



# PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR 2024

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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:

<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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Mr M. Burnham

(Resigned April 2024)

Mrs S. Burrows

Mrs S. Mote

(Resigned March 2024)

Mr E. Taylor

Mrs H. Tween

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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
<b>Total:</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>155</b>

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:

- <sup>19</sup> The Lord has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all.  
<sup>20</sup> Praise the Lord, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word.  
<sup>21</sup> Praise the Lord, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will.  
<sup>22</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Property and other assets	4(i)		-
Investment assets	4(ii)		-
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Short term deposits	4(iii)	410,639	400,000
Cash in banks		45,841	101,113
Other Debtors		40,998	20,634
		<b>497,478</b>	<b>521,747</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	4(iv)	<b>2,319</b>	<b>2320</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>495,159</b>	<b>519,427</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>			
	Unrestricted	468,940	512,427
	Restricted	26,219	7,000
		<b>£495,159</b>	<b>£519,427</b>

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
<i>Voluntary income</i>						
	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
	<b>TOTAL VOLUNTARY INCOME</b>		<b>224,182</b>	<b>96,258</b>	<b>320,440</b>	<b>774,729</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	11,306		11,306	1,941
	Ground rent - Trinity Fold	10	25		25	25
	<b>TOTAL INVESTMENT INCOME</b>		<b>11,331</b>		<b>11,331</b>	<b>1,966</b>
<i>Receipts from church activities</i>						
	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
	<b>TOTAL ACTIVITY INCOME</b>		<b>9,188</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,188</b>	<b>10,022</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				
	Other	13				
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>244,701</b>	<b>96,258</b>	<b>340,959</b>	<b>786,718</b>

(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
<i>Church activities</i>					
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			-	-
<b>TOTAL ACTIVITY EXPENSES</b>		<b>255,782</b>	<b>77,038</b>	<b>332,821</b>	<b>326,148</b>
<b>TOTAL GOVERNANCE COSTS</b>	26	<b>3,698</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,698</b>	<b>1,864</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>288,189</b>	<b>77,038</b>	<b>365,227</b>	<b>392,868</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 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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,000</b>	<b>96,258</b>	<b>77,038</b>	<b>26,220</b>

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
<b>TOTAL RESERVES</b>	<b>£365,100</b>

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:** 1/3<sup>rd</sup> 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
	<b>TOTAL DEBTORS</b>	<b>20,634</b>	<b>40,998</b>



<b>Current Assets – Investments and Cash</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>
General	430,821	25,659	456,480
Debtors	40,438	560	40,998
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>471,259</b>	<b>26,219</b>	<b>497,478</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. The items under 5 are charitable donations being made to other charities.

	<b>LIABILITIES</b>	<b>Recorded in 2023 Accounts (£)</b>	<b>2024 (£)</b>
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
	<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>2,320</b>	<b>2,319</b>

<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>
Amounts falling due within one year	<b>2,319</b>	-	<b>2,319</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	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
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>28,708.35</b>
<b>19. DIOCESAN QUOTA</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>75,493.00</b>
<b>20. STAFF WAGES</b>	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
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100,018.50</b>
<b>21. CLERGY EXPENSES</b>	Vicar: Rev Nathan Buttery	1,285.28
	Curate: Rev Simon Griffiths	1,185.11
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,470.39</b>
<b>21. VICARAGE COSTS</b>	Council Tax	3,907.48
	Water	634.26
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,541.74</b>
<b>21. CURATE HOUSE COSTS</b>	Council Tax	2,590.69
	Water	637.76
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,228.45</b>
<b>21. STAFF HOUSE</b>	Rent	6,960.00
Assistant Minister	Council Tax	1,564.55
	Water	577.43
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9,101.98</b>
Women's Worker	Housing Allowance	<b>9,240</b>
<b>21. STAFF EXPENSES</b>	Assistant Minister	219
	Women's Worker	1,387.22
	Administrator	0
	Ministry Assistant	891.2
	General	64.29
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,561.71</b>
<b>22. PARISH SUPPORT COSTS</b>	Parish	326.75
	Hardship Fund	3,210.62
	Ukrainian Partnership	73,782.01
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>77,319.38</b>
<b>22. MINISTRY</b>		
Men's Ministry	Breakfasts	213.69
	Weekend Away	2,142.21
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2355.9</b>
Women's Ministry	Breakfasts	126.24
	Weekend Away	2,970.89
	Other	18.50
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,115.63</b>
Student Ministry	Food	656.96

	Weekend Away	1,985.36
	Retreats	50.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,692.32</b>
Iranian Ministry	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>793.46</b>
	<b>MINISTRY TOTAL</b>	<b>8,957.31</b>
<b>22. OUTREACH</b>		
Evangelistic Courses	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15.07</b>
Quiz Nights	Food	1,060.68
	Venue	100.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,160.68</b>
Evangelistic Events	Evangelistic Events	796.47
	Resources	56
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>852.47</b>
Parish Ministry	Resources	18.24
	Food & Drink	67.06
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>85.3</b>
Christmas Events	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>246.01</b>
CAMEO	Monthly Meeting Cost	2,127.8
	Other	174.75
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,302.55</b>
International Students	Food	113.8
	Globe	119.72
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>233.52</b>
	<b>OUTREACH TOTAL</b>	<b>4,895.60</b>
<b>22. CHILDREN &amp; YOUTH</b>	Junior Church	636.01
	The Brew	1,193.45
	Roots	202.57
	Holiday Club	1,138.21
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,170.24</b>
<b>23. CHURCH &amp; HALL RUNNING COSTS</b>	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
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>102.00</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15,580.18</b>
<b>24. CHURCH &amp; HALL UTILITIES</b>	Gas: Church & Hall	5,165.68
	Entrance	818.62
	Electric	3,524.84
	Water	196.17
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9,705.31</b>
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<b>25. BOOKSTALL</b>	Women's Weekend	122.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>122.00</b>
<b>26. GOVERNANCE COSTS</b>	Audit fee	978.00
	Payroll costs	592.80
	PCC Costs	2,111.33
	Admin	15.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,697.13</b>
<b>27 &amp; 28 MAJOR REPAIRS &amp; DECORATIONS</b>	Church/Hall	6,700.52
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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:

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