



# PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR 2023

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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:

<b>Incumbent</b>	Rev N. Buttery	Chairman
<b>Curate</b>	Rev S. Griffiths	
<b>Wardens</b>	Mr J. McIntosh	Vice Chairman
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**General Synod Representative:**

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Dr A. Glendinning

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**Elected Members:**

Miss A. Biden

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Mrs S. Burrows

Mrs S. Mote

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Mr D. Stamp

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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:**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 of 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 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 Khrarov 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. 10 of those 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 God's 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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	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	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	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
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Property and other assets	4(i)	-	-
Investment assets	4(ii)	-	-
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Short term deposits	4(iii)	400,000	90,000
Cash in banks		101,113	34,335
Other Debtors		20,634	9,329
		<b>521,747</b>	<b>133,664</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	4(iv)	<b>2320</b>	<b>2,718</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>519,427</b>	<b>130,947</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>			
	Unrestricted	512,427	127,507
	Restricted	7,000	3,440
		<b>£519,427</b>	<b>£130,947</b>

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
<i>Voluntary income</i>					
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
<b>TOTAL VOLUNTARY INCOME</b>		<b>684,516</b>	<b>85,203</b>	<b>769,359</b>	<b>350,614</b>
<i>Activities for generating funds</i>					
Church/Hall lettings	9	-	-	-	-
Photocopier income	9	-	-	-	-
Other	9	-	-	-	-
<i>Income from investments</i>					
Dividends & gross interest	10	1,941		1,941	712
Ground rent - Trinity Fold	10	25		25	25
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENT INCOME</b>		<b>1,966</b>		<b>1,966</b>	<b>737</b>
<i>Receipts from church activities</i>					
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
<b>TOTAL ACTIVITY INCOME</b>		<b>10,022</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,022</b>	<b>11,836</b>
<i>Other non-recurring income</i>					
Insurance claims	13				
Sale of fixed assets	13				
Profit on sale of stock	13	-			
Church renovations	13				
Printing	13				44
Other	13				345
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>389</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>696,145</b>	<b>85,203</b>	<b>781,348</b>	<b>363,574</b>

(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
<i>Church activities</i>					
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	-		-	
<b>TOTAL ACTIVITY EXPENSES</b>		<b>244,505</b>	<b>81,643</b>	<b>326,148</b>	<b>352,292</b>
<b>TOTAL GOVERNANCE COSTS</b>	26	1,864		<b>1,864</b>	<b>1,987</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>311,225</b>	<b>81,643</b>	<b>392,868</b>	<b>383,163</b>

(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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3440</b>	<b>85203</b>	<b>81643</b>	<b>7000</b>

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
<b>TOTAL RESERVES</b>	<b>£167,204</b>

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:** 1/3<sup>rd</sup> 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
	<b>TOTAL DEBTORS</b>	<b>6,492</b>	<b>20,634</b>

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

#### (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
	<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>2,718</b>	<b>2,320</b>

Liabilities	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
Amounts falling due within one year	<b>2,320</b>		<b>2,230</b>

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

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

	Weekend Away	1679.38
	Socials (Events)	50.6
	Training	19.2
	Retreats	50
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2462.71</b>
Welcome Meals	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2.5</b>
	<b>MINISTRY TOTAL</b>	<b>7,376.15</b>
<b>22. OUTREACH</b>		
Evangelistic Courses	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>45.25</b>
Quiz Nights	Food	1294
	Venue	100
	Equipment	87.84
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1481.84</b>
Evangelistic Events	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>142.75</b>
Parish Ministry	Books & Tracts	24
	Resources	156.7
	Food & Drink	5.59
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>186.29</b>
Christmas Events	Carol Service	120
	Evangelistic Event	515.48
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>635.48</b>
CAMEO	Monthly Meeting Cost	1332.38
	Other	48.88
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1381.26</b>
Holiday at Home	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>253.86</b>
International Students	Food	50.16
	Globe	327.1
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>377.26</b>
	<b>OUTREACH TOTAL</b>	<b>4,503.99</b>
<b>22. CHILDREN &amp; YOUTH</b>		
	Creche	7.00
	Junior Church	652.34
	The Brew	1,358.99
	Holiday Club	1,182.19
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,200.52</b>
<b>23. CHURCH &amp; HALL RUNNING COSTS</b>		
	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
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15387.92</b>
<b>24. CHURCH &amp; HALL UTILITIES</b>	Gas: Church & Hall	1724.98
	Entrance	4329.99
	Electric	4122.82
	Water	493.24
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10671.03</b>
<b>25. BOOKSTALL</b>	Women's Weekend	159.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>159.00</b>
<b>26. GOVERNANCE COSTS</b>	Audit fee	930.00
	Payroll costs	555.96
	PCC Costs	375.49
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1861.45</b>
<b>27 &amp; 28 MAJOR REPAIRS &amp; DECORATIONS</b>		
27/28	Church/Hall	14103.40
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14103.40</b>

### **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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