hall premises.

THE CHURCH

Church Attendance:

The average weekly attendance at the morning service was 243, 77 of whom were under 16. The evening service is attended by approximately 50 people. Both services continue to be live streamed online.

The Church Electoral Roll:

	2024	2025
Resident	8	12
Non-Resident	147	159
Total:	**155**	**171**

We continue to be grateful to our Heavenly Father for his sustaining grace throughout this year. Our regular activities have run as per the remainder of this report. We thank our God and Father for the many blessings which he pours out on us.

We continue to see new people moving to All Saints and are particularly blessed with the joy of seeing people come to faith in our Lord Jesus Christ for the first time.

Thomas Sutcliffe-Campo
PCC Secretary

VICAR'S REPORT 2025

"Praise the Lord. I will extol the Lord with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly. Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all who delight in them." Psalm 111: 1-2

As we look back through 2025, we can be very thankful for all that God has done through us and in us as a church family. In God's great kindness we have seen the Lord add to our number with people coming to faith in Jesus, and being built up in their faith. We give thanks to God for growth in all areas, and for many answers to prayer.

In the report that follows are many testimonies to God's kindness and fruit from the preaching of his word. I am deeply grateful to a large number of people who give their time to serving and leading us. There are many small group leaders, children's and youth leaders, and leaders of other groups who sacrifice their time and energy to serving God's people. Our PCC has continued to lead us with care as they have sought to oversee our church family in many practical matters. I am especially thankful to God for the hard work of Jon McIntosh and Keith Massey our wardens, as well as Ella Biden our treasurer.

Our staff team has seen a bit of change this year. In April Chris Young left the team as our Assistant Minister, and in September Merin Eldhose and A-M Yow joined us as Ministry Assistants. At the end of 2025, Sam Bate came to the end of his time with us as Ministry Assistant, and we are very thankful to God for all his hard work and care. Simon Griffiths, Hannah Fox and Debs Macaulay continue to serve our church family in different ways, with their customary hard work and love. I am very thankful to God to be able to partner together with so many in our church family who love the Lord and his people. It truly is a gospel partnership to be thankful for.

The mainstay of our ministry is the preaching of God's word, and we have worked our way through a number of Bible books in 2025, asking the Lord to work in us by his Spirit to make us more like his Son Jesus. It's been a joy to teach God's word each week and a privilege to see God at work in his people. We have preached through Romans 8-11, Matthew 19-25, John's letters, Amos and Ruth. We focused on 1 John, Amos and Ruth in our small group Bible studies. We also preached through Genesis 4-11, Joshua 11-24, 2 Timothy, and Revelation 1-3. In November we had a church

weekend at home, with Bible teaching from Andrew Sach on 1 Kings, and a ceilidh on the Friday night. We encouraged the church family to open their homes for a "Link Up Lunch" on the Sunday.

For a minister of the gospel to preach and pastor any congregation is a special privilege. It is especially precious to pastor All Saints, and I am deeply thankful to God for his sustaining grace and mercy to us.

Nathan Buttery
Vicar

REPORT ON WOMEN'S MINISTRY

As our church family has continued to grow this year, we have had the joy of welcoming new women into our church family. Women's ministry is what takes place primarily day to day as older women model the gospel to younger, and as we speak truth to one another. Titus 2 reminds us of our responsibility as women to model and speak godliness to one another so that we build one another up, and so that God's word is not maligned.

We have the privilege and opportunity of meeting together as a church family each week and this is primarily where we hear God's word, receive His care and provision in the way He designed through His church, and are cared for and encouraged in our walk with the Lord Jesus. The overflow of hearts transformed by the gospel is seen as we love and care for one another across the church family the rest of the week. A big church family enables so many opportunities to love and be loved but also needs that Titus 2 mindset as we recognise our part in the discipleship and care of one another. I am regularly struck by how God provides for my needs through the often unlikely and informal interactions, as my sisters have spoken words of encouragement to me. I thank God for each one!

To report on a few of the more specific and intentional women's events and meetings this year I begin with our Women's Growth Groups which meet on Wednesday mornings. Our groups follow the Growth Group programme which has meant that over the past year we've studied Romans 8, 1 John and Amos. Numbers vary week to week, often due to the life stage of many of the women who come along who need to navigate the responsibilities of dependents. It is always good to meet together, and it has been encouraging to have new folk join us each term as life situations have changed. I am thankful to Debbie Buttery, Amy Griffiths, Rachel McIntosh and Laura Davis who have served in leading groups this year and for others who have helped lead and speak on other occasions throughout the year. Two women's Growth Groups also meet on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, following the same programme.

Over forty women enjoyed a weekend away together in June. This time was so valuable for women getting to know one another at a deeper level and sharing their lives with one another. We learned from Nancy Guthrie opening up God's word, reminding us that true joy and satisfaction are only found in Jesus. We were able to discuss and pray in small groups as we reflected on what we learned together, and, as ever, we enjoyed excellent physical food as well, thanks to our friends from south Wales.

We have had two women's breakfasts which again have enabled us to discuss issues in an appropriate environment. Becca Nash came and taught us from God's word on 'taming the tongue' and Nathan recently came to encourage us on the importance of growing future leaders. Both occasions were instructive, encouraging and good food for the heart and body! I love hearing of women meeting up with one another to study God's Word and pray together. My prayer is that each of us looks out for one another, and with a growing church family, this will mean seeking to love and incorporate new people and those on the fringe
into deeper gospel friendships. We all have a part to play in God's design for church, and my prayer is that we grasp this all the more in the coming year.

Hannah Fox
Women & Children Minister

REPORT ON MEN'S MINISTRY

There has been lots of encouragement in our men's ministry this year. The Men's Weekend Away in March is always a highlight, with time together in St John's in the Vale. This year's teaching focused on the doctrine of scripture in John's gospel (by Gwilym Davies), and we enjoyed praying, singing, hearing testimonies and lots of good food! It was great to have some of our Iranian and Ukrainian men join us and to see them drawn into the weekend by others.

It has also been encouraging to see relationships continue to develop in wider church life. We have hosted a couple of men's breakfasts addressing different issues together, and our men's book club has continued. Of course, beyond these specifics, most of our "men's ministry" happens week by week in the life of the church as our men meet to pray, read God's word, support and encourage one another onward in faith. I'm thankful to have many mature, godly men at All Saints modelling for us what it looks like to love the Lord and his people well.

As we look ahead, our prayer is that we will be increasingly encouraged and equipped to love God, walk confidently with Christ, build one another up, and share our faith with those around us.

Simon Griffiths
Curate

REPORT ON GROWTH GROUPS

Our Growth Groups continue to be a vital part of our church family life. As our wider church family has continued to grow in number this year, our Growth Groups are so important to enable a deeper personal care for individuals, and they provide a place where newcomers can be drawn into church life and relationship more effectively. I am thankful for each leader who prayerfully leads and cares for their group members.

Several Growth Groups have been reshuffled over the past year to accommodate newcomers and geography. It is encouraging that newcomers continue to join our groups each term. Please pray for the Lord to raise leaders for these groups, and that each member will be active in caring and praying for one another.

We have looked at a range of Bible books in our groups this year. We began 2025 by looking at the creed, followed by time in 1 John and more recently in Amos and Ruth. We have continued to follow the morning sermon series as we seek to dig deeper and apply more intentionally the truths we have heard each Sunday.

Our Growth Groups are smaller expressions of our wider church family and are therefore so important. Pray for wisdom and grace for those who prepare and lead each week. Pray that each of us are committed to our groups and that we continue to grow in our knowledge and love of Jesus together in the coming year.

Nathan Buttery

REPORT ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY

THE BREW:

The Brew is a baby and toddler group that meets every Thursday morning during term time. Each week we have around 20-30 families coming along, some come each week, others come more sporadically. We have a lovely mix of families from All Saints and around Preston. We have a great selection of ride on toys, soft play, a ball pool, dressing up clothes, a train track, building blocks, home corner, cars area and a craft table with the craft linked to the story each week. We offer homemade cakes and snacks for everyone. We end each session with story time and singing time. We have a two-year rolling teaching programme so that we cover as much of the Old Testament and New Testament as possible in story time. We learn a phrase based on gospel truths each half term that we pray adults and children alike remember. We strive to welcome and get to know all those who come through our doors, and hope and pray many will want to come along to church events and get to know Jesus. We seek to model Jesus to everyone and want to talk about the reason for the hope that we have.

We have a wonderful team who enable the Brew to run each week. We are so grateful to the Lord for all that Amy Griffiths did in the years she worked with us, and are sorry to lose her! My huge thanks to Sandra Lord, Becky Bedford,

AM Yow, Rachel McIntosh, Cynthia Knox, and to Laura Davis for help baking cakes. We pray that God would use the Brew for the furtherance of his kingdom and for the praise and glory of his name.

Debbie Buttery

CRECHE:

The creche is for 0-3 year olds and happens during the sermon and prayers of the morning service. We aim to look after children to enable parents and carers to participate in and benefit from the church services. Numbers vary slightly, but there are generally around 12-15 children each week. I am very grateful to the team of helpers who facilitate this each week. Our desire is that those who help in creche in the morning attend the evening service, and the service links are sent each week to those serving in creche so they are able to catch up on the services. We have a good-sized room for the children and a wide range of toys for them to play with. We end each session with a story from the Bible and maybe some songs. Generally, the children are settled and happy which is lovely for them and their carers! Please pray this would continue to be the case so that those with young children are able to be fed from God's word each week.

Debbie Buttery

JUNIOR CHURCH:

I am thankful to all those who serve so faithfully each week, giving of their time, energy and prayerfulness for the growth and spiritual maturity of our children. It is a team effort as we support parents and carers in the difficult, but wonderful task of discipling our children in the fear and knowledge of the Lord. It has been so encouraging to serve alongside the teams in Explorers, Discoverers and Pathfinders over this past year as we have shared in this task together.

Discoverers and Explorers have followed the same teaching plan throughout the year, looking at Matthew's gospel, Genesis 37-50, Luke's account of the Easter story, Esther, 1-2 Samuel, 1 Kings and Matthew's account of the Christmas story. We are in the fourth of a four-year rolling teaching plan for Explorers and Discoverers, ensuring that over the course of their time in Junior Church the children will have learned from all sections of the Bible. We have largely used the 'Mustard Seed' teaching resources, with lots of creativity and adaptation from the leaders as well.

It was a joy to see so many of the children involved in the Christmas Presentation in December, sharing the glorious rescue story from the Bible. Each child is a precious gift from the Lord, and it is a privilege to partner with parents, carers and other leaders in the discipleship of each one. Please pray for this partnership to strengthen and for parents to engage with what their children are learning in Junior Church each week.

Pathfinders, our group for 11-14s, have learnt from Psalm 139, Luke's account of the Easter story, 1 Peter, and have nearly completed a whole Bible overview over the course of the past year. We have seen a few new leaders join the team, for which I am thankful. Please pray for these young people, at such a significant time of growing up, that each one would look forward to meeting together each Sunday to learn from God's word, and that they would look out for one another and include one another in friendships.

We continue to work at the inclusion of all our children, with their differing needs, personalities and gifts. Please pray for the Lord's provision of leaders and for His help for each one who teaches them week by week.

Hannah Fox

ROOTS TEENAGE GROUP:

We have had a great 2025 in Roots. In terms of teaching, we started the year doing a 12-week course looking at a Bible Overview, with the aim to help the youth see the bigger picture of God's salvation plan and how this helps makes sense of the Old Testament alongside the New.

We followed up our Bible Overview with a series looking at 1 John together helping the teenagers to see what living out a faith in Jesus looks like with regards to their attitudes to sin, their relationship with Jesus and with others.

We closed out the year by looking at the whole of Acts over 10 weeks – somewhat of a challenge for us leaders! This was a really encouraging time as we saw the weak, lost disciples empowered by the Holy Spirit taking the gospel message from Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the to the ends of the earth – to us here in Preston. We saw God's power in action as many turned to him in repentance and faith. This year we also continued to cover thematic studies, and we looked at the Christian perspective of suffering both from a theological and practical point of view.

We also spent 2 weeks looking at Christian Apologetics and Fred Swarbrick lead these sessions for us. This was a great time for the youth as they were able to both put forward the questions that they or others might have against the truth of Christianity as well as learn how to deal with these questions in a loving way. Fred did a great job with the teenagers in showing how we can defend the claims of Christianity but also showing them how to ask questions in return that might get the original asker to question their world view.

As a group it was also a privilege to take several members to North West Gospel Partnership Sound events which took place in the Spring, Summer and Winter where the teenagers were able to meet with friends and other Christians from around the North West.

Alongside all the regular events there was also a new endeavour this year the "Youth Getaway". It was a weekend away in October, in conjunction with St Andrew's and St Christopher's. This was a time for lots of fun activities, great bible teaching, food and plenty of time to grow friendships.

In amongst all the Bible studies we have also had lots of fun playing games each week. Again games such as Sardines and Mafia are amongst the favourites but it has also been great to see the friendships within the group growing which is a real answer to prayer. There have also been some social events this year; a summer BBQ, movie night and most recently a trip to Lancaster to ice skate which was a fun time despite the rain!

It has been great to welcome Sarah MacRae back to the group this year. I want to say thank you for all the hard work that the team put in each week to make it fun and engaging for the teenagers. Overall, we have all been greatly encouraged by the growth we have seen amongst the youth this year and the way the group is welcoming and friendly to all that come along. It has been a great joy for Joel, Sarah, Holly and myself to be part of the team leading it.

Rob Davis

REPORT ON PRAYER MEETINGS

Our Central Prayer Meetings meet on the first Wednesday evening of each month, giving us an opportunity to meet corporately for prayer. We have asked the Lord to provide for the needs of our church family, Mission Partners, Ukrainian Partnership and beyond, and it is always a joy at the beginning of each meeting to pause, reflect and give thanks to God for answers to so many prayers.

Our Heavenly Father is faithful and kind and it is both a comfort and encouragement to know that He loves for us to bring our cares and concerns to Him in prayer. Throughout 2025, we considered the spiritual blessings that are ours in Christ, seen in Ephesians 1:3-14, looking at part of a verse each month. For all those who attend, we are never disappointed despite the regular spiritual battle that occurs beforehand seeking to prevent us from meeting. Satan doesn't want us to meet to pray, so it is always an encouragement when his plans to keep us away fail! We long that our Central Prayer Meetings will grow in number at the same rate that our church family grows as we express our corporate dependence on our sovereign heavenly Father.

Please join us if you are able and if you consider yourself to be a member of our church family. We also have the added benefit on the online Zoom prayer meeting at the same time for those who are unable to join in person. Our Wednesday morning Women's Growth Groups also combine each month to pray together in the same way, and feel the same battle, but same encouragement when they meet to depend on the Lord together.

Our ChurchBuilder prayer function continues to be useful to many, enabling all who want it, a daily prayer email to use for prayer each day. Our Tuesday morning and Saturday evening weekly Zoom prayer meetings are a regular part of the week for several in our church family and we thank God for His answers to our prayers over the past year, knowing that His will and purposes are always best.

A small group from our church family has continued to pray each Saturday at 9pm for an hour. Looking back, it has been a privilege and a joy to partner together as believers in this way. We're grateful to the Lord for his work in us and through us as we depend on him in prayer. The meeting is a wonderful preparation for Sunday as we commit the services into the Lord's hands and ask that he would be at work in power, drawing men, women and children to acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. We've been praying specifically for the church plant initiative in Cottam and we will pray on for the Lord's timing in this. We have also committed global concerns to the Lord, who is sovereign over all that he has made, including prayer for peace in Ukraine and for the laws of our nation to align with the truth of God's Word. God is faithful and good, and we want his name to be glorified as prayer is seen to be answered. The format of these meetings consists of reading a Psalm together and then praying as a group. We meet via Zoom and the link is distributed to the church family in the Weekly Newsletter. It's always a real blessing when members of the church family join the group.

Hannah Fox/Jon McIntosh

REPORT ON STUDENTS' MINISTRY

One of the privileges of our location in central Preston is our proximity to the university, and the opportunities that brings to share the gospel and our lives with students in the city. This year, we have continued to meet on Thursdays during term time for food, prayer, Bible study and fun. This academic year (2025-26), we're focusing on Mark's gospel, aiming to finish just in time for Easter! We've been thankful for a good core of regular students and have been encouraged by their desire to get stuck into God's word as we've followed Jesus on the pages of the gospel. We have had the pleasure of welcoming several new students, who are settling well into the group, and we're encouraging them to embrace life as part of our church family at All Saints more widely. It's been encouraging to see some in the wider church family particularly welcoming them too.

Earlier in the year, we enjoyed our annual Away Day in January, and also our weekend away in the Lake District in May - both great opportunities to get stuck into God's word and get to know one another better, with lots of time to chat and pray together. Many of our students are involved with the Christian Union, seeking to make Christ known on campus to the thousands of students who do not know Him, and we aim to support them in that where we can.

I am very thankful for the student leader team, and for the cooks who serve us so generously each week. Our prayer for the students is that they will continue to grow increasingly into the likeness of Jesus Christ - that they would love God, love his word and love his people, and mature into a joyful, confident, robust faith that will serve as the foundation for their lives, both here in Preston, and wherever life takes them afterwards.

Simon Griffiths

REPORT ON INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' MINISTRY

For the last year Globe has been run by the ULan Christian Union with support from Ivan and A-M Yow. They meet in the church hall on Monday evenings. The set up remains similar to previous years, including table games, a cultural topic of the evening and a 'table talk' topic. Table talk provides an opportunity for open discussion on a range of issues, such as war, evil, hope and peace, and is an opportunity for the Christian students present to share the gospel with unbelieving students who attend.

I have once again been encouraged by the CU's love and desire to share the gospel with international students, and the leadership team includes students from churches across the Preston area. Whilst attendance this year has been smaller and a little more inconsistent than in previous years there have been two or three students coming along who are genuinely interested in asking questions and learning more of what Christians believe.

We finished the autumn term with a Christmas dinner and a talk from Luke chapter 2, challenging students with the truth that peace will not be found on earth outside of the Lord Jesus. We ask you continue to pray with us and the CU for the unbelieving students to really hear and respond to that message.

Ann-Marie Yow

REPORT ON EVANGELISM

There have been many opportunities to reach out with the gospel, beyond our regular services each Sunday which are all evangelistic as God's word is proclaimed. Our termly Quiz Nights at the Meadow Street Club have once again punctuated the year, with many guests hearing something of the gospel. These are aimed to provide a helpful, low-key initial step for many to be introduced to the gospel and our church community. Each term we see regular guests returning as well as new folk who have been invited for the first time.

We have run a number of Hope Explored courses this year, with guests joining each time and engaging with God's word. Please continue to pray for these opportunities, and for our church family to view them as a useful 'next step' for those with whom we are seeking to share the gospel. Pray for wisdom as we prayerfully consider which resources to use and when to run such courses.

We had a good time at our Family Fun Day in Ashton in July, when many guests and families joined in for fun, games and food. It was nice to enjoy music by 'Garden City' and 'Ashtones' and to hear from Jess Underhill of what Jesus means to her. Give thanks for the opportunity it provided for us to serve together as church family, and to invite folk into our church relationships and community.

Christmas provided many opportunities to share the gospel with those in our city and parish. The women's outreach pottery-painting event in November saw around 30 guests who heard the hope of the Christmas message. We were able to run three carol services in December, as well as hosting our annual Police Carol Service. It was encouraging to see the building so full of guests at each of these services. Cameo Christmas lunch saw a good number of guests, with carols and the Christmas message clearly explained. We saw families
come along to both The Brew Christmas party and the Crib Service on Christmas Eve. We focused our parish carol singing and mince pie delivery in areas where we have existing contacts. These were great opportunities, and our parish team had some positive conversations on doorsteps.

Please continue to pray for the Evangelism Committee as they think through opportunities in the coming months.

Nathan Buttery

REPORT ON PARISH MINISTRY

2025 has seen much of the regular activities of the Parish ministry pause and/or stop in their entirety due to the reduced numbers and capacity of much of the team. Whilst this has been a sadness to see our capacity reduced in this way, we have seen our efforts focused in other ways, where we can love and care for those who reside in our parish who attend All Saints regularly.

We have had the joy of investing in a few specific people within our church family, pointing them to Jesus on a more regular basis, supported and equipped by the faithful word ministry at All Saints. While specific Parish outreach looks small, the ministry to those in our parish can be seen in many other ministry areas throughout the life of our church family, whether through the Brew, CAMEO, or Iranian ministries. Such efforts, in their own ways, have been fruitful evangelistic witnesses to those closest to our doors at Elizabeth Street, and consistently speak to the hope we have in Jesus we have as a church family.

2025 closed out with our regular carol singing round the Parish as we distributed gift bags with gospel tracts and invitations to the Christmas services. One evening was marked by a prolonged conversation with a gentleman who spoke openly about his Gideons Bible he was given while at primary school (and still going strong some 50 years later) and how he had recently been reading it more frequently as he feared what may come in the future.

Such occasions reminds us as a team, of familiar words from Jeremy Marshall's book, that many of will have read this last year, that Lord has called us to scatter seeds of gospel hope, and we entrust such work to the Lord of the harvest who will cause our efforts to bear fruit according to His good purposes. With a bold faith we entrust our efforts into the sovereign Lord's hands, as we have done each and every year, asking that He may be honoured and glorified as we serve Him in our little corner of his kingdom.

Matthew Middleton
Parish Team Leader

REPORT ON CAMEO

Cameo lunches continued throughout 2025 with attendance usually between 35-45 people, a good number of whom are not from our church family. Numbers have sadly been going down, and we are planning to do a leaflet drop around the parish early this year.

We have continued to have many opportunities to share the gospel whilst also providing a tasty meal. Throughout the year we have enjoyed talks and interviews with various people. We enjoyed another canal boat trip earlier in the year and a summer party in July. As usual we ended the year with Christmas dinner after which we sang carols and had a gospel message from Nathan.

We are very thankful to all of those who work hard month by month to cook, set tables and serve food, and to those from our church family who sit and chat on the tables to our guests as we all aim to share the gospel with the words that we say and by the way that we serve.

Cameo Bible study continues throughout the year. We have recently had some new members and we are very thankful to Keith Massey who continues to lead these Bible studies for us.

Sarah Slater

REPORT ON MISSION PARTNERS

We continue to give thanks to God for the partnership we enjoy with our Mission Partners, scattered across the world. We have enjoyed another year of partnership with each one, prayerful, financial and practical. The partnership is always mutual with us receiving great encouragement from our partners and in turn sharing matters for prayer with them each month. We enjoyed another of our World Mission Focus Sundays in November with Robin Sydserf coming from London to encourage us to remember our task of holding out the gospel.

In terms of our UK partners, James and Becca Nash continue to serve the Lord in St Andrew's Ashton. Our close proximity to them means we can share resources and support one another in practical ways. This has been furthered over the past year as we have more proactively partnered with them in our youth work, sending leaders to help with XTB (eXplore The Bible) on Friday evenings for school years 6-8. Martin and Cathy Ayers have continued to experience growth at St Silas, Glasgow, and are in the early stages of sending a plant to the east of the city. We continue to pray with them for this venture. Paul and Athena have developed their ministry to Iranian men and women in London, with their new group for Iranians underway, called 'House of Grace'. Thorsten and Kerstin Prill have new roles in counselling the Crosslinks Mission Partners and we look forward to a visit from them in the next few weeks. Matthew and Alice

Pilkington in Bradford have shared their desire to complete their building project this year. It was a joy to have Alison Dudgeon with us over the summer, and we continue to pray for Alison and Colin as they labour on in Laos. Beautiful Hands is very much active and regularly contributing money and resources for the maternity work that Alison is involved in. We pray on for Stephen Baggott in the Sahara Desert facing ongoing challenges, not least the rise of Boko Haram in that region. We continue to pray for the Zadoks in Israel, particularly during this dangerous time of conflict. We have also sought to support the Pakistan Project in helping believers reach out with the gospel in that difficult area and are regularly encouraged by news of gospel growth. We continue to support Open Doors to support brothers and sisters across the world for whom being a Christian is a risk to their lives. These brothers and sisters are a precious reminder of the gospel ministry we are all involved in, wherever God places us, including here in Preston, and our gospel partnership together.

Nathan Buttery

REPORT ON THE UKRAINIAN PARTNERSHIP

The Ukrainian Partnership was set up in March 2022 when Russia invaded Ukraine. Under a government visa scheme, we were able to welcome Ukrainians from Kyiv and Kharkiv regions to Preston. Most of the people who came were affiliated in some way with Kharkiv City Church and Irypin Bible Church. Funding for the UP came from other christians all over the UK, and also government 'thank you payments'. We are very thankful to the Lord in his provision of this.

In total we have welcomed 61 Ukranians; 12 families; 6 grandparents; and some single people. A number have returned to Ukraine; and 2 are financially independent. We are currently helping 33 individuals here, with 6 families, 6 grandparents and some single people within the group. This year we welcomed Lyuda Kohut's parents in March; Anya Chekryhin's parents in June; Tanya Svischova's mum in November and the Stepaniuk family in April.

It is a joy to see them on Sunday mornings and serving in different areas within the church family. Some Sundays there is a translation service during the sermon, but this is not possible every week. Please pray that this will be able to continue, pray also for the continued safety for families in Ukraine and for the safety of those serving in the army.

Debs Macaulay
Ukrainian Partnership Co-Ordinator

REPORT ON THE IRANIAN PARTNERSHIP

We thank the Lord for another year of His work in the hearts and minds of our Iranian members at All Saints. This past year we have continued to meet on Thursday evenings for a Bible study. Throughout the year we have studied a Bible Overview along with the books of John, Philippians and Ruth. We have also enjoyed meals together a couple of times a term. We have helped our Iranians access our Sunday morning service, with one of our members providing a weekly translation of the sermon script into Farsi, along with translated prayers and liturgy that appear on screen. We also continue to support our Iranians with practical matters as well as helping them to access other support from charities and local authorities.

This year has been one of transition with some of our members moving to other cities in search of employment or accommodation while we have also been able to welcome new people along. A particular encouragement has been the increase in female members, with 4 attending regularly and an additional 2-3 from other churches joining us on Thursdays. Some of these changes have presented us with a small core who are settled in Preston and are planning to remain with us for the foreseeable future. One focus towards the end of the year has been integrating our members into the wider church community. We have 2 children and 1 teenager who attend Junior Church and Roots respectively, while a couple of our more established female members started attending Women's Growth in September. We have been encouraged by a desire amongst our Iranians to serve the wider church family and have been finding opportunities for them to do this.

There have been many other encouragements from the year. We have seen our Iranians deepen in their love for Jesus and find joy from time in His Word and with each other, including one who has come to faith (albeit through little of our own doing) and younger Christians who have grown in their understanding of what Jesus has done and what it means to follow him. A particular encouragement is that one of our female members started the North West Gospel Partnership Ministry Training Course in September. Perhaps the biggest encouragement of the year happened in

October when 3 of our Iranians were baptised. Hearing and celebrating what God has done, and continues to do, in their lives was a great joy for the team and we hope for the wider church.

As a team we remain thankful to God for all he is doing in the lives of both us and the Iranians, and for the opportunity to serve him in this way. We're thankful to the wider church for their encouragement and prayers and for continuing to welcome our Iranians into our church family. What a great picture of the gospel as we gather under one shepherd together!

Matthew English
Iranian Partnership Co-Ordinator

REPORT ON SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding continues to be a priority for us as a church family as we seek to love one another and look after one another well in the Gospel. We seek to weave it throughout all our ministries and activities. Where appropriate it is flagged in sermons, we worship a God who cares very much about the way we care for one another. The PCC have remained abreast of the publications and recommendations coming from the National Church and our Diocese regarding this.

We continue to be blessed by excellent support, advice and practical help from our Diocese Safeguarding Team. Where appropriate they have been contacted during 2025 with referrals made into their confidential system. They provide invaluable support to me as the PSO and others affected by safeguarding matters. No significant incidents occurred; therefore nothing has been reported to the Charity Commission.

Angela Biden
Parish Safeguarding Officer

REPORT ON FABRIC, GOODS AND ORNAMENTS

Micah 7 verses 18-20 says this:

18 Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression
of the remnant of his inheritance?
You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy.
19 You will again have compassion on us;
you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.
20 You will be faithful to Jacob, and show love to Abraham,
as you pledged on oath to our ancestors in days long ago.

We gladly serve the God who alone is supremely just, merciful and faithful; the God who has come to save us through the finished work of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The wardens would like to thank all those who have used their practical gifts to serve the Lord Jesus and our church family by investing time and energy in the upkeep and maintenance of church facilities during 2025. Special mention goes to Peter Canty, Richard Ready, Mark Ready, Fred Swarbrick and Debs Macaulay for all of their practical and administrative work in progressing church maintenance and building improvement activities.

During 2025, further work has been performed in relation to fire safety including an updated risk assessment and specific training for safe evacuation of the church premises. Following a structural survey, remedial work has been performed in relation to a crack in the chancel brickwork. The crack is understood to be a thermal stress crack and to have propagated as a result of thermal cycles causing expansion and contraction. Flexible caulk has been used, as advised by the structural surveyor.

Ormiston has completed the five-yearly electrical inspection of the church building and remedial work has been agreed to ensure that the church continues to adhere to the regulations for electrical safety. PAT testing of electrical appliances has also been recently completed. Other significant pieces of work performed during 2025 include: the installation of a new Wi-Fi system; large slate replacements on the chancel roof; and several church light fittings

replaced with modern, energy efficient alternatives. Routine maintenance of the fire alarm system, fire extinguishers, gas boilers and other items is in-hand.

Finally, we can inform you all that the church's ornaments, plates and vessels are intact and in good order.

Keith Massey and Jonathan McIntosh
Church Wardens

REPORT ON GENERAL SYNOD

As an elected member of General Synod, I am part of the governance of the Church of England and remain so until at least summer 2026 when my elected term comes to an end. Synod is made up of around 500 people, with bishops, clergy and laity all represented. We meet 2 or 3 times a year, where debates and votes on different matters relating to church life happen. Over the last year this has included various bits of legislation, safeguarding procedures and policies, the mechanism by which bishops are elected and the Prayers of Love and Faith, amongst many other things. The church continues to travel down the road towards allowing same sex relationships to be blessed within the church, and there will be further important debates on this topic in the next 2 – 3 years.

There are many of us who are on General Synod who continue to contend to try and uphold God's good word in all things, but particularly in the area of marriage and sexuality as this emotive topic is frequently addressed and debated. It hasn't been easy standing in Synod, as tragically we are in the minority in most debates, but I rejoice in the opportunity I have to serve alongside many other brothers and sisters, and I appreciate the prayers of my church family that sustain me through each meeting.

The elections for the next quinquennium will be held later this year, in summer, and I intend to re-stand for election. If it is God's will, I hope that I will be able to continue to contend in this way for the next 5 years as well. I would ask others to prayerfully consider if they too could stand and contest for truth in our denomination.

Laura Oliver
Lay-representative for Blackburn Diocese

FINANCIAL REPORT

At the end of 2025 we continue to have much to be thankful to God for in His provision to us through our finances. The final balance on church funds (at 31st December 2025) is **£445,792** of this £15,354 is held in restricted funds, nearly all of that is in the Ukrainian Partnership fund.

This is extremely healthy and will ensure our ability to continue delivering ministry in the years ahead.

In 2025 there was a deficit of **£49,368** in our expenditure over our income. This was significantly less that than our budgeted deficit of £100,843, the main reason for that being that there were funds allocated to a number of projects, for example, the church plant initiative which has not yet happened and therefore carried over to the 2026 budget.

In 2025 the PCC has conducted a review of all of our financial safeguarding policies and these were ratified. A couple of actions remain outstanding, although we have split the savings accounts into a second establishment to protect more of the funds via the FCA scheme. An account has been opened with the Kingdom Bank, a fixed account with a competitive interest rate and an establishment that supports our charitable objectives across the UK. Included in this, as per the Charity Commission's advice the PCC has established a policy for the payment of trustee expenses, we have clarified that we would pay expenses for costs incurred in the business of being a trustee. Any such expenses must be reasonable and approved by the Vicar or Treasurer.

INCOME

Our income for 2025 was **£314,487** which is a decrease from 2024 of 8%.

Our voluntary giving income in 2025 was £290,350 this is 9% lower than that received in 2024. The main difference is in the reduction of monies being given to support the Ukrainian Partnership.

We received just over £13,000 in income from our investments. This is more to do with the amount we have than the interest rates but as mentioned about some has been moved into a fixed account with better rates and the PCC will look to make a further investment in 2026 of more of our capitol.

Other receipts from church activities including weddings and funerals, book sales and ministry and outreach events, church/hall lettings, and photocopier costs, totalled £10,850. The majority of this income is linked to immediate expenditure, for example weekend away costs.

EXPENDITURE

Our total expenditure was **£363,855.** This is a negligible 0.4% reduction compared to 2024.

The Diocesan Quota, staff costs and the Ukrainian Partnership are the main items of expenditure.

We continue to give a minimum of 10% of our income (based on the voluntary giving from the previous year) to our Mission Partners. This has been significantly exceeded this year as it includes a gift of £20,000 made to the newly established Preston Gospel Trust, this is a gift made to assist that trust with its initial set up costs and governance, the funds are restricted to not benefit All Saints directly in the future.

SUMMARY

The receipt of the legacy in 2023 continues to provide us with significant financial security. The PCC intends that this money is spent in planned and specific ways rather than in the usual business of the charity. In 2025 £36,300 has been "spent" from this unofficial fund. Taking this amount into consideration our general deficit is actually nearer to £13,000 and therefore our objective of meeting our expenditure is close.

The 2026 budget contains a significant deficit of **£130,528** as we continue to seek to use our financial resources for our charitable purposes.

Angela Biden
Treasurer

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

INCOME	B.D REF	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2025	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
Voluntary income	1 to 8	243,079	47,272	290,350	320,440
Activities for generating funds	9	-			-
Income from investments	10	13,142	-	13,142	11,331
Receipts from church activities	11 & 12	10,850	-	10,850	9,188
Other non-recurring income	13	145	-	145	-
TOTAL INCOME		**267,215**	**47,272**	**314,488**	**340,959**

EXPENDITURE	B.D REF	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2025	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
Mission giving and donations	18	51,417		51,417	28,708
Church activities	19 to 28	250,258	58,138	308,395	332,821
Governance costs	26	4,043		4,043	3,698
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		**305,717**	**58,138**	**363,855**	**365,227**

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2025	TOTAL FUNDS 2024
EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	**-38,503**	**-10,866**	**-49,368**	**-24,268**
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS				
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS				
Balance brought forward 01/01/2025	469,725	25,434	**495,159**	
Balances carried forward 31/12/2025	430,436	15,354	**445,792**	

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	NOTE	2025	2024
FIXED ASSETS			
Property and other assets	4(i)		-
Investment assets	4(ii)		-
CURRENT ASSETS			
Short term deposits	4(iii)	400,000	410,639
Cash in banks		43,426	45,841
Other Debtors		4,760	40,998
		488,186	**497,478**
LIABILITIES			
Amounts falling due within one year	4(iv)	**2,394**	**2,319**
NET ASSETS		**445,792**	**495,159**
TOTAL FUNDS			
	Unrestricted	430,438	468,940
	Restricted	15,354	26,219
		445,792	**£495,159**

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on the 9th March 2026 and signed on its behalf by:-

Rev N Buttery

Chairman

Miss A Biden

Treasurer

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

1. INCOME	B.D REF	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2025	2024
Voluntary income					
Gift-Aided planned giving	1	171,296		171,296	157,662
Other planned giving	2	19,348		19,348	19,019
Collections at services	3	4,233		4,233	4,479
Sundry donations	4 & 5		47,272	47,272	95,698
Tax recovered through Gift Aid	6	42,956	-	42,956	40,337
Legacies	7				279
Grants	8	5,245		5,245	2,966
TOTAL VOLUNTARY INCOME		**243,078**	**47,272**	**290,350**	**320,440**
Activities for generating funds					
Church/Hall lettings	9				
Photocopier income	9				
Other	9				
Income from investments					
Dividends & gross interest	10	13,117		13,117	11,306
Ground rent - Trinity Fold	10	25		25	25
TOTAL INVESTMENT INCOME		**13,142**		**13,142**	**11,331**
Receipts from church activities					
Fees - weddings & funerals	11	538		538	
Ministries: C&Y	11	1,140		1,140	1,323
Ministries: Students	11	605		605	655
Ministries: Men & Women	11	5827		5827	4,562
CAMEO	12	1859		1859	2,278
Evangelistic Activities	12	508		508	230
Other Activities	12	0		0	-
Book sales	12	253		253	111
Other inc Lettings	12	120		120	28
TOTAL ACTIVITY INCOME		**10,850**		**10,850**	**9,188**
Other non-recurring income					
Insurance claims	13				
Sale of fixed assets	13				
Profit on sale of stock	13	-			
Church renovations	13				
Printing	13	15		15	
Other	13	130		130	
TOTAL		**145**	**0**	**145**	**0**
TOTAL INCOME		**267,215**	**47,272**	**314,487**	**340,959**

(table above includes creditors)

The following notes explain the subdivisions and sum costs of specific items:

1 **Gift-Aided planned giving:** These are regular weekly/monthly gifts to the general church funds, subject to gift aid claims, where declarations are held by the donors. It also includes any one-off gift aid donations.

2 **Other planned giving:** These are regular monthly gifts by standing order by persons who cannot or who choose not to gift aid their donations.

3 **Collections at services:** These are weekly cash donations made during the Sunday services.

4 & 5 **Special Collections:** Special Collection money goes through the accounts but All Saints PCC is not the intended recipient (all held in restricted funds). In 2025 these collections were for the Hardship Fund and the Ukrainian Partnership.

6 **Recovered Gift Aid Tax:** This is money from HMRC as per the Gift Aid Scheme. Monies have not been received before the end of 2025 for some of the eligible donations. The full amounts have been received since the end of the year and the values of which are recorded in creditors.

7 **Legacies:** Donations made by persons leaving gifts in their will.

8 **One off Grant:** The Diocese of Blackburn issued a grant to all parish churches to assist with utility costs and a grant application was successful for some equipment for the new midweek children's club.

9 **Activities from generating funds:** This heading shows income from sources not directly part of religious activities. In 2025 this is Nil.

10 **Income from Investments:** The amount is made up of interest received from the Skipton Building Society, dividends from the St. Thomas Hall Church Investment Fund and the ground rent for Trinity Fold.

11 & 12 **Receipts from Church activities:** This category is designed to highlight the Church's income from its religious activities. Weddings and funerals, Children & Youth activities, men's & women's ministries, CAMEO and the non-profit bookstall.

13 **Other non-recurring income:** Nil

2. EXPENDITURE	B.D REF	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2025	2024
Mission Giving and Donations	18	51,417	0	**51,417**	**28,708**
Church activities					
Diocesan quota	19	80,345	0	**80,345**	**75,493**
Staff wage costs	20	85,854	0	**85,854**	**100,019**
Clergy expenses	21	2,685	0	**2,685**	**2,470**
Vicarage/Staff house costs	21	20,103	0	**20,103**	**26,112**
Staff expenses	21	2,570	0	**2,570**	**2,562**
Parish Support costs	22	22	58,079	**58,101**	**77,319**
Ministry	22	10,681		**10,681**	**9,043**
Outreach	22	5,545	58	**5,603**	**4,810**
Children & Youth	22	6,383	-	**6,383**	**3,170**
Church & Hall running costs	23	21,851	-	**21,851**	**15,580**
Church & Hall Utility costs	24	8,012	-	**8,012**	**9,420**
Bookstall	25	318	-	**318**	**122**
Church & Hall Maintenance	27/28	5,889	-	**5,889**	**6,701**
Major repairs/replacements	28	-	-	**-**	**-**
TOTAL ACTIVITY EXPENSES		**250,258**	**58,138**	**308,395**	**332,821**
TOTAL GOVERNANCE COSTS	26	**4,011**	**-**	**4,011**	**3,698**
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		**305,717**	**58,138**	**363,855**	**365,227**

(table above includes liabilities)

3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Charities Act (referred to below as "the Act") now governs the way in which the Church Accounts are kept and analysed and for them to be independently examined.

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, and SORP (FRS102), using the Accruals basis.

All the All Saints funds are now grouped together on the Statements and shown as Unrestricted and Restricted funds in accordance with the Act.

The money in established and the money given. An unrestricted fund can be spent for any legitimate purpose, the restricted funds can only be spent for the purpose for which the fund was given. The categorisation has been endorsed by the PCC, at the end of 2025 these were:

Fund	Opening Balance from 2024	Income	Expenditure	Closing Balance for 2025
CAMPS	659	0	160	499
PARISH C & Y WORK	59	0	59	0
HARDSHIP FUND	263	1,870	1,580	553
UKRAINIAN PARTNERSHIP	25,239	45,402	56,339	14,302
TOTAL	**26,220**	**£47,272**	**£58,138**	**£15,354**

The Hardship Fund continues to support members of the church family in financial difficulty. The Ukrainian Partnership (as detailed in the report above) continues to support Ukrainian Refugees having fled the war to Preston and the surrounding area.

RESERVES POLICY

It is the PCC policy to invest our funds in non-risk deposit accounts that will give the current market return.
It is the policy of All Saints PCC to hold in reserve:

3 months general running costs including our existing financial commitment to others.	91,500
3 months staff wages	28,600
A reserve for redundancies to cover the statutory costs for the 4 current employees plus additional funds for the PCC to consider their responsibility to these individuals	20,000
Ongoing maintenance costs in the upkeep of the building	25,000
Capital Projects from legacy including support of a church plant	200,000
2026 Mission Project	10,000
TOTAL RESERVES	**£375,100**

At present the held funds do exceed our policy and the PCC continue to spend it in accordance with its mission and charitable objectives. Furthermore, a large amount of the money held is from the very generous legacy received in 2023, this has been "ring fenced" for spending on specific and capital projects rather than general expenses, as per the update above some of that has been used this has been used this year.

4. BALANCE SHEET

Current Assets – Investments and Cash	**Unrestricted Funds**	**Restricted Funds**	**Total Funds**
Cash	428,073	15,353	443,426
Monies Owed	4,760		4,760
Debtors	-2,394		-2,394
Total Funds	£430,439	£15,353	**£445,792**

(i) Property Assets

Interest in property consists of Church building, Parochial Hall, Vicarage and land at Trinity Fold.
All movable church furnishings are fully written down in the year of purchase.

(ii) Investment Assets

The market value of investments as at 31 December 2025 was as follows:

Endowment Assets: 1/3rd share of St. Thomas Hall – Church Investment Fund.
978 shares cost £3,944.43 valued at 31 December 2025 £23.12 per share. Market Value Shareholding £21,710.
This capital cannot be sold.

(iii) Income
All income is recognised once the church has entitlement to the funds, it is probable the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.

The gift aid debtor reflects the claims outstanding from general donations received in 2025, which is only the donations made in December 2025 and one outstanding claim for an individual since July 2025.

	ASSETS	Recorded in 2024 Accounts (£)	2025 (£)
6	Gift Aid Reclaim	40,337	4,124
10	Interest from Dividends	661	636
	TOTAL DEBTORS	**£40,998**	**£4,760**

(iv) Liabilities
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as a legal or constructive obligation commits the church to that expenditure. It is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement and the amounts of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been clarified under headings that aggregate the cost relating to the category. The only debts are for utilities, and governance costs. The items under 5 are charitable donations being made to other charities.

	LIABILITIES	Recorded in 2024 Accounts (£)	2025 (£)
5	Donation to Salvation Army	260	-
5	Donation to Beautiful Hands	24	10
24	Gas: Church & Hall	588	909
24	Gas: Entrance	81	167
24	Electricity	363	189
24	Water	24	108
26	McDade Roberts Audit	978	1,010
	TOTAL LIABILITIES	**£2,319**	**£2,394**

Liabilities	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
Amounts falling due within one year	**£2,394**		**£2,394**

EXPENDITURE: The following notes fully explain the subdivisions and costs of each item (cash accounting)

18.MISSION PARTNERS AND DONATIONS	Preston Gospel Trust	20,000.00
	Crosslinks – Prills	3,000.00
	Crosslinks - General Fund	500.00
	Christian Witness to Israel	4,022.00
	Sahara Desert Mission	3,999.96
	Leadership & Medical Ministries SE Asia	4,200.00
	Paul & Sahel GolchinManshadi	3,800.00
	North West Partnership	1,000.00
	Asia Link - Pakistan Project	1,000.00
	Sunbridge Road Mission	4,000.00
	True Freedom Trust	1,000.00

	Open Doors	1,000.00
	Beautiful Hands	900.00
	Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship	45.00
	Evangelical Alliance	250.00
	ULAN Christian Union	200.00
	Short term mission	2,500.00
	TOTAL	**51,416.96**
19. DIOCESAN QUOTA	**TOTAL**	**80,345**
20. STAFF WAGES	Assistant Minister	13,991.42
	Women & Children Minister	35,234.52
	Office Manager	2,686.00
	Ministry Assistant	2,014.04
	Ministry Assistant	29,547.46
	Ministry Assistant	10,077.84
	National Insurance Adjustments	- 7,697.51
	TOTAL	**85,853.77**
21. CLERGY EXPENSES	Vicar: Rev Nathan Buttery	1,707.78
	Curate: Rev Simon Griffiths	977.01
	TOTAL	**2,684.79**
21. VICARAGE COSTS	Council Tax	4,094.28
	Water	808.41
	TOTAL	**4,902.69**
21.CURATE HOUSE COSTS	Council Tax	3,001.67
	Water	916.26
	TOTAL	**3,917.93**
21. STAFF HOUSE	Rent	1,740.00
Assistant Minister	Council Tax	157.00
	Water	144.96
	TOTAL	**2,041.96**
Women & Children Minister	Housing Allowance **TOTAL**	**9,240.00**
	TOTAL	**20,102.58**
21. STAFF EXPENSES	Women & Children Minister	1,616.00
	Ministry Assistant	310.50
	Ministry Assistant	643.34
	TOTAL	**2,569.84**
22. PARISH SUPPORT COSTS	Parish	182.00
	Hardship Fund	1,580.00
	Ukrainian Partnership	56,339.35
	TOTAL	**58,101.35**
22. MINISTRY		
Men's Ministry	Breakfasts	150.95
	Weekend Away	2,140.13
	TOTAL	**2,291.08**

Women's Ministry	Breakfasts	120.29
	Weekend Away	3,969.42
	Other	22.13
	TOTAL	**4,111.84**
Day at Home	**TOTAL**	**558.18**
Student Ministry	Food	427.86
	Resources	50.00
	Weekend Away	1,873.11
	Training	50.00
	Fresher's Week	186.40
	TOTAL	**2,587.37**
Iranian Ministry	**TOTAL**	**1,132.37**
	MINISTRY TOTAL	**10,680.84**
22. OUTREACH		
Quiz Nights	Food	1,144.20
	Venue	100.00
	TOTAL	**1,244.20**
Evangelistic Events	Evangelistic Events	1,221.13
	Resources	70.00
	TOTAL	**1,291.13**
Parish Ministry	**TOTAL**	**94.00**
Christmas Events	Services	108.90
	Evangelistic Event	798.80
	Tracts	125.00
	TOTAL	**1,032.70**
CAMEO	Monthly Meeting Cost	1,045.57
	Other	721.79
	TOTAL	**1,767.36**
International Students	Food	31.96
	Globe	142.01
	TOTAL	**173.97**
	OUTREACH TOTAL	**5,603.36**
22. CHILDREN & YOUTH	Junior Church	3,362.55
	The Brew	1,395.68
	Roots	66.18
	Holiday Club	1,558.98
	TOTAL	**6,383.39**
23. CHURCH & HALL RUNNING COSTS	Insurance	4,471.89
	Telephone/broadband	637.20
	Ground rent	800.00
	Church Builder Database & Website	722.80
	Zoom	195.48
	CCLI - performance licence	345.60
	Microsoft	1,405.44
	31:8 DBS Fees	365.10
	Data Protection fees	47.00

	Photocopier	572.59
	Stationery & Postage	1,307.31
	Small electrical items	218.93
	Tech Hardware	1,817.54
	Sound Equipment	1,857.76
	Visual Equipment	379.99
	Music Costs	51.49
	Building & Kitchen Materials	845.44
	Furniture	1,250.00
	Food & Drink	1,974.20
	Toilet Rolls	332.71
	Hand Towels	543.78
	Cleaning materials	281.82
	Cleaning	296.97
	First Aid	449.04
	Communion wine & cups	168.12
	Baptism Pool	114.00
	Materials of Services	218.15
	PAT Testing	19.05
	Displays	81.60
	Defibrillator	80.34
	TOTAL	**21,851.34**
24. CHURCH & HALL UTILITIES	Gas: Church & Hall	3,701.74
	Entrance	586.27
	Electric	3,036.82
	Water	370.37
	TOTAL	**7,695.20**
25. BOOKSTALL	Advent Books	100.00
	Growth Groups	55.80
	Women's Weekend	162.00
	TOTAL	**317.80**
26. GOVERANCE COSTS	Audit fee	1,110.00
	Payroll costs	702.00
	PCC Costs	1,681.77
	Admin	3.15
	Job Adverts	349.93
	Staff	163.95
	TOTAL	**4,010.80**
27 & 28 MAJOR REPAIRS & DECORATIONS	Church/Hall	5,888.89
	TOTAL	**5,888.89**

Independent Examiners report to the PCC All Saints Church Preston
I report to the PCC members on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025.

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2025, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner
As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland and the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

The PCC is responsible for ensuring that the accounts give a true and fair view and for maintaining proper accounting records as required by section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.

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

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

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 and the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

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

Martin Garry BA (Hons), FCA, Independent Examiner
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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

All Saints Church is part of the Diocese of Blackburn within the Church of England. The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity that is registered with the Charities Commission No. 1132970.

Current PCC members (trustees) who have served in 2024 until the date this report was prepared are:

Incumbent	Rev N. Buttery	Chairman
Curate	Rev S. Griffiths	
Wardens	Mr J. McIntosh	Vice Chairman
	Mr K Massey	
General Synod Representative:		
	Dr L. Oliver	
Diocesan Synod Representative:		
	Mr G. Burrows	
Deanery Synod Representatives:		
	Dr A. Glendinning	
	Mr T. Sutcliffe-Campo	Secretary
	Dr K. Stewart	
	Rev C. Young	
Elected Members:	Miss A. Biden	Treasurer
	Mr M. Burnham	(Resigned April 2024)
	Mrs S. Burrows	
	Mrs S. Mote	(Resigned March 2024)
	Mr E. Taylor	
	Mrs H. Tween	Minute Secretary
	Dr I. Yow	(Elected April 2024)

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. The PCC has met on 6 occasions, the average attendance for these meeting has been approximately 85%.

The PCC operates through a number of committees which meet between full meetings of the PCC. All Saints Church committees are as follows:

Standing Committee and Finance Committee
The Standing Committee is the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between meetings, subject to any direction given by the council. It includes the finance committee as a small group who can make dynamic financial decisions on behalf of the PCC if required. They also oversee budget planning and financial reviews.

Building Committee
Attends to matters relating to the stewardship of plant, such as Church and Hall buildings and fabric and redevelopment schemes.

Mission Committee
Develops All Saints strategy for the support of mission including the distribution of allotted financial support amongst chosen partners.

Outreach Committee
Develops All Saints strategy for evangelism and the planning of events to aid this.

Worship Committee
Attends to matters relating to Church services and worship.

Children and Youth Work Committee
Oversees the children and youth work activities.

Responsibilities:
The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Incumbent in promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical in the ecclesiastical parish. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Church and Hall premises.

THE CHURCH

Church Attendance:

The average weekly attendance at the morning service was 252, 74 of whom were under 16. The evening service is attended by approximately 50 people. Both services continue to be live streamed online.

The Church Electoral Roll:

	2023	2024
Resident	8	8
Non-Resident	145	147
Total:	**153**	**155**

We continue to be grateful to our Heavenly Father for his sustaining grace throughout this year. Our regular activities have run as per the remainder of this report. We thank our God and Father for the many blessings which he pours out on us.

We continue to see new people moving to All Saints and are particularly blessed with the joy of seeing people come to faith in our Lord Jesus Christ for the first time.

Thomas Sutcliffe-Campo
PCC Secretary

VICAR'S REPORT 2024

"The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made." Psalm 145:8-9

As we look back to consider all the Lord has done in 2024, there is much to give thanks to God for. Above all, the Lord has shown his character to be faithful and good, as his word tells us. But it's even more wonderful to have experienced that first hand as a church.

Over the year our church family has steadily grown in number and in depth of knowledge of the Lord. It's been a joy to see some come to faith in Jesus for the very first time. Our DNA is to share the good news of Jesus, and as we have done that, in the many different ways this annual report outlines, God has been pleased to bless us. We've continued to support our brothers and sisters who had fled the war in Ukraine, with others joining us too. That partnership is a vital part of our work, and it's been both sobering and thrilling to hear how the Lord has kept those who have gone back. This year we also significantly developed our work with Iranian asylum seekers, with an intentional Bible study led by Matthew and Hannah English. We rejoice at the gloriously international gathering that our church family is- a little taste of the new creation before we get there!

The teaching and preaching of God's word is the foundation stone of all we do. The word taught and applied by the Spirit is how lives are changed, and we have witnessed that miracle in us this year. In the morning services and in our Growth Groups, we have studied together Matthew 15-18, Isaiah 40-55 and Romans 1-7. We have been greatly encouraged by the gospel of Jesus which unites us for our mission together. We've also been challenged by series in Leviticus, Joel, Acts 18-28, Joshua 1-10 and the Ten Commandments.

This year our staff team remained the same, with Chris, Simon, Debs, Hannah and Sam. Hannah was able to take a sabbatical over the summer, which offered her much needed rest and refreshment. Sam joined the team in January which has been a great blessing to us.

In the second half of the year, we started making more intentional plans for a church graft. We are thankful for the progress we have been able to make, in partnership with the diocese, and we look forward to seeing how the Lord leads us in 2025.

I continue to be very thankful for our church family and the privilege it is to minister to you and with you. Our partnership in the gospel is a precious gift, and we pray the Lord would continue, in his kindness and mercy, to use us for his great gospel purposes and his greater glory.

Nathan Buttery
Vicar

REPORT ON WOMEN'S MINISTRY

The main 'ministry' with and between women occurs day to day, as individuals and small groups meet to share the gospel and life with one another, speaking gospel truths and promises into circumstances. I'm so thankful for all those in our church family who actively look to care for and encourage others as we live out the gospel together while looking forward to our eternal home.

To report on a few of the more formal women's events and meetings this year I begin with our Women's Growth Groups which meet on Wednesday mornings. Our groups follow the Growth Group programme, over the past year we've studied a variety of prayers throughout the Bible, Isaiah 40-55, and Romans 1-7. Numbers vary week to week, often due to the life stage of many of the women who come along who need to navigate the responsibilities of dependents. It is always good to meet together, and it has been encouraging to have new folk join us each term. I am thankful to Debbie Buttery who serves in leading a group each week and for others who have helped lead and speak on other occasions throughout the year.

In June many of us were able to enjoy a weekend together, for our women's weekend away. This time together was so valuable for women getting to know one another at a deeper level and sharing their lives with one another. We learned together from Romans 8 which led to helpful discussion and prayer times as we considered life as believers in a broken world, with the promise of the new creation.

We have had two women's breakfasts which again have enabled us to discuss issues in an appropriate environment. Nathan shared his sabbatical studies on Augustine, and Rachel McIntosh taught us from Proverbs. It is such a joy to see women of all ages and stages meeting together for fellowship around God's word and good food!

I love hearing of women meeting up with one another to study God's Word and pray together. My prayer is that each of us looks out for one another, and with a growing church family, this will mean seeking to love and incorporate new people and those on the fringe into deeper gospel friendships.

Hannah Fox
Women's Worker

REPORT ON MEN'S MINISTRY

It has been a joy to be involved with ministry amongst our men this year, as we seek to be the kind of men God wants us to be – in our workplaces, our families, and as part of our church family at All Saints. The Men's Weekend Away in March was again an important time, with two days and nights together in St John's in the Vale. This year's teaching focussed on the Beatitudes in Matthew's gospel (Tim Ward), and we made good time for prayer, sharing of testimonies, hearty singing, good food and a healthy dose of snow! It was great to have a group of Iranian men join us and involve themselves fully in the weekend.

It has been encouraging to see relationships continue to develop in wider church life. We have hosted a couple of men's breakfasts addressing historical/theological and pastoral issues together, we met for a Christmas curry, and our men's book club continues to meet fruitfully.

Of course, beyond these specifics, most of our "men's ministry" happens week by week in the life of the church as our men meet to pray, read God's word together, support one another and encourage one another onward in faith. I'm so thankful at All Saints to have many mature, godly men, modelling for us what it looks like to love the Lord and his people well. As we look ahead, our prayer is that we will be increasingly encouraged and equipped to love God, walk confidently with Christ, build one another up, and share our faith with those around us.

Simon Griffiths
Curate

REPORT ON GROWTH GROUPS

Our Growth Groups continue to be a vital part of our church family life. As our wider church family has continued to grow in number this year, Growth Groups are so important to enable a deeper personal care for individuals, and they provide a place where newcomers can be drawn into church life more effectively. I am thankful for each Growth Group leader who prayerfully leads and cares for their group members each week. We have looked at a range of Bible genres in our groups this year. We began 2024 by considering a variety of prayers found in the Bible, including Moses, Daniel, Hannah and Paul, to name a few. These studies were important as we were reminded of the importance and need for prayerful dependence, as individuals and as a wider church family. Over the summer term we followed the morning sermon series looking at Isaiah 40-55. These studies stretched us and did our hearts good as we saw our need for a rescuer, fulfilled in Jesus.

Through the autumn term we followed the morning sermon series again, learning together from Romans 1-7. Again, these studies were stretching, but also vital as we were reminded of the glorious gospel of our Lord Jesus. What a blessing it is to meet together each week.

We've also drawn in some new leaders, which is vital for the health of our leadership going forward, and we need to pray the Lord would continue to help us grow new leaders going forward.

I know that so many have felt encouraged and supported through their groups, and across the ages. Our Growth Groups are smaller expressions of our wider church family and are therefore so important. Please continue to pray for our Growth Groups, especially for unity in Jesus and self-sacrificial love for one another. Pray for wisdom and grace for those who prepare and lead each week. Pray that each of us are committed to our groups and that we continue to grow in our knowledge and love of Jesus together in the coming year.

Nathan Buttery

REPORT ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY

THE BREW:

The Brew is a baby and toddler group that takes place on Thursday mornings during term time. We use the main church auditorium where the children (and their carers) love the underfloor heating. We are really pleased to be able to offer a wide range of toys and 'ride-ons' for the children to play with. We provide homemade cakes and hot drinks for the adults and snacks and drinks for the children. Being able to have time to sit and chat and develop friendships is a very important part of the Brew. I am very grateful to Cynthia Knox who continues to help serve in the kitchen.

A highlight for the children is the craft table, where I am very thankful to Sandra Lord for all the work she puts into preparing and facilitating the craft each week. Again, time around the craft table is invaluable for conversations and supporting each other. We end each session with a story from the Bible and then singing time. Huge thanks to Rachel McIntosh for leading us in singing each week. We have looked at a wide range of stories, starting in Genesis, and have learnt different phrases to help us understand the stories. We have learnt

that 'God is our Father who loves us very much', and as we looked at some parables, we saw that 'Jesus teaches us that God loves us very much' and that 'God loves and cares for his people' through the lives of Old Testament prophets. We continue to welcome church families, families from the local area and further afield and we love getting to know them and reaching out of them with the love of Jesus. It is a great joy to see friends bringing friends, and families coming to different events the church puts on. I thank the Lord for Becky Bedford, Amy Griffiths and Ann-Marie Yow as they give so much to the Brew each week, and Laura Davis as she helps bake. We continue to pray the Lord would save many as we seek to hold out and model the gospel each week.

Debbie Buttery

CRECHE:

The crèche is for children aged 0-3 and takes place during the Sunday morning service. We currently have between 12 and 16 children each week, who generally join us when they are around 6 months old. There is a happy atmosphere as the children get to know each other and the routine of crèche. We have an excellent supply of toys and good sized space for the children to play in, and after tidy up time we have a Bible story, building on the previous week. I thank the Lord for the good numbers of helpers we have each week who serve the church family and enable parents and carers to participate in the services or serve elsewhere. Please pray the children would settle well and that the church family would be built up and encouraged as the carers are able to hear and teach God's word each week.

Debbie Buttery

JUNIOR CHURCH:

I am thankful to all those who serve so faithfully each week, giving of their time, energy and prayerfulness for the growth and spiritual maturity of our children. It is a team effort as we support parents and carers in the difficult, but wonderful task of discipling our children in the fear and knowledge of the Lord. It has been so encouraging to serve alongside the teams in Explorers, Discoverers and Pathfinders over this past year as we have shared in this task together.

Discoverers and Explorers have followed the same teaching plan throughout the year, looking at Daniel, the 3 'Losts' in Luke 15, Matthew's account of the Easter story, Acts 1-12, Ezra and Nehemiah, Exodus 1-20, Job and Luke's account of Jesus' birth. We are in the third of a four-year rolling teaching plan for Explorers and Discoverers, ensuring that over the course of their time in Junior Church the children will have learned from all sections of the Bible. We have largely used the 'Mustard Seed' teaching resources, with lots of creativity and adaptation from the leaders as well.

It was a joy to see so many of the children involved in the Christmas Presentation in December, sharing the glorious rescue story from the Bible. Each child is a precious gift from the Lord, and it is a privilege to partner with parents, carers and other leaders in the discipleship of each one.

Pathfinders, our group for 11-14s, have also had a busy year learning from Jesus' encounters with different people in the gospels, foundational Bible truths, Revelation 1-3 and currently Psalm 139, considering themes of identity, human dignity and purpose. Please pray for these young people – that each one would look forward to meeting together each Sunday to learn from God's word, and that they would look out for one another.

We continue to work at the inclusion of all our children, with their differing needs, personalities and gifts. Please pray for the Lord's provision of leaders and for His help for each one who teaches them week by week.

Hannah Fox

ROOTS TEENAGE GROUP:

We have had a great year looking at the book of Romans together. We also went through a series looking at what the Bible had to say about prayer as well as a series of 8 studies looking at Jesus Parables and how they apply and effect our lives today.

The latter was really challenging to the Youth as it made it very clear to them how important the gospel is, that there is no "sitting on the fence" when making a decision about following Jesus.

This year we also continued to cover thematic studies also and we looked at Suffering, Heaven and Hell together. The studies on heaven and hell led by Hannah Fox particularly stood out especially in the context of God's wrath against sin that we saw in Romans 1-3. Hannah did a great job showing the youth the reality we all face when our lives come to an end and how the decisions we have made about Jesus shape that future.

In amongst all the Bible studies we have also had lots of fun playing old favourite games like Sardines and Mafia along with learning some new ones. The Pool and Air Hockey tables continue to be a big hit. There have also been some social events this year; a summer BBQ, bonfire, movie night and most recently a bowling trip to LEVEL in the city centre.

The beginning of the year saw a slight shake up in the group leaders as Sarah McRae took a maternity leave break after February half term. As such we welcomed a new leader in Holly Tween to the group which has been great, the youth especially enjoy helping themselves to her homemade cakes.

It was a privilege to take several members to North West Gospel Partnership Sound events which took place in the spring, summer and winter. Overall, we have all been greatly encouraged by the growth we have seen amongst the youth this year and the way the group is welcoming and friendly to all that come along. It has been a great joy for Joel, Sarah, Holly and me to be part of the team leading it.

Rob Davis

REPORTS ON PRAYER MEETINGS

CENTRAL PRAYER MEETING:

Our Central Prayer Meetings meet on the first Wednesday evening of each month, giving us an opportunity to pray corporately. Each month we pray for so many aspects of our church life and beyond, and it is always a joy at the beginning of each meeting to reflect and give thanks for answers to prayer since our last meeting.

Throughout 2024, we considered a variety of promises from the Bible at the start of each meeting, to encourage us to trust in God's faithfulness as we come to pray. It was a helpful reminder that God's promises are eternal and so we can trust Him to hear and answer our prayers according to His perfect will. It is also encouraging to hear a variety of folk opening up God's word to teach us in those few minutes, and we give thanks to God for those who spend so much time and prayer in their preparation.

For those who attend, we are never disappointed despite the spiritual battle that occurs beforehand seeking to prevent us from meeting together. It is still a concern that as our church family continues to grow in number our Prayer Meetings continue to shrink in attendance. The online Zoom facility is available for those who are unable to attend in person. Please join us if you consider yourself to be a member of our church family. Our women's Growth Groups also meet together on the first Wednesday morning of each month following a similar pattern to the CPM, enabling many to pray together who would be unable to otherwise.

Our ChurchBuilder prayer function continues to be useful to many, enabling all who want it, a daily prayer email to use for prayer. We have also continued to run two weekly Zoom prayer meetings- one on a Tuesday morning (6.30am) and one on a Saturday evening (9pm).

Hannah Fox

SATURDAY EVENING PRAYER MEETING:

During 2024, a small group from the church family has continued to pray each Saturday at 9pm for an hour. We've rejoiced in some encouraging answers to prayer and we're grateful to the Lord for his work in us and through us as we depend on him in prayer. The meeting is a wonderful preparation for Sunday as we commit the services into the Lord's hands and pray that he would be at work in power, drawing men, women and children to acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. We've been praying very specifically for the graft opportunity in North Preston, for those struggling within our church family and for global concerns, including the wars in Ukraine and the Middle East. God is faithful and good and we want his name to be glorified as prayer is seen to be answered.

The format of these meetings consists of reading a Psalm together and then praying as a group. We meet via Zoom and the link is distributed to the church family in the Weekly Newsletter. It's always a real blessing when members of the church family join the group to partner together in prayer.

Jonathan McIntosh

REPORT ON STUDENTS' MINISTRY

We continue to thank God for the opportunity to serve students in Preston, it is a privilege to welcome students to All Saints and to see them grow in Christ during their years with us. This year, we have continued to meet on Thursdays during term time for food, prayer, Bible study and fun. Topics looked at over the year include Romans, a 'Firm Foundations' doctrine series, and some of Isaiah. A normal Thursday would see around 12-15 of us meeting together. We give thanks to God for a small but committed group, persevering with Jesus through all circumstances.

We enjoyed our annual Away Day in January, gaining God's wisdom from the book of Proverbs. A particular highlight in May was our weekend away in the Lake District, where we looked at the overall story of the whole Bible, enjoyed time in God's beautiful creation, and had lots of time to chat and pray together.

We have had the pleasure of welcoming several new students since September, who are settling well into the group. It has also been encouraging to see our students getting involved in serving at church in areas such as children's ministry and music. Many of our students are involved with the Christian Union, seeking to make Christ known on campus to the thousands of students who do not know Him.

I am very thankful for the student leader team, and for the cooks who make us wonderful food each week.

As ever, our prayer for our students is that they would grow in love and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, longing that during their time as students they would put down foundations in Christ that will last their whole lives. We can't do this, but the Lord can, and we pray he uses us to help and encourage them to that end!

Chris Young
Assistant Minister

REPORT ON INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' MINISTRY

Our international students' ministry has continued this year, reaching out to the increasingly international student population at UCLan who live around us. The weekly focus of our internationals' outreach/evangelistic work has been our regular Tuesday evening "Globe" café ministry– where we play games and do activities together, and have a dedicated time for discussion around tables– typically addressing issues of culture, attitudes, faith and ethics. Where appropriate, these coordinate with the British "cultural" calendar, and there are always ways for us to bring our faith and the gospel into conversations around tables, for example on issues such as hope, truth, family, community, good and evil.

In light of resource constraints this end, and some reflection and prayer on the future of this ministry, we opened up conversations in the early summer with the UCLan Christian Union (and UCCF) about whether the CU might be interested in taking on a role with Globe/International Students' ministry going forward.

The fruit of those conversations and our prayers for the future is a new model for Globe, from the beginning of the 24/25 academic year. Responsibility for Globe now rests with the CU, hosted here at All Saints, and supported by Ivan and Ann-Marie Yow, and the various resources we have developed over the previous years. We've been thankful for a really happy and positive start to this new arrangement - and continue to liaise closely with the CU as they move forward with it.

It's been wonderful to see them pour themselves into the lives of the students and keen to share the gospel and their lives with them. We have had a steady group of around 25 students. We've enjoyed time together; playing games, exploring culture and discussing different topics, ranging from death and evil, life ambitions and whether or not we believe our lives are planned or not.

At our Christmas meal we had 25 students attend, with at least 15 non-Christians present, and we challenged the students with the truth that peace is impossible without the Lord Jesus. We are often saying goodbye to these students as they return to their home countries, we continue to we pray for their salvation. We look forward to continued ministry with those who remain in Preston, meeting new arrivals and seeking to share Christ and our lives with them.

Simon Griffiths and Ann-Marie Yow

REPORT ON EVANGELISM

There have been many opportunities to reach out with the gospel, beyond our regular services over the past year. Our termly Quiz Nights at the Meadow Street Club have once again punctuated the year, with many guests coming along and hearing something of the gospel. This has been a helpful initial step for many to be introduced to the gospel and our church community.

We had a good time at our Family Fun Day in Ashton in July, when many guests and families joined in for fun, games and good food. It was especially good to hear from Fran Clarkson, physiotherapist to the Lionesses, as she shared part of her testimony and the difference knowing Jesus makes to her life.

Our Holiday Club for primary school aged children over the Easter Holidays attracted over 70 children for two days of fun and Bible teaching. Many were guests invited by children in our church family. Holiday Club continues to be a great way for our children to invite friends to hear the gospel and for many in our church family to serve together.

We have run Life Explored and Christianity Explored, and although numbers have been small, we are reminded that each person is precious and needs Jesus. Please continue to pray for these opportunities, and for the upcoming Christianity Explored courses in 2025.

Christmas was another opportunity to share the gospel with those in our city and parish. We were able to run three carol services in December, including our first 'Carols for All' during the afternoon, aimed at whole families. It was so encouraging to see the building so full of guests at each of these services. Cameo Christmas lunch saw a good number of guests come along, with carols and the Christmas message clearly explained. We saw families come along to both The Brew Christmas party and the Crib Service on Christmas Eve. It was great to see so many different faces in the building, all of whom were exposed to the truth of the gospel on each occasion. We were once again able to host the Lancashire Police Carol Service with a good turn out, and another opportunity to share Christ. We focussed our parish carol singing and mince pie delivery in areas where we have existing contacts. These were great opportunities, and our parish team had some positive conversations on doorsteps. It was especially encouraging to see one family turn up to the following Carol Service having been introduced to during carol singing.

The women's outreach candle-painting event in November also saw around 30 guests who also heard something of the Christmas message. Please continue to pray for the Evangelism Committee as they think through opportunities in the coming months.

We rejoice that many have heard the gospel this past year, with some coming to faith. There's no better news to share than that Jesus is Lord and Saviour!

Nathan Buttery

REPORT ON PARISH MINISTRY

2024 is a year that seen quite a lot of change and a slowing down of our efforts as a Parish team. A number of our regular team members have been called by God to honour many of their existing responsibilities in family life and elsewhere. This has therefore meant our weekly, monthly and termly efforts have reduced to more sustainable and manageable efforts for us as a small team.

Such efforts have included our continued partnership in prayer as we bring our community and city to the Lord in prayer. One particular joy has been to pray for some of our dear brothers and sisters in gospel churches in Preston, whether in Bamber Bridge or Ashton and to pray for discernment for Nathan, Simon and those in leadership in the CofE as the graft has been considered in North Preston. To gather together monthly throughout the year is a joyful expression of our partnership in the gospel and a reliance on the power of the Spirit to establish His work wherever He pleases. The end of the year has also brought some encouragements as we sung carols and knocked on doors; which facilitated some conversations about the Christ of Christmas and for a few folk to come along to our services/events over Christmas.

Such joys were mixed with sadness as we marked the death of a lady, Angela, from the care home next door. Angela was a lady who loved to sing hymns, and bounced along to many of her familiar favourites as well as some of our children's songs.

As a team we long to reach the lost for Christ and we submit ourselves to the Lord's providence in what this looks like for the year ahead and pray that Easter might well be another specific opportunities to use our gifts to reach others with the gospel.

Matthew Middleton
Parish Team Leader

REPORT ON CAMEO

Cameo lunches continued throughout 2024 with attendance usually between 40-50 people, a good number of whom are not from our church family. We have continued to have many opportunities to share the gospel whilst also providing a tasty meal.

Throughout the first half of the year, we continued to watch video talks from a course called 'Hymns we love' which we started in 2023.

Later in the year we hosted our summer party in July. We enjoyed a game and a talk from Nathan with the title 'Life is not a game of chance' in October and then spent some time getting to know Sam Bate in November. As usual we ended the year with Christmas dinner after which we sang carols and had a gospel message from Nathan.

We are very thankful to all of those who work hard month by month to cook, set tables and serve food, and to those from our church family who sit and chat on the tables to our guests as we all aim to share the gospel by the words that we say and the way that we serve.

Cameo Bible study continues throughout the year. We have recently had some new members and we are very thankful to Chris Young and Keith Massey who have come in to help lead this group.

Sarah Slater

REPORT ON MISSION PARTNERS

We continue to give thanks to God for the partnership we enjoy with our Mission Partners, scattered across the world. We have enjoyed another year of partnership with each one, prayerful, financial and practical. The partnership is always mutual with us receiving great encouragement from our partners. We enjoyed another of our World Mission Focus Sundays in November with James Nash from St. Andrews' Ashton, coming to preach at our evening service.

In terms of our UK partners, James and Becca Nash continue to serve the Lord in St Andrew's Ashton. Our close proximity to them means we can share resources and support one another in practical ways. Martin and Cathy Ayers have continued to experience wonderful growth at St Silas, Glasgow, and we pray with them as they seek to church plant in the East End in the coming months. Matthew and Alice Pilkington in Bradford have also seen growth and we rejoice at the plans they have to extend their premises. Paul and Athena continue to develop their ministry to Iranian men and women in London, with Athena continuing to reach many women online in countries which impose serious restrictions on believers.

In terms of our partners based overseas, the Prills have had a challenging year after their return to Namibia was met with unexpected bureaucratic obstacles. We continue to pray for them as they seek the Lord's will for their future. It was a joy to have Colin and Alison Dudgeon with us for part of the summer, and we continue to pray for them as they develop a new ministry in Laos. We pray on for Stephen Baggott in the Sahara Desert after a very wet season recently and ongoing challenges. And we continue to pray for the Zadoks in Israel, particularly during this dangerous time of conflict. We rejoice with them for the safety of their son while serving in Lebanon. 2024 saw the end of Jotham Bate's time serving on the Logos Hope Ship. It has been encouraging to see him back and so encouraged in the Lord. We have also sought to support the Pakistan Project in helping believers reach out with the gospel in that difficult area. And we have recently begun supporting Open Doors to support the persecuted church, replacing our previous support of the Barnabas Fund. These brothers and sisters are a precious reminder of the gospel ministry we are all involved in, wherever God places us, including here in Preston.

Nathan Buttery

REPORT ON THE UKRAINIAN PARTNERSHIP

The Ukrainian Partnership was set up in March 2022, when Russia invaded Ukraine. Under the UK Government 'Homes for Ukraine' scheme, All Saints welcomed 43 Ukrainians to Preston, sponsored by individuals in the church family. The UP provided financial help to enable families to rent accommodation and cover living costs.

A number of families/individuals returned home in 2023. In 2024, one additional family of five arrived, they were not linked with the previous churches but had made contact with one of the families here already. With our experience and with the other families in a good position to help support them, they have settled in and it is an encouragement that they join us regularly on a Sunday and serve as part of the church family.

Two families and one individual returned to Ukraine in 2024. The Horbans back to Irypin, and Tetiana and Vika to Central Ukraine to join Sergei and Anya Tabachkova's sister returned to Doenetsk. There are currently five families still here, (25 individuals), and two single women. Two others have moved and are independent of the UP.

We would like to thank all of the people who have supported the UP in so many different ways, often 'behind the scenes'. There are still financial needs, and God has continued to provide in an amazing way, so that we have been able to continue with support for these families. Please pray for all the families here, as they navigate life in the UK, far away from home and separated from their wider families. Please do continue to pray for all those who have returned, for opportunities to share the gospel and serve; and for safety with continued attacks and uncertainty and ultimately for peace in Ukraine.

Debs Macaulay
Ukrainian Partnership Co-Ordinator

REPORT ON THE IRANIAN PARTNERSHIP

The last year has been an exciting one for us. The number of Iranians attending All Saints has grown, as well as some from other churches joining us for our weekly Bible study. This growth is owing to partnership with other churches and most encouragingly to existing members inviting others along. This numerical growth, and the subsequent increase in spiritual and practical need, resulted in the decision to formalise the ministry in the summer. A team was formed and awareness and prayerfulness among the wider church was increased. The team consisted of Matt Middleton, Hannah and Matthew English, supported by Simon Griffiths' oversight and insight to this ministry. To enable both more team members and Iranians to join, the Bible study was moved to a Thursday evening from September.

Every Thursday we begin our time by eating food together, often prepared by our Iranian members. This is then followed by a Bible study and prayer, facilitated by translation apps and interpretation from those with stronger English language skills. Over the course of the year, we have studied Mark's gospel and the Christmas story in Luke. As a team we have been encouraged by the desire of those attending to understand God's Word and apply it to their lives.

This year has been an encouragement to us as a team and hopefully the wider church family. We were encouraged to see one of our members baptised and to see several positive decisions made to grant refugee status. It was also a joy to see people joining the men's and women's weekends and witnessing and hearing of the encouragement this was to them and others attending. Another encouragement has been the readiness of our Iranian brothers and sisters to serve one another on Thursdays by setting up, cooking and washing up. We have also been involved in serving the wider church. This has mainly consisted of practical work including painting the church railings and helping to replace the floor in the church hall. Most of all we have been encouraged by seeing our Iranians grow in their love and knowledge of Jesus and grow deeper in their relationship with Him.

While this year has been an exciting and encouraging one, it has also presented challenges. One of these has been the language barrier that exists for many of our Iranians. Over the last year we have taken good steps to reduce this which has included providing translated copies of sermons, a booklet containing commonly used liturgy in Farsi, putting Bible references on the screen in Farsi and using a translator app for Bible studies and other communication. There have also been some practical challenges. Positive asylum decisions are often followed by a time of difficulty and uncertainty. After only a month or two the person affected needs to find somewhere new to live. For some this has resulted in homelessness and, while we have been able to ensure that no-one has slept on the streets, it has been difficult to help in more long-term and sustainable ways.

In all these things, I thank God for each of the Iranians that have joined us at church services and/or our Bible study, the team who have been great partners in this work, and the church family for welcoming our Iranians. I also thank God for our church leadership for enabling and encouraging this ministry to take place.

Matthew English
Iranian Partnership Co-Ordinator

REPORT ON SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding continues to be a priority for us as a church family as we seek to love one another and look after one another well in the Gospel. The PCC have remained abreast of the publications and recommendations coming from the National Church and our Diocese regarding this. I am thankful for the many in our church family who seek to ensure we safely deliver ministry and share the gospel protecting everyone, especially the most vulnerable, from harm. Where appropriate and necessary the Diocese Safeguarding Advisors have been contacted during the course of 2024 for advice and direction. No significant incidents occurred or were reported to the Charity Commission.

Angela Biden
Parish Safeguarding Officer

REPORT ON FABRIC, GOODS AND ORNAMENTS

Psalm 103 verses 19-22 says this:

19 The Lord has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all.
20 Praise the Lord, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word.
21 Praise the Lord, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will.
22 Praise the Lord, all his works everywhere in his dominion. Praise the Lord, my soul.

At All Saints we gladly serve the God who reigns over all things and who has come to save us through the finished work of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The wardens would like to thank all those who have used their practical gifts to serve the Lord Jesus and the church family by investing time and energy in the upkeep and maintenance of church facilities during 2024. Special mention goes to Peter Canty, Richard Ready, Mark Ready and Debs Macaulay for all of their practical and administrative work in progressing church maintenance and building improvement activities.

During 2024 a number of members of the church family prepared and re-painted the church railings surrounding the church building in black and gold and the stone paving around the main church building was cleaned thoroughly. Significant repair work was performed on the church office walls and roof and to the church office kitchen roof, which had been leaking. In addition, internal repairs to the kitchen ceiling and kitchen units were conducted.

Peter Canty updated the church fire risk assessment. Based on the analysis for life safety, potential consequences and the action plan, the overall fire risk assessment was Moderate (Normal). One of the key areas where action is needed is associated with safe evacuation of the church and plans are in place to help mitigate this risk.

Routine maintenance of the fire alarm system, fire extinguishers, gas boilers and other items is in-hand. Finally, we can inform you all that the church's ornaments, plate and vessels are intact and in good order.

Keith Massey and Jonathan McIntosh
Church Wardens

REPORT ON GENERAL SYNOD

As an elected member of the General Synod, I am part of the governance of the Church of England, and remain so until 2026. Synod is made up of around 500 people, with bishops, clergy and laity all represented. We meet 2 or 3 times a year, where debates and votes on different matters relating to church life happen. Over the last year this has included various bits of legislation, safeguarding matters, code of conduct for PCC members and how to encourage healthy evangelism, amongst many other things. A debate or discussion on allowing same sex relationships to be blessed has happened at most meetings in the last couple of years, and the wider church continues to travel down the path towards the place where this will be permitted.

There are many of us who continue to contend to try and uphold God's good word on marriage and sexuality, and although we may be oftentimes shouted down in the chamber, we hold on to the knowledge of the truth that the Lord's way is always best for us, and that he is in sovereign control of all that is going on. It is a joy to serve alongside many brothers and sisters in this way, and I appreciate the prayers of our church family that uphold me through each meeting.

Laura Oliver
Lay-representative for Blackburn Diocese

FINANCIAL REPORT

At the end of 2024 we have much to be thankful to God for in His provision to us through our finances. The final balance on church funds (at 31st December 2024) is £495,159 of this £26,220 is held in restricted funds., nearly all of that is in the Ukrainian Partnership fund.

This is extremely healthy and will ensure our ability to continue delivering ministry in the years ahead.

In 2024 there was a deficit of £43,488 in our general expenditure over our income, that is, not including the Restricted Funds.

INCOME

Our income for 2024 was £340,959 which is a decrease from 2023 of 56%. The anomaly was in 2023 with the receipt of a very generous legacy. As you can see, it is very close to the amount received in 2022.

Our voluntary giving income in 2024 was £320,440 this is 58% lower than that received in 2023. Again this reduction is explained by the 2023 legacy.

That said, when just considering the donations made there was a 14% decrease on 2023. The cash collections from services have decreased by 16%. It is these figures which present us with a challenge as a church family, as has been said before it is really only us who pay for the day to day running and ministry of All Saints.

It is mainly in light of the legacy that the income from our investments increased significantly and totalled £11,331.

Other receipts from church activities including weddings and funerals, book sales and ministry and outreach events, church/hall lettings, and photocopier costs, totalled £9,188.

EXPENDITURE

Our total spends were £365,227. This is an 11% reduction compared to 2023. Again this can be at least partially explained by the non repeated costs/gifts which were made in direct response to the legacy.

The Diocesan Quota, staff costs and the Ukrainian Partnership are the main items of expenditure.

We continue to give 10% of our income (based on the voluntary giving from the previous year) is donated to our Mission Partners.

SUMMARY

The receipt of the legacy in 2023 has provided us with significant financial security for the years ahead. The PCC intends that this money is spent in planned and specific ways rather than in the usual business of the charity. In terms of our day to day running costs we are exceeding our income and continuing to use the funds given for our charitable purposes. We have also seen our general income decrease at a faster rate than our expenditure. The 2025 budget contains a significant deficit as we seek to use our financial resources for our charitable purposes.

Angela Biden
Treasurer

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

INCOME	B.D REF	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2024	2023
Voluntary income	1 to 8	224,182	96,258	320,440	769,359
Activities for generating funds	9	-	-	-	-
Income from investments	10	11,331	-	11,331	1,966
Receipts from church activities	11 & 12	9,188	-	9,188	10,022
Other non-recurring income	13	-	-	-	
TOTAL INCOME		**244,701**	**96,258**	**340,959**	**781,348**

EXPENDITURE	B.D REF	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2024	2023
Mission giving and donations	18	28,708		28,708	64,856
Church activities	19 to 28	255,782	77,038	332,821	326,148
Governance costs	26	3,698		3,698	1,864
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		**288,189**	**77,038**	**365,227**	**392,868**

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS	
			2024	2023
EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	**- 43,488**	**19,220**	**-24,268**	**388,480**
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS				
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS				
Balance brought forward 01/01/2024	512,427	7,000	**519,427**	
Balances carried forward 31/12/2024	468,939	26,220	**495,159**	

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	NOTE	2024	2023
FIXED ASSETS			
Property and other assets	4(i)		-
Investment assets	4(ii)		-
CURRENT ASSETS			
Short term deposits	4(iii)	410,639	400,000
Cash in banks		45,841	101,113
Other Debtors		40,998	20,634
		497,478	**521,747**
LIABILITIES			
Amounts falling due within one year	4(iv)	**2,319**	**2320**
NET ASSETS		**495,159**	**519,427**
TOTAL FUNDS			
	Unrestricted	468,940	512,427
	Restricted	26,219	7,000
		£495,159	**£519,427**

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on the 10 March 2025.

and signed on its behalf by:-

Rev N Buttery

Chairman

Miss A Biden

Treasurer

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. INCOME	B.D REF	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2024	2023
Voluntary income					
Gift-Aided planned giving	1	157,662		157,662	166,598
Other planned giving	2	19,019		19,019	17,366
Collections at services	3	4,479		4,479	5,390
Sundry donations	4 & 5	0	95,698	95,698	79,357
Tax recovered through Gift Aid	6	39,777	560	40,337	47,069
Legacies	7	279		279	456,209
Grants	8	2,966		2,966	2,740
TOTAL VOLUNTARY INCOME		**224,182**	**96,258**	**320,440**	**774,729**
Activities for generating funds					
Church/Hall lettings	9				
Photocopier income	9				
Other	9				
Income from investments					
Dividends & gross interest	10	11,306		11,306	1,941
Ground rent - Trinity Fold	10	25		25	25
TOTAL INVESTMENT INCOME		**11,331**		**11,331**	**1,966**
Receipts from church activities					
Fees - weddings & funerals	11	-		-	185
Ministries: C&Y	11	1,323		1,323	1,161
Ministries: Students	11	655		655	868
Ministries: Men & Women	11	4562		4,562	4,662
CAMEO	12	2278		2,278	1,782
Evangelistic Activities	12	230		230	390
Other Activities	12	0		-	665
Book sales	12	111		111	164
Other inc Lettings	12	28		28	144
TOTAL ACTIVITY INCOME		**9,188**	**-**	**9,188**	**10,022**
Other non-recurring income					
Insurance claims	13				
Sale of fixed assets	13				
Profit on sale of stock	13	-			
Church renovations	13				
Printing	13				
Other	13				
TOTAL		0	**0**	0	

TOTAL INCOME		**244,701**	**96,258**	**340,959**	**786,718**

(table above includes creditors)

The following notes explain the subdivisions and sum costs of specific items:

1 **Gift-Aided planned giving:** These are regular weekly/monthly gifts to the general church funds, subject to gift aid claims, where declarations are held by the donors. It also includes any one-off gift aid donations.

2 **Other planned giving:** These are regular monthly gifts by standing order by persons who cannot or who choose not to gift aid their donations.

3 **Collections at services:** These are weekly cash donations made during the Sunday services.

4 & 5 **Special Collections:** Special Collection money goes through the accounts but All Saints PCC is not the intended recipient (all held in restricted funds). In 2024 these collections were for the Hardship Fund and the Ukrainian Partnership. There was also two gifts intended for other charities which were passed on in January 2025 (shown in liabilities)

6 **Recovered Gift Aid Tax:** This is money from HMRC as per the Gift Aid Scheme. Monies have not been received before the end of 2024 for any of the eligible donations. The recovered tax for the donations for the Hardship and Ukrainian Partnership Funds are held in restricted funds. The full amounts have been received since the end of the year and the values of which are recorded in creditors.

7 **Legacies:** Donations made by persons leaving gifts in their will. In 2024 the final reconciliation of Miss Audrey Thomas' estate was received.

8 **One off Grant:** The Diocese of Blackburn issued a grant to all parish churches to assist with utility costs.

9 **Activities from generating funds:** This heading shows income from sources not directly part of religious activities. In 2024 this is Nil.

10 **Income from Investments:** The amount is made up of interest received from the Skipton Building Society, dividends from the St. Thomas Hall Church Investment Fund and the ground rent for Trinity Fold.

11 & 12 **Receipts from Church activities:** This category is designed to highlight the Church's income from its religious activities. Weddings and funerals, Children & Youth activities, men's & women's ministries, CAMEO and the non-profit bookstall.

13 **Other non-recurring income:** Nil

2. EXPENDITURE	B.D REF	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2024	2023
Mission Giving and Donations	18	28,708	-	**28,708**	**64,856**
Church activities					
Diocesan quota	19	75,493	-	**75,493**	**68,844**
Staff wage costs	20	100,019	-	**100,019**	**82,922**
Clergy expenses	21	2,470	-	**2,470**	**3,198**
Vicarage/Staff house costs	21	26,112	-	**26,112**	**25,611**
Staff expenses	21	2,562	-	**2,562**	**3,041**
Parish Support costs	22	366	76,953	**77,319**	**87,313**
Ministry	22	8,957	-	**9,043**	**7,376**
Outreach	22	4,810	85	**4,810**	**4,504**
Children & Youth	22	3,170	-	**3,170**	**3,201**
Church & Hall running costs	23	15,580	-	**15,580**	**15,388**
Church & Hall Utility costs	24	9,420	-	**9,420**	**10,489**
Bookstall	25	122	-	**122**	**159**
Church & Hall Maintenance	27/28	6,701	-	**6,701**	**14,103**
Major repairs/replacements	28			-	-
TOTAL ACTIVITY EXPENSES		**255,782**	**77,038**	**332,821**	**326,148**
TOTAL GOVERNANCE COSTS	26	**3,698**	**-**	**3,698**	**1,864**
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		**288,189**	**77,038**	**365,227**	**392,868**

(table above includes liabilities)

3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Charities Act (referred to below as "the Act") now governs the way in which the Church Accounts are kept and analysed and for them to be independently examined.

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, and SORP (FRS102), using the Accruals basis.

All the All Saints funds are now grouped together on the Statements and shown as Unrestricted and Restricted funds in accordance with the Act.

The money in established and the money given. An unrestricted fund can be spent for any legitimate purpose, the restricted funds can only be spent for the purpose for which the fund was given. The categorisation has been endorsed by the PCC, at the end of 2024 these were:

Fund	Opening Balance from 2023	Income	Expenditure	Closing Balance for 2024
CAMPS	903	-	244	**659**
PARISH C & Y WORK	144	-	85	**59**
HARDSHIP FUND	1,077	2,113	2,927	**263**
UKRAINIAN PARTNERSHIP	4,876	94,145	73,782	**25,239**
TOTAL	**7,000**	**96,258**	**77,038**	**26,220**

The above table includes the Gift Aid accruals. The Hardship Fund continues to support members of the church family in financial difficulty. The Ukrainian Partnership (as detailed in the report above) continues to support Ukrainian Refugees having fled the war to Preston and the surrounding area.

RESERVES POLICY

It is the PCC policy to invest our funds in non-risk deposit accounts that will give the current market return.
It is the policy of All Saints PCC to hold in reserve:

3 months general running costs including our existing financial commitment to others.	91,500
3 months staff wages	28,600
A reserve for redundancies to cover the statutory costs for the 4 current employees plus additional funds for the PCC to consider their responsibility to these individuals	20,000
Ongoing maintenance costs in the upkeep of the building	25,000
Capital Projects from legacy including support of a church plant	200,000
TOTAL RESERVES	**£365,100**

At present the held funds do exceed our policy and the PCC continue to spend it in accordance with its mission and charitable objectives, the 2025 budget is at a deficit of £-110,843. Furthermore a large amount of the money held is from the very generous legacy received in 2023, we intend to ring fence this for spends on specific and capital projects rather than general expenses.

4. BALANCE SHEET

(i) Property Assets

Interest in property consists of Church building, Parochial Hall, Vicarage and land at Trinity Fold.
All movable church furnishings are fully written down in the year of purchase.

(ii) Investment Assets

The market value of investments as at 31 December 2024 was as follows:

Endowment Assets: 1/3rd share of St. Thomas Hall – Church Investment Fund.
978 shares cost £3,944.43 valued at 31 December 2024 £23.12 per share. Market Value Shareholding £22,614.
This capital cannot be sold.

(iii) Income

All income is recognised once the church has entitlement to the funds, it is probable the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.

The gift aid debtor reflects the claims outstanding from general donations received in 2024 (this has since been received) and donations to the Hardship and Ukrainian Partnership (also received).

	ASSETS	Recorded in 2023 Accounts (£)	2024 (£)
6	Gift Aid Reclaim	20,027	40,337
10	Interest from Dividends	607	661
TOTAL DEBTORS		**20,634**	**40,998**

Current Assets – Investments and Cash	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
General	430,821	25,659	456,480
Debtors	40,438	560	40,998
Total Funds	**471,259**	**26,219**	**497,478**

(iv) Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as a legal or constructive obligation commits the church to that expenditure. It is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement and the amounts of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been clarified under headings that aggregate the cost relating to the category. The only debts are for utilities, and governance costs. The items under 5 are charitable donations being made to other charities.

	LIABILITIES	Recorded in 2023 Accounts (£)	2024 (£)
5	Donation to Salvation Army	-	260
5	Donation to Beautiful Hands	-	24
19	Q4 DBF Fees	-	-
24	Gas: Church & Hall	824	588
24	Gas: Entrance	250	81
24	Electricity	239	363
24	Water	30	24
26	James Todd Payroll	47	-
26	McDade Roberts Audit	930	978
	TOTAL LIABILITIES	**2,320**	**2,319**

Liabilities	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
Amounts falling due within one year	**2,319**	**-**	**2,319**

EXPENDITURE: The following notes fully explain the subdivisions and costs of each item (cash accounting)

18.MISSION PARTNERS AND DONATIONS	Crosslinks – Prills	7,500.00
	Crosslinks - General Fund	500.00
	Christian Witness to Israel	4,030.00
	Sahara Desert Mission	3,999.96
	Leadership & Medical Ministries SE Asia	4,200.00
	Paul & Sahel GolchinManshadi	2,900.00
	North West Partnership	1,000.00
	Asia Link - Pakistan Project	1,000.00
	True Freedom Trust	1,000.00
	Barnabus Fund	1,000.00
	Beautiful Hands	900.00
	Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship	45.00
	Evangelical Alliance	210.00
	Mission Partner Expenses	118.89

	Others	201.50
	Short term mission	103.00
	TOTAL	**28,708.35**
19. DIOCESAN QUOTA	**TOTAL**	**75,493.00**
20. STAFF WAGES	Assistant Minister	32,073.48
	Women's Worker	33,348.60
	Office Manager	14,245.56
	Ministry Assistant	25,350.85
	National Insurance Adjustments	-4,999.99
	TOTAL	**100,018.50**
21. CLERGY EXPENSES	Vicar: Rev Nathan Buttery	1,285.28
	Curate: Rev Simon Griffiths	1,185.11
	TOTAL	**2,470.39**
21. VICARAGE COSTS	Council Tax	3,907.48
	Water	634.26
	TOTAL	**4,541.74**
21.CURATE HOUSE COSTS	Council Tax	2,590.69
	Water	637.76
	TOTAL	**3,228.45**
21. STAFF HOUSE	Rent	6,960.00
Assistant Minister	Council Tax	1,564.55
	Water	577.43
	TOTAL	**9,101.98**
Women's Worker	Housing Allowance **TOTAL**	**9,240**
21. STAFF EXPENSES	Assistant Minister	219
	Women's Worker	1,387.22
	Administrator	0
	Ministry Assistant	891.2
	General	64.29
	TOTAL	**2,561.71**
22. PARISH SUPPORT COSTS	Parish	326.75
	Hardship Fund	3,210.62
	Ukrainian Partnership	73,782.01
	TOTAL	**77,319.38**
22. MINISTRY		
Men's Ministry	Breakfasts	213.69
	Weekend Away	2,142.21
	TOTAL	**2355.9**
Women's Ministry	Breakfasts	126.24
	Weekend Away	2,970.89
	Other	18.50
	TOTAL	**3,115.63**
Student Ministry	Food	656.96

	Weekend Away	1,985.36
	Retreats	50.00
	TOTAL	**2,692.32**
Iranian Ministry	**TOTAL**	**793.46**
	MINISTRY TOTAL	**8,957.31**
22. OUTREACH		
Evangelistic Courses	**TOTAL**	**15.07**
Quiz Nights	Food	1,060.68
	Venue	100.00
	TOTAL	**1,160.68**
Evangelistic Events	Evangelistic Events	796.47
	Resources	56
	TOTAL	**852.47**
Parish Ministry	Resources	18.24
	Food & Drink	67.06
	TOTAL	**85.3**
Christmas Events	**TOTAL**	**246.01**
CAMEO	Monthly Meeting Cost	2,127.8
	Other	174.75
	TOTAL	**2,302.55**
International Students	Food	113.8
	Globe	119.72
	TOTAL	**233.52**
	OUTREACH TOTAL	**4,895.60**
22. CHILDREN & YOUTH	Junior Church	636.01
	The Brew	1,193.45
	Roots	202.57
	Holiday Club	1,138.21
	TOTAL	**3,170.24**
23. CHURCH & HALL RUNNING COSTS	Insurance	4,174.93
	Telephone/broadband	587.00
	Ground rent	800.00
	Church Builder Database & Website	709.10
	Zoom	193.08
	CCLI - performance licence	1,366.48
	31:8 DBS Fees	341.76
	Data Protection fees	35.00
	Bibles	418.72
	Photocopier	259.37
	Stationery & Postage	1,439.58
	Small electrical items	536.85
	Sound Equipment	578.24
	Music Costs	1,370.38
	Building & Kitchen Materials	120.51
	Keys	144.91

	Furniture	81.90
	Food & Drink	45.81
	Toilet Rolls	766.54
	Hand Towels	298.24
	Cleaning materials	295.68
	Cleaning	359.16
	Communion wine & cups	3.49
	Baptism Pool	428.42
	Materials of Services	50.00
	PAT Testing	13.03
	Dishwasher	60.00
	TOTAL	102.00
	TOTAL	**15,580.18**
24. CHURCH & HALL UTILITIES	Gas: Church & Hall	5,165.68
	Entrance	818.62
	Electric	3,524.84
	Water	196.17
	TOTAL	**9,705.31**
	TOTAL	5,165.68
25. BOOKSTALL	Women's Weekend	122.00
	TOTAL	**122.00**
26. GOVERANCE COSTS	Audit fee	978.00
	Payroll costs	592.80
	PCC Costs	2,111.33
	Admin	15.00
	TOTAL	**3,697.13**
27 & 28 MAJOR REPAIRS & DECORATIONS	Church/Hall	6,700.52
	TOTAL	**6,700.52**

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Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner
As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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

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

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

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



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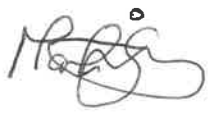
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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

All Saints Church is part of the Diocese of Blackburn within the Church of England. The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity that is registered with the Charities Commission No. 1132970.

Current PCC members (trustees) who have served in 2023 until the date this report was prepared are:

Incumbent	Rev N. Buttery	Chairman
Curate	Rev S. Griffiths	
Wardens	Mr J. McIntosh	Vice Chairman
	Mr K Massey	
General Synod Representative:		
	Dr L. Oliver	
Diocesan Synod Representative:		
	Mr G. Burrows	
Deanery Synod Representatives:		
	Dr A. Glendinning	
	Mr T. Sutcliffe-Campo	Secretary
	Dr K. Stewart	
	Rev C. Young	
Elected Members:	Miss A. Biden	Treasurer
	Mr M. Burnham	
	Mrs S. Burrows	
	Mrs S. Mote	(Elected April 2023)
	Mr D. Stamp	(Resigned April 2023)
	Mr E. Taylor	(Co-opted on from April 2023)
	Mrs H. Tween	Minute Secretary

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. The PCC has met on 6 occasions, the average attendance for these meeting has been approximately 89%.

The PCC operates through a number of committees which meet between full meetings of the PCC. All Saints Church committees are as follows:

Standing Committee and Finance Committee
The Standing Committee is the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between meetings, subject to any direction given by the council. It includes the finance committee as a small group who can make dynamic financial decisions on behalf of the PCC if required. They also oversee budget planning and financial reviews.

Building Committee
Attends to matters relating to the stewardship of plant, such as Church and Hall buildings and fabric and redevelopment schemes.

Mission Committee
Develops All Saints strategy for the support of mission including the distribution of allotted financial support amongst chosen partners.

Outreach Committee
Develops All Saints strategy for evangelism and the planning of events to aid this.

Worship Committee
Attends to matters relating to Church services and worship.

Children and Youth Work Committee
Oversees the children and youth work activities.

Responsibilities:
The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Incumbent in promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical in the ecclesiastical parish. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Church and Hall premises.

THE CHURCH

Church Attendance:
The average weekly attendance at the morning service was 212, 57 of whom were under 16. The evening service is attended by approximately 70 people. Both services continue to be live streamed online for the benefit of those unable to physically join us.

The Church Electoral Roll:

	2022	2023
Resident	8	8
Non-Resident	143	145
Total:	151	153

We continue to give thanks to our Heavenly Father for his sustaining grace to us throughout another year. He has worked in and through us for the glory of His Kingdom here in Preston, and we have had the privilege of seeing our church family grow. We rejoice with the angels of God in seeing people come to faith in the Lord Jesus for the first time, and we have been blessed as they have joined our church family. We have been able to run a number of one-off events and courses alongside our regular activities over the year, which are outlined in the rest of this report. God has provided for us incredibly generously in many ways, including financially, to allow us to continue our ministry in Preston and we give Him all the thanks and praise.

Thomas Sutcliffe-Campo
PCC Secretary

VICAR'S REPORT 2023

"The Lord himself will go before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged." Deuteronomy 31:8

As we look back on the past year, we can clearly see God's faithful and loving hand on our church family. God has been faithful to his promises and we rejoice in that. In many ways, 2023 has been a year of plodding on in God's ways, seeking to love one another, present the gospel to unbelievers and encourage one another in faithful service. Like 2022, 2023 has been a year where we have continued in partnership with Ukrainian brothers and sisters, prayerfully and practically supporting them in all their needs. A number have returned, and that has been a loss to us, but we pray on for them to remain safe and useful in the Lord's service in Ukraine.

This year, I was able to take a sabbatical in June, July and August. It was a great time to take time out to rest and be refreshed, to spend time with friends and family, and to do some intentional study, looking at the life and teaching of Augustine. I am very grateful to the staff team, wardens and many others who took up the slack and looked after our church family during that time. I'm already looking forward to the next one!

The Lord has taught us some key lessons through our preaching and small groups, especially in the books of Micah, Hebrews and Philippians. In the autumn, as we studied Philippians together, we were especially struck by the Philippians' partnership in the gospel with Paul. They were committed to him and the gospel both in terms of finance, prayer and practical support. That has been a real challenge to us and we look forward to 2024 to putting those lessons into practice.

We continue to be blessed by a hard-working staff team. I am very thankful for Chris, Simon, Hannah and Debs. With Simon and Amy, we are prayerfully considering whether a church plant or graft might be right for us, so please pray for wisdom, and that the Lord opens the right door at the right time for Simon and Amy. In May, we said farewell to Matt Middleton on the staff team. We are so thankful to God for him, and his many years of service, and are delighted that he is still working away in the congregation in many ways! At the very end of the year we appointed Sam Bate to be a Ministry Assistant, and we look forward to welcoming him fully in 2024.

Serving at All Saints is a joy, and I am thankful to God for a happy and united church family. But there are challenges ahead, not least with the ructions in the Church of England. In the light of all the challenges, I'd love us to recommit to prayer and evangelism as two primary ways of staying faithful and gospel hearted. Please pray we do that in 2024.

Nathan Buttery
Vicar

REPORT ON WOMEN'S MINISTRY

As ever, there have been a variety of more formal women's events and meetings aimed to grow us in love for the Lord and one another. Women's Growth Groups meet on a Wednesday morning and continue to follow the same teaching pattern as our evening Growth Groups. We have learned together from Micah, Hebrews and Philippians this year and have sought to support one another in prayer. Numbers have remained steady and we continue to strive for a growth in love and service for one another as we sit under God's Word together. We have been sad to say goodbye to some of our Ukrainian sisters who have returned to Kharkiv, however we are excited that they have been able to begin a similar women's group and have also been learning together from Philippians in the autumn term!

Many of us were able to enjoy another wonderful weekend together in June, learning together from Hebrews. This time together was so valuable for women getting to know one another at a deeper level and sharing their lives with one another. It is a real highlight of the year for those who attend and has led to the formation of prayer partners and groups.

We have had two women's breakfasts which again have enabled women to discuss issues in an appropriate environment. It is great to see women of all ages and stages meeting with one another to talk through topics from a biblical perspective and to share wisdom. Most recently, Amy Griffiths spoke to us about walking together as sisters in Christ. Our table discussions helped us to further apply the teaching that Amy shared.

My prayer is that each woman in our church family continues to grow in maturity in Christ, seeking to love others, and incorporating new people and those on the fringe into deeper gospel friendships. What a privilege to be partners in the gospel together at All Saints.

Hannah Fox
Women's Worker

REPORT ON MEN'S MINISTRY

It has been a joy to be involved with ministry amongst our men this year, as we seek to be the kind of men God wants us to be – in our workplaces, our families, and as part of our church family at All Saints. The Men's Weekend Away in March 2023 was again a key time for us, with two days and nights together in St John's in the Vale. This year's teaching focussed on Union with Christ (Mike Reeves), and we made good time for prayer, sharing of testimonies, hearty singing, good food and a healthy dose of fresh air!

Our regular monthly Men's Catch Up has continued – meeting throughout the year on the 3rd Monday evening of the month, for fellowship and deepening of friendships. It has been a joy to see relationships between the men develop out from here, and from other activities, into wider church life. Further to this, we have hosted a couple of men's breakfasts addressing both historical/theological and pastoral issues together, we met for a Christmas curry, and we are just beginning a men's book club.

Of course, beyond these specifics, most of our "men's ministry" happens week by week in the life of the church as our men meet to pray, read God's word together, support one another in love, and encourage one another

onward in faith together. I'm so thankful at All Saints to have many mature, godly men, modelling for us what it looks like to love the Lord and his people well. As we look ahead, our prayer is that as a group of men we will be increasingly encouraged and equipped to love God, walk confidently with Christ, build one another up, and share our faith with those around us.

Simon Griffiths
Curate

REPORT ON GROWTH GROUPS

Our Growth Groups continue to play a key role in our church life. They are a smaller expression of our wider church family with a mix of ages and stages, enabling each of us to learn and grow together as we study God's word and pray, enabling us also to care for one another in prayer and practical love. I am very thankful for each Growth Group leader who prayerfully leads and cares for their group members each week. Many Growth Groups meet each Wednesday evening in homes across the city, and our women's and men's Growth Groups meet in the church building each Wednesday morning. It is so helpful for all of us to be studying the same passage each week as we live out church family life alongside one another.

Our groups have followed the Sunday morning sermons, studying Micah, Hebrews and Philippians over the past year. It has been good to further dwell on truths preached each Sunday morning and pray in the light of what we have been learning together. Please pray for our Growth Groups, especially for unity and self-sacrificial love for one another. Pray for those who prepare and lead each week to have wisdom and grace, and prayerful dependence on the Lord. And pray that we continue to grow in our knowledge and love of Jesus together in the coming year.

Nathan Buttery

REPORT ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY

THE BREW:

Our baby and toddler group runs every Thursday morning during term time for parents, carers and their children. We are thrilled that there are a good number of parents from All Saints who prayerfully come and support the group each week. These families are so important for us reaching out to non-Christian families who come and for developing good friendships. We are delighted that there have been a very committed group of non-Christians who come and say the Brew is the highlight of their week! Some of these women have come on to church quiz nights, the women's craft event and carol and crib services.

The format of the sessions each week is the same, we have just over an hour of playing time with homemade refreshments served, and the craft table is a 'must visit' for many of our older children. We then tidy up and have story time and singing time. Each term follows a biblical series, and we learn a phrase for the half term. This year we have looked at the life and death of Jesus and his miracles and some of the stories in Acts. Some of phrases we have learned have included 'Jesus's words and actions show us he is God' and 'Christmas shows us how much God loves us'. We aim to teach, model and hold out the love of Christ each week. Please pray God would use these efforts for his glory and to draw families to himself.

I thank God for the team he has provided to run the Brew, with Becky Bedford and Amy Griffiths helping each week. We thank God so much for the wonderful work Rita Howell did each week before she stepped back earlier this year, and for Sandra Lord's faithful work on the craft table. I am very grateful to Cynthia Knox who kindly serves in the kitchen each week. It has been lovely that Lauren Williams has joined us for much of this year, and we have greatly benefitted from Rachel McIntosh's singing. Thank you to Laura Davis for her help with the catering, and Ann-Marie Yow for her practical help and all those who help in different ways each week, especially with the setup after the prayer meetings. Please do pray with us that God would use the Brew to save the lost and build up his people.

Debbie Buttery

CRECHE:

The creche seeks to be a safe and happy place for children aged 0-3 to be looked after while their parents are freed up to enjoy the morning church service or serve in another capacity. We have around 12-15 children each week who it is a joy to look after. They have a good range of toys to play with, and we always end each session with a Bible story and singing. It is lovely to see the children deepening their friendships with each other as they get older. My deep thanks to all those who faithfully help out each week and who serve on a monthly basis; it is a joy to partner in this way. Please do pray the creche would be a place of calm and peace and joy to benefit parents, children and the church family.

Debbie Buttery

JUNIOR CHURCH:

I am thankful to all those who serve so faithfully each week, giving of their time, energy and prayerfulness for the growth and spiritual maturity of our children. It is such a team effort as we support parents and carers in the difficult, but wonderful task of discipling our children in the fear and knowledge of the Lord. I have so enjoyed serving alongside the teams in Explorers and Discoverers over this past year and sharing the glorious task of teaching the children from God's word. Please continue to pray for this important ministry and we instruct and nurture our children in the way of the Lord.

Discoverers and Explorers have followed the same teaching plan throughout the year, including looking at 'creation' and 'Abraham' in Genesis, Ruth, 'Jesus the King' in the gospels, and the Sermon on the Mount. We are in the second of a four-year rolling teaching plan for Junior Church, ensuring that over the course of their time in Junior Church the children will have learned from all sections of the Bible. We have largely used the 'Mustard Seed' teaching resources, with lots of creativity and adaptation from the leaders as well!

Our Ukrainian children have integrated so well into their groups, and their grasp of the English language surprises me as they have progressed so quickly! We continue to work at the inclusion of all of our children, with their different needs, personalities and gifts. It has been a joy to see a few new people join our group leadership teams over this past year. Please pray for each one as they serve in this important role.

Hannah Fox

PATHFINDERS:

This year in Pathfinders, we are very thankful to have seen and learned much that has encouraged us and spurred us on. We began the year looking at the book of Micah in parallel with what the wider church family was learning on Sunday mornings. This was followed by the second half of Hebrews over the summer, and as I write, we have just finished a term in Philippians, which has been a great joy to look at together. The faithfulness of the church in Philippi has set a great example for us in Pathfinders, and my prayer is that we will all continue to learn from their example, even as we move on to other parts of the Bible together.

Pathfinders is a unique ministry of church family life in many ways. Our young people between the ages of 11 and 13 are growing and settling into their own personalities at such a fast rate. Their worldviews are becoming more formed and fixed, and yet can change pretty quickly. High school is one of the hardest places to be a follower, or a curious seeker, of the Lord Jesus these days. These factors mean that we have to be extra reliant on the Lord to look after his sheep, and to make Himself known in the face of opposition. This is no bad thing! But please do pray for the young people in our church family. To consider Jesus at this age is a really difficult path to follow. They really need our prayers, and our love.

I am enormously grateful for our current team of Pathfinders leaders: Lauren Williams, Hannah Mitchell, and Will Baker (who joined us this year). A special thanks also goes to Alex Pievnev, who has joined us recently a couple of times and I hope will continue to join us occasionally on Sunday mornings as an additional helper.

Matt Middleton stepped back in the summer from being involved Pathfinders, we have to acknowledge Matt's great work in leading Pathfinders over the past few years. We praise God for Matt and are excited to see him continue to use his gifts in other areas of our church's life.

Beth Young

ROOTS TEENAGE GROUP:

We have had a great year looking at the books of Micah, Hebrews and Philippians together. We also went through the Open Doors Brave Faith course. The latter was really challenging to the Youth as they saw each week, through personal testimonies, what it costs in certain parts of the world for following Jesus. We are particularly grateful to Paul Gol who was willing to share his experiences of following Jesus in Iran. This year we also continued to cover thematic studies also and we looked at Understanding Old Testament Prophecy, Prayer, Identity/Gender and Christmas together.

The study on identity and gender led by Simon Byrne particularly stood out as it spoke into the culture our youth are witnessing around them. It focused on them finding their identity in Jesus, rejoicing in the fact that this cannot change. It also gave them an opportunity to think about dealing with issues around same sex attraction and gender dysphoria, equipping them to think through this topic biblically.

We also spent some time towards the end of the year digging deeper into the Christmas story using the promises from the Old Testament and how they see their fulfilment in Jesus. In amongst all the Bible studies we have also had lots of fun playing old favourite games like Sardines and Mafia along with learning some new ones – such as balloon volleyball! The Pool and Air Hockey tables continue to be a big hit. There have also been some social events this year; a summer BBQ, bonfire, movie night and most recently a trip to the mini golf at Barton Grange.

It was a privilege to take several members to North West Gospel Partnership Sound events which took place in the Spring, Summer and Winter. The most recent in November looked at the book of Ruth where we saw that hope can be found in the darkest of places. Overall, we have all been greatly encouraged by the growth we have seen amongst the youth this year and the way the group is welcoming and friendly to all that come along. It has been a great joy for Joel, Sarah and myself to be part of the team leading it.

Rob Davis

REPORTS ON PRAYER MEETINGS

CENTRAL PRAYER MEETING:

Our Central Prayer Meetings meet on the first Wednesday evening of each month, giving us an opportunity to meet corporately for prayer. We have asked the Lord to provide for the needs of our church family, Mission Partners, Ukrainian Partnership and beyond month after month, and it is always a joy at the beginning of each meeting to pause, reflect and give thanks to God for answers to so many prayers.

Our Heavenly Father is faithful and kind and has continued to answer according to His perfect will and for the good of His people. Throughout 2023, we considered Psalm 23, looking at part of a verse each month, and enjoying reminders of the character of the Father to whom we bring our concerns. It is always an encouragement to hear from God's word before we are launched into prayer. For all those who attend, we are never disappointed despite the regular spiritual battle that occurs beforehand seeking to prevent us from meeting. Satan doesn't want us to meet to pray, so it is always an encouragement when his plans to keep us away fail! It has been an ongoing concern, and even sadness however, that as we have seen our church family continue to grow in number over these past years, our Central Prayer Meeting has continued to shrink. My prayer is that we fight the persistent battle, and instead grow in prayerful dependence as a gathered church

family. Please join us if you are able and if you consider yourself to be a member of our church family. We also have the added benefit on the online Zoom prayer meeting at the same time for those who are unable to join in person.

Our Church Builder prayer function continues to be useful to many, enabling for all who want it, a daily prayer email to use for prayer each day. Two weekly Zoom prayer meetings have become a regular part of the week for several members of our church family. The Women's Growth Groups also pray together on the first Wednesday morning of each month enabling many women who are unable to attend the evening meeting to pray together as well.

Hannah Fox

SATURDAY EVENING PRAYER MEETING:

During 2023, a small group from the church family has continued to pray each Saturday at 9pm for an hour. We're often struck by the reality that whilst this meeting takes effort and discipline to regularly attend, it's invariably a real blessing and time well spent to partner together and depend on the Lord in this way. The meeting is also a wonderful preparation for Sunday as we commit the services into the Lord's hands and pray that he would be at work in power, drawing men, women and children to acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

God is faithful and good and we want his name to be glorified as prayer is seen to be answered. We continue to regularly lay the war in Ukraine before the Lord as well as other global events and the specific needs within our church family week-by-week. The format of these meetings consists of reading a Psalm together and then praying as a group. We meet via Zoom and the link is distributed to the church family in the Weekly Newsletter. It's always a real encouragement when members of the church family join the group.

Jonathan McIntosh

REPORT ON STUDENTS' MINISTRY

Each year, we continue to pray that the Lord would send students to join us at All Saints, and we are once again thankful that he has done so this year. We have a small but committed core of students, with whom it is a delight to meet each week on a Thursday night for fun, food, and fellowship.

This year in our weekly student meetings, we have studied Mark's Gospel and Philippians. It is always a joy to see our students meeting the Lord Jesus in his word, growing to know and love him better, and praying together. We have also continued to enjoy lively discussions over meals together. Particular highlights of this year have included our January Away Day, where we spent time looking at the subject of 'Church.' We also had a fantastic Weekend Away in May, studying Tim Chester's 'Life With Jesus' together. Since September, we have been delighted that around four new regular students have joined us. We look forward to spending more time together as a group in 2024.

We have also had the joy of seeing several students committed to serving the church family in different ways this year - one of them is now about to join the staff team as a Ministry Assistant! Many of our students are also involved in the Christian Union, working hard to make the Lord Jesus known at UCLan. They are a very small group in a very large university, and it is a great encouragement to see them standing firm for Christ.
We continue to pray for wisdom as to how to encourage our students to live out their faith at university and at church. We would particularly love to see commitment to regular Sunday services (and e.g. prayer meetings) increase. Please do join with us in praying for them.

I am very thankful to the student team of Kate, Steph, and Ruth (current) and Matt and Simon (former), and to our team of cooks, all of whom serve our students so well.

Chris Young
Assistant Minister

REPORT ON INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' MINISTRY

Our international students' ministry has continued this year, reaching out to the increasingly international student population at UCLAN that lives around us.

The weekly focus of our internationals' outreach/evangelistic work is our regular Tuesday evening "Globe" café ministry– where we play games and do activities together, and have a dedicated time for discussion around tables– typically addressing issues of culture, attitudes, faith and ethics. Where appropriate, these co-ordinate with the British "cultural" calendar, and there are always ways for us to bring our faith and the gospel into conversations around tables, for example on issues such as hope, truth, family, community, good and evil. This year, I also led an adapted version of "Hope Explored" with our students over three weeks. Alongside this, we run occasional trips (e.g. to see the Blackpool illuminations) and socials.

The 23/24 academic year began, as usual, with much flyering and street contact around UCLAN, meeting students and encouraging them to our welcome events. We never know quite who will respond, but the Lord again answered our prayers and brought to us a good number to our welcome party.

We began the year with good numbers at Globe too, although things did slow a little during the second part of the term, with demands on students increasing, and the nights closing in. In the lead up to Christmas, we hosted a Christmas dinner for the students in the church hall, and I was able to share the gospel with about 40 students, which was a real joy.

I am very thankful to the Globe "team" for their encouragement and support, as we seek to live out and hold out the gospel to our international friends together. It is a joy to see them serving and loving our students week by week. As we look forward to 2024, we're seeking to continue to build relationships with individual students, looking at new ways to engage with them, and praying that the Lord would be at work through us among them, to open eyes to see Christ, and come to know him as their Lord and Saviour.

Simon Griffiths

REPORT ON EVANGELISM

The gospel is good news to be shared, so as a church family we have sought to share the gospel in a number of different ways. Many of our church events, reported on in different places in this Annual Report, aim to hold the word of life out to unbelievers. But this report highlights just a few things we have done. Each term we have run a course outlining the claims of the Christian faith. In the Spring we ran Christianity Explored and then in the Summer and Autumn Hope Explored. We have had the joy of welcoming a number of guests through the year and helped them on in exploring faith in Jesus.

Both our men's and women's groups have run evangelistic events in the year, not least over the Christmas period, with a women's craft event and a men's curry evening. We were also able to run Quiz Nights in January, June and September. Many folk turned up, hot pot was enjoyed, and the gospel was shared on each occasion. Please pray that those who join us regularly for these events would take the next step to look further into the claims of Jesus.

The Cameo Bible Study continues to meet weekly, opening up the Bible with many who are looking into the claims of Jesus. I am thankful to Sarah Slater, Jean Almond, Matt Middleton, Keith Massey and others who faithfully share God's word each week in this context.

This year we were also able to run another Holiday Club for primary school aged children. It was again fully booked out, with a happy and exciting two-day programme, and many of our church families brought friends along to hear the gospel. The Cameo Holiday At Home also ran again, with another opportunity to speak of Jesus to retired folk.

Christmas continues to be a fruitful time evangelistically. We were able to run two carol services in December, both live-streamed for those who couldn't join in person. We had a wonderful Cameo lunch, with carols and the Christmas message clearly explained. We saw families come along to both The Brew Christmas party and to the Crib Service on Christmas Eve. It was great to see so many different faces in the building. We were once again able to host the Lancashire Police Carol Service with a great turn out, with another opportunity to speak of Christ.

We look forward to 2024 and the many opportunities that we are planning to reach out with the gospel. Please continue to pray for the Evangelism Committee as they think through opportunities in the coming months.

Nathan Buttery

REPORT ON PARISH MINISTRY

2023 has presented the Parish team with a number of encouragements and challenges as we sought to bed in some of the work we began to establish in 2022. Throughout the year we have sought to be as flexible as possible in the way in which we reach out to those around us which resulted in quite a bit of change to what we did month by month. Some our efforts included:

- Tea and Coffee Morning
- Street Chat (city centre evangelism)
- Door knocking
- Carol singing

Our year started with efforts to regularly knock on doors and to reach out to folk in light of all the challenges that we all faced as we stepped out of the shadow of Covid. We had hoped that regular, typically monthly, door knocking would help support some of the work we did with our tea and coffee mornings. However, as the year progressed, folk we had seen near the end of 2022 and were becoming familiar to us as a team and the church as a whole, attended more sporadically.

As we continually evaluated our efforts throughout the year, we acknowledged that our early efforts relied on people to coming to us, rather than us, as a team, going out to the Parish with the gospel message. And this is how we ended our year, with a focus on going out to folk through door knocking and our city centre efforts. This was carried out alongside early beginnings at training the Parish team up in preparation for the conversations we might have and what it would look like to know people more; and for us to be trusted with the details of life and to seek to offer the hope and joy of knowing Jesus as our Lord and King.

We have been blessed with the opportunities to extend the hope of the gospel to many different people in this last year. Some have come along to church on Sundays, some have entrusted themselves to us in various ways, and like us all many have complex lives full of pain, suffering, regret and much more. We pray and hope that we can grow in wisdom and discernment as to what it looks like for this small team, and the church as a whole, to extend the hope of the gospel in ways that clearly shows the character of our great God and Saviour, who while we still sinners died for us.

Matthew Middleton
Parish Team Leader

REPORT ON CAMEO

Cameo lunches continued throughout 2023 with attendance between 40-60 people, many of whom are not part of our church family. We have had many opportunities to share the gospel as well as provide a good meal.

Throughout the year our after-lunch talks included getting to know our some of our lunch helpers, Becky and Amy, and hearing why spending time looking at the Bible is important to them. We celebrated King Charles coronation with a party when we also took the opportunity to point to the true King of Kings, Jesus.

Our Holiday at Home ran in July and was well attended and a great opportunity to get to know some of our members better.

We started a series of video talks called 'Hymns we love' which has been enjoyed and we will continue with in 2024. We ended the year with Christmas Dinner after which we sang carols and had a gospel message from Nathan. Cameo Bible study has continued each week and we have been following the Growth Group Bible studies throughout the year. We continue to have a few members coming along from the local Catholic Church and we have also had a couple of other new members joining us in the last few months. We are also very pleased to have Keith Massey joining us and helping us to lead our group. We are very thankful to all those who serve faithfully on our team month by month.

Sarah Slater

REPORT ON MISSION PARTNERS

One of the crucial ways we express our partnership in the gospel is with our mission partners. We have enjoyed another year of partnership with them, prayerful, financial and practical. The partnership is always two-way, with us being blessed by our partners, as much and perhaps more than we can bless others. It's also been a joy to have a number of partners visit us this year, especially the Prills in March. We have also had another of our World Mission Focus Sundays in November with Ro Mody from the North West Gospel Partnership preaching for us.

In terms of our UK partners, James and Becca Nash continue to serve the Lord in St Andrew's Ashton. Our close proximity to them means we can share resources and support one another in practical ways, for example sharing leaders for events. Martin and Cathy Ayers have experienced wonderful growth in St Silas Glasgow and we rejoice with them. Matthew and Alice Pilkington in Bradford have also seen growth and again we have partnered with them in practical ways, sending a team to help with their women's weekend. Paul and Athena continue to develop their ministry to Iranian men and women in London, with Athena also having a remarkable ministry online to women in countries which impose serious restrictions on believers.

In terms of our partners based overseas, the Prills straddle both UK in Edinburgh and overseas, as they seek to return to Namibia in 2024. It was a joy to have Alison Dudgeon with us for part of the summer, and we continue to pray for Alison and Colin as they develop a new ministry in Laos. We pray on for Stephen Baggott in the Sahara Desert, the Zadoks in Israel, and Jotham Bate as he serves the Lord on the Logos Hope Ship. We have also sought to support the Pakistan Project in helping believers in that part of the world. And it's been a special joy to support the work of Barnabas Fund as they walk with believers persecuted for their faith.

Partnership in the gospel is a rich thing and we have found great blessing in our mission partners this year. We pray the Lord would continue to bless us and our partners in 2024.

Nathan Buttery

REPORT ON THE UKRAINIAN PARTNERSHIP

The Ukrainian Partnership was set up in March 2022, when Russia invaded Ukraine. Under the UK Government 'Homes for Ukraine' scheme, All Saints welcomed 43 Ukrainians to Preston, sponsored by individuals in the church family. The UP provided financial help to enable families to live in rented accommodation, have help with cost of living and purchase cars to enable them to get to work, school and meet with their local community.

Nearly two years in, the war continues, and so does the Partnership.

In 2023 three families decided to return home to Kharkiv, (12 people) They felt this was the right time to go back, despite the situation, to help and serve in their local communities. The three Khramov families returned to Kharkiv in August and October.

The remaining families are very settled, and with children in school, many of the adults getting jobs alongside learning English, they are also very much part of the All Saints church family, serving in many different areas of church life, and in various groups. With the situation in Ukraine still unstable and with frequent missile attacks, the other families are remaining here for the time being.

Finding employment on a level with their previous employment is difficult with language barriers, but many have found some part time work. 10ofThose have been able to give part time work to number of the group and one of the students has gone to university. The UP still provides some financial support for the 29 still here.

The local council provided funding for translation devices and with the assistance of other Ukrainians in Preston who have joined All Saints, we are able to provide live translation of the Sunday services. This has been of huge benefit to those less able to speak English.

Please pray for peace in Ukraine, for the safety of our friends who have returned and their families, particularly for Gods protection of the 3 men serving in the army. Please pray for opportunities to share the gospel with people. Pray for the families here as the future is uncertain, for wisdom regarding jobs, for children in school and for families separated. Please pray for continued donations to the UP as we continue to help those who are here. We are thankful for God's provision practically and for the many blessings that the Partnership has given us.

Debs Macaulay
Office Manager/Ukrainian Partnership Co-Ordinator

REPORT ON SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding continues to be a priority for us as a church family as we seek to love one another and look after one another well in the Gospel. The PCC have remained abreast of the publications and recommendations coming from the National Church and our Diocese regarding this. Our Safeguarding Policy was fully reviewed, updated and implemented this year. I am thankful for the many in our church family who seek to ensure we safely deliver ministry and share the gospel protecting everyone, especially the most vulnerable, from harm. Where appropriate and necessary the Diocese Safeguarding Advisors have been contacted during the course of 2023 for advice and direction.

Angela Biden
Parish Safeguarding Officer

REPORT ON FABRIC, GOODS AND ORNAMENTS

Philippians 1 verses 3-6 says this:

> I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

At All Saints we joyfully partner together in service of our great God and Father as we await the glorious return of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

The wardens would like to thank all those who have used their practical gifts to serve the Lord Jesus and the church family by investing time and energy in the upkeep and maintenance of church facilities during 2023. Special mention goes to Peter Canty, Richard Ready, Mark Ready and Debs Macaulay for all their practical and administrative work in progressing church maintenance and building improvement activities.

During 2023 Peter Canty oversaw and implemented major improvements to the church fire alarm system. This has included installing new call points and sounders to extend the coverage of the fire alarm system to the church hall and the church office. Peter has also worked hard to ensure the visibility of fire exit lighting and

has updated the church policies associated with health and safety and fire safety. Routine maintenance of the fire alarm system, fire extinguishers, gas boilers and other items is in-hand.

One of the nasty surprises of 2023 was the visible emergence of a dry rot problem caused by fungal spores in the church underfloor. Dry rot can greatly diminish the strength of wood and other structural materials and so elimination of the dry rot was a priority. The church contracted Timberwise to remove all traces of the fungus. This work has been successfully completed and the church has received a 20-year guarantee on it.

During 2023, a faculty request was accepted for the removal of the remaining side pews at church, which were in poor condition. This work has been completed and the wood has been put to good use. The wardens would like to thank Andrew Glendinning and Mark Ready for their hard work on this. 2023 was a Quinquennial Inspection year for the church and the architectural survey was completed by Jill Cowgill. The buildings committee will use the findings of the QI report to set priorities for buildings work in the next few years.

Finally, we can inform you all that the church's ornaments, plates and vessels are intact and in good order.

Keith Massey and Jonathan McIntosh
Church Wardens

FINANCIAL REPORT

At the end of 2023 we have much to be thankful to God for in His provision to us through our finances. The final balance on church funds (at 31st December 2023) is £519,427, of this £7,000 is held in restricted funds. This is extremely healthy and will ensure our ability to continue delivering ministry in the years ahead.

In 2023 there was an excess of £388,480 in income over our expenditure.

INCOME

Our income for 2023 was £781,348 which is an increase from 2022 of 115%. This is explained by a generous legacy received in 2023.

Considering our voluntary giving (without the legacy) our income in 2023 is £313,150, this is 10% lower than that received in 2022. That reduction being explained by reduced donations to the Ukrainian Partnership. The cash collections from services have increased by 9%. There were no activities held with a primary aim of generating funds. Income from our investments has been estimated at £1,966 (due to the dividends accounts not being available at the time of submission). Other receipts from church activities including weddings and funerals, book sales and ministry and outreach events, church/hall lettings, and photocopier costs, totalled £10,022.

EXPENDITURE

Our total spends were £392,868. This is a 2.5% increase compared to 2022.

The Diocesan Quota, staff costs and the Ukrainian Partnership are the main items of expenditure. 10% of our income (based on the voluntary giving from the previous year) is donated to our Mission Partners.

SUMMARY

The receipt of over £400,000 in the legacy has provided us with significant financial security. The PCC intend that this money is spent in planned and specific ways rather than in the usual business of the charity. In

terms of our day to day running costs we are exceeding our income and continuing to use the funds given for our charitable purposes. The 2024 budget contains a significant deficit.

Angela Biden
Treasurer

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

INCOME	B.D REF	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2023	TOTAL FUNDS 2022
Voluntary income	1 to 8	684,156	85,202	769,359	350,614
Activities for generating funds	9	-			
Income from investments	10	1,966		1,966	737
Receipts from church activities	11 & 12	10,022		10,022	11,836
Other non-recurring income	13	-			389
TOTAL INCOME		**696,145**	**85,202**	**781,348**	**363,574**

EXPENDITURE	B.D REF	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2023	TOTAL FUNDS 2022
Mission giving and donations	18	64,856		64,856	28,884
Church activities	19 to 28	244,505	81,643	326,148	352,292
Governance costs	26	1,864		1,864	1,987
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		**311,225**	**81,643**	**392,868**	**383,163**

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS 2023	TOTAL FUNDS 2022
EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	384,920	3,560	**388,480**	**- 19,588**
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS				
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS				
Balance brought forward 01/01/2023	127,507	3,440	**130,947**	
Balances carried forward 31/12/2023	512,427	7,000	**519,427**	

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	NOTE	2023	2022
FIXED ASSETS			
Property and other assets	4(i)	-	-
Investment assets	4(ii)	-	-
CURRENT ASSETS			
Short term deposits	4(iii)	400,000	90,000
Cash in banks		101,113	34,335
Other Debtors		20,634	9,329
		521,747	**133,664**
LIABILITIES			
Amounts falling due within one year	4(iv)	**2320**	**2,718**
NET ASSETS		**519,427**	**130,947**
TOTAL FUNDS	Unrestricted	512,427	127,507
	Restricted	7,000	3,440
		£519,427	**£130,947**

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on the 11th March 2024

and signed on its behalf by:-

Rev N Buttery

Chairman

Miss A Biden

Treasurer

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. INCOME	B.D REF	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2023	2022
Voluntary income					
Gift-Aided planned giving	1	166,598		166,598	153,631
Other planned giving	2	17,366		17,366	16,552
Collections at services	3	5,390		5,390	4,954
Sundry donations	4 & 5		84,726	84,726	117,960
Tax recovered through Gift Aid	6	35,854	477	36,330	55,230
Legacies	7	456,209		456,209	500
Grants	8	2,740		2,740	1,787
TOTAL VOLUNTARY INCOME		**684,516**	**85,203**	**769,359**	**350,614**
Activities for generating funds					
Church/Hall lettings	9	-	-	-	-
Photocopier income	9	-	-	-	-
Other	9	-	-	-	-
Income from investments					
Dividends & gross interest	10	1,941		1,941	712
Ground rent - Trinity Fold	10	25		25	25
TOTAL INVESTMENT INCOME		**1,966**		**1,966**	**737**
Receipts from church activities					
Fees - weddings & funerals	11	185		185	2,024
Ministries: C&Y	11	1,161		1,161	950
Ministries: Students	11	868		868	1,492
Ministries: Men & Women	11	4662		4,662	4,219
CAMEO	12	1782		1,782	2,531
Evangelistic Activities	12	390		390	0
Other Activities	12	665		665	0
Book sales	12	164		164	520
Other inc Lettings	12	144		144	100
TOTAL ACTIVITY INCOME		**10,022**	**-**	**10,022**	**11,836**
Other non-recurring income					
Insurance claims	13				
Sale of fixed assets	13				
Profit on sale of stock	13	-			
Church renovations	13				
Printing	13				44
Other	13				345
TOTAL		0	**0**	0	**389**

TOTAL INCOME	**696,145**	**85,203**	**781,348**	**363,574**

(table above includes liabilities)

The following notes explain the subdivisions and sum costs of specific items:

1 **Gift-Aided planned giving:** These are regular weekly/monthly gifts, subject to gift aid claims, where declarations are held by the donors. It also includes any one-off gift aid donations.

2 **Other planned giving:** These are regular monthly gifts by standing order by persons who cannot or who choose not to gift aid their donations.

3 **Collections at services:** These are weekly cash donations made during the Sunday services.

4 & 5 **Special Collections:** Special Collection money goes through the accounts but All Saints PCC is not the intended recipient (all held in restricted funds). In 2023 these collections were for the Hardship Fund and the Ukrainian Partnership.

6 **Recovered Gift Aid Tax:** This is money from HMRC as per the Gift Aid Scheme. Monies was received before the end of 2023 for general funds, the Hardship and Ukrainian Partnership Funds for months January to June. July to December for the unrestricted and restricted funds have been received since the end of the year, the values of which are recorded in creditors.

7 **Legacies:** A legacy of £456,209 was received in 2023 with no stipulations.

8 **One off Grant:** The Diocese of Blackburn issued a grant to all parish churches to assist with utility costs.

9 **Activities from generating funds:** This heading shows income from sources not directly part of religious activities. In 2023 this is Nil.

10 **Income from Investments:** The amount is made up of interest received from the Skipton Building Society, dividends from the St. Thomas Hall Church Investment Fund and the ground rent for Trinity Fold.

11 & 12 **Receipts from Church activities:** This category is designed to highlight the Church's income from its religious activities. Weddings and funerals, Children & Youth activities, men's & women's ministries, CAMEO and the non-profit bookstall.

13 **Other non-recurring income:** Nil

2. EXPENDITURE	B.D REF	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2023	2022
Mission Giving and Donations	18	64,856	0	**64,856**	**28,884**
Church activities					
Diocesan quota	19	68,844	0	**68,844**	**70,019**
Staff wage costs	20	82,922	0	**82,922**	**85,801**
Clergy expenses	21	3,198	0	**3,198**	**1,864**
Vicarage/Staff house costs	21	25,611	0	**25,611**	**25,081**
Staff expenses	21	2,701	340	**3,041**	**2,121**
Parish Support costs	22	6,009	81,303	**87,313**	**121,290**
Ministry	22	7,376		**7,376**	**8,167**
Outreach	22	4,504		**4,504**	**2,806**
Children & Youth	22	3,201		**3,201**	**2,569**
Church & Hall running costs	23	15,388		**15,388**	**13,888**
Church & Hall Utility costs	24	10,489		**10,489**	**15,004**
Bookstall	25	159		**159**	**159**
Church & Hall Maintenance	27/28	14,103		**14,103**	**3,523**
Major repairs/replacements	28	-		**-**	
TOTAL ACTIVITY EXPENSES		**244,505**	**81,643**	**326,148**	**352,292**
TOTAL GOVERNANCE COSTS	26	1,864		**1,864**	**1,987**
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		**311,225**	**81,643**	**392,868**	**383,163**

(table above includes liabilities)

3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Charities Act (referred to below as "the Act") now governs the way in which the Church Accounts are kept and analysed and for them to be independently examined.

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, and SORP (FRS102), using the Accruals basis.

All the All Saints funds are now grouped together on the Statements and shown as Unrestricted and Restricted funds in accordance with the Act.

The money in established and the money given. An unrestricted fund can be spent for any legitimate purpose, the restricted funds can only be spent for the purpose for which the fund was given. The categorisation has been endorsed by the PCC, at the end of 2023 these were:

Fund	Opening Balance from 2022	Income	Expenditure	Closing Balance for 2023
CAMPS	903	0	0	**903**
PARISH C & Y WORK	144	0	0	**144**
HARDSHIP FUND	2053	1512.67	2488.89	**1077**
UKRAINIAN PARTNERSHIP	-	83690.30	78814.36	**4876**
STAFF GIFT	340	0	340	**0**
TOTAL	**3440**	**85203**	**81643**	**7000**

There has been no obvious opportunity to use the monies held in the Parish C&Y or the Camps Fund but this will be reviewed in 2024. The Hardship Fund continues to support members of the church family in financial difficulty. The Ukrainian Partnership (as detailed in the report above) continues to support Ukrainian Refugees having fled the war to Preston and the surrounding area.

RESERVES POLICY

It is the PCC policy to invest our funds in non-risk deposit accounts that will give the current market return.
A full review of the reserves policy is due however the interim policy is for the All Saints PCC to hold in reserve:

2 months general running costs including our existing financial commitment to others.	65,544
3 months staff wages	22,290
A reserve for redundancies to cover the statutory costs for the 4 current employees plus additional funds for the PCC to consider their responsibility to these individuals	59,370
There are ongoing and maintenance costs in the upkeep of the building	20,000
TOTAL RESERVES	**£167,204**

At present the held funds do exceed our policy and the PCC will consider how this money can be spent in accordance with its mission, the 2024 budget is at a deficit of £-101,054.

4. BALANCE SHEET

(i) Property Assets

Interest in property consists of Church building, Parochial Hall, Vicarage and land at Trinity Fold.
All movable church furnishings are fully written down in the year of purchase.

(ii) Investment Assets

The market value of investments as at 31 December 2023 was as follows:

Endowment Assets: 1/3rd share of St. Thomas Hall – Church Investment Fund.
978 shares cost £3,944.43 valued at 31 December 2023 £22.61 per share. Market Value Shareholding £22,107.98. These figures are estimates based on 2022 due to the information not being supplied by the Diocese Board of Finance at the time of submission.

This capital cannot be sold.

(iii) Income

All income is recognised once the church has entitlement to the funds, it is probable the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.
The gift aid debtor reflects the claims outstanding from general donations received in 2023 (this has since been received) and donations to the Hardship and Ukrainian Partnership (also received). The interest from dividends has been estimated due to no receipt of the information from the Diocese Board of Finance.

	ASSETS	Recorded in 2022 Accounts (£)	2023 (£)
6	Gift Aid Reclaim	8,722	20,027
10	Interest from Dividends	607	607
	TOTAL DEBTORS	**6,492**	**20,634**

Current Assets – Investments and Cash	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
General	491,793	7,000	498,793
Debtors	20,634		20,634
Total Funds	**512,417**	**7,000**	**519,427**

(iv) Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as a legal or constructive obligation commits the church to that expenditure. It is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement and the amounts of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been clarified under headings that aggregate the cost relating to the category. The only debts are for utilities, and governance costs. Included below are accurate figures with the exception of Gas: Entrance which has been estimated due to the non-receipt of the invoice.

	LIABILITIES	Recorded in 2022 Accounts (£)	2023 (£)
19	Q4 DBF Fees	218	0
24	Gas: Church & Hall	668	824
24	Gas: Entrance	250	250
24	Electricity	440	239
24	Water	167	30
26	James Todd Payroll	45	47
26	McDade Roberts Audit	930	930
	TOTAL LIABILITIES	**2,718**	**2,320**

Liabilities	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
Amounts falling due within one year	**2,320**		**2,230**

EXPENDITURE: The following notes fully explain the subdivisions and costs of each item (cash accounting)

18.MISSION PARTNERS AND DONATIONS		
	Crosslinks - Prills	6000
	Crosslinks - General Fund	500
	Christian Witness to Israel	6022
	Sahara Desert Mission	5999.96
	Leadership & Medical Ministries SE Asia	8200
	Paul & Sahel GolchinManshadi	4650
	North West Partnership	3000
	Asia Link - Pakistan Project	2500
	St Andrews Church, Ashton-on-Ribble	1500
	Sunbridge Road Mission, Bradford	6000
	True Freedom Trust	2500
	Jotham Bate (OM)	1500
	Barnabus Fund	6000
	Beautiful Hands	1637.39
	Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship	45
	Evangelical Alliance	210

	Mission Partner Expenses	150
	Others	8441.75
	TOTAL	**64856.10**
19. DIOCESAN QUOTA	**TOTAL**	**69062**
20. STAFF WAGES	Assistant Minister	30486.25
	Women's Worker	31711.68
	Office Manager	14308.82
	Ministry Assistant	11415.19
	National Insurance Adjustments	-4999.99
	TOTAL	**82921.95**
21. CLERGY EXPENSES	Vicar: Rev Nathan Buttery	1976.06
	Curate: Rev Simon Griffiths	1221.87
	TOTAL	**3197.93**
21. VICARAGE COSTS	Council Tax	3738.39
	Water	570.75
	TOTAL	**4309.14**
21.CURATE HOUSE COSTS	Council Tax	3322.49
	Water	347.82
	TOTAL	**3670.31**
21. STAFF HOUSE	Rent	6750
Assistant Minister	Council Tax	1506.24
	Water	495.67
	TOTAL	**8751.91**
Women's Worker	Housing Allowance **TOTAL**	**8880**
21. STAFF EXPENSES	Assistant Minister	366.57
	Women's Worker	1463.56
	Administrator	18
	Ministry Assistant	800
	General	392.37
	TOTAL	**3040.5**
22. PARISH SUPPORT COSTS	Parish	148.24
	Hardship Fund	2488.89
	Ukrainian Partnership	84,675.56
	TOTAL	**87,312.69**
22. MINISTRY		
Men's Ministry	Breakfasts	125.49
	Weekend Away	1726.05
	TOTAL	**1851.54**
Women's Ministry	Breakfasts	132.79
	Weekend Away	2831.52
	Other	95.09
	TOTAL	**3,059.40**
Student Ministry	Food	663.53

	Weekend Away	1679.38
	Socials (Events)	50.6
	Training	19.2
	Retreats	50
	TOTAL	**2462.71**
Welcome Meals	**TOTAL**	**2.5**
	MINISTRY TOTAL	**7,376.15**
22. OUTREACH		
Evangelistic Courses	**TOTAL**	**45.25**
Quiz Nights	Food	1294
	Venue	100
	Equipment	87.84
	TOTAL	**1481.84**
Evangelistic Events	**TOTAL**	**142.75**
Parish Ministry	Books & Tracts	24
	Resources	156.7
	Food & Drink	5.59
	TOTAL	**186.29**
Christmas Events	Carol Service	120
	Evangelistic Event	515.48
	TOTAL	**635.48**
CAMEO	Monthly Meeting Cost	1332.38
	Other	48.88
	TOTAL	**1381.26**
Holiday at Home	**TOTAL**	**253.86**
International Students	Food	50.16
	Globe	327.1
	TOTAL	**377.26**
	OUTREACH TOTAL	**4,503.99**
22. CHILDREN & YOUTH	Creche	7.00
	Junior Church	652.34
	The Brew	1,358.99
	Holiday Club	1,182.19
	TOTAL	**3,200.52**
23. CHURCH & HALL RUNNING COSTS		
	Insurance	3970.16
	Telephone/broadband	603.23
	Ground rent	800.00
	Church Builder Database & Website	711.56
	Zoom	172.68
	Microsoft	180.00
	CCLI - performance licence	1301.10
	31:8 DBS Fees	158.00
	Data Protection fees	35.00
	Photocopier	604.94

	Stationery & Postage	757.40
	Small electrical items	1124.40
	Sound Equipment	645.98
	Music Costs	77.00
	Building & Kitchen Materials	844.59
	Food & Drink	1529.96
	Toilet Rolls	126.00
	Hand Towels	216.00
	Cleaning materials	665.72
	Communion wine & cups	152.30
	Heating System	22.98
	Alarm & fire extinguishers	313.79
	PAT Testing	39.73
	Displays	75.90
	Dishwasher	259.50
	TOTAL	**15387.92**
24. CHURCH & HALL UTILITIES	Gas: Church & Hall	1724.98
	Entrance	4329.99
	Electric	4122.82
	Water	493.24
	TOTAL	**10671.03**
25. BOOKSTALL	Women's Weekend	159.00
	TOTAL	**159.00**
26. GOVERANCE COSTS	Audit fee	930.00
	Payroll costs	555.96
	PCC Costs	375.49
	TOTAL	**1861.45**
27 & 28 MAJOR REPAIRS & DECORATIONS		
27/28	Church/Hall	14103.40
	TOTAL	**14103.40**

Independent Examiners report to the PCC All Saints Church Preston

I report to the PCC members on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2023, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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



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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

All Saints' Church is part of the Diocese of Blackburn within the Church of England. The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity that is registered with the Charities Commission No. 1132970.

Current PCC members (trustees) who have served in 2022 until the date this report was prepared are:

Incumbent	Rev N. Buttery	Chairman
Curate	Rev S. Griffiths	
Wardens	Mr J. McIntosh	Vice Chairman
	Mr K Massey	
General Synod Representative:		
	Dr L. Oliver	
Diocesan Synod Representative:		
	Mr G. Burrows	
Deanery Synod Representatives:		
	Dr A. Glendinning	
	Mr T. Sutcliffe-Campo	Secretary
	Mr E. Taylor	
Elected Members:	Miss A. Biden	Treasurer
	Mr M. Burnham	
	Mrs S. Burrows	
	Mr D. Stamp	
	Dr K. Stewart	
	Mrs H. Tween	Minute Secretary
	Rev C. Young	

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. The PCC has met on 6 occasions, the average attendance for these meeting has been approximately 89%.

The PCC operates through a number of committees which meet between full meetings of the PCC. All Saints' Church committees are as follows:

Standing Committee and Finance Committee
The Standing Committee is the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between meetings, subject to any direction given by the council. It includes the finance committee as a small group who can make dynamic financial decisions on behalf of the PCC if required. They also oversee budget planning and financial reviews.

Building Committee
Attends to matters relating to the stewardship of plant, such as Church and Hall buildings and fabric and redevelopment schemes.

Mission Committee
Develops All Saints' strategy for the support of mission including the distribution of allotted mission giving amongst chosen mission partners.

Outreach Committee
Develops All Saints' strategy for evangelism and the planning of events to aid this.

Worship Committee
Attends to matters relating to Church services and worship.

Children and Youth Work Committee
Oversees the children and youth work activities.

Responsibilities:
The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Church and Hall premises.

THE CHURCH

Church Attendance:
The average weekly attendance at the morning service was 205, 49 of whom were under 16. The evening service is attended by 60 people. Both services continue to be live streamed online for the benefit of those unable to physically join us.

The Church Electoral Roll:

	2021	2022
Resident	9	8
Non-Resident	134	143
Total:	143	151

Through 2022 our regular activities have all returned to normal post the pandemic, and are detailed in the below reports. We continue to thank our God and Father for the many blessings which he continues to pour out on us. We continue to see new people moving to All Saints, and are particularly blessed with the continuing joy of seeing people come to faith in our Lord Jesus Christ for the first time.

A significant new ministry we have found ourselves involved in in 2022 is in response to the ongoing war in Ukraine. Through contacts with others in the UK, we have been able to develop a partnership with Kharkiv City Church.

Thomas Sutcliffe-Campo
PCC Secretary

VICAR'S REPORT 2022

"Surely the righteous will never be shaken; they will be remembered for ever. They will have no fear of bad news; their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the Lord. Their hearts are secure, they will have no fear."

Psalm 112: 6-8.

The past year at All Saints has been a great mixture of some very sad times and some very precious times. In God's providence, often we have found those things to mixed together. But as a church family, we have sought to trust the Lord. The Psalmist encourages us to be the righteous who trust God- then we won't fear bad news, and we won't be afraid. The year began with some sad losses in our church family- precious brothers and sisters whom the Lord took home. Whilst we rejoiced that they were now with Christ, which is "better by far", yet we felt their loss and continue to do so. But in the midst of that sadness, the Lord has taught us to trust him.

Our preaching series have helped us to look to God in our pain. We studied Job in the spring, which helped us to understand the hidden ways of God in suffering. In the summer we looked at Hebrews 1-8, which pointed us to the finished work of Jesus. And then in the autumn, we studied 1 Timothy which helped us to see what a church of the living God is to look like in practice as we hold out the word of God to the world.

Another hugely significant event for us was welcoming 50 Ukrainian men, women, boys and girls to our church family. This has been stretching for us but wonderfully enriching. I know we have learnt much from our brothers and sisters who have gone through far more than we have. It's been a joy and a privilege to partner with our friends from Kharkiv and Kiev, to support them as best we can, and to pray for the work of the gospel continuing in Ukraine.

We have sought to press on in our care for one another and our evangelism. In God's kindness we have seen some profess faith in Jesus, and others join our church family from elsewhere. I'm so thankful to God for his grace to us in giving us a united and committed church family- a people who love the Lord and his word. We are very far from perfect, but we thank God for his goodness to us. I'm also thankful for our partnership together. Church life is always a group exercise- it's never the work of one leader, or group of leaders. I thank God we're in this together, and we trust him for 2023.

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Nathan Buttery
Vicar

REPORT ON WOMEN'S MINISTRY

It's a privilege to be involved in some of the ministry among women in the life of our church family. As ever, so much 'ministry' with and between women occurs day to day, with individuals and small groups meeting to share the gospel and life with one another, speaking gospel truths and promises into circumstances. I'm so thankful for so many women in our church family who actively look to care for and encourage others as we live out the gospel in our individual lives and corporate church family life.

To report on a few of the more formal women's events and meetings this year I begin with our Women's Growth Groups which meet on Wednesday mornings. The Generosity Project studies at the start of 2022 did our hearts a lot of good as we were challenged that all we have belongs to the Lord and so we are to use what we have with that mindset. We have been able to think through the implications of God's word at a deeper level in our groups. Numbers have remained steady and we continue to strive for a growth in love and service for one another as we sit under God's Word together. It has been a particular joy this year to be joined by many of our Ukrainian sisters, and their love and service for Jesus has been a timely challenge and encouragement. I am thankful to Debbie Buttery who serves in leading a group each week and for others who have helped lead and speak on other occasions throughout the year.

Many of us were able to enjoy a wonderful weekend together last July for our women's weekend away with transformed facilities. This time together was so valuable for women getting to know one another at a deeper level and sharing their lives with one another. We studied parts of 1 and 2 Samuel together which led to helpful discussion and prayer times. Our optional 'fun' activities were especially hilarious this year!

We have had two women's breakfasts which again have enabled women to discuss issues in an appropriate environment, including our most recent breakfast looking at the topic of same-sex attraction for believers. It is great to see women of all ages and stages meeting with one another to talk through topics from a biblical perspective and to share wisdom.

I love hearing of women meeting up with one another to study God's Word and pray together. My prayer is that each of us looks out for one another, and with a growing church family, this will mean seeking to love and incorporate new people and those on the fringe into deeper gospel friendships.

Hannah Fox
Women's Worker

REPORT ON MEN'S MINISTRY

This year we have given a fresh post-COVID focus to our ministry amongst the men in the church family, seeking to deepen relationships, to encourage and equip, as we disciple our men to be the kind of men God wants us to be – in our workplaces, our families, and as part of our church family at All Saints.
The Men's Weekend Away in early March 2022 was a real highlight, and a launch point for developing our ministry amongst the men. We spent two days and nights together in St John's in the Vale, and filled our time with bible teaching (Christopher Ash on the early Psalms), prayer, testimonies, hearty singing, hearty food and some good Cumbrian fresh air!

Following this, we established a regular monthly Men's Catch Up – meeting throughout the year on the 3rd Monday evening of the month, for fellowship and deepening of friendships. This often happens at the pub,

but also takes in walks and other social activities. It has been a joy to see relationships between the men develop out from here into wider church life. We are also looking at how to encourage our men to meet and pray together informally in small groups.

Further to this, we also hosted a couple of outreach events – a curry and 0% beer tasting night, and a football event; a couple of men's breakfasts addressing both historical/theological and pastoral issues together; and we are looking to plan similar and other activities for 2023, in order to develop a regular programme that, we pray, will encourage and equip the men to love God, walk confidently with Christ, build up others, and share their faith with those around them.

Simon Griffiths
Curate

REPORT ON GROWTH GROUPS

Our Growth Groups have continued to be such a vital part of our church family life over this past year. With a growing church family, Growth Groups are increasingly important to enable newcomers to get to know others and to settle in to church life more effectively. I am thankful for each Growth Group leader who prayerfully leads and cares for their group members each week.

We have continued to follow the Sunday morning sermon series in our Growth Groups, studying, at the beginning of the year, what it means to be a generous church family and individuals in the light of God's infinite generosity to us in the Lord Jesus. This was a particularly timely series, as just weeks after we completed it, we welcomed our first families from Kharkiv City Church into our lives and church family. What a blessing they have been to us, despite the incredible hardships and suffering they have endured this year.

Our Growth Group studies moved on to Hebrews 1-8 in the summer term, and then 1 Timothy in the autumn. Both of these series enabled us to dig deeper into what it means for us to live out the Christian life day by day. It has been good to further dwell on truths preached each Sunday morning and pray in the light of what we have been learning together. I know that so many have felt encouraged and supported through their groups, and across the ages. Our Growth Groups are smaller expressions of our wider church family.

Please continue to pray for our Growth Groups, especially for unity in Jesus and self-sacrificial love for one another. Pray for wisdom and grace for those who prepare and lead each week. Pray that each of us are committed to our groups and that we continue to grow in our knowledge and love of Jesus together in the coming year.

Nathan Buttery

REPORT ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY

THE BREW:

It has been a joy to be able to hold the Brew every Thursday during term time this year. It has been so encouraging to see families committed to coming, and friendships deepening and flourishing. We have a committed core of families, both church families and from the wider community. We meet in the main church building, and thank God for the lovely, warm space we have to welcome families each week. We are grateful to have an exciting range of toys for the children to play with, including a slide, see-saw, trampoline, ride on toys, a range of kitchen activities, soft play, ball pit, tunnel and baby toys.

Rita Howell, supported by Sandra Lord, provides a wonderful range of craft activities each week, which the older children love creating and then taking home. These are great times for good conversations, getting to know well those who come. Becky Bedford, Amy Griffiths and Laura Davis provide fabulous homemade cakes, ably served by Cynthia Knox. We are delighted to offer such delicious homemade refreshments! Rachel McIntosh, with Ann-Marie Yow stepping up when needed, lead us each week in singing time, which is a real

highlight for the children. We have a Bible story each week, and we have looked at quite a few stories from the Old Testament where we learnt different phrases to help us, including: 'God is great and loves us very much' and 'God loves and rescues his people'. We have looked at some stories from the New Testament, including parables where we learnt that 'Jesus teaches us that God loves us very much'. We teach the children a Christian song each term, which we sing as part of our singing time, before the children chose what to sing next! Thank you to all those who help set up the Brew, particularly after a Central Prayer Meeting. We have loved having Lauren Williams helping us each week, and thanks to Matt Middleton for all his behind the scenes work! Thank you for your prayers as we seek to hold out the Christian message of hope to those who do not know the Lord Jesus, and as we seek to model Jesus' love for the lost.

Debbie Buttery

CRECHE:

The crèche on a Sunday morning is a fun and exciting place to be. It has been lovely to see around 12 children each week come, settle and play while their parents listen to the sermon and are able to participate in the services without distraction. Huge thanks to the wonderful team who rotate helping out each week, particularly Karen Ready who has looked after the children week by week with such love and care. We try hard to ensure the children are settled and happy to enable their parents to attend the service or serve in other capacities, and thank God for the children we look after.

Debbie Buttery

JUNIOR CHURCH:

This year has seen an influx in numbers in our Junior Church due to the arrival of our Ukrainian families. It has been a joy to welcome these children, as well as their parents, and despite the obvious language and cultural challenges, it has been a wonderful opportunity for our church family children to learn to care for and include others in their groups. We have been thankful for the Ukrainian parents who have helped to translate during our teaching times, helping engage the Ukrainian children to the point where now they do not need a translator.

Progress has been made in the area of 'inclusion', with Debs Macaulay and Mike Burnham taking the initiative in this area. The Junior Church leaders will continue to be trained in this area in the coming months.

In September Hannah Fox took on the oversight role of Junior Church, and our new group formed, Explorers, composed of our Seekers and Adventurers groups. After a period of trial and adjustment, the new Explorers group has gelled and is now well underway. We are thankful to all those across our church family who serve each week in the leadership and teaching of our Junior Church groups. It has been a joy to welcome new leaders to the team this year, and it has been vital given the growth in our children's ministry. Discoverers and Explorers have followed the same teaching plan throughout the year, and in the autumn term spent 10 weeks considering the Israelites' journey to the Promised Land. We have now put together a four-year rolling teaching plan for Junior Church, ensuring that over the course of their time in Junior Church they will have learned from all sections of the Bible. We will largely use the 'Mustard Seed' teaching resources, with a good dollop of creativity and adaptation from the leaders thrown in!

I am thankful to Sally Pyle and Sarah Slater for their many years of service in this area of ministry, and who are now stepping down. I am thankful to all those who serve so faithfully each week, giving of their time, energy and prayerfulness for the growth and spiritual maturity of our children. Please continue to pray for this important ministry and we seek to instruct and nurture our children in the way of the Lord.

Hannah Fox

PATHFINDERS:

This year in Pathfinders we have covered a lot of ground, starting the year off with the Generosity Project and Two Ways to Live, followed by Jonah, Hebrews and finishing off with 1 Timothy. We have continued in following closely what is taught in church each Sunday morning and have been encouraged by much of our

church family studying the same parts of God's word together. We hope and pray that has been an encouragement to parents and families too.

This year we also welcomed two new members to our Pathfinders team, in Lauren Williams and Hannah Mitchell as we said goodbye to Emily Moule. They have been able to quickly take up the task of assisting the main leaders in drawing the children out and applying God's word each week. One significant change has come in the later part of this year as we taught 1 Timothy, and that has been to slightly shift how we went about teaching in our Pathfinder sessions. Previously our sessions resembled a very clear sit-down bible study, resembling more of a growth group than some of the younger junior church groups.

We intentionally altered our approach and worked hard at getting to know our members through games, chatting and activities which has helped provide a rich, relational foundation to help us to apply the gospel truths we have been learning from God's word.

We are excited to see this approach bear much gospel fruit, through the Spirit's work, as we grow in a love for our Pathfinders members and can more clearly, consistently and compassionately bring the truths of the gospel to bear on their lives. We hope and pray that this will only encourage more conversations with friends and at home with parents and family members of how our Pathfinders can live for Jesus. I have also been greatly encouraged personally to see how the Pathfinders leaders (Beth, Lauren and Hannah) have come alongside the girls in our group (of which they are the majority), and how they have sought to encourage them in the Lord and witness to them what living for Jesus looks like. I am grateful to the Lord for their godly witness to our children in Pathfinders.

Matthew Middleton

TEENAGE CELL GROUP:

We have had a great year looking at the books of 1 Timothy and Hebrews together. We also went through the Generosity project and Passion for Life courses and the Youth really enjoyed seeing how to live out following Jesus in the areas of time, money and energy.

This year we also continued to cover thematic studies as we studied Predestination together which seemed very helpful for the Youth to understand both God's and our role in our lives and salvation.

We were also grateful that following on from COVID we have been able to get back into a normal routine of being back in the church building which was a real privilege and a great joy.

In amongst all the Bible studies we have also had lots of fun playing old favourite games like Sardines and Mafia along with learning some new ones! The reinstatement of the Pool and Air Hockey tables continue to be a big hit. There have also been some social events this year; a summer BBQ, bonfire, bowling and most recently a trip to the climbing wall.

Now that restrictions have been lifted the North West Gospel Partnership Sound events have also been taking place in the Spring, Summer and Winter. It was a privilege to take several members from our church to these events. The most recent in November helped the Youth to focus on the wonderful promises for the future we have if we follow Jesus and how that helps us in the here and now as we wait.

Overall, we have all been greatly encouraged by the growth we have seen amongst the Youth this year and the way the group is welcoming and friendly to all that come along. It has been a great joy for Joel, Sarah and myself to be part of the team leading it.

Rob Davis

REPORT PRAYER MEETINGS

CENTRAL PRAYER MEETING:

Our Central Prayer Meetings continue to be the powerhouse of our church family and activities. They are always a personal highlight each month as we meet together to pray in different groups. It is a joy to see the whole range of ages and stages represented as we meet to depend on our Father in prayer together. What a precious outworking of our church family!

Throughout 2022, we considered Jesus' 'I am' sayings throughout the gospel accounts. It is always an encouragement to hear from God's word before we are launched into prayer. Our times of prayer have continued to focus on all aspects of the life of our church family. We receive regular updates on the different ministries in our church family and also from those who we partner with across the world. Our ChurchBuilder prayer function has continued to be useful to many, enabling for all who want it, a daily prayer email to use for prayer each day. We have been privileged to be able to pray together in light of our Ukrainian Partnership this year and our hearts have been wonderfully blessed as we have seen God answer prayer time and again.

It would be a joy to see this meeting grow in number, as more people recognise it as a priority. Please join us if you are able to, and if you consider yourself to be a member of our church family. We also have the added benefit on the online Zoom prayer meeting at the same time for those who are unable to join in person. See you there on the first Wednesday evening of next month!

Hannah Fox

SATURDAY EVENING PRAYER MEETING:

During 2022, a small group from the church family has continued to pray each Saturday at 9pm for an hour. Whilst the meeting is small in number we have seen some amazing answers to prayer this year, including those that we have specifically prayed for professing faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Each week, since February, we have been able to lay the desperate situation in Ukraine before the Lord, recognising that he is in sovereign control and knows the end from the beginning. It's been a privilege to pray for our brothers and sisters suffering in that war torn land. The group typically meets physically at church on the first Saturday of the month and on Zoom for the other Saturdays in the month. The format of these meetings consists of reading a Psalm together and then committing the work of the Lord at All Saints to the Lord in prayer. It's always a real encouragement when members of the church family join the group.

Jonathan McIntosh

REPORT ON STUDENTS' MINISTRY

2022 has been a quite a year of change for our Student Group. In the first half of 2022, we enjoyed doing the 'Generosity Project' along with all the other church small groups, and we spent the short summer term studying Hebrews together at our Thursday evening Student Group. We also had a couple of weekends away, one in January - a 'Bible Overview' - and one in May, where we dug into some rich Christology. However, most of the students who have been with us for the last few years then graduated over the summer. We are sad to see many of them move on; they have been a very special group. However, we are hugely thankful for so many encouragements over the years, and thankful that they are all continuing to serve the Lord in various ways (one of them is now a church mission partner!).

As a church, we prayed that the Lord would bring us a new group of students this academic year, and wonderfully, that prayer has been answered. We have had around 8 students regularly with us on a Thursday evening this autumn, almost all of whom are entirely new to us. We are very thankful for this new group! We have been studying Mark's Gospel together, and are praying that each student would come to know the Lord Jesus more and more (perhaps in some cases for the first time) as they meet him in the pages of Scripture. Do join us in praying that the Lord would be at work amongst these students during their time with us. And please pray for wisdom for us in how best to love and serve our students.

I am very thankful for the student team of Matt, Steph, Kate and Simon, and we continue to be very grateful for the team of cooks who enable us to enjoy a meal together each week.

Chris Young
Assistant Minister

REPORT ON INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' MINISTRY

Our international students' ministry has continued this year, and again we began the year not knowing quite who the Lord would bring to us. Praise God, our prayers were answered in many ways, and we have been encouraged by a good regular group of international students.

As a team, we particularly felt the privilege of providing hospitality to students in the early weeks of the academic year – at a time when everything for them felt new and unfamiliar, we were able to open our doors and provide a loving welcome to them and a place for them to meet others, through our various events.

The weekly focus of our internationals' outreach/evangelistic work is our regular Tuesday evening "Globe" café ministry– where we play games/do activities together and have a dedicated time for discussion around tables– typically addressing issues of culture, attitudes, faith and ethics. Where appropriate, these co-ordinate with the British "cultural" calendar, and there are always ways for us to bring our faith and the gospel into conversations around tables, for example on issues such as hope, truth, family, community, good/evil. Typically, we will have 15-20 students on a Tuesday evening.

We were also able to go on trips together to Manchester for the Christmas markets, and to Blackpool, to see the illuminations. In the lead up to Christmas, we enjoyed a Christmas dinner together downstairs in the church hall, with about 40 students, with an opportunity for me to share the gospel.

A handful of our students joined us for our Christmas carol service on 11th December, and we've also rejoiced to have some of our internationals join us during the term on a Sunday morning, and are seeking to partner in this with our student work on a Thursday.

The Globe "team" has been a real encouragement and support to me, and it is a joy to see them serving and loving our students week by week. As we look forward to the new year, we're seeking to continue to build relationships with and get alongside individual students, and we're praying that the Lord would be at work through us among them, to open eyes to see Christ, and come to know him as their Lord and Saviour.

Simon Griffiths

REPORT ON EVANGELISM

Our termly Christianity Explored course continued throughout 2022, with our first two courses taking place on Zoom. It has been remarkable how many folk have been reached through this, with many joining online who otherwise would not have been able to come. We met in person for our course in the autumn, and although no guests joined this time, it was a useful time of discipleship for folk in our church family. Please pray on for fruit from these courses.

We were glad to have had the opportunity to run another 'Life Stories' event in the church building in May. It was a good event with members from our church family sharing their stories of how God has worked in and through them throughout particular times in their lives.

We were also able to run Quiz Nights in January, June and September. Many folk turned up, hot pot was enjoyed, and the gospel was shared on each occasion. Please pray that those who join us regularly for these events, would take the next step to look further into the claims of Jesus.

The Cameo Bible Study has met in person throughout most of this year, opening up the Bible with many who are looking into the claims of Jesus. I am thankful to Sarah Slater, Jean Almond, Matt Middleton and others who faithfully share God's word each week in this context.

Christmas was another opportunity to share the gospel with those in our city and parish. We were able to run two carol services in December, both live-streamed for those who couldn't join in person. We had a wonderful

Cameo lunch, with carols and the Christmas message clearly explained. We saw families come along to both The Brew Christmas party and to the Crib Service on Christmas Eve. It was great to see so many different faces in the building. We were once again able to host the Lancashire Police Carol Service (for the 16th year) with a great turn out, and another opportunity to speak of Christ. We focussed our parish carol singing and mince pie delivery in areas where we have existing contacts. These were great evenings, despite the freezing temperatures, and our parish team had some positive conversations on doorsteps.

The women's evangelistic gingerbread house event in November also saw around 30 guests who all heard something of the Christmas message. We look forward to 2023 and the many opportunities that we are planning to reach out with the gospel. Please continue to pray for the Evangelism Committee as they think through opportunities in the coming months.

Nathan Buttery

REPORT ON PARISH MINISTRY

2022 has granted the Parish ministry team our first full year of outreach to our local community (in its current guise) and the Lord has taught us much, as we depend on Him in prayer and seek to hold up and out the gospel (1 Tim 3:15). Our regular activities of door-knocking, tea and coffee mornings and prayer meetings have continued throughout the year, and I have been encouraged with how the Parish team has persevered in and through prayer and the challenges that Parish ministry brings (I think many of us have just about shaken the cold off from our 'frosty' carol singing this year). This year we have intentionally tried to build a relationship with the staff and residents of Trinity Fold, the adult care home next door. This has been tricky at times with agency staff who change frequently; however, we have received encouragements from a lady (Angela) who has been coming regularly to church who sits at the back and heartily sings along with many of the hymns despite her diminished capacity. We did hope to offer something for both staff and residents this Christmas, but that did not materialise; but we hope the Lord might provide us with fresh opportunities this coming year to speak of Jesus to the folk next door.

Despite the long-term nature of our parish ministry, we have received recent encouragements in growing to know individuals in the local area, from Frank who I often bump into as he picks up his morning newspaper, to Karen who has taken up a reading course that Tracey Thom was able to encourage her to engage with. We have come to know a few individuals well, but we long to know them more; for us to be trusted with the details of life and to seek to offer the hope and joy of knowing Jesus as our Lord and King.

We hope and pray expectantly that the Lord might equip, enable and empower us to reach more people in our parish, to love them well and to share our lives with them, so that we might offer the good news of the Gospel to the lost who so desperately need it.

Matthew Middleton
Ministry Assistant

REPORT ON CAMEO

Cameo lunches continued throughout 2022 with attendance between 40-70 people, many of whom are not part of our church family. We have had many opportunities to share the gospel as well as provide a good meal. Throughout the year our after lunch talks included getting to know our wonderful cooks, Christine Walker and Ann Luscombe and hearing about why their faith is important to them.

Our annual trip in May was spent on a canal boat eating fish and chips, which was enjoyed by all. Our Holiday at Home ran in July and was well attended and a great opportunity to get to know some of our members better.

We ended the year with Christmas Dinner after which we sang carols and had a gospel message from Nathan.

Cameo Bible study has continued each week and we started the year doing the Hope Explored course and we

had a couple of new members which has been great. We then followed on with using the Growth Group Bible studies throughout the year. We continue to have a few members coming along from the local Catholic Church which is sometimes a challenge but also a great opportunity to share the truths of the gospel.

Sarah Slater

REPORT ON MISSION PARTNERS

We continue to give thanks to God for the partnership we enjoy with our Mission Partners, scattered across the world. We have most locally continued our partnership with St. Andrew's Church, Ashton and have enjoyed mutual encouragement and support. The church family there continues to grow and flourish, and we pray on for yet more gospel fruit in Ashton.

Our partnership with St. Silas Church, Glasgow has continued, and the church family there continues to grow by God's grace. We must pray with them, for a provision of a new assistant minister to help with the ministry load there.

We love hearing of all that the Lord is doing in and through our church family members Colin and Alison Dudgeon, serving in Laos. Alison and Colin both continue to be very busy in their areas of ministry, and we look forward to seeing them again in the summer, God willing.

We have been prayerfully and financially supporting projects in Pakistan through The Pakistan Project, seeking to care and support many suffering groups of people in that country. We have received many encouraging reports this year of all that God's people have been doing amongst those in rural areas.

Stephen Baggot continues to serve the Lord in the Sahara Desert in Niger. We must continue to pray for Stephen as he battles many practical obstacles each day as well the challenge of intense heat. It was a joy to hear of some of the ministry Stephen Baggott has been involved with, in his video for our Mission Sunday in November.

David and Eti Zadok continue their ministry in Israel. It was good to see David and Eti Zadok on their visit in 2022, and hear first-hand about their work in Israel.

We give thanks with Thorsten and Kerstin Prill, serving with Edinburgh Bible College, for many answered prayers over this past year.

We have begun to support Matthew and Alice Pilkington more formally this year, and it has been so encouraging to hear of the Lord growing that church family and their links with their community. We pray with them for plans to build a larger building.

Paul and Athena GolchinManshadi are serving the Lord in London and despite the difficult year they have had, they testify to God's goodness and provision. It has been amazing to hear of the online ministry that Athena has been involved with, reaching women in closed countries, and many becoming Christians!

Jotham Bate is in his first year serving on the Logos, Hope with OM. It has been a joy to hear if his excitement in this new venture and for the hard work and training that he has now completed in the Engine Room. We pray on for him as he serves for the next 18 months.

The Barnabas Fund supports brothers and sisters facing persecution around the world, and we have begun to prayerfully and financially support this organisation in the past year. These brothers and sisters are a precious reminder of the gospel ministry we are all involved in, wherever God places us, including here in Preston.

Nathan Buttery

REPORT ON THE UKRAINIAN PARTNERSHIP

As Russia invaded Ukraine in February 2022, a group of refugees, who were either part of, or affiliated to, Kharkiv City Church, left Ukraine, not knowing where they were going and with only a few hastily packed bags. Most of the group were Christians, and they fled to Romania, Slovakia, Poland and Hungary. Through various contacts they were put in touch with All Saints, and the church committed to sponsoring them via the Homes for Ukraine scheme. Since May, 43 individuals have arrived in Preston, the last one is due to arrive this month. There are 22 children within the group. Three people returned to Ukraine at the end of November. The majority are living in rented properties in and around Preston, and some are staying in homes. Through donations to the Ukrainian Partnership Fund, we have supported and provided for them financially, enabling travel to the UK, setting up homes, supplying internet connections, clothes: including various school uniforms and waterproof coats (essential for any Lancashire residents), plus cars and much more beside.

It is a joy to see them settling into life and becoming part of the All Saints church family.

Debs Macaulay
Office Manager/Ukrainian Partnership Co-Ordinator

REPORT ON SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding continues to be a priority for us as a church family as we seek to love one another and look after one another well in the Gospel. The PCC have remained abreast of the publications and recommendations coming from the National Church and our Diocese regarding this. The Safeguarding Taskforce, convened in September 2021 continues to meet and review our policies and procedures to ensure that in all circumstances we are adhering to best practice. A fully reviewed and updated Policy is due in 2023. The annual audit was completed in April and actions raised as necessary. I am thankful for the many in our church family who seek to ensure we safely deliver ministry and share the gospel protecting everyone, especially the most vulnerable from harm. Where appropriate and necessary the Diocese Safeguarding Advisors have been contacted during the course of 2022 for advice and direction.

Angela Biden
Parish Safeguarding Officer

REPORT ON FABRIC, GOODS AND ORNAMENTS

Psalm 103 verse 19 says this:

> The LORD has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all.

We serve a glorious God who rules over all. We are privileged to have access to church building facilities that enable us to glorify and honour our great God as we proclaim the message of Jesus Christ crucified. The wardens would like to thank all those who have used their practical gifts to serve the Lord Jesus and the church family by investing time and energy in the upkeep and maintenance of church facilities during 2022. Special mention goes to Richard Ready and Debs Macaulay for all of their practical and administrative work in progressing church maintenance and building improvement activities.

During 2022 a replacement boiler was installed to resolve an issue with one of the two boilers serving the church hall. Work has been performed in optimising the heating controller for the main church building to ensure efficient use of energy week-by-week. Roofing work has been completed to the roof section near to Trinity Fold and further roofing work to fix slipped lead flashing in place on the belltower has been contracted out and should be completed soon.

Actions arising from the fire risk assessment have continued to be completed. A thorough review of the church's emergency lighting was performed, including the replacement of failed lights. Options for improving the existing church fire alarm system have been explored. Routine maintenance of the fire alarm system, fire extinguishers, gas boilers and other items is in-hand. The church insurance provider, Ecclesiastical, paid a visit

to the building in November. They were very happy with the state of the building and they provided some helpful clarifications in relation to fire safety regulations.

Finally, we can inform you all that the church's ornaments, plate and vessels are intact and in good order.

Keith Massey and Jonathan McIntosh
Church Wardens

REPORT ON DEANERY SYNOD

Deanery Synod has met on the following occasions:

9th March, St Stephen's, Preston: Dave Hanson, the new Area Dean, gave a presentation on his thoughts for the deanery.

13th July, St Christopher's, Lea: Carolyn Barton, Director of Vision Delivery for the Diocese of Blackburn explained how the diocesan Mission and Financial Flourishing (MFF) scheme works, together with new funding streams announced by the National Church to help in local parishes.

3rd November, St George's, Preston: Topic: Reaching out to other faiths

Nathan Buttery

REPORT ON GENERAL SYNOD

The General Synod is the national assembly of the Church of England and is made up of just under 500 people, with bishops, clergy and laity represented. Synod met in February and July 2022. I was unable to join the February meeting physically, but one of the positive outcomes of the pandemic means it is now possible to join Synod remotely via zoom, so I attended General Synod from my lounge! In July, the meeting was in York University. Over the course of the two groups of sessions we discussed and debated a wide range of topics, some that were culturally topical, and others more specific to church life.

We called on the government to take more action on the war in Ukraine, to prevent laws being passed that allow assisted suicide being made legal and to make pornography websites age restricted to 18 years. We also debated how to make the church more welcoming and accessible to those with disabilities, how to reduce the carbon footprint of the church and how to improve Safeguarding processes. Decisions were made about how the next Archbishop of Canterbury will be nominated and what the qualifications are for being elected on to a church's PCC, amongst many other things. There was also time given over to having conversations about the Living in Love and Faith process, which will likely take up a large proportion of the Synods this coming year. I would appreciate your ongoing prayers as I attend the meetings. Please pray that I would to hold fast to biblical truths, to have courage and boldness to speak faithfully in debates and for Synod to make decisions that are in line with God's will as revealed in His word.

Laura Oliver
Lay-representative for Blackburn Diocese

FINANCIAL REPORT

At the end of 2022 we have much to be thankful to God for in His provision to us through our finances. The final balance on church funds (at 31st December 2022) is £130,947, of this £8,916 is held in restricted funds. This is healthy and will ensure our ability to continue delivering ministry in the years ahead.

In 2022 there was an deficit of £19,588 in our expenditure over our income. This is in line with our mission aim to use the resources that have been given to us as a charity. Although thankfully is roughly half of our budgeted deficit.

INCOME

Our income for 2022 was £363,574 which is an increase from 2021 of approximately 39%. This is explained almost entirely by the establishing of the Ukrainian Partnership Fund which received donations totalling £113,785. These donations were held in a new restricted fund and all spent in the course of 2022.

Specifically considering unrestricted voluntary giving our income in 2022 is £227,178 approximately 7% lower than in 2021 (£244,720). The cash collections from services have increased by 25% although they only account for a small part of the voluntary income. There were no activities held with a primary aim of generating funds. Income from our investments has been estimated at £711 (due to the dividends accounts not being available at the time of submission), interest from the Skipton Building Society reflects the slight increase in interest rates experienced in the year. Other receipts from church activities including weddings and funerals, book sales and ministry and outreach events, church/hall lettings, and photocopier costs, totalled £11,836. A significant 365% increase on 2021 as we saw a full return to normal programmes of events and the ending of restrictions that had still limited much of 2021. Although in comparison to a pre-pandemic level it is 16% lower than 2019.

EXPENDITURE

Our total spends were £383,163. This is a 53% increase on 2021. Similarly to the income, this is explained almost entirely by the costs associated with running Ukrainian Partnership Fund, these totalled £118,071.

If those costs are treated as an anomaly and omitted, then our total expenditure is £245,092 approximately 2% lower than in 2021.

The Diocesan Quota, staff wages and expenses are the main items of expenditure as well as the 10% of our income (based on the previous year) which the church endeavours to donate to our Mission Partners.

SUMMARY

There remains a challenge to us as a church family to collectively increase our giving to cover our month on month ministry costs. With the increased cost of living it is highly likely that our expenditure will increase in 2023.

Partnership Sunday already held in January 2023 highlighted the situation and this need. We pray on for people to partner financially with All Saints in response to the grace we know from a generous God. We endeavour to rely fully on the Lord for all we need.

Angela Biden
Treasurer

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

INCOME	B.D REF	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2022	2021
Voluntary income	1 to 8	227,178	123,436	350,614	256,659
Activities for generating funds	9	-			
Income from investments	10	737	-	737	643
Receipts from church activities	11 & 12	11,836	-	11,836	2,547
Other non-recurring income	13	49	340	389	957
TOTAL INCOME		**239,799**	**123,776**	**363,574**	**260,806**

EXPENDITURE	B.D REF	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2022	2021
Mission giving and donations	18	28,884		28,884	28,392
Church activities	19 to 28	235,478	116,815	352,292	219,925
Governance costs	26	1,987		1,987	1,827
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		**266,348**	**116,815**	**383,163**	**250,144**

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS	
			2022	2021
EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	**-26,549**	**6,961**	**- 19,588**	**10,662**
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS				
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS				
Balance brought forward 01/01/2022	148,580	1,955	**150,535**	
Balances carried forward 31/12/2022	122,031	8,916	**130,947**	

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	NOTE	2022	2021
FIXED ASSETS			
Property and other assets	4(i)	-	-
Investment assets	4(ii)	-	-
CURRENT ASSETS			
Short term deposits	4(iii)	90,000	74,359
Cash in banks		34,335	71,471
Other Debtors		9,329	6,492
		133,664	**152,322**
LIABILITIES			
Amounts falling due within one year	4(iv)	**2,718**	**1,787**
NET ASSETS		**130,947**	**150,535**
TOTAL FUNDS	Unrestricted	122,031	148,580
	Restricted	8,916	1,955
		£130,947	**150,535**

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on the 13TH MARCH 2023

and signed on its behalf by:-

Rev N Buttery
Chairman

Miss A Biden
Treasurer

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1. INCOME	B.D REF	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2022	2021
Voluntary income					
Gift-Aided planned giving	1	153,631		153,631	143,322
Other planned giving	2	16,552		16,552	21,302
Collections at services	3	4,954		4,954	3,938
Sundry donations	4 & 5		117,960	117,960	7,460
Tax recovered through Gift Aid	6	49,754	5,476	55,230	35,847
Legacies	7	500		500	44,791
Grants	8	1,787		1,787	
TOTAL VOLUNTARY INCOME		**227,178**	**123,436**	**350,614**	**256,659**
Activities for generating funds					
Church/Hall lettings	9	-	-	-	-
Photocopier income	9	-	-	-	-
Other	9	-	-	-	-
Income from investments					
Dividends & gross interest	10	712		712	618
Ground rent - Trinity Fold	10	25		25	25
TOTAL INVESTMENT INCOME		**737**		**737**	**643**
Receipts from church activities					
Fees - weddings & funerals	11	2,024		2,024	1,004
Ministries: C&Y	11	950		950	
Ministries: Students	11	1492		1,492	171
Ministries: Men & Women	11	4219		4,219	
CAMEO	12	2531		2,531	417
Book sales	12	520		520	
Other inc Lettings	12	100		100	955
TOTAL ACTIVITY INCOME		**11,836**	**-**	**11,836**	**2,547**
Other non-recurring income					
Insurance claims	13				
Sale of fixed assets	13				422
Profit on sale of stock	13	-			
Church renovations	13				
Printing	13	44		44	535
Other	13	5	340	345	
TOTAL		**49**	**340**	**389**	**957**

TOTAL INCOME		**239,799**	**123,776**	**363,574**	**260,806**

The following notes explain the subdivisions and sum costs of specific items:

1 **Gift-Aided planned giving:** These are regular weekly/monthly gifts, subject to gift aid claims, where declarations are held by the donors. It also includes any one-off gift aid donations.

2 **Other planned giving:** These are regular monthly gifts by standing order by persons who cannot or who choose not to gift aid their donations.

3 **Collections at services:** These are weekly cash donations made during the Sunday services.

4 & 5 **Special Collections:** Special Collection money goes through the accounts but All Saints PCC is not the intended recipient (all held in restricted funds). In 2022 these collections were for the Hardship Fund and the Ukrainian Partnership.

6 **Recovered Gift Aid Tax:** This is money from HMRC as per the Gift Aid Scheme. Monies was claimed before the end of 2022 for the months January to November. The recovered tax on the donations subject for the Hardship and Ukrainian Partnership Funds are not yet received. They are recorded in the creditors' note and will be held in restricted fund upon receipt.

7 **Legacies:** A legacy of £500 was received in 2022 with no stipulations.

8 **One of Grants:** The Diocese of Blackburn issued a grant to all parish churches in December to assist with utility costs.

9 **Activities from generating funds:** This heading shows income from sources not directly part of religious activities. In 2022 this is Nil.

10 **Income from Investments:** The amount is made up of interest received from the Skipton Building Society and dividends from the St. Thomas Hall Church Investment Fund. The ground rent which was outstanding for Trinity Fold has now been received for 2020, 2021 and 2022.

11 & 12 **Receipts from Church activities:** This category is designed to highlight the Church's income from its religious activities. Weddings and funerals, Children & Youth activities, men's & women's ministries, CAMEO and the non-profit bookstall.

13 **Other non-recurring income:** Totalled £389. From printing services and a restricted gift for the Staff Team.

2. EXPENDITURE	B.D REF	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2022	2021
Mission Giving and Donations	18	**28,884**		**28,884**	**28,392**
Church activities					
Diocesan quota	19	70,019		**70,019**	65,405
Staff wage costs	20	85,801		**85,801**	81,387
Clergy expenses	21	1,864		**1,864**	1,120
Vicarage/Staff house costs	21	25,081		**25,081**	14,448
Staff expenses	21	2,121		**2,121**	16,659
Parish Support costs	22	4,650	116,640	**121,290**	7,700
Ministry & Outreach	22	10,799	175	**10,974**	4,235
Children & Youth	22	2,569		**2,569**	1,807
Church & Hall running costs	23	13,888		**13,888**	18,786
Church & Hall Utility costs	24	15,004		**15,004**	3,800
Bookstall	25	159		**159**	656
Church & Hall Maintenance	27/28	3,523		**3,523**	3,922
Major repairs/replacements	28				
TOTAL ACTIVITY EXPENSES		**235,478**	**116,815**	**352,292**	**219,925**
TOTAL GOVERNANCE COSTS	26	**1,987**		**1,987**	**1,827**
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		**266,348**	**116,815**	**383,163**	**250,144**

3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Charities Act (referred to below as "the Act") now governs the way in which the Church Accounts are kept and analysed and for them to be independently examined.

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, and SORP (FRS102), using the Accruals basis.

All the All Saints funds are now grouped together on the Statements and shown as Unrestricted and Restricted funds in accordance with the Act.

The money in established and the money given. An unrestricted fund can be spent for any legitimate purpose, the restricted funds can only be spent for the purpose for which the fund was given. The categorisation has been endorsed by the PCC, at the end of 2022 these were:

Fund	Opening Balance from 2021	Income	Expenditure	Closing Balance for 2022
CAMEO	175	0	175	**0**
CAMPS	903	0	0	**903**
PARISH C & Y WORK	144	0	0	**144**
HARDSHIP FUND	733	4175	2855	**2053**
UKRAINIAN PARTNERSHIP	0	113785	113785	**0**
STAFF GIFT	0	340	0	**340**
TOTAL	**1955**	**118300**	**116815**	**3440**

The restricted fund for CAMEO has been now been closed and the funds/expenses raised will be held/paid out of the general fund in line with other similar ministries. There has been no obvious opportunity to use the monies held in the Parish C&Y or the Camps Fund but this will be reviewed in 2023. The Hardship Fund continues to support members of the church family in financial difficulty. A specific donation was given to the staff team and will be spent in 2023.

RESERVES POLICY

It is the PCC policy to invest our funds in non-risk deposit accounts that will give the current market return. A full review of the reserves policy is due however the interim policy is for the All Saints PCC to hold in reserve:

2 months general running costs including our existing financial commitment to others.	63600
3 months staff wages	21450
A reserve for redundancies to cover the statutory costs for the 4 current employees plus additional funds for the PCC to consider their responsibility to these individuals	16000
There are ongoing and maintenance costs in the upkeep of the building	10000
TOTAL RESERVES	**£ 111,050**

At present the held funds do exceed our policy and the PCC will consider how this money can be spent in accordance with its mission, the 2023 budget is at a deficit of £66,000.

4. BALANCE SHEET

(i) Property Assets

Interest in property consists of Church building, Parochial Hall, Vicarage and land at Trinity Fold.
All movable church furnishings are fully written down in the year of purchase.

(ii) Investment Assets

The market value of investments as at 31 December 2022 was as follows:

Endowment Assets: 1/3rd share of St. Thomas Hall – Church Investment Fund.
978 shares cost £3,944.43 valued at 31 December 2022 £20.65 per share. Market Value Shareholding £20,191.69

This capital cannot be sold.

(iii) Income

All income is recognised once the church has entitlement to the funds, it is probable the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.
The gift aid debtor reflects the claims outstanding from general donations received in December 2022 (this has since been received) and donations to the Hardship and Ukrainian Partnership (not yet received). The interest from dividends remains outstanding at time of submission due to an issue with the Diocesan systems.

	ASSESTS	**Recorded in 2021 Accounts (£)**	**2022 (£)**
6	Gift Aid Reclaim	5,861	8,722
10	Interest from Dividends	581	607
10	Ground rent - Trinity Fold	50	0
	TOTAL DEBTORS	**6,492**	**9,329**

Current Assets – Investments and Cash	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
General	120,895	3,440	**124,335**
Debtors	3,853	5,476	**9,329**
Total Funds	**124,748**	**8,916**	**133,664**

(iv) Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as a legal or constructive obligation commits the church to that expenditure. It is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement and the amounts of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been clarified under headings that aggregate the cost relating to the category. The only debts are for diocesan fees, utilities, and governance costs.

	LIABILITIES	Recorded in 2021 Accounts (£)	2022 (£)
19	Q4 DBF Fees	244	218
24	Gas: Church & Hall	172	668
24	Gas: Entrance	36	250
24	Electricity	267	440
24	Water	33	167
26	James Todd Payroll	136	45
26	McDade Roberts Audit	900	930
	TOTAL LIABILITIES	**1,787**	**2,718**

Liabilities	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
Amounts falling due within one year	**£2,718**		**£2,718**

EXPENDITURE: The following notes fully explain the subdivisions and costs of each specific item

18.MISSION PARTNERS AND DONATIONS		
	Assisting Children (CEF)	900
	Crosslinks - Prills	2800
	Crosslinks - General Fund	500
	Christian Witness to Israel	3567
	Sahara Desert Mission	3822
	Leadership & Medical Ministries SE Asia	4000
	Paul & Sahel GolchinManshadi	2050
	Compass Aviation	1000
	North West Partnership	500
	Asia Link - Pakistan Project	1000
	True Freedom Trust	1000
	Barnabus Fund	1000
	Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship	45
	Evangelical Alliance	200
	Others	5500

	ShortTerm Mission (J. Bate)	1000
	TOTAL	**28884**
19. DIOCESAN QUOTA	**TOTAL**	**70019**
20. STAFF WAGES	Assistant Minister	29392
	Women's Worker	30655
	Office Manager	8422
	Ministry Assistant	22331
	National Insurance Adjustments	-5000
	TOTAL	**85801**
21. CLERGY EXPENSES	Vicar: Rev Nathan Buttery	1139
	Curate: Rev Simon Griffiths	725
	TOTAL	**1864**
21. VICARAGE COSTS	Council Tax	3590
	Water	525
	TOTAL	**4115**
21.CURATE HOUSE COSTS	Council Tax	3143
	Water	613
	TOTAL	**3756**
21. STAFF HOUSE	Rent	6600
Assistant Minister	Council Tax	1436
	Water	474
	TOTAL	**8510**
21. STAFF HOUSE	Women's Worker Housing Allowance **TOTAL**	**8700**
21. STAFF EXPENSES	Assistant Minister	428
	Women's Worker	1310
	Administrator	18
	Ministry Assistant	324
	General	41
	TOTAL	**2121**
22. PARISH SUPPORT COSTS	Women	120
	Data Protection	12
	Treasurer	22
	Music	210
	Hardship Fund	2855
	Ukrainian Partnership	118,071
	TOTAL	**121,290**
22. MINISTRY		
Men's Ministry	Breakfasts	64
	Weekend Away	936
	TOTAL	**1000**
Women's Ministry	Breakfasts	132
	Weekend Away	2536

	Other	18
	TOTAL	**2,687**
Student Ministry	Food	549
	Resources	115
	Weekend Away	1105
	Freshers Week	240
	Retreats	-100
	TOTAL	**1909**
International Students	Food	305
	Globe	172
	Outings	16
	TOTAL	**493**
CAMEO	**TOTAL**	**2079**
22. OUTREACH		
Evangelistic Courses	**TOTAL**	**16**
Quiz Nights	Food	1039
	Venue	100
	TOTAL	**1139**
Evangelistic Events	**TOTAL**	**663**
Parish Ministry	Books & Tracts	58
	Resources	156
	Food & Drink	24
	TOTAL	**238**
Christmas Events	Carol Service	3
	Publicity	22
	Evang. Event	408
	Tracts	65
	TOTAL	**498**
Guest Services	**TOTAL**	**45**
Holiday at Home	**TOTAL**	**206**
	MINISTRY & OUTREACH TOTAL	**10,974**
22. CHILDREN & YOUTH	Junior Church	804
	The Brew	1,062
	Teenage Cell Group	49
	Holiday Club	618
	Mothers' Day	36
	TOTAL	**2,569**
23. CHURCH & HALL RUNNING COSTS		
	Insurance	3704
	Telephone/broadband	812
	Ground rent	800
	Church Builder Database & Website	705
	Microsoft	166
	CCLI - performance licence	1180
	31:8 DBS Fees	134
	Data Protection fees	35

	Photocopier	770
	Stationery & Postage	819
	Small electrical items	54
	Sound Equipment	204
	Visual Equipment	487
	Building & Kitchen Materials	202
	Keys	5
	Furniture	60
	Food & Drink	1442
	Cleaning materials	1157
	Communion wine & cups	347
	Alarm & fire extinguishers	442
	Displays	43
	Dishwasher	312
	Gardening	10
	TOTAL	**13888**
24. CHURCH & HALL UTILITIES	Gas: Church & Hall	10417
	Entrance	1301
	Electric	2983
	Water	303
	TOTAL	**15004**
25. BOOKSTALL	Student Books	159
	TOTAL	**159**
26. GOVERANCE COSTS	Audit fee	960
	Payroll costs	586
	PCC Costs	441
	TOTAL	**1987**
27 & 28 MAJOR REPAIRS & DECORATIONS		
27	Church	3523
28	Hall	
	QI	
	TOTAL	**3523**

Independent Examiners report to the PCC All Saints Church Preston
I report to the PCC members on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022.

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2022, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner
As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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

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

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

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



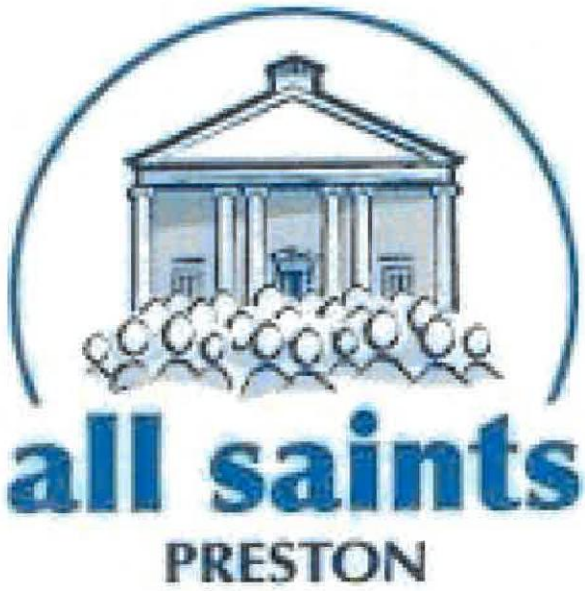
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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

All Saints' Church is part of the Diocese of Blackburn within the Church of England. The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity that is registered with the Charities Commission No. 1132970.

Current PCC members (trustees) who have served in 2021 until the date this report was prepared are:

Incumbent	Rev N. Buttery	Chairman
Curate	Rev S. Griffiths	From July 2021
Wardens	Mr J. McIntosh	Vice Chairman
	Mr K Massey	
General Synod Representative:		
	Dr L. Oliver	From October 2021, PCC prior
Diocesan Synod Representative:		
	Mr G. Burrows	
Deanery Synod Representatives:		
	Dr A. Glendinning	
	Mr T. Sutcliffe-Campo	Secretary
	Mr E. Taylor	
Elected Members:	Miss A. Biden	Treasurer
	Mr M. Burnham	
	Mrs S. Burrows	
	Mr D. Stamp	
	Dr K. Stewart	
	Mrs H. Tween	Minute Secretary
	Rev C. Young	

During the course of 2021; Mr S. Boyall (Lay Representative for Blackburn Diocese on General Synod) left All Saints Preston to serve at St. Andrews Ashton thereby ceasing his ex-officio membership. Mr Robert Holdsworth concluded his time on the PCC in April 2021 and Mr E. Xuereb resigned in September after he also left the church family to join St Saviours' Bamberbridge.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

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

All Saints' Church committees are as follows:

The PCC operates through a number of committees which meet between full meetings of the PCC.

Standing Committee and Finance Committee
The Standing Committee is the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between meetings, subject to any direction given by the council. It includes the finance committee as a small group who can make dynamic financial decisions on behalf of the PCC if required. They also oversee budget planning and financial reviews.

Building Committee
Attends to matters relating to the stewardship of plant, such as Church and Hall buildings and fabric and redevelopment schemes.

Mission Committee
Develops All Saints' strategy for the support of mission including the distribution of allotted mission giving amongst chosen mission partners.

Outreach Committee
Develops All Saints' strategy for evangelism and the planning of events to aid this.

Worship Committee
Attends to matters relating to Church services and worship.

Children and Youth Work Committee
Oversees the children and youth work activities

Responsibilities:

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Church and Hall premises.

THE CHURCH

Church Attendance:

The average weekly attendance, calculated in October 2021 was 181, 40 of whom were under 16. This number does remain reduced due to the pandemic and people unable to attend physically either due to vulnerabilities or illness. The services continue to be livestreamed and members of the church family, both at home and abroad are able to join virtually, approximately 10 households make regular use of this in the morning. The evening service is attended by 60 people on average and live streaming that enables about 15 households who are also unable to join us physically in the building.

The Church Electoral Roll:

	2020	2021
Resident	9	9
Non-Resident	126	134
Total:	135	143

REVIEW OF THE YEAR 2021

The PCC has met on 6 occasions, the average attendance for these meeting has been approximately 89%.

As with 2020, 2021 has continued to be throughout with the ongoing challenges posed by the ongoing Covid 19 pandemic. We continue to monitor and fully apply Government and Diocesan guidance on how to facilitate church services and other activities. This guidance and our practices are kept in near constant review by Mrs Debs Macaulay to whom the PCC owe a substantial debt of gratitude.

We have also been delighted to report that many of our groups have been able to return to meeting in person: The Brew; our Toddler group, Growth Groups; our weekly small groups, Globe Café; for international students and Student Group all returned to meeting in person. Our first CAMEO Luncheon Club since before the pandemic was held December 2021 and was very well attended. It has also been possible to restart an organised evangelistic outreach in our parish. This has consisted mostly in monthly coffee mornings held at All Saints and carol singing at Christmas. Please see below for specific ministry reports.

We are also delighted to welcome our new curate Rev. Simon Griffiths who began his ministry and training with us this year. Simon has taken on particular responsibility for our evangelistic outreach to International Students and also shares the responsibilities of leading services, preaching and public prayer.

Thomas Sutcliffe-Campo
PCC Secretary

VICAR'S REPORT 2021

The past year has seen our church family face some big struggles, but also experience God's great grace. As our nation continued to navigate the pandemic, 2021 saw us seek to encourage one another in tricky times, seeking to trust the Lord through it all. As the year progressed, we were able to unlock a little bit- we restarted our evening services at the start of the year, and during the summer and autumn we were able to tentatively lay on a few events- Life Stories in June, evangelistic events in the Autumn, and the restart of physical small groups in September.

We have been blessed as a church as we have studied together Nehemiah, Colossians, and Acts. In our evening services we were able to do two topical series based on the book "Gentle and Lowly" in the Spring, followed by a series on the Lord's Prayer. In the summer we studied 1 Samuel and Acts, followed by 1 Thessalonians and Zephaniah.

Through all the ups and downs of the last year, God has been faithful. We have seen his word be just what we need to keep us going. His Spirit has enabled us to have the strength to endure. His gospel message has transformed lives and we've had the joy of seeing some profess faith and baptised, and others encouraged on in their faith. We've experienced sadness too. But in those sad times, God has kept us united and loving one another.

I'm very thankful to God for our church family- for all who serve us so diligently and sacrificially, for the love and care shown, and the desire to hear God's life changing word taught each week.

Nathan Buttery
Vicar

REPORT ON WOMEN'S MINISTRY

As we look back over another year of life together at All Saints, we can give thanks to God for His sustaining love and grace through what has been a difficult time for many of us. Ongoing restrictions because of the pandemic have limited some of our usual activities, however we have been thankful for more freedoms this year than the previous year. It has done our hearts good to meet on many occasions and to know the blessing of fellowship with our sisters in Christ.

Meeting physically in Bible studies groups and for prayer has been such a blessing after many months of isolation and restrictions. The Wednesday morning Women's Growth Groups have continued to study passages in line with Sunday morning services.

We were finally able to meet physically for a women's breakfast in November and we enjoyed the Vicar's helpful teaching on Ecclesiastes as we considered God's perspective on life and eternity. These were helpful truths to discuss with one another over breakfast and picked up on what many of us learned a couple of years ago on our women's weekend away.

We had a great evening at the end of November for our pre-Christmas outreach event for women. This year Anna Parkinson skilfully led us through the process of Christmas wreath making and it was a joy to see over half of the room filled with those who are not part of our church family. It was good to see many of these faces again at various events in the run up to Christmas. Please continue to pray for opportunities to share Christ with our unbelieving friends and family members.

We were sad to miss another women's weekend away last summer due to the restrictions, however we eagerly anticipate the opportunity in this coming year!

Please join with me in giving thanks to God for His sustaining grace over this past year. Pray that women in our church family continue to grow and flourish, and serve whole-heartedly amongst our church family, trusting the Lord to work all things for our good and for His glory.

Hannah Fox
Women's Worker

REPORT ON GROWTH GROUPS

Our Growth Groups have been an ongoing source of encouragement and opportunity for growth over this past year. We have continued to follow the Sunday morning sermon series' each term, studying Nehemiah, Colossians and Acts throughout 2021. It has been good to study a variety of Bible genres in our groups, and Nehemiah seemed particularly timely as we reconsidered together what it means to be part of God's people and his church after 9 months of being physically separated.

Last term, our studies in Acts prompted us to prayerfully consider our priorities and the role that each of us has in God's mission plan to reach the world with the gospel. It was a helpful reminder, and timely, that we have such good news in Jesus, and that He empowers us to speak of Jesus to others. Our groups have provided opportunities to share openly and honestly with one another, and to know love and prayer support.

Please continue to pray for our Growth Groups, especially for unity in Christ and self-sacrificial love for one another. Pray for wisdom and grace for those who prepare and lead us faithfully each week. Pray that each of us would be increasingly committed to our groups and that we all continue to grow in our knowledge and love of Jesus together in the coming year.

Nathan Buttery

REPORT ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY

THE BREW:
The All Saints baby and toddler group that runs every Thursday morning during term time from 10:00 – 11:30. We aim to provide a welcoming environment for families from the local area and church family to get to know each other and enjoy being together and for the children come to play and have fun. However from January to March last year we were not able to meet in person due to the pandemic, so we met on Zoom each week for a story time and singing time. It was really encouraging to see how well the children responded to each other, listened to the stories and enjoyed singing the songs. We looked at some Old Testament Stories and learnt the phrase 'God is our Father who loves his children very much.'

After Easter we were able to meet in person in the building, which was terrific. We couldn't serve refreshments, but it was a joy to be able to meet together, to chat, for the children to play and have story time and singing time. We looked at different parables that Jesus told and learnt the phrase 'Jesus teaches us that God loves us very much'. It was sad to say goodbye to our large cohort of children who were due to start school in September as we have loved having them as part of the Brew for four years. We are thankful to God for all the work Rhianne Githaiga did in setting up, preparing craft and leading the singing for us each week.

It was lovely to resume meeting again in the Autumn term where we were able to serve refreshments, a highlight being the homemade cakes! We looked at different miracles Jesus did and thought how 'Jesus's words and actions show us he is God.' We have enjoyed welcoming new families each week, and getting to know regular families better. The children have loved the craft activities and we are grateful for the great space we have to enable to children to play with a wide range of toys. A high point at the end of each term is the lunch that we enjoy together after the last session.

I am very grateful for the hard work Rita Howell, Cynthia Knox, Becky Bedford and Amy Griffiths do each week in helping me set up and enabling the Brew to run smoothly. A big thank you to Rachel McIntosh for her willingness and gifts in leading the singing each week. Thank you too to all those who help set up the Brew after meetings. We thank God for his kindness to us in so many ways and continue to pray we'd honour him in reaching out to families with the good news of the gospel. It was fantastic to see some families coming along to the Christmas services and hearing the good news of Jesus. We pray that many would come to know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

Debbie Buttery

SEEKERS:

In September 2020 all of our previous seekers group started 'big school' so they moved into adventurers. This year we regularly have 9 children in seekers, mostly aged 3 at the moment. They have all settled in really well and enjoy listening to Bible stories, doing a craft to help them remember the story and then spending some time playing. We work through the Bible from the beginning and have just enjoyed doing the Christmas story. The children enjoyed being sheep in the nativity production, although not too keen on actually giving away the candy canes!

Sarah Slater

JUNIOR CHURCH:

Junior Church is made up of Adventurers years Reception to Year 2 and Discoverers Year 3 to 6. At the moment we have 38 children in total. Adventurers has completely changed as there are a large number of children who have just started school, it is clear that all children have been affected by lockdown restrictions, particularly regarding socialising with each other.

We continue to mostly use Mustard Seed /TNT for our teaching material. Last summer we looked at Matthew and Kingdom Living, looking at how to live for Jesus if they love Him. We also had a 'Book Week' to coincide with the 10ofthose.com visit to All Saints in July. In the autumn we looked at Genesis and Jonah, before heading into the King of Christmas. We held our first 'Light Party' on Halloween. It was good to see the children enjoy doing a Christmas presentation properly after a 2-year break, and we performed the 'King of Christmas' song also.

We continue to have termly training and have been encouraged by some new leaders joining the team. We are aiming to finalise our inclusion policy this term. Please pray for children's hearts to be ready to learn the good news and for the leaders to be able to present the gospel in a clear and engaging way.

Debs Macaulay

PATHFINDERS:

Pathfinders (years 7-9) followed the morning sermon series'; Nehemiah, Colossians and Acts 9-17. We hope that such a deliberate decision has encouraged our families to talk about and discuss what the Lord has been teaching us as we study the same books together. This has also helped us as leaders of Pathfinders, to push our applications and encourage our young people to talk with their families, to chew over what they have learnt and to seek to apply biblical truths to their lives. We pray that there might be great gospel fruit through this, especially with the recent series in Acts, that repeatedly challenged us all on how we live for Christ, witness to the good news of the Gospel and how we respond to the mission of the church. We are greatly looking forward to seeing how the Lord might use this in the coming term as we work through some of the Passion for Life content.

Pathfinders this year has seen quite a bit of change as we said goodbye to a number of our young people as they moved into year 10 of school while also welcoming a number of new Pathfinders as they started secondary school. In addition to this, Matt Middleton has taken on responsibility of leading the Pathfinders team after Steve and Lucy Boyall left for St Andrews, Ashton in May. It has been a great encouragement to see our young people engage with God's word, as they grapple with how to live faithfully in all aspects of life.

I have also found great encouragement in seeing our Pathfinder leaders grow in a love for the Lord Jesus that flows out into a care and concern for all our members. Our leaders have grown in their understanding of the

gospel and the way in which they can bring glorious gospel truths to bare in the lives of our children and young people. Praise God!

Matthew Middleton

TEENAGE CELL GROUP:
We have had a great year looking at the books of Nehemiah and Acts together. We also went through the Christianity Explored course, they really enjoyed looking at who Jesus is, why did he come, and what does it mean to follow Him. This year we also continued to cover a few thematic studies, these were the Christian perspective on Sex & Relationships and Angels & Demons, both of which seemed very helpful for those who attended.

In God's grace we were still able to meet during lockdown over Zoom which enabled us to still be in contact although we couldn't physically be together. We were also grateful that as restrictions started to ease we could meet back in the building which was a real privilege and a great joy.

In amongst all the Bible studies we have also had lots of fun playing old favourite games like Sardines and Mafia along with learning some new ones! The reinstatement of the Pool and Air Hockey tables have also been a big hit, there have also been some social events this year; a summer BBQ, countryside walk and bonfire and most recently a trip Ice Skating in Lancaster.

Overall we have all been greatly encouraged by the growth we have seen amongst the youth this year and the way the group is welcoming and friendly to all that come along. It has been a great joy for Joel, Sarah and myself to be part of the team leading it.

Rob Davis

REPORT PRAYER MEETINGS

CENTRAL PRAYER MEETING:
It has been a highlight each month to meet for our Central Prayer Meetings this year, and since September we have been able to return to the church building with a group 'zooming in' to pray as well. This has been especially useful for those who are unable to come out physically in the evenings. We have met on the first Wednesday evening of each month, enjoying time in God's word and in prayer.

Throughout 2021, we considered the different 'roles' of Jesus. Several men from our church family have taken us through these each month, taking a verse to unpack and consider before we launch into prayer. Our times of prayer have continued to focus on all aspects of the life of our church family. We receive regular updates on the different ministries in our church family and also from those who we partner with across the world. Our ChurchBuilder prayer function has continued to be useful to many, providing a daily prayer email to use each day.

It is a joy to pray with a cross-section of our church family each month and it is one of the times when we most obviously partner together as a church family. I encourage everyone who is part of our All Saints church family to join us each month, either in the building or online.

Hannah Fox

SATURDAY EVENING PRAYER MEETING:
During 2021, a small group from the church family has continued to pray each Saturday at 9pm for an hour. A number of meetings have taken place on Zoom since the pandemic began, but the group continues to meet physically at church on the first Saturday of the month. The format of these meetings consists of reading a Psalm together and then committing the work of the Lord at All Saints to the Lord in prayer. Typically the Sunday services, specific needs in the church family and gospel causes on a local and global scale are prayed for. It's always a real encouragement when members of the church family join the group.

Jonathan McIntosh

REPORT ON STUDENTS' MINISTRY

For the first six months of 2021, student ministry, like much else, was conducted on Zoom. Whilst we greatly missed meeting in person, we were very encouraged that the majority of our students regularly Zoomed in on Thursday nights. We enjoyed studying the Lord's Prayer and Colossians together. We also had a 'Student Weekend at Home' (in place of our usual weekend away!), where we tackled some Bible-reading tips and tools: e.g. how to read the Bible in context. In the summer, we said goodbye to a few students who had been with us for several years. This is always sad, but it was great to hear how they were all planning to continue serving the Lord in their new places. Since September (the new academic year), we have been able once again to meet in person, which has been brilliant. We have been able to welcome a few new students to our group and have also had a couple of non-Christian enquirers with us.

We are thankful for many things. The Lord has provided for and sustained us and our students, particularly over the lockdowns. We are thrilled to see increasing maturity and Christlikeness as our students grow in their love of the Lord and his word. We have also had the joy of seeing a student becoming a Christian, and a couple of them being baptised or renewing their vows. We are conscious of much answered prayer.

We continue to pray for growth in godliness for us all, and for further fruit for the gospel amongst non-Christian students. We are also conscious that the Student Group is slightly smaller than in previous years, and that several students are in their final year, so we are praying for new students to join us next academic year. We are very thankful for your continued prayers.

Chris Young
Assistant Minister

REPORT ON INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' MINISTRY

As a team we have been very thankful to get our regular Globe evenings up and running again this academic year, following the challenges brought about by restrictions earlier in the year.

International welcome week in late September brought lots of flyering and social media ahead of our Afternoon Tea, and we were greatly encouraged when our first student arrived (in typical Japanese fashion, about 10 minutes early!), followed by a good number of others, for tea, cake and games.

The weekly focus of our internationals' work is our regular Tuesday evening "Globe" café ministry– where we play games/do activities together and have a dedicated time for discussion around tables on a particular issue – typically addressing issues of culture, attitudes, faith and ethics. Where appropriate, these co-ordinate with the British "cultural" calendar, and there are always ways for team members to speak the gospel into conversations around tables, for example on issues such as hope, truth, family, community, good/evil. Typically, we will have 20-25 students on a Tuesday evening.

Our regular Christmas markets trip to Manchester was sadly de-railed (!) by train cancellations, but other events in the lead up to Christmas were far more positive; we had a lunch and walk around Preston and had about 40 downstairs in church for Christmas dinner, with an opportunity for me to share the gospel – and a handful of our students joined us for afternoon tea and our Christmas carol service on 12th December.

The Globe "team" has grown during the term and it has been a real joy to see them serving and loving our students week by week. As we look forward to the new year, we're seeking to continue to build relationships and share our lives and faith with our students, and we're praying that the Lord would be at work to soften many hearts to the gospel.

Simon Griffiths
Curate

REPORT ON EVANGELISM

It has been a real joy to continue our Christianity Explored course on Zoom throughout the pandemic. Each term we have had several guests join in, often from further afield. The format on Zoom has enabled some folk to join who would otherwise not have been able to, and good discussions have taken place. Please pray on for fruit from these courses.

We were glad to have had the opportunity to run another 'Life Stories' event in the church building back in June. It was a super event with two of our church family members and a guest sharing their stories of how God has worked in and through them throughout particular times in their lives.

We were also able to run a Quiz Night back in October. Many folk turned up, much fun was had and I was able to share the hope of Jesus in an uncertain world.

Christmas was another obvious opportunity to share the gospel with those from our city and in our parish. We were able to run two carol services in December, both live-streamed for those who couldn't join in person. We had a wonderful CAMEO lunch for older folk with carols and the Christmas message clearly explained. We saw families come along to both The Brew Christmas party and to the Crib Service on Christmas Eve. It was great to see so many different faces in the building again, and a more 'normal' feel to the Christmas season after a strange year last year. We were once again able to host the Lancashire Police Carol Service with a bumper turn out, and another opportunity to speak of Christ.

We focussed our parish carol singing and mince pie delivery in areas where we have existing contacts. It was a great evening and our parish team had some good conversations on doorsteps. With lots of help from church family we were able to flyer the parish, inviting people along to Christmas events.

The women's evangelistic wreath-making event in November also saw around 30 guests and hear something of the Christmas message. It was such an encouragement to see so many of our church family serving at this, and many other events, partnering in evangelism together, for God's glory.

We look forward to 2022 and the many opportunities that we are planning to reach out with the gospel. Please pray for the Evangelism Committee as they think through opportunities in the coming months.

Nathan Buttery

REPORT ON PARISH MINISTRY

With Covid-19 regulations beginning to relax through 2021, we were presented with a great opportunity to reach out into the parish and seek to re-establish and build new relationships with those who live in and around our church. With much of the formalised ministry to our parish having finished in 2019, the end of 2021 presented us with an opportunity to think anew of how we might engage with our parish and seek to love them and witness to the glorious news of the gospel.

As a result, a monthly prayer meeting began in May as we sought to bring before the Lord our desire to reach our parish with the gospel, while seeking wisdom to know how best to do this. From September, we started a monthly 'tea and coffee morning' seeking to get to know people in our parish. We also began door-knocking as a way of introducing the new parish team and offering invitations to various church events and our tea and coffee morning. Despite the start of this ministry being small at times, with only have 3 or 4 folk coming along to our tea and coffee mornings across the four months at the end of 2021, we have received some great encouragements this year.

We saw Suzanne be baptised on 21st November, who came to us at All Saints through our previous ministry ChaTea. Many of us were greatly encouraged to see how the Lord has worked in her life. Christmas time also

presented us with opportunities to reach out to our parish as we went carol singing; and we were warmly received as we chatted on doorsteps and gave out mince pies and gift bags.

Overall, our outreach has shown small signs of gospel fruit, as we have reconnected with those we lost touch with during Covid, and through door-knocking and carol singing we were encouraged with the way people engaged and were willing to talk. All this has led to a few people coming to church whether during the week or on a Sunday. We pray, and entrust to the Lord, that such initial signs of relational warmth will continue to grow as we seek to love and walk alongside those in our parish.

Matthew Middleton
Ministry Assistant

REPORT ON CAMEO

For most of 2020 we were unable to run our monthly Cameo lunches due to Covid, but it continued to be a great opportunity to send out monthly letters to more than 80 people who regularly attend. These letters usually had some gospel content as many of our attendees don't attend our church. When we returned to our lunches several of our members said that they were really glad to be back but would really miss our monthly letters!

In November we were able to hold our first lunch of the year which was attended by about 46 people and we enjoyed an after dinner talk from Chris Young. In December we were able to hold our Christmas lunch for more than 70 people. We enjoyed singing carols and hearing a Christmas message from Nathan. We have been very thankful for some new helpers who have joined us to serve at our lunches.

We have been very sad to hear of the deaths of some of our members over the last year, and Jean and I have been able to represent Cameo and All Saints at some funerals. We have been particularly sad at the loss of some of our dear friends who were part of Cameo and also part of our church family. We mourn the loss of Josie Kingsley, Gordon Jones and Amanda Jones, but we rejoice that they are now with their Lord and Saviour. We have been very thankful for the way that Amanda has served in Cameo over the past few years and she will be sadly missed.

We have been able to hold Cameo Bible study in person for the past few months and we have been studying Acts and Paul's first missionary journey. The numbers have been quite low but we have continued to send out the studies to those who are not ready to come back yet.

Sarah Slater

REPORT ON MISSION PARTNERS

We continue to give thanks to God for the partnership we enjoy with our Mission Partners, scattered across the world. It has been good to study Acts together as a church family this year, and to be reminded that the gospel is powerful is for all people. We have been reminded through Acts of the importance of gospel partnership and the part that we play in global ministry, through prayer, finance and encouragement.

We have most locally continued our partnership with St. Andrew's Church, Ashton and have enjoyed mutual encouragement and support. Our partnership with St. Andrew's Church has continued now for 10 years, beginning when James Nash became Vicar there in 2011. We are so thankful for ongoing news of evangelism and discipleship in Ashton, and despite the sadness of Steve and Lucy Boyall and the family moving last May, it is wonderful to see the Lord working through them as they get stuck into church family life at St. Andrews!

Our partnership with St. Silas Church, Glasgow has continued, and we must continue to pray for this church family which is growing, by God's grace. It has been encouraging to hear from Martin Ayers of the growth

happening at St. Silas and for the new members of staff they have been able to employ for new areas of ministry.

We love hearing of all that the Lord is doing in and through our church family members Colin and Alison Dudgeon, serving in Laos. It was good to see Colin and Alison last year during their return in lockdown, but we are thrilled with them that they are back on their mission field and that God is using them in such obvious ways – both through their local projects and healthcare, and also through their witness and encouragement to the local church.

We have been prayerfully and financially supporting projects in Pakistan through The Pakistan Project, seeking to care and support many suffering groups of people in that country, this year including Afghan refugees. The Project workers are sharing the good news of Jesus despite opposition and persecution. Pray for many people in Pakistan to come to trust in Jesus.

Stephen Baggot serving in the Sahara Desert in Niger is always an encouragement as we hear of his commitment and hard work to the people there. We must continue to pray for Stephen as he battles many practical obstacles each day as well the challenge of intense heat!

David and Eti Zadok continue their ministry in Israel. Give thanks for the encouragements we've heard from them this year and for those who have come to trust in Jesus the Messiah. Pray for them as they seek to share Christ in what is often a hostile environment.

We give thanks with Thorsten and Kerstin Prill, serving with Edinburgh Bible College, for many answered prayers over this past year. It has been good also to partner with them in prayer and finance as they have sought to support and encourage pastors in Namibia throughout this very difficult year.

Terry and Wilma Flannigan, serving the Lord with 'Child Evangelism Fellowship' continue their involvement in translation and publication of resources equipping children's leaders across the world in their ministries. It has been a joy knowing that Terry and Wilma have 'joined' our church family for online services during this past year, each Sunday morning.

Finally, our formal partnership with Andy and Esther Porter in the U.S. ended this past year, however many individuals in our church family continue to support them in their ministry at Compass Aviation.

The Mission Committee have recently reviewed our partnership with our Mission partners and have been prayerfully considering how we can be even more effective in supporting and encouraging them in the coming year. We look forward to ongoing partnership with existing partners and making new partners elsewhere.

Nathan Buttery

REPORT ON SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding continues to be a priority for us as a church family as we seek to love one another and look after one another well in the Gospel. The PCC have remained abreast of the publications and recommendations coming from the National Church and our Diocese with regard to this. In September we set up a small taskforce to consider all of these recommendations and ensuring that our polices, procedures and adherence of them is complete. In due course that team will reconduct the Safeguarding Audit to ensure we are in line with not just the legal requirements, but working to best practice. I am thankful for the many in our church family who seek to ensure we safely deliver ministry and share the gospel protecting everyone, especially the most vulnerable from harm. Whilst the Diocese Safeguarding Advisors have been contacted during the course of 2021 for advice with some certain circumstances, there has not been a need to report any incidents or matters to them.

Angela Biden
Parish Safeguarding Officer

REPORT ON FABRIC, GOODS AND ORNAMENTS

Jude verse 25 says this: *To the only God our Saviour be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.*

We thank God for his gracious provision of church buildings and facilities that enable us to hold meetings and events for the proclamation of the good news about Jesus Christ in order to honour and glorify the God that we serve. The wardens would like to thank all those who have used their practical gifts to serve the Lord Jesus and the church family by investing time and energy in the upkeep and maintenance of church facilities during 2021. Special mention goes to Richard Ready and Debs Macaulay for all of their practical and administrative work in progressing church maintenance and building improvement activities.

During 2021 a new projector has been installed in the main part of church to enhance the clarity of the main screen during services, after the previous projector became unserviceable. Major works to the church office were completed in early 2021, which included: redecoration, a new carpet and a new boiler and radiator system. A thorough Fire Risk Assessment of the church building was completed during 2021 and a number of associated actions have been completed, with further work to reduce the overall fire risk scheduled for completion in 2022. A number of the high-level lights in the main part of church have been replaced with LED units which are more energy efficient.

Routine maintenance of the fire alarm system, fire extinguishers, gas boilers and other items is in-hand.

Finally, we can inform you all that the church's ornaments, plate and vessels are intact and in good order.

Keith Massey and Jonathan McIntosh
Church Wardens

REPORT ON DEANERY SYNOD

Due to the pandemic and various other constraining issues, the synod has only been able to meet once in 2021. It met on the 1st July at St Mary's Ribbleton, where Archdeacon David introduced himself as the new Archdeacon for our area. He had not to that point had an opportunity to introduce himself physically to the deanery. He explained how he had come to faith, and what his vision for the deanery is.

A meeting for the 19th October was postponed due to the elections for Area Dean not having been completed.

Nathan Buttery

REPORT ON GENERAL SYNOD

The General Synod is the national assembly of the Church of England and is made up of just under 500 people, with bishops, clergy and laity represented. I have been elected to serve on the General Synod as one of the lay representatives from the Diocese of Blackburn for a term of 5 years, and the first meeting of the new Quinquennium happened in November 2021. This was a short meeting mainly made up of official business of the opening of the new Synod and a chance for all of the new members (of which around 60% of Synod is this time) to get to grips with how a typical group of sessions is run. I would very much value your prayers as I attend Synod meetings, to hold fast to biblical truths, to have courage and boldness to speak faithfully in debates and for Synod to make decisions that are in line with God's will as revealed in His word.

Laura Oliver
Lay-representative for Blackburn Diocese

FINANCIAL REPORT

At the end of another difficult year we have much to be thankful to God for in His provision to us through our finances. The final balance on church funds (at 31st December 2021) is £150,535, of this £1,955 is held in restricted funds. This is exceedingly healthy and will ensure our ability to continue delivering ministry in the years ahead.

In 2021 there was an excess of £10,662 in our income over our expenditure and our income for 2021 was £260,806 which is an increase from 2020 of approximately 3%. This is explained entirely by the receipt of a very generous legacy from the late Dr Doreen Milns (over £60,000 in total), and we remain exceedingly thankful for her, and to the Lord for her love of our church family shown in this way.

INCOME

In fact, our Gift-aided and other planned giving was 5% lower than in 2020, a number of our church family left All Saints to serve in other churches and this reduction is partially explained by that, others reduced their giving to changes in their personal circumstances. The cash collections from services increased and returned to the pre-pandemic level, they were 84% higher than in 2020 as we enjoyed being able to be in the building every week. There were no activities held with a primary aim of generating funds. Income from our investments was £643 in total, interest from the Skipton Building Society reflects the current low interest rates and was just £37.16 (0.05%). Other receipts from church activities included weddings and funerals, book sales and ministry and outreach events, church/hall lettings, and photocopier costs, it totalled £2,547. This is still significantly reduced due to a lack of events such as weekends away.

EXPENDITURE

Our total spends were £250,144. This is a 9% increase on 2020. The Diocesan Quota, staff wages and expenses are the main items of expenditure as well as the 10% of our income (based on the previous year) which the church endeavours to donate to our Mission Partners, this is higher than that as 10% of the legacy gift was designated for mission, it was held in a restricted fund and then distributed above our usual commitments. Costs have increased as we have seen a return to a number of activities compared to the longer lockdowns of 2020.

There is a challenge to us as a church family to collectively increase our giving to cover our month on month ministry costs. It is undoubtable that our expenditure will increase in 2022 with costs of numerous things increasing, some significantly. Partnership Sunday held in January 2022 highlighted the situation and this need. We pray on for people to partner financially with All Saints in response to the grace we know from a generous God, we endeavour to rely fully on the Lord for all we need.

Angela Biden
Treasurer

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

INCOME	B.D REF	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2021	2020
Voluntary income	1 to 8	244,720	11,939	256,659	246,228
Activities for generating funds	9	-	-	-	-
Income from investments	10	643	-	643	974
Receipts from church activities	11 & 12	2,130	417	2,547	4,436
Other non-recurring income	13	957	-	957	972
TOTAL INCOME		**248,450**	**12,356**	**260,806**	**252,610**

EXPENDITURE	B.D REF	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2021	2020
Mission giving and donations	18	22,313	6,079	28,392	18,744
Church activities	19 to 28	209,306	10,619	219,925	207,079
Governance costs	26	1,827	-	1,827	3,223
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		**233,446**	**16,698**	**250,144**	**229,046**

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS	
			2021	2020
EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	15,004	-4,342	10,662	23,564
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS	-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	-	-	-	-
Balance brought forward 01/01/2021	133,576	6,297	**139,873**	
Balances carried forward 31/12/2021	148,580	1,955	**150,535**	

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	NOTE	2021	2020
FIXED ASSETS			
Property and other assets	4(i)	-	-
Investment assets	4(ii)	-	-
CURRENT ASSETS			
Short term deposits	4(iii)	74,359	74,322
Cash in banks		71,471	48,677
Other Debtors		6,492	18,265
		152,322	**141,264**
LIABILITIES			
Amounts falling due within one year	4(iv)	**1,787**	**1,391**
NET ASSETS		**150,535**	**139,873**
TOTAL FUNDS			
	Unrestricted	148,580	133,576
	Restricted	1,955	6,297
		150,535	**139,873**

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on the

and signed on its behalf by:-

Rev N Buttery

Chairman

Miss A Biden

Treasurer

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1. INCOME	B.D REF	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2021	2020
Voluntary income					
Gift-Aided planned giving	1	143,322		143,322	147,099
Other planned giving	2	21,302		21,302	25,890
Collections at services	3	3,938		3,938	2,134
Sundry donations	4 & 5		7,460	7,460	405
"Postbox" donations	4 & 5			-	11,425
Tax recovered through Gift Aid	6	35,847		35,847	40,775
Legacies	7	40,312	4,479	44,791	16,000
Grants	8			-	2,500
TOTAL VOLUNTARY INCOME		**244,720**	**11,939**	**256,659**	**246,228**
Activities for generating funds					
Church/Hall lettings	9	-	-	-	-
Photocopier income	9	-	-	-	-
Other	9	-	-	-	-
Income from investments					
Dividends & gross interest	10	618		618	949
Ground rent - Trinity Fold	10	25		25	25
TOTAL INVESTMENT INCOME		**643**		**643**	**974**
Receipts from church activities					
Fees - weddings & funerals	11	1,004		1,004	201
Book sales	12	171		171	130
CAMEO	12		417	417	295
Other inc Lettings	12	955		955	3,811
TOTAL ACTIVITY INCOME		**2,130**	**417**	**2,547**	**4,437**
Other non-recurring income					
Insurance claims	13	-		-	*947*
Sale of fixed assets	13	422		422	
Profit on sale of stock	13	-			
Church renovations	13	-			
Printing	13	535		535	25
TOTAL		**957**	**-**	**957**	**972**
TOTAL INCOME		**248,450**	**12,356**	**260,806**	**252,611**

The following notes explain the subdivisions and sum costs of specific items:

1 **Gift-Aided planned giving:** These are regular weekly/monthly gifts, subject to gift aid claims, where declarations are held by the donors. It also includes any one-off gift aid donations.

2 **Other planned giving:** These are regular monthly gifts by standing order by persons who cannot or who chose not to gift aid their donations.

3 **Collections at services:** These are weekly cash donations made during the Sunday services.

4 & 5 **Special Collections:** Special Collection money goes through the accounts but All Saints PCC is not the intended recipient. In 2021 these collections were for the Covid hardship fund supporting members of the church family financially impacted by the pandemic. None of these donations were subject to gift aid claims.

6 **Recovered Gift Aid Tax:** This is money from HMRC as per the Gift Aid Scheme. Two claims were submitted in 2021; one for July - December 2020 and the second for January-October 2021.

7 **Legacies:** A generous legacy has been received in 2021. There were some stipulations on how the money was spent, it was held in restricted fund but has now been distributed.

8 **One of Grants:** No grants were applied for or received.

9 **Activities from generating funds:** This heading shows income from sources not directly part of religious activities. In 2021 this is Nil.

10 **Income from Investments:** The amount is made up of interest received from the Skipton Building Society and dividends from the St. Thomas Hall Church Investment Fund. It should include the ground rent received annually for Trinity Fold, however this has still not been received for 2020 or 2021.

11 & 12 **Receipts from Church activities:** This category is designed to highlight the Church's income from its religious activities. £594 from men's & women's ministries. £97 from Student Work and £263 from Children and Youth activities. All significantly lower than pre-pandemic income. It also includes income from the bookstall although this is non-profit making.

13 **Other non-recurring income:** Totalled £957. This including printing services for the NWP and the trade in of a replaced computer.

2. EXPENDITURE	**B.D REF**	**UNRESTRICTED FUNDS**	**RESTRICTED FUNDS**	**TOTAL FUNDS**	
				2021	**2020**
Mission Giving and Donations	18	22,313	6,079	**28,392**	**18,744**
Church activities					
Diocesan quota	19	65,405		65,405	60,936
Staff wage costs	20	81,387		81,387	73,811
Clergy expenses	21	1,120		1,120	663
Vicarage/Staff house costs	21	14,448		14,448	12,334
Staff expenses	21	14,159	2,500	16,659	15,902
Parish Support costs	22	622	7,078	7,700	11,623
Ministry & Outreach	22	3,194	1,041	4,235	4,772
Children & Youth	22	1,807		1,807	1,096
Church & Hall running costs	23	18,786		18,786	14,751
Church & Hall Utility costs	24	3,800		3,800	4,416
Bookstall	25	656		656	156
Church & Hall Maintenance	27/28	3,922		3,922	6,621
Major repairs/replacements	28			-	-
TOTAL ACTIVITY EXPENSES		**209,306**	**10,619**	**219,925**	**207,081**

Governance costs					
Audit fee	26	900		900	900
Payroll fee	26	538		538	517
PCC Costs	26	193		193	1,806
Staff	26	196		196	
TOTAL GOVERNANCE COSTS		**1,827**	**-**	**1,827**	**3,223**
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		**233,446**	**16,698**	**250,144**	**229,048**

3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Charities Act (referred to below as "the Act") now governs the way in which the Church Accounts are kept and analysed and for them to be independently examined.

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, and SORP (FRS102), using the Accruals basis.

All the All Saints funds are now grouped together on the Statements and shown as Unrestricted and Restricted funds in accordance with the Act.

The money in established and the money given. An unrestricted fund can be spent for any legitimate purpose, the restricted funds can only be spent for the purpose for which the fund was given. The categorisation has been endorsed by the PCC, at the end of 2021 these were:

Fund	Opening Balance from 2020	Income	Expenditure	Closing Balance for 2021
CAMEO	799	417	1041	**175**
CAMPS	903	0	0	**903**
PARISH C & Y WORK	144	0	0	**144**
MINISTRY TRAINEES	2500	0	2500	**0**
D. MILNS LEGACY	1600	4479	6079	**0**
HARDSHIP FUND	351	7460	7078	**733**
TOTAL	**6,297**	**12,356**	**16,697**	**1,955**

RESERVES POLICY

It is the PCC policy to invest our funds in non-risk deposit accounts that will give the current market return.

A full review of the reserves policy is due in 2022 however the interim policy is for the All Saints PCC to hold in reserve:

2 months general running costs including our existing financial commitment to others.	37400
3 months staff wages	20346
A reserve for redundancies to cover the statutory costs for the 4 current employees plus additional funds for the PCC to consider their responsibility to these individuals	15000
There are ongoing and maintenance costs in the upkeep of the building	10000
TOTAL RESERVES	**£ 82,746**

At present the held funds do exceed our policy and the PCC will consider how this money can be spent in accordance with its mission, the 2022 budget is at a deficit of £40,000.

4. BALANCE SHEET

(i) Property Assets

Interest in property consists of Church building, Parochial Hall, Vicarage and land at Trinity Fold.
All movable church furnishings are fully written down in the year of purchase.

(ii) Investment Assets

The market value of investments as at 31 December 2021 was as follows:

Endowment Assets: 1/3rd share of St. Thomas Hall – Church Investment Fund.
978 shares cost £3,944.43 valued at 31 December 2021 £4.03 per share. Market Value Shareholding £22,872.19

This capital cannot be sold.

(iii) Income

All income is recognised once the church has entitlement to the funds, it is probable the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.
The gift aid debtor reflects the claim outstanding relating to donations received in the year 2021 it has been claimed up to 31st October 2021 and therefore is only two months outstanding. The interest from dividends and the payment for the ground rent by Community Gateway remains outstanding at time of submission from both 2020 and 2021. Assurance has been given that this will be paid as a matter of urgency.

	ASSESTS	Recorded in 2020 Accounts	2021
6	Gift Aid Reclaim	17,676	5,861
10	Interest from Dividends	562	581
10	Ground rent - Trinity Fold	25	50
11	Weddings & Funerals	2	0
	TOTAL DEBTORS	**18,265**	**6,492**

Current Assets – Investments and Cash	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
General	142,088	1955	143,875
Debtors	6,492		6,467
Total Funds	**148,580**	**1955**	**150,535**

(iv) Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as a legal or constructive obligation committing the church to that expenditure. It is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement and the amounts of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been clarified under headings that aggregate the cost relating to the category. The only debts are for diocesan fees, utilities, and governance costs.

	LIABILITIES	Recorded in 2020 Accounts	2021
19	Q4 2021 DBF Fees	0	244
24	Gas: Church & Hall	116	172

24	Gas: Entrance	24	36
24	Electricity	180	267
24	Water	40	33
26	James Todd Payroll	131	136
26	McDade Roberts Audit	900	900
	TOTAL LIABILITIES	**1,391**	**1,787**

Liabilities	**Unrestricted Funds**	**Restricted Funds**	**Total Funds**
Amounts falling due within one year	**1,787**		**1,787**

EXPENDITURE: The following notes fully explain the subdivisions and costs of each specific item

18.MISSION PARTNERS AND DONATIONS		
	Assisting Children (CEF)	2,856
	Crosslinks - Prills	4,000
	Crosslinks - General Fund	500
	Christian Witness to Israel	3,919
	Sahara Desert Mission	5,000
	Leadership & Medical Ministries SE Asia	6,022
	Compass Aviation	1,950
	North West Partnership	500
	Asia Link - Pakistan Project	1,000
	True Freedom Trust	1,000
	Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship	45
	Evangelical Alliance	200
	Others	1,400
	TOTAL	**28,392**
19. DIOCESAN QUOTA	**TOTAL**	**65,405**
20. STAFF WAGES	Assistant Minister	27,818
	Women's Worker	28,873
	Office Manager	8,087
	Ministry Assistant	20,690
	International Student Worker	113
	National Insurance Adjustments	- 4,194
	TOTAL	**81,387**
21. CLERGY EXPENSES	Vicar: Rev Nathan Buttery	894
	Curate: Rev Simon Griffiths	226
	TOTAL	**1120**
21. VICARAGE COSTS	Council Tax	3,457
	Water	520
	TOTAL	**3,977**
21.CURATE HOUSE COSTS	Council Tax	1,533
	Water	486

	TOTAL	**2,019**
21. STAFF HOUSE	Rent	6,600
	Council Tax	1,383
	Water	469
	TOTAL	**8,452**
21. STAFF EXPENSES	Assistant Minister	154
	Women's Worker	9,758
	Administrator	15
	Ministry Assistant	1,375
	Ministry Trainees	5,357
	TOTAL	**16,659**
22. PARISH SUPPORT COSTS	Urban Parish	
	Women	
	Data Protection	
	Safeguarding	405
	Treasurer	22
	C & Y	
	Music	195
	Hardship Fund	7,078
	TOTAL	**7,700**
22. MINISTRY		
Men's Ministry	Events	-
	Breakfasts	44
	Weekend Away	150
	TOTAL	**194**
Women's Ministry	Events	49
	Breakfasts	60
	Weekend Away	
	Training	
	Support	270
	TOTAL	**379**
Student Ministry	Food	217
	Resources	83
	Weekend Away	526
	Events	
	Training	
	Student Bursaries	
	Freshers Week	373
	Evangelism	
	Retreats	
	TOTAL	**1,199**
International Students	Food	243
	Books & Tracts	6
	Welcome Week	61
	Globe	69
	Outings	

	On Campus Work	
	TOTAL	**379**
Welcome Meals	**TOTAL**	**8**
CAMEO	**TOTAL**	**1,041**
22. OUTREACH		
Evangelistic Courses	Food	
	Materials	136
	Evang Training Course	
	TOTAL	**136**
Quiz Nights	Food	300
	Speakers	
	Venue	50
	TOTAL	**350**
Other Events	Evangelistic Events	**62**
Book Table	Books & Tracts	14
	Resources	62
	Total	**76**
Christmas Events	Carol Service	75
	Publicity	
	Evang. Event	313
	Tracts	23
	Total	**411**
	MINISTRY & OUTREACH TOTAL	**4,235**
22. CHILDREN & YOUTH	Creche	
	Junior Church	755
	The Brew	988
	Teenage Cell Group	64
	Holiday Club	
	TOTAL	**1,807**
23. CHURCH & HALL RUNNING COSTS	Covid 19	130
	Insurance	3665
	Telephone/broadband	571
	Ground rent	800
	Church Builder Database	680
	CCLI - performance licence	1080
	31:8 DBS Fees	78
	Data Protection fees	35
	Website	33
	Bibles	0
	Photocopier	411
	Stationery & Postage	1168
	Small electrical items	850
	Technical & Music Equipment	5683
	Organ	0
	Building & Kitchen Materials	637

	Keys	129
	Furniture	36
	Food & Drink	755
	Cleaning materials	183
	Piano tuning	0
	First Aid Kits	0
	Communion wine & cups	464
	Baptism - Pool hire & Certificates	111
	Materials for Services	0
	Heating system maintenance	275
	Alarm & fire extinguishers	876
	PACT Tests	136
	Displays	0
	Dishwasher	0
	Oven	0
	Gardening	0
	TOTAL	**18786**
24. CHURCH & HALL UTILITIES	Gas: Church & Hall	1771
	Entrance	256
	Electric	1649
	Water	124
	TOTAL	**3800**
25. BOOKSTALL	Bible Notes	
	General Books	
	Student Books	
	Lent Books	
	Advent Books	
	Growth Group	656
	TOTAL	**656**
26. GOVERANCE COSTS	Audit fee	900
	Payroll costs	538
PCC Costs:	Training	0
	Away Day	0
	Gifts	177
	Admin	16
	Job Adverts	
	Staff	196
	TOTAL	**1827**
27 & 28 MAJOR REPAIRS & DECORATIONS		
27	Church	3117
28	Hall	805
	QI	0
	TOTAL	**3922**

Independent Examiners report to the PCC All Saints Church Preston
I report to the PCC members on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021.

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2021, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner
As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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

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

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

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



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