

**ST PETER'S CHURCH, NEWTON-IN-MAKERFIELD – 791  
CHURCH STREET, NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS WA12 9SR**

**ANNUAL REPORT and FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
of the  
**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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## **Aims, Purposes, Objectives & Activities and Public Benefit**

The general functions of the PCC are stated within section 2 of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956.

St Peter's Newton-in-Makerfield Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

When planning our objectives for the year, the PCC gave consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

In 2024 the objectives for the PCC were:

- Engage fully with Leading Your Church Into Growth (LyCiG) in order to grow the church spiritually and numerically.
- Be financially viable as a parish whilst contributing to Parish Share and if possible pay in full by the end of 2024.
- Have full and active participation with the PCC (e.g. appoint a new secretary).
- Review the pattern of worship to ensure it is fulfilling the spiritual needs of the congregation and community.
- Develop our mission and outreach with monthly events which we can invite people to join with e.g. Alpha course, major festivals, making the most of the occasional offices and social events such as concerts and shared meals.
- Work to develop links with St Peter's School.
- Engage with the wider Newton team, Winwick Deanery and Diocese.
- Protect and serve God's people by engaging with and advocating safeguarding, safe practices and safer recruitment.

See Achievements and Performance for details on how the PCC engaged with these objectives throughout the year.

### **Activities Undertaken for Public Benefit**

- Weekly services of Holy Communion (twice a week), Evening Prayer (weekly on a Monday evening) and a weekly Lunch & Bible Study (held on a Thursday).
- Occasional offices such as baptisms, weddings and funerals which include the burial of ashes in the garden of remembrance. In 2024 we undertook 22 Baptisms, 6 weddings, 15 funerals at St Peter's plus 4 more funerals that were straight to crematorium and 5 burials of ashes.
- A monthly Family Service on a Sunday morning with church parade and Sunday school. A bring and share meal also forms part of this service.
- A programme of services for major festivals at Easter and Christmas. This was done with the wider Newton Team of Churches.
- There were also a number of special services and events such as Christmas carol services for St Peter's C.E school where the PCC collaborated with the school and Parent Teacher Association (PTA). We also hosted local secondary school Hope Academy for their Advent services.
- Rev James Taylor went into both local schools regularly to lead worship, teach RE and offer workshops for children and staff and in the case of St Peter's C.E Primary

- Rev James as well as other regular members of the congregation and PCC serve on the schools governing board.
- A deanery wide confirmation service in which 25 people were confirmed. Nineteen of which were Y5 and Y6 students from St Peter's CE Primary.
- The St Peter's Gardening Group meets every other week to undertake gardening projects around the grounds of the church from spring to autumn.
- Bell ringing is part of the character of St Peter's with an active bell tower and team of ringers. There is also the community hand bell group which is more informal in terms of makeup but meets weekly and performs at church events through the year.
- An Alpha course was held in the early part of 2024 in local restaurant *The Verona*. Alpha is a Christianity starter course which comes out of Holy Trinity, Brompton and the HTB movement. Its focus is educating people on the Christian faith whilst also advocating deeper personal relationship with the Holy Spirit and evangelism.
- Two major fairs were put on in May and November as part of our fundraising strategy, as well as opening the building more for public use and showcasing local artists and crafters.
- Three public concerts with outside community choirs and bands also took place, again as a fundraiser event, but also for public enrichment through music. The partner organisations were *Wigan Voices In Harmony*, *Haydock Male Voice Choir* and *Roberts Bakery Brass Band*.
- A Big Hymn Sing event was held in summer 2024 which again provided musical enrichment alongside public worship.
- The St Peter's branch of the Mother's Union also met monthly throughout the year, with two new members in 2024.
- Rev James also undertook a number of home and pastoral visits in 2024. There is also a lot of pastoral support that is offered through the congregation's own relationships with each other.
- In September 2024 a mission weekend was held across the Newton Team of Churches, also known as the Hope Hub. The main events for St Peter's were a Macmillan Coffee Morning with Morning Prayer, A Science & Wonder Day and another Big Hymn Sing and shared soup meal afterwards.
- A Ladies Lunch Group was also started by the Local Missional Leader.

### Charitable Giving

The charities that we supported with donations, direct from PCC funds were:

- Christian Aid.
- Ukraine through the DEC.
- The Hope Centre Foodbank.
- The Children's Society.

### Legacy Policy

Any legacies are gratefully received and go into the general account unless restrictions are specified by the donor. Where the legacy is not restricted, the PCC may decide to allocate the legacy to a designated fund. The PCC will then decide on how any designated funds are spent.

### Contribution of Volunteers

It is not possible to count the number of hours people volunteer for St Peter's and given the list of activities above, the contribution of volunteers is vast and without that contribution, the church and PCC would fail.

### **Achievements and Performance**

Our main activity at St Peter's is the provision of Christian worship for the parish of Newton-in-Makerfield (791), particularly a weekly parish Communion on a Sunday morning and a mid-week Communion (usually on a Wednesday).

In 2024 the I I am Family Service continued though the year. It was noted though by the spring that weekly attendance was dropping, so the decision was taken hold the I I am Family Service once a month and focus our energy on making that one service the best it can be, rather than four services that were average in terms of engagement. The monthly service is well supported with approximately 40 adults and 20 children attending. As well as the leaders of the service and Sunday School being lay leaders. Rev James is the only clergy person on the leadership team for the I I am Family Service. This is a testament to the lay volunteers who have listened to a call from God to teach and preach and are actively being obedient in that call. This is a great encouragement all around.

It is estimated (via the service register) that 156 different people engage with and are a regular attenders of St Peter's church (regular being at least once a month). We also held a number of occasional offices (see activities undertaken for public benefit).

St Peter's also hosted a Deanery wide confirmation service on Palm Sunday 2024 in which 19 children from St Peter's CE Primary were confirmed. These pupils came from the Y5&6 classes of that year. Like the I I am Family Service, a lay governor and PCC member supported Rev James with the confirmation preparation which again is a sign of dedicated lay engagement with the wider community.

The relationship with St Peter's School continues to be nurtured with Rev James leading weekly collective worship as well as being a teaching guest for RE classes at school. In 2024, 4 school governors were regular attendees at St Peter's Church 3 of which hold leadership roles in the church which emphasises the importance and links between church and school. Furthermore, special school services occurred throughout the year, class visits and governors volunteering to help invigilate the Y6 exams.

Rev James has also continued to build relationships with Hope Academy (a joint CofE and RC Secondary School) in 2024. This is primarily through the chaplain Kasia Boydell. School visits, RE lessons and church visits for special services have taken place because of this relationship in 2024.

There were two core missional activities in 2024, one an Alpha Course in the spring at a local Italian restaurant. The second a weekend long mission which took place across the Hope Hub (Newton Team of Churches), the latter was off the back of engagement with Leading Your Church Into Growth.

At least four people who attended the Alpha course as guests in 2024 have now become weekly attendees of Sunday services and all four have been safely recruited and are now

volunteering in church with role descriptions. This is growth and should be celebrated, for it is proof of the Holy Spirit working through people's hearts and minds, leading them to Jesus and gifting these people to us.

The Hope Hub Mission Weekend was an extension of events that already occur across our churches, like the annual Macmillan Coffee Morning and Big Hymn Sing that was held in the summer. We also hosted a Science and Wonder Day, with the support of Rev Dr Chris Stafford (Team Rector) in which over 300 adults and children came through our doors. Many of them being families from the local community and school. We were also supported by other clergy and laity from the wider Hope Hub. This evidences the good partnerships we have in the wider team.

In 2024 both the clergy and PCC completed the Leading Your Church into Growth (LyCiG) programme, although PCC attendance did fluctuate. Some aspects of LyCiG were used well such as the Prayer for Growth being adopted. The creation of a weekly Bible Study and an additional midweek service of Evening Prayer to allow the existing congregation (and any others) to deepen their discipleship. Being nourished by God in these settings so they can nourish and encourage others. Alongside the growth in congregation numbers we can say LyCiG has been a success. However, it would be fair to say we have not used the tools LyCiG gives as effectively as we could have. An example would be a conversation around doing a welcome course but the conversation went no further. People, time and energy are needed and this is something we have lacked at times in 2024.

The Easter and Advent/Christmas seasons of services were well attended with each service on Easter Sunday and Midnight Communion having more than 130 attendees each. This proves that when we put our energy into "presence" events, where people in the community can see what we do and offer, the wider community does respond. Going forward we would like to continue this momentum but are aware we need more new volunteers. This is something we are actively praying for as a church.

Groups like the Gardening Group and Hand Bell Group continue to offer opportunities for people to volunteer at church as well as teach skills and build fellowship. We also have an active Tower Bell Community, which plays weekly and for special services.

In the 2023 report these were the stated aims by Rev James Taylor:

*- Engage fully with LyCiG in order to grow the church spiritually and numerically.*

We believe this has been achieved in a small manner, but it is growth nonetheless.

*- Be financially viable as a parish whilst contributing to Parish Share and if possible pay in full by the end of 2024.*

We failed to meet our parish share contributions by approximately £9k (see financial report). The largest expenditure is Parish Share, we are meeting our other mandatory expenditure (heating, lighting, minor repairs etc.). This is something the PCC will need to review as well as looking at the giving culture of the church. A new SUMUP contactless device was given to the PCC in 2024 and that started to see some use at the end of the year.

- *Have full and active participation with the PCC (e.g. appoint a new secretary).*

A minute secretary was appointed but not a full secretary. Four PCC members stepped down in 2024 but two new members came on. However, we are aware that when people do step down, recruitment is getting harder for ourselves and other churches.

- *Review the pattern of worship to ensure it is fulfilling the spiritual needs of the congregation and community.*

This was done as part of LyCiG, hence the starting of a new service and Bible study as well as reviewing our worship and special services. Increased engagement would indicate success but there is still more to do in this area.

- *Develop our mission and outreach with monthly events which we can invite people to join with e.g. Alpha course, major festivals, making the most of the occasional offices and social events such as concerts and shared meals.*

We have seen more concerts and mission initiatives in 2024, see above and public benefit. This is something we wish to build on in the future.

- *Work to develop links with St Peter's School.*

As a PCC and church we have done good work on this aim in 2024 and we hope to continue this trend in 2025.

- *Engage with the wider Newton team, Winwick Deanery and Diocese.*

Team events like the Mission weekend, the growth of clergy chapter since the arrival of the new Area Dean and a willingness to engage with LyCiG is evidence of this engagement.

- *Protect and serve God's people by engaging with and advocating safeguarding, safe practices and safer recruitment.*

Both Rev James and PSO completed Leadership Safeguarding Training in 2024. We have now started using the Safeguarding Dashboard and as mentioned new volunteers have been through safer recruitment.

As well as the above, maintenance and repairs were carried out on the building in 2024. Details of this can be seen by request in the Church Log Book.

For aims for 2025, please see "Plans For The Future".

### **Financial Review**

Total funds held by the PCC at the end of 2024 were £73,339 with £42,639 of this being held in restricted funds. Although total funds increased by £8593, we owe the Diocese of Liverpool £9697 in Parish Share for 2024.

The total of all giving (planned, collections at services and other donations) increased in 2024 by £2299 compared to 2023. We received two legacies, one of £500 and the other of £10,000 and we are very grateful to these donors for remembering St Peter's in their wills.

The decrease in gift-aid claimed in 2024 compared to 2023 is because the 2023 figure of £12706 included a claim of £3348 due from 2022.

The fees we receive from the car park continue to be a vital source of income and fund-raising events raised over £8,000 after costs. We are very grateful for all the support we receive from the giving of money, time and talents.

Despite an overall decrease in energy use (72399 kWh in 2024 compared to 77125 kWh in 2023) the cost of gas and daily charges increased considerably at the start of a new 3-year contract which began on 1 January 2024. Other costs such as insurance and water charges continue to rise each year.

As expected, 2024 was a financially challenging year. **To pay off the debt of £9697 and pay Parish Share in full in 2025, we need an increase in income of over £300 per week.** The PCC will need to address these issues during 2025 and will need the support of St Peter's congregation with ways to increase income from giving and fund-raising.

### **Plans For The Future**

Our aims as a PCC for 2025 are:

- + Establish working groups that will be answerable to the PCC but take responsibility for core aspects of the daily life of St Peter's Church e.g. a finance team to support the treasurer.
- + Continue to review worship and discipleship provision for the parish and community.
- + Build on existing links with local schools to enable mutual support, spiritual and practical growth.
- + Work alongside the Hope Hub, Winwick Deanery & Diocese, especially regarding the Fit For Mission Engage Phase and Autumn vote which will decide whether we as a PCC opt in or out the "Acting As If" Phase.
- + Devise a realistic plan to manage parish share payments and arrears.
- + Long term, look at the possibility of a re-ordering project for the building which would look at seating, stonework, heating and lighting, the annexe, accessibility and public facilities.

We will do this through our PCC discussions and collaboration with the congregation, wider community and other local churches in the Hope Hub and Winwick Deanery.

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

#### **Administrative Information**

St Peter's church is located on Church Street, Newton-le-Willows, WA12 9SR. The parish is part of the Newton Team, in the Diocese of Liverpool.

Official correspondence should be sent to the church address above.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) operates under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 and the Church Representation Rules. The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure and is a charity registered with the Charity Commission. PCC members are appointed in accordance with the Church of England Representation Rules 2006 and are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. All those who attend

are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. Individual members of the PCC receive external training as and when deemed appropriate by the PCC.

### **PCC and Ex-Officio Members**

Members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) are elected at the Annual Parish Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with Church Representation Rules. There are also some members with ex-officio status:

- Revd. James R Taylor
- Churchwardens - James Robb and William Irving
- Deanery Synod Representatives - Ian Henry, James Robb, William Irving, Lucinda Duffy, Kathryn Cunliffe (until May 2024)

### **PCC Members**

- Revd. James R Taylor (Chair)
- James Robb (Churchwarden)
- William Irving (Churchwarden)
- Phil Brammeier.
- Wendy Jones (Treasurer)
- Sue Hutton
- Helen Archibald
- Lucinda Duffy
- Ian Henry (Minute Secretary)
- Kathleen Johnson
- Tracey Turley (from May 2024)
- Mark Webster (from May 2024)
  
- Glenn Hutton (until May 2024)
- Howard Cooper (until May 2024)
- Elaine Fairhurst (until May 2024)
- Tamsin Clough (until May 2024)

### **Emeritus Title Holders**

The following people have emeritus status at St Peter's but they do not have trustee status, nor are they active on the PCC:

Reader Emeritus – Dorothy Matthews and Audrey Myers.

Churchwarden Emeritus – Albert Waterworth.

### **The Standing Committee**

Day to day management of the church was exercised by the standing committee.

This is the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council. Members of the Standing Committee are the Chair, Churchwardens, Treasurer and PCC Secretary.

### **Other Roles and Responsibilities**

- Legal Advice - Given through the Diocese of Liverpool
- Architect - Grimshaw Associates
- Electoral Roll Officer - Sue Hutton
- Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) - Sharon Brammeier
- Deputy PSO - Michelle Brammeier
- Parish Bulletin - Ian Henry
- Website Editor - Wendy Jones
- GDPR – To Be Appointed.
- Gift Aid Officer - Sharon Brammeier
- Health & Safety Officer - Phil Brammeier
- Vice Lay Chair – To Be Appointed.

### **Policies**

Policy documents can be produced on request, below is a summary of key policies and risk assessments.

#### **Financial Risk**

On the advice of the Diocese, £10,000 is kept in reserve in our general account.

There are three signatories on the Nat West and CBF funds, Wendy Jones (Treasurer), James Robb (Churchwarden) and William Irving (Churchwarden). The Treasurer creates a budget each year and this is regularly updated, reviewed and monitored by the Standing Committee and at PCC meetings. The Treasurer carries out all day-to-day transactions through online banking with Nat West, and James Robb, who also has online access, regularly carries out spot checks to ensure that the accounts are in order.

#### **Health and Safety**

The Churchwardens ensure that the Church is kept free of any hazards, that heating boilers are serviced regularly. The Health and Safety Policy including fire procedures was agreed at the November 2024 PCC meeting.

A first aid kit, a defibrillator and the accident book are sited in the annexe.

#### **Security**

The Church is protected by a well-maintained alarm. The number of keys issued to Church members is limited. A floodlight illuminates the car park while groups are occupying the Church in the evening. Valuables, such as the church laptop, are kept in the office or locked away.

## **Safeguarding**

The PCC has complied with its duty to have 'due regard' to the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance To this end it abides by the requirements of the House of Bishops Safeguarding Handbook regarding the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults.

The House of Bishops Safeguarding Policy Statement -Promoting A Safer Church, the parish Policy Statement on Children, Young People in the Church and the Code of Safer Working Practices were last adopted on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2024. The Policy and Parish statement are displayed on notice boards in church and on our website. Safeguarding Sunday was held 11<sup>th</sup> April 2024. Safeguarding is a standing agenda item at PCC meetings.

During the past twelve months role descriptions have been approved by PCC and issued to all volunteers. Volunteers have retrospectively completed a confidential declaration to comply with Safer Recruitment procedures, and many have undertaken Basic Awareness safeguarding training either online or at the training day organised at St Michaels for Newton hub. All trustees have completed the Foundation safeguarding training. Rev Taylor and the Parish Safeguarding Officer have also completed the Safeguarding Leadership training course with the Diocese in the past year. All DBS checks for Trustees and volunteers are up to date.

There was one safeguarding concern raised during 2024. Advice was sought from the Associate Archdeacon after local procedures were followed (i.e reporting to the parish safeguarding officer). Appropriate action was then taken to protect all concerned.

## **Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees (PCC) by clergy and laity

Signature(s):



Full Name(s): JAMES ROBERT TAYLOR

CAROL WENDY JONES

Position(s): TEAM VICAR + PCC CHAIR

PCC TREASURER

Date: 26/03/2025

26/03/2025

# St. Peter's Parish Church, Newton-in-Makerfield

## Financial Statements for the year ending 31 December 2024

### Receipts and Payments Accounts

		2024	2024	2024	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£	£
Receipts	Notes	Unrest.	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
<i>Voluntary Receipts</i>						
Planned Giving Gift Aided		29852			29852	27841
Other Planned Giving		4391			4391	3356
Collections at services		5396			5396	6486
Gift Aid recovered		9712			9712	12706
		<b><u>49351</u></b>			<b><u>49351</u></b>	<b><u>50389</u></b>
<i>Other voluntary Income</i>						
All other giving and sundry donations		3505		155	3660	3317
Legacies		500	10000		10500	
		<b><u>4005</u></b>	<b><u>10000</u></b>	<b><u>155</u></b>	<b><u>14160</u></b>	<b><u>3317</u></b>
<i>Activities for generating funds</i>						
Sponsored Walk (Rev Chris)						767
Spring Craft Fair		1458			1458	1511
Christmas Fair		3872			3872	3436
Brass Band Concert		2964			2964	2163
Other events & sales		1010			1010	389
		<b><u>9304</u></b>			<b><u>9304</u></b>	<b><u>8266</u></b>
<i>Receipts from church activities</i>						
Fees - Weddings and Funerals	1	5028			5028	5802
Refreshments Fund			745		745	229
Hire of Annexe and Church		1595			1595	870
Fees - Car Park	2	9789			9789	7717
		<b><u>16412</u></b>	<b><u>745</u></b>		<b><u>17157</u></b>	<b><u>14618</u></b>
<i>Investment income</i>						
Interest from CBF Funds			<b><u>412</u></b>	<b><u>2113</u></b>	<b><u>2525</u></b>	<b><u>1717</u></b>
<i>Other Ordinary Income</i>						
Heating Grant						450
Refunds on Vicarage C. Tax & Utilities						615
Refunds - gas, copier, wi-fi device		237			237	
Insurance Claim			1795		1795	
		<b><u>237</u></b>	<b><u>1795</u></b>		<b><u>2032</u></b>	<b><u>1065</u></b>
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b><u>79309</u></b>	<b><u>12952</u></b>	<b><u>2268</u></b>	<b><u>94529</u></b>	<b><u>79372</u></b>

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## Financial Statements for the year ending 31 December 2024

		2024 £	2024 £	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Payments</b>	Notes	Unrest.	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
<i>Cost of generating Voluntary Income</i>		<b><u>133</u></b>			<b><u>133</u></b>	<b><u>242</u></b>
<i>Church Activities</i>						
Donations St. Peter's School		500			500	500
Other donations	2	717			717	574
Mission - Alpha Course & Bibles		1276			1276	
		<b><u>2493</u></b>			<b><u>2493</u></b>	<b><u>1074</u></b>
<i>Ministry - Parish Share</i>		<b><u>51000</u></b>			<b><u>51000</u></b>	<b><u>60090</u></b>
<i>Church Running Expenses</i>						
Insurance		7198			7198	6960
Utilities - Gas and Electricity		9163			9163	7125
Utilities - Water		799			799	511
		<b><u>17160</u></b>			<b><u>17160</u></b>	<b><u>14596</u></b>
<i>Clergy Expenses</i>						
Clergy mileage & expenses		7			7	84
Relief Clergy from PCC funds						2240
Vicarage Council Tax and Water		3500			3500	861
		<b><u>3507</u></b>			<b><u>3507</u></b>	<b><u>3185</u></b>
<i>Cost of services</i>						
Sanctuary		421			421	633
Organist - Monthly Fees		1008			1008	945
Sundry including Petty Cash		631			631	1807
Repairs and maintenance		2015	4034		6049	9372
Servicing of organ/piano		46		644	690	816
Printing, Stationery, Website & Wi-Fi		747			747	716
		<b><u>4868</u></b>		<b><u>644</u></b>	<b><u>9546</u></b>	<b><u>14289</u></b>
<i>Fund Raising costs</i>						
Spring Craft Fair						50
Christmas Fair		341			341	313
Other events		173			173	
Brass Band Concert		650			650	650
		<b><u>1164</u></b>			<b><u>1164</u></b>	<b><u>1013</u></b>
<i>Other</i>						
Repairs to bell muffles				439	439	
Sunday School supplies						38
Refreshments Fund			494		494	
		<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>494</u></b>	<b><u>439</u></b>	<b><u>933</u></b>	<b><u>38</u></b>
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b><u>80325</u></b>		<b><u>1083</u></b>	<b><u>85936</u></b>	<b><u>94527</u></b>
Excess of Receipts over Payments					8593	-15155
Total Funds as at 1 January					64746	79901
<b>Total Funds as at 31 December</b>					<b><u>73339</u></b>	<b><u>64746</u></b>

# St. Peter's Parish Church, Newton-in-Makerfield

## Financial Statements for the year ending 31 December 2024

### Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2024

		2024	2024	2024	2024	2023
		£		£	£	£
<b>Monetary Assets</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Unrest.</b>	<b>Designated</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
Nat West - General a/c		14,542			14,542	14,491
Nat West - No 2 a/c - Organ & choir				0	0	644
Nat West - No 3 a/c - Sunday School				962	962	962
Nat West - D H Legacy			10,000		10,000	0
CBF Fund Building & Fabric			6,128		6,128	8,700
CBF Fund Bell Restoration & M'tnc				7,570	7,570	7,609
CBF Fund Hand Bells				906	906	711
CBF Fund De Looze Flag				1,489	1,489	1,414
CBF Fund Tower Bell General				6,972	6,972	6,621
CBF Fund Stonework				24,740	24,740	23,493
Refreshment Fund (inc Petty Cash in 2023)			30		30	101
<b>Total</b>		<b>14,542</b>	<b>16,158</b>	<b>42,639</b>	<b>73,339</b>	<b>64,746</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>						
2024 Parish Share owed to Diocese		<b>9,697</b>			<b>9,697</b>	<b>0</b>

### Non-Monetary Assets

None

### Notes to the accounts.

#### 1. Fees

Wedding & Funeral Fees are made up of PCC fees (which are included in the financial statements) and 'agency' fees which are not included. The 'agency' fees below were paid in and paid out of the PCC's account:

Liverpool Diocesan Board of Finance	4966
Relief clergy	237
Bellringers for Weddings	1260
Organists for Weddings & Funerals	1100
Verger for Weddings & Funerals	1150
<b>Total</b>	<b>8713</b>

#### 2. Donations

The PCC received a variable amount of income each month from the car park contractor. This included a % of the money the contractor raised from imposing fines to car park users.

These amounts have been donated by the PCC to the following:

DEC Ukraine Appeal	90
Christian Aid	140
The Children's Society	147
Hope Centre Food Bank	340
<b>Total</b>	<b>717</b>

The monies donated by parishioners to other charities are not included in the financial statements as these are classed as 'agency' transactions.

The following amounts were paid in and paid out of the PCC's account:

Diocesan Ordinands Fund (Confirmation Service)	253
Macmillan Coffee Morning	766
Children's Society - Christingle Service	115
Children's Society - Boxes	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>1154</b>

3. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

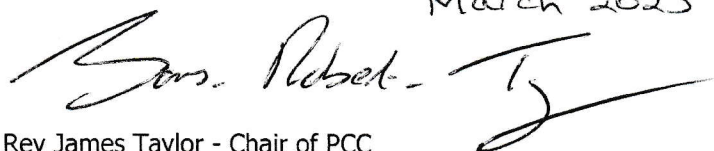
4. The following assets are recognised but not necessarily valued in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities: moveable church furnishings held by the Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC which require a faculty for disposal.

5. The expenses paid to clergy may include a small immaterial proportion which relates to their function as PCC members. No other member of the PCC received any payment for being a member of the PCC. William Irving received fees in his role as vergers but not in his role as a PCC member.

Approved by the PCC via email

From 2nd to 5th  
March 2025

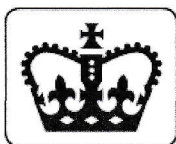
and signed on its behalf by -

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rev. James Taylor' followed by a stylized flourish.

Rev James Taylor - Chair of PCC

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wendy Jones'.

Wendy Jones - PCC Treasurer



# CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name

St Peter's Church, Newton in Makerfield

On accounts for the year  
ended

31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

Charity no  
(if any)

1133794

Set out on pages

11-14

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

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

Signed:

*Rodd*

Date:

07/04/2025

Name:

Liverpool Business School Accounting Clinic

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

N/A

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**Section B****Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**