

# THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST ANN, RAINHILL

England & Wales · Charity number 1134065

## Details

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Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2010-02-04
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

## Contact

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## Activities

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

**Activities:** Regular worship open to all, including space for private prayer. Pastoral work, and Christian teaching within the Parish, and schools. Promoting the whole mission of the Church through activities for Senior Citizens; parents and toddlers and other special needs groups. Also supporting other charities overseas and in the UK.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£154,270	£165,460	-	-
2023-12-31	£125,163	£178,923	-	-
2022-12-31	£152,050	£164,772	-	-
2021-12-31	£130,263	£153,640	-	-
2020-12-31	£288,664	£154,964	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>REV DR ALAN RICHARD CONANT</b>	Chair	2014-11-22
Angela Theresa Williams		2024-05-12
Benjamin George BOLTON-MAGGS		2023-04-30
Carolyn Gibson		2024-05-12
DELPHINE IRIS CORCORAN		2012-06-14
IAN WILLIAM CORCORAN		2016-04-17
Ian Douglas James Hayhurst		2024-05-12
JENNY TURNER		2017-04-30
JOAN MARY GORBUTT		
Jean Pearson		2025-05-18
Julie Parr		2025-05-18
Linda Brown		2025-05-18
Malcolm French		2024-05-12
Marion Nicholson		2024-05-12
Michael Thomas Hardman		2019-04-28
RACHEL OXLEY		2014-07-07
Rachel Roberts-Smith		2025-05-18
SHEILA JONES		

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# Accounts

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**St Ann's Church**  
RAINHILL

**The Parochial Church Council of the  
Ecclesiastical Parish of St Ann, Rainhill**

Charity Number 1134065

**Annual Report and  
Financial Statements**

Year ended 31<sup>ST</sup> December 2024

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Trustees**

Revd Dr. A.R. Conant- Incumbent & Chairman

Revd D Halliwell- Curate (until 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024)

Miss. R. J. Oxley- Churchwarden

Mr. M Hardman – Churchwarden (from 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024)

Mr. I. Corcoran- Assistant Churchwarden (from 12<sup>th</sup> May 24)

Mr Ian Douglas Hayhurst - Assistant Churchwarden (from 12<sup>th</sup> May 24)

Mrs. S. Jones- Secretary

Mr B, Bolton Maggs – Deanery Representative

Mrs. C. Walpole- Deanery Representative

Mrs. J. Gorbutt- PCC & Children and Vulnerable Persons Co-Ordinator

Mrs. M. Lutner (until 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024)

Mrs. D. Corcoran PCC Member and Co-opted Deanery Representative

Miss A. Jones (until 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024)

Mrs. J. Turner

Mr M. French (from 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024)

Mrs M. Nicholson (from 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024)

Mrs C. Gibson (from 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024)

Mrs A. Williams (from 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024)

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Principal address	St. Annes Vicarage View Road Rainhill Prescot Merseyside L35 0LE
Bankers	HSBC, St Helens
Registered Charity Number	1134065
Independent Examiner	M R Heaton FCCA FCIE DChA KM Chartered Accountants 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor, Block C The Wharf Manchester Road Burnley BB11 1JG

## **Trustees Annual Report**

The Trustees present their report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2024. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published on 16 July 2014 (as amended by Update Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016).

### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

#### **Objectives and aims**

The general functions of the PCC are stated within Section 2 of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956. At St Ann, Rainhill we have a mission that states our aims as a church are **Connecting with God, one another, and serving our wider community**. When planning our activities for the year, following prayerful discernment the PCC gave due consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular the specific guidance to charities concerned with the advancement of religion.

Our commitment to follow the diocesan Rule of Life (where we are called to Pray, Read and Learn and sent to Tell, Serve and Give) continued to be our driving vision. Our objectives for 2024 were to provide public benefits: to this aim a variety of different styles of worship service were provided both in our main church building and in our community centre (St Anns Millennium Centre) to facilitate public worship for as wide a cross-section of our community as possible. This brings our community in but we also aim to reach out and go out to our community in acts of service and love, to share the Good News of Jesus in word and deed.

#### **Events and Highlights of the Year**

Worship has continued to be led by our clergy team, the Vicar Revd Dr Alan Conant, our curate Revd David Halliwell, supported by several retired clergy, Bishop Geoff Pearson, Revd Julia Jesson, Revd Ossie Jesson supported by our churchwardens, vergers and sides people, choir, intercessors, musicians, people to operate the sound-desk and organ and prepare PowerPoints and many others. More volunteers are always needed. In September, we said farewell to our curate Revd David Halliwell who moved to take up his new post as team Rector in Liverpool. David has been a well-liked and gifted curate, and we wish him well in his new role.

We are a diverse community made up of 11 different and overlapping worshipping congregations. A strength is that we can hold a community of different ages and traditions within the ministry here. On Sunday morning at 8:30am there is a service following the Book of Common Prayer attended by an average of 13 adults. Then at 10:30am a service follows Common Worship (Platform 1, attended by an average of 50 adults) while Platform 2 meets at the same time in St Anns Millennium Centre (22 adults & 12 children). Stanley Bear Club meets on a Monday in church for under 5s with their parents/carers (24 adults and 17 children). Then on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month we gather for our All Together for Worship Service (85 adults & 25 children). There is a midweek service on Thursdays at 9:30am attended by an average of 11 adults. Communion is taken out to 25 people at home and to 6 Nursing Homes in the area. There were 44 baptisms including one adult and 6 confirmations in 2024 and there were 29 funerals and 3 weddings.

Across the year several **discipleship groups and study groups** have met. Two home groups are led by Jean Pearson and Julia Jesson. A small group at Reeve Court also meet, led by Paula Bolton Maggs and Pam Samson. Groups have continued to explore Women of the Bible and to study Acts. The Start course has been run over the course of 2024 for new enquirers.

Through **Stanley Bear Club**, we help families discover faith with their children through Bible stories, prayer and songs. The team led by Margaret Lutner and Rachel Oxley continues to be strengthened with hard working volunteers.

Our **ecumenical links** continue to remain a valued part of our community, this year's Lent Lunches, which raise money for Christian Aid were hosted by St Bartholomew's RC Church and led by clergy from St Barts and other churches in Rainhill. Revd Andy Moffoot, from St James' Methodists, led a service during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and Revd David led a service in St James. The walk of witness on Good Friday was a busy event walking from St Anns

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to St Barts. Clergy from St Anns along with other churches in the area also support a regular Sunday afternoon service in Reeve court led by Pam Samson and David Monks.

**Schools Links.** Our links with St Anns primary continue to flourish. Clergy lead weekly face to face assemblies and the whole school come into the main church building to celebrate Epiphany, Ash Wednesday, Easter, Ascension and Christmas as well as a service to mark the start of the new term where, a bequest enables the church to present each new starter with a Bible. The Thursday congregation welcomes Key Stage 2 children from one year group each half term for a joint communion service. Revd Alan led a Christmas service for Year 7 from Rainhill High School in church. SQUAD our biweekly group for our confirmation candidates met on Thursday. The school choir from St Anns again took part in our Carol Service.

**TnT** continues to be well-attended with 25-30 teenagers 'dropping in' every Friday afternoon on their way home from Rainhill High School. There is an offer of free drinks, toast and biscuits (sometimes fruit!) while the young people relax and play table-top games; darts and a small billiard table are also popular. This year a 'hot seat' slot was introduced, where a local adult – post mistress, farmer, councillor, street pastor among others, were briefly interviewed and the team continue to look for opportunities to connect the young people with the Christian faith. Three lads have successfully completed their 3 months service with us towards their Duke of Edinburgh award. The Co-op continues its weekly support, and the team of helpers remain committed to service with a smile.

Our **Pastoral Services** continue to share the joys and sorrows of life with our church and the wider community through our pastoral services. We have a small number of weddings and a high demand for baptisms. Pastoral and baptism teams have grown stronger over the last year and have improved our welcome to these services. Quarterly Baptism preparation mornings led by Revd David, Revd Julia Jesson and Revd Alan have been warmly welcomed by families as an opportunity to meet one another and the team and think about the promises they were making. This was only possible due to our wonderful baptism team. Funeral ministry in our Parish Church continues to be busy but has been particularly difficult as we have lost several members of our church community over the last year. All of this takes good administration and the appointment of Gill Crawford as Church Administrator has greatly reduced the clergy workload and made sure everything runs smoothly.

St Anns continues to be part of **St Helens Deanery** and representatives attend Deanery Synod.

**Civic Services** continue to grow year on year. On Remembrance Sunday we were joined by 303 adults and 200 children and a large number walked to, or joined us at the village War memorial for the laying of wreaths and act of remembrance. and gathering at the war memorial. It was a wonderful opportunity to welcome service veterans back into church with the musical assistance of the Parr Band. A short service to mark Merchant Seafarers Day is now a regular occurrence each September.

Our **parish magazine** continues to provide a varied and interesting read and a vital source of connection for our community. Delphine Corcoran and Lynn Bishop have worked hard to make sure that the magazine continues to be edited to a high standard. The church Website and Facebook page have been supported and updated regularly by Revd Alan and Ben Bolton-Maggs.

Although numbers are dwindling **The Mother's Union (MU)** continues to meet regularly organising interesting speakers praying for the community and the wider world. They continue to support many of their housebound members by serving afternoon tea and hot pot meals in church followed by communion. A new afternoon meeting time during the Winter months has made it easier to attend the meetings. Thanks to Kathy Swift and the committee who are sharing leadership between them.

The **Community Choir** led a number of inspirational events across the year. In April they led an Evening of Songs and Readings around the theme of the Resurrection and in November sang 'The Inn Crowd', a musical story based on the Inn keeper in the nativity. In December they led our regular Carol service and supported carol singing in several local NH. Thanks to Paula and Ben Bolton-Maggs for all their hard work.

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The **flower guild** continues to fill the church building with wonderful, colourful, seasonal floral decorations. A high point of the year was the Flower Festival held in October opened by Sue Smith and well supported by the Rainhill community. Particular thanks to Jan Hardman for organising this along with our own flower guild and the wider community. Kathy Swift produces a wonderful seasonal wall display by the creche area.

**Rainhill Farmers Market** is now firmly established as a community and village event. Joan Gorbutt and her brilliant Centre team give us gazebos across the car park, stalls inside and a cafe run by the church with some willing volunteers. Events in church, including a children's book sale, flower festival and Christmas Fair, helped boost the footfall. Storm Dorragh tried to stop us but failed. New stalls included honey and candles, recycling liquids, breakfast barmes and doggie treats. Check out the website - [rainhillfarmersmarket.co.uk](http://rainhillfarmersmarket.co.uk)

**St Ann's Millennium Centre**, continues to thrive with many regular groups meeting and party bookings. There is now an established team of Rebecca, (as Centre Administrator), Ray and Mark. Mark has been particularly useful with his DIY skills. Grateful thanks to the CMC Committee, for their continued hard work.

**Social Events.** We have had a busy calendar of social events this year starting with our Christmas Meal in January, followed by a celebration of Rev David's 50th Birthday at the Blue Mango in February. A Beetle Drive was held in March, then a quiz led by Ray Gorbutt was held in June. In September we held a Race Night and at the end of the month said farewell to Revd David at a packed bring and share lunch after the morning service. Many thanks to everyone involved in organising these events.

### **Financial Report**

The role of Treasurer continues to be shared between Revd Alan and Rachel Oxley supported by members of the Finance Committee. The diocese have been supporting us as we use an online package 'MyFundAccounting' to record income and expenditure. Gill Crawford has been invaluable in her work on this aspect of our finances. Many people now give through the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) which has meant that most gift aid now appears as PGS giving. Paul and Lynn Bishop continue to process the other Gift Aid donations. We continue to be a generous congregation but our income stream has to adapt to an increasingly cashless economy.

A previous PCC resolution continues to challenge us to look outwards and to aim to donate 10% of our open plate and gift aided giving to charitable causes. We make a small regular donation to TEAR Fund (£180). Other charities are supported by one off collections across the year often donated directly to the charities concerned without appearing in these accounts. Donations as a result of the Christingle Service raised £295 and donation boxes raised £602. A donation of £100 was made to Willowbrook from the Garden Trail. We continue to support St Helens Foodbank through donations of cash and non-perishable food collected in church and taken there by Hilary Jesse. The Toy Collection in Advent was very well supported reaching out to needy families here and in the wider community. Christmas Hampers were collected and distributed to 15 families in Rainhill. We joined with other churches in Rainhill over Lent for our Lent lunches which raised £710.40 for Christian Aid. The Mothers Union continues to support Ravenshead Foyer.

### **Church buildings**

The fabric of our church building was regularly checked and maintained by our wardens and assistant warden throughout the year. A Quinquennial inspection in October helped us plan ahead to look after our main church building in the next few years.

### **Performance of Investments**

Continuing interest rate levels over the course of the year gave a potential boost to our investments in 2024, which we can draw upon if needed. PCC funds are invested in the Central Board of Finance of the Church of England Deposit Account and earn the highest rate of interest possible in the present economic climate.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

### **Reserves policy**

The Parochial Church Council has a policy of maintaining reserves for emergencies which may arise, the income from such reserves being available for use in general funds. The PCC also strives to maintain at least three months normal expenditure as an ongoing reserve in the general account. The PCC and Finance Committees monitor these funds. A Fabric Fund of £3098 (named the Heritage Fund) is held at present and a general reserve fund (Deposit Fund) stands at £46,402.

In the present financial climate encouraging regular giving from a new generation will be challenging, however adopting electronic giving and the introduction of the Parish Giving Scheme has helped to move this forward. Direct giving by members of the church still accounts for the majority of our income, and the income tax recovered through Gift Aid during the year has made a significant difference.

A draft budget for 2025 has been submitted but control of finances will require prudent financial management and increased giving. An expansion of committed giving is being pursued by the PCC, as are other options utilising modern technology.

## **FUTURE PLANS**

In 2025 we will continue: to follow the diocesan Rule of Life where we are called to Pray, Read and Learn and sent to Tell, Serve and Give.

### **Pray, Read and Learn**

- Continue regular public worship open to all.
- Continue the provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation.
- The teaching of Christian faith and praxis through sermons and study groups.
- To build on, and develop, links with other churches in Rainhill and St Helens Deanery.

### **Tell, Serve and Give**

- To host services which are welcoming and inclusive for a wide age range and variety of traditions.
- To continue to develop our relationship with our church school and other schools in Rainhill
- To run discipleship courses for people exploring the Christian faith.
- Continue pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.
- To continue to promote increases in giving throughout the year.
- To support other charities in the UK and overseas through our mission giving.

## STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

### Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

### Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

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

### Organisational structure

St Ann's Parochial Church Council is a body corporate and operates under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 and the Church Representation Rules. **The PCC is a charity registered with the Charity Commission; Charity number 1134065.**

Other related trusts: **St Ann's Ecclesiastical Trust registered charity number 512365.** The trustees are Revd Dr. Alan R. Conant, Mr. I. Corcoran and Miss R.J. Oxley  
**St. Ann's Parish Charity (registered charity 701319), The trustees of which are the Parochial Church Council, is responsible for the Millennium Centre.**

**The PCC operates the following seven sub-committees: The Standing Committee, The Finance Committee, The Socials and Fund-Raising Committee, The Millennium Centre Management Committee, The Pastoral Committee, The Fabrics Committee (included in Wardens meeting) and The Communications Committee.**

**The Standing Committee** whose membership comprises of the Revd Dr. Alan R. Conant, Reverend David Halliwell (until 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024), Messrs I Corcoran, M. Hardman, Mr Ian Hayhurst (from 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024) Mrs S Jones, and Miss R. J. Oxley. It manages the Parish on behalf of the PCC between meetings and makes urgent decisions on behalf of PCC.

**The Wardens Committee (including the fabric of the building)** Whose membership comprises Revd Dr Alan R. Conant, I. Corcoran, M. Hardman, I Hayhurst (from 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024) and Miss RJ Oxley. In addition to regular work and decisions of the wardens it makes recommendations to PCC regarding works required on fabric of Church buildings and programmes and controls works so that services and offices of the Church are not disrupted unnecessarily.

**The Finance Committee** Whose membership comprises Revd Dr Alan R. Conant, Messrs. I. Corcoran, M. Hardman and Miss RJ Oxley. The following were co-opted to the committee Messrs. W Arnold, Kevin Morton (from 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024) and N Fagan (until 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024). It produces financial plans and monitors income and expenditure plus highlighting source of funds available to PCC

**The Socials & Fund-Raising Committee.** Whose membership comprises of Mrs. M. Lutner, Mrs D Corcoran, Miss A. Jones, Mr M French (from 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024), Miss R J Oxley, Miss Joanne Wood, Mrs Edna North (co-opted), Mrs Gill Norris and Mrs Diane Callon (co-opted). It raises funds to provide an income for the Parochial Church Council which decides the allocation to the various funds. It also performs a social need by arranging events and activities to promote fellowship within the Church and to encourage others to join in.

**The Millennium Centre Management Committee.** Whose members comprise Revd Dr Alan R. Conant, Mrs J Gorbutt (chair), Mrs S Jones, Mrs J Turner (Treasurer). It oversees day to day operation of the Millennium Centre which is a registered Charity in its own right. It also represents the PCC in this role and reports to PCC as the main trustee on a regular basis.

**The Pastoral Committee.** Whose members comprise Revd Dr. A. R. Conant, Reverend David Halliwell, Miss R Oxley, Miss A Jones, Mrs M Lutner, Mrs Paula Bolton-Maggs (co-opted), Mrs

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Angela Williams, Mrs Marion Nicholson, Mrs Carol Waipoie and Mrs Gili Norris (co-opted). Considers the pastoral care of parishioners and others within the Parish.

The new forms of worship are planned and run by dedicated groups: Platform 2: - Mrs P Bolton-Maggs, Mrs A Conant, Mrs J Turner, Mr B Bolton-Maggs, Bishop G Pearson, Mrs J Pearson, Mrs R Pickles, Mr A Oldfield, Ms J Wood. All Together for Worship: - Revd Dr. A.R. Conant, Reverend D Halliwell (until 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024), Miss A Jones, Mr B Bolton-Maggs and Mrs P Bolton-Maggs, Miss K Swift and Mrs M Lutner. The baptism team Rachel Oxley, Diane Callon, Pat Cockshott, Mary Johnson & Gill Norris.

**The Communications Committee.** Whose membership comprises, Revd Dr. A. R. Conant, Mrs D Corcoran, Mrs L Bishop, (co-opted), Mr B Bolton-Maggs and Mr Ian Hayhurst.

**Related Parties**

The PCC receives income from the following:

St Ann's Church, Rainhill, John Swift Trust, an unregistered charity, constituted by a Trust Deed dated 19th May 2008. The capital balance of the trust can at the discretion of the trustees, be used for the maintenance and upkeep of the fabric of St Ann's Church, Rainhill. Income derived from the capital sum invested can be used as a contribution towards PCC general purpose costs. No income was received from the Trust during the year. The trust is administered by Rev. Dr. Alan R. Conant, Rachel Oxley & Ian Corcoran.

St Ann's Ecclesiastical Charity, a charity, registered under charity number 512365 on 18th February 1982. The capital element of the trust is a permanent endowment and cannot be expended. Income derived from the capital sum invested can be used for the purpose of furthering the religious and other charitable work of the Church of England to St. Ann's ecclesiastical parish. No grants were received from the charity during the year. The trust is administered by the incumbent and churchwardens.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 15-05-2025 and signed on its behalf by



A.R Conant - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of the St Ann, Rainhill**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by Section 130 of the Act;  
or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records.

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



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Year Ended December 2024

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2024	Prior year 2023
<b>Receipts</b>				
Donations and legacies	113,581		113,581	93,212
Income from charitable activities	8,405		8,405	22,286
Other trading activities	12,568		12,568	6,336
Investments	19,716	13	19,729	3,329
	154,270	13	154,283	125,163
<b>Payments</b>				
Raising funds	1,000		1,000	990
Charitable activities	164,398		164,398	177,880
Other	62		62	53
	165,460		165,460	178,923
<b>Net Receipts/Payments</b>	- 11,190	13 -	11,177 -	53,760
Reconciliation of funds				
Balance brought forward	105,952	-	105,952	159,712
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 11,190	13 -	11,177 -	53,760
Balance carried forward	94,762	13	94,775	105,952

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**Statement of assets & liabilities**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<b>Fixed assets</b>		
Tangible Assets	936,260.00	936,260.00
	<u>936,260.00</u>	<u>936,260.00</u>
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash At Bank And In Hand	94,775.00	105,952.00
	<u>94,775.00</u>	<u>105,952.00</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	887.00	6,812.00
	<u>887.00</u>	<u>6,812.00</u>

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<b>Unrestricted</b>		
Unrestricted - General Funds	46,402	48,821
<b>Designated</b>		
Designated - Forget Me Not	1,366	1,366
Designated - Heritage Fund	3,098	130
Designated - Sutton Rainhill Project	23,000	23,000
Designated - Tower & Bells Fund	4,340	4,221
<b>Restricted</b>		
Restricted - 100 Club	1,600	1,765
Restricted - Churchyard Fund	253	241
Restricted - Flower Guild	1,942	2,578
Restricted - Friends Of The Choir	1,570	1,773
Restricted - Platform 2	8,624	12,260
Restricted - The Bible Fund	2,581	2,986
<b>Fund Totals</b>	<u>94,775</u>	<u>99,141</u>

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These accounts on pages 11 to 12 were approved by the Trustees on 15-05-2025 and signed on their behalf by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several overlapping, sweeping strokes that form a stylized, abstract shape.

A.R Conant - Trustee

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**1 Basis of preparation**

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

**2 Fund Accounting**

- (a) Unrestricted funds are those that can be expended at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the objects of the charity
- (b) Restricted funds are those that may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor.

**3 Taxation**

The charity is not liable to tax on its charitable activities.

The charity is not registered for VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the expense to which it relates.

**4 Investments**

Investments are shown at market value at the balance sheet date. Realised and unrealised gains and losses on investments are included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

**5 Transactions with trustees**

No remuneration nor expenses were paid to trustees or any persons connected with them during the year or previous year.

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# Accounts

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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1134065

**Report of the Trustees and  
Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023  
for  
The Parochial Church Council of the  
Ecclesiastical Parish of St. Ann  
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for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

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**Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

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The Trustees present their report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2022. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published on 16 July 2014 (as amended by Update Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016).

## OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

### Objectives and aims

The general functions of the PCC are stated within Section 2 of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956. At St Ann, Rainhill we have a mission statement that confirms that our mission to proclaim the Good News of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England as laid down by canon, both through the Word and our deeds to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind and with all our strength and to love our neighbours as ourselves. When planning our activities for the year, following prayerful discernment the PCC gave due consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular the specific guidance to charities concerned with the advancement of religion.

Our commitment to follow the diocesan Rule of Life (where we are called to Pray, Read and Learn and sent to Tell, Serve and Give) continued to be our driving vision. Our objectives for 2023 were to provide public benefits: to this aim a variety of different styles of worship service were provided both in our main church building and in our community centre (St Anns Millennium Centre) to facilitate public worship for as wide a cross-section of our community as possible. This brings our community in but we also aim to reach out and go out to our community in acts of service and love, to share the Good News of Jesus in word and deed.

During 2023, the vicar, Revd Alan was on sabbatical which started shortly after the last APCM. The parish was ably led by the curate Revd David Halliwell assisted by the churchwardens and retired clergy. The vicar returned to the parish in August having walked the North Wales Pilgrims Way and spent time in study, prayer and reflection. The annual report wasn't circulated until after his return so this year our report will revisit some of the issues highlighted in last year's report with some updates.

We are still working towards a shared vision for our church community following a Vision Morning held in October 2022. The morning highlighted St Ann's Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities & Threats. A questionnaire in 2024 will help us see how we move forward. The SWOT analysis is summarised below.

### Strengths.

We are blessed to have a well-maintained church building and community centre in the hub of Rainhill, opposite our church-linked primary school. A quinquennial inspection is due in 2024. We have a strong team of clergy, curate and retired ministers and lay volunteers who give their time generously to the ministry of St Ann's.

Our pastoral care and common faith in our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ were listed as strengths. We have a good message to share.

We are a diverse community made up of 11 different and overlapping worshipping congregations. A strength is that we can hold a community of different ages and traditions within the ministry here. Congregations meet on Sunday morning at 8:30am following the Book of Common Prayer and then at 10:30am following Common Worship (Platform 1) while Platform 2 meets at the same time in St Anns Millennium Centre. Stanley Bear Club meets on a Monday in church for under 5s with their parents/carers. Then on the 1st Sunday of the month we gather together for our All Together for Worship Service. There is a midweek service on Thursdays at 9:30am. Communion is taken out to people at home and to four Nursing Homes in the area. Cedric House Nursing Home bring a small group to our Sunday morning 10:30am worship. Revd Ossie Jesson is currently exploring ministry with Avondale and Shevington Care Homes at the request of their management.

Our finances detailed in this report show that we are a generous congregation but we need to grow giving from our new members.

### Weaknesses

Our volunteers are now older than they were and we need to grow new volunteers to share the load. A significant amount of ministry is held by a relatively small proportion of our congregation. We need to develop and widen our shared ministries. We are missing two significant generations teenagers and young retireds this is a challenge but there are signs that it is changing. While we are generous, we need to grow new givers. We are generous but sometimes focus too much on fundraising. Our prayer life together was also listed as a weakness. We pray at home and through our intercessions but this demonstrated a hunger for a richer, deeper walk with God together.

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### Opportunities

Our diverse congregations have potential to reach a wide variety of people. We have great links with schools in the area particularly St Ann's Primary but also several other primary schools and Rainhill High School and Tower College. Links have been reestablished with Oakdene Primary School in 2023. We have good links with other denominations in Rainhill. Pastoral services and memorial services also provide great opportunities for outreach. The community choir has strengthened the singing in our own congregation it has encouraged those from other churches but also drawn in new faces. Beyond our walls there are many opportunities in our community. We can bring people in to services but are going out to where people are?

### Threats

Covid has left many in our congregation feeling significantly older and frailer, while a new generation leads busy lives and don't create space for God. Our diversity can lead to tensions but St Anns has shown a courage to think creatively and try new things. Our costs are rising. Fewer people are doing more things and are feeling tired.

We have much to celebrate as detailed in this report, many opportunities in our community but we should not ignore the challenges. We have faith in a risen Lord who will continue to walk with us every step of the way. "Fix your eyes on Jesus the author and Perfector of Our Faith" Hebrews 12.2.

### Events and Highlights of the Year

Across the year several discipleship groups and study groups have met. A women's growth group led by Jean Pearson has been very popular. A small group at Reeve Court also meet, led by Paula Bolton Maggs and Pam Samson. As a church we used "Jesus 100" by Robin Gambol over the early part of the year. These 100 readings and reflections following the life of Jesus were also used as part of a sermon series and for personal reflection at home. Jean's group and the Reeve Court group have continued to explore Women of the Bible. The Start course has been run twice over the course of 2023 the clergy for new enquirers. The Alpha Course was run in church during the Autumn of 2023 with a fellowship meal.

Stanley Bear Club continues to bring in many fresh faces, children and their parents rediscovering faith as they teach their children about Jesus. What started as an innovative way of working with toddlers is now an established part of St Ann's ministry. Parents and grandparents find a place to meet and build friendships while their children play in a safe and happy environment. Through Stanley Bear Club, we help Christian families share faith with their children through Bible stories, prayer and songs. We also share the Christian faith with many for the first time who come through our doors. The team continues to be strengthened with hard working volunteers, led by Margaret Lutner and Rachel Oxley. A grant of £300 was received from the Co-op to support the work.

The community choir led by Paula Bolton-Maggs once again led and performed some fantastic singing at our Carol service in December and during Holy Week when they performed "Torn Curtain" an Easter musical by Roger Jones. The choir brings together people from different churches but also many who are rediscovering their faith through song. A highlight of the year was the visit by Roger Jones, a renowned Christian song writer and musician. He ran a day of worship and celebration and preached at the Sunday service the following day.

Our ecumenical links continue to remain a valued part of our community, St Anns hosted during Lent 2023 with clergy from each of the four churches in Rainhill leading worship focussed on the book of James. The services were followed by a hunger lunch which raised money for the work of Christian Aid. Revd Andy Moffoot led a service during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in early 2024 and Revd David led a service in St James. The walk of witness on Good Friday was a busy event walking from St Barts to St Anns for an act of worship together. Clergy from St Anns along with other churches in the area also support a regular Sunday afternoon service in Reeve court led by Pam Samson and David Monks.

Schools Links. Our links with St Anns primary continue to flourish. Clergy lead weekly face to face assemblies and the whole school have returned to church for services across the year. As we went through 2023 children from St Ann's School once again joined us for services for Ash Wednesday, Easter, Ascension and Christmas as well as a service to mark the start of the new term where, a bequest enables the church to present each new starter with a Bible. The Thursday congregation welcomes Key Stage 2 children from one year group each half term for a joint communion service. Revd Alan led a Christmas service for Year 7 at Rainhill High School in church with support from Kirsty Jamilli from The Mount in St Helens. The sixth form carol service was replaced by a Breakfast Event hosted by the sixth form and attended by several of St Anns congregation. SQUAD our biweekly group for our confirmation candidates still meets on Thursday.

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TNT or Tea and Toast (Hot Chocolate favoured over tea) started in September. This after schools drop-in on a Friday afternoon in the Centre provides a safe space where secondary pupils come and chat, play games, make things and socialise with their peers. The numbers have settled from an initial 50 to an average of 25. Thanks to the Co-op for their regular generosity and to the Gala Committee for funds for equipment. The team of volunteers is faithful, cheerful and a real blessing to a great group of youngsters. A grant of £500 was received from Rainhill Gala.

Our Pastoral Services continue to share the joys and sorrows of life with our church and the wider community through our pastoral services. We have a small number of weddings and a high demand for baptisms. Pastoral and baptism teams have grown stronger over the last year and have improved our welcome to these services. Quarterly Baptism preparation mornings led by Revd David, Revd Julia Jesson and Revd Alan have been warmly welcomed by families as an opportunity to meet one another and the team and think about the promises they were making. This was only possible due to our wonderful baptism team. Funeral ministry in our Parish Church continues to be busy but has been particularly difficult as we have lost several members of our church community over the last year. All of this takes good administration and the appointment of Gill Crawford as Church Administrator has greatly reduced the clergy workload and made sure everything runs smoothly.

St Helens Deanery embarked on a transition to a larger parish model covering the whole of St Helens to reduce costs and enhance ministry, called Fit for Mission 2 (FFM2). Some churches including St Anns have voted not to join. Revd David has been involved with some of the FFM2 work, most notably the buildings team, as part of his training. This generosity in ministry has demonstrated to the deanery and to the diocese how curacy could work based in a nonFFM2 parish and St Anns have been invited to apply for another curate when Revd David moves on. St Anns still continues to be part of St Helens Deanery and representatives attend Deanery Synod.

Civic Services continue to grow year on year with our Annual Remembrance Day service and gathering at the war memorial. It was a wonderful opportunity to welcome service veterans back into church with the musical assistance of the Parr Band. A short service to mark Merchant Seafarers Day is now a regular occurrence each September. In 2023 we celebrated the Coronation of HM King Charles and in 2024 there will be the 80th Anniversary of the Normandy landings.

Our parish magazine continues to provide a varied and interesting read and a vital source of connection for our community. Delphine Corcoran and Lynn Bishop have worked hard to make sure that the magazine continues to be edited to a high standard. Delphine received the "Rainhill Good Citizenship Award" in recognition of her work. The new look Rocket celebrated its 10th Anniversary in 2023. The church Website and Facebook page have been supported and updated regularly by Gemma Darracott and Ben Bolton-Maggs.

The Mother's Union (MU) continues to meet regularly organising interesting speakers praying for the community and the wider world. They continue to support many of their housebound members by serving afternoon tea and hot pot meals followed by communion. The hosting of these meetings in church has been appreciated by those who came. The committee are sharing leadership well but the continuance of our MU will depend on the involvement of all its members in the running of the group.

At Easter, Christmas, Harvest and other festivals the flower guild continue to fill St Anns church with wonderful floral decorations once again. Kathy Swift produces a wonderful seasonal display by the creche area.

Rainhill Farmers Market is now an established event and aims to improve the health of Rainhill. Regular stalls sell fresh bread, fish, fruit and veg, cheese and cakes. Plants, garden ornaments and craft stalls sell locally produced produce. Two stalls demonstrate the social enterprise nature of the market and enrich the usual produce with delicious baked goods provided by HM Pasties who support the employment of ex-offenders and Café Laziz brings a global kitchen to Rainhill through their work with asylum seekers. A thriving café was held in the centre serving hot drinks and food. Café Laziz will be running the café when the Market reopens in March 2024. Many thanks to Geoff and the stall holders for driving this forward and to Sheila and Joan and kitchen helpers for their support and hard work.

Waterside Project Revd Mark Orrell, a FFM2 curate, has been building links in Waterside Village and has made some good contacts. Successful links have been built with the Boars Head Pub, on the Elton Head Rd, resulting in a biweekly Bible study "Pints and Psalms", a Remembrance service in November and a contemporary carols service were hosted in the pub.

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St Ann's Millennium Centre, continues to thrive with many regular groups meeting and party bookings. Rebecca Finney Rawsthorne was appointed in 2023 as Centre Administrator and has been an invaluable part of the team. Grateful thanks to the CMC Committee and Ray Gorbutt for their continued hard work. Daniel Conant left for a new job in early 2024 and the Centre recruited Mark Wetton as caretaker/cleaner.

Social Events. Church social events across the year include two fundraising meals in March and May in the and Beijing and Blue Mango restaurants respectively. The biannual Garden Trail was also run in July providing an opportunity for a lot of socialising in some beautiful gardens and raising funds for St Anns and Willowbrook Hospice. A very successful Christmas market in church on 2nd December was combined with the Farmers Market on the same day producing a wonderful Christmas event. This was followed by a Christmas lunch on 3rd December. The Toy appeal was generously supported and collected a mountain of toys and 12 food hampers were distributed. All passed on to needy families in Rainhill and the wider community. Many thanks to the socials committee for organising these events.

Hospitality and Welcome is an important part of our worship. Platform 2 have regularly served coffee and tea before they meet and it has been good to see refreshments being served regularly served after Platform 1 services in 2023. Stanley Bear serves tea and toast and juice. Everything would not be possible without the help of a large team of volunteers to help our committees. Wardens, vergers, readers, sidespeople, choir, intercessors, musicians, people to operate the sound-desk and organ and prepare powerpoints and many others. More volunteers are always needed.

The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) was launched by St Anns in May 2022 and the uptake by the congregation was so significant that the diocese wanted to have St Anns as part of a promotional video. The adoption of the PGS has meant that most gift aid now appears as PGS giving. Paul and Lynn Bishop continue to process the Gift Aid donations but these have been much lower than previous years as most gift aid is claimed through PGS. However, the end of year report shows that our giving has dropped over the course of the year. We continue to be a generous congregation but our income in 2024 will be reliant on a good return from church investments. In an increasingly cashless economy we will need to adapt. A standalone cardreader has been helpful but not always as reliable as it should be. The finance committee oversee the banking and finances as well as managing a monthly count. This is only possible as giving moves towards regular online payments, particularly important as our nearest bank with counter service is in Runcorn.

The role of Treasurer continues to be shared between Revd Alan and Rachel Oxley supported by members of the Finance Committee. The diocese have been supporting us as we use an online package 'MyFundAccounting' to record income and expenditure. Gill Crawford has been invaluable in her work on this aspect of our finances. A previous PCC resolution continues to challenge us to look outwards and to aim to donate 10% of our open plate and gift aided giving to charitable causes. We make a small regular donation to TEAR Fund (£180). Other charities are supported by one off collections across the year often donated directly to the charities concerned without appearing in these accounts. Donations as a result of the Christingle Service raised £295 and donation boxes raised £602. A donation of £100 was made to Willowbrook from the Garden Trail. We continue to support St Helens Foodbank through donations of cash and non-perishable food collected in church and taken there by Hilary Jesse. The Toy Collection in Advent was very well supported reaching out to needy families here and in the wider community. Christmas Hampers were collected and distributed to 12 families in Rainhill. We joined with other churches in Rainhill over Lent for our Lent lunches which raised £708 for Christian Aid. The Mothers Union continues to support Ravenhead Foyer.

## **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

### **Charitable activities**

In 2023 we continued to provide a variety of worship services open to all. Average attendance at Worship services across the year in 2023 was on a Sunday (91 adults and 19 children), 14 at the BCP Parish Communion, 52 at the CW Parish Communion and 25 adults and 15 children at Platform 2. The "All Together for Worship" on the first Sunday of the month brings together the congregation from our traditional parish communion (Platform 1) and Platform 2, along with many others who identify with this service. During 2023 on average 78 adults and 22 children gathered for this service. Baptism services are always well attended and normally occur twice every month after the morning service. This accounted for 42 baptisms of children 5 years old and under and two adults 2023. A funeral and wedding ministry totals 36 funerals at both the church and crematorium and 5 weddings. Many thanks to retired clergy in their support of this ministry. On Remembrance Sunday we were joined by 303 adults and 200 children and a large number walked to, or joined us at the village War memorial for the laying of wreaths and act of remembrance. Stanley Bear Club was attended by 23 adults and 17 children on average. Advent was a busy season with 104 adults and 67 children attending the Christingle service and the carol service led by the Community Choir was joined by St Anns school choir and was attended by 272 adults and 35 children. During Advent school services, we welcomed 1563 young people and adults to St Ann's Church from 4 of our local schools. Carol and crib service held on the afternoon of Christmas Eve returned to its usual busy format and was attended by 190 adults and 86 children. Services on Christmas Eve/Day were attended by 109 people. A Parish Communion Service is held each Thursday morning which is attended on average by 16 worshippers.

### **Church buildings**

The fabric of our church building was regularly checked and maintained by our wardens and assistant warden throughout the year. A quinquennial inspection is due in 2024. A new boiler installed in 2021 arrived just in time to help with our church heating just as bills soared. Prudent use of the heating and reduced tariffs across this year meant that heating bills were reduced compared with 2022 but continued to place a financial burden on the church.

### **Performance of Investments**

The improvement in interest rates over the course of the year gave a much needed boost to our income as return on our investments in 2023. PCC funds are invested in the Central Board of Finance of the Church of England Deposit Account and earn the highest rate of interest possible in the present economic climate.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

### **Reserves policy**

The Parochial Church Council has a policy of maintaining reserves for emergencies which may arise, the income from such reserves being available for use in general funds. The PCC also strives to maintain at least three months normal expenditure as an ongoing reserve in the general account. The PCC and Finance Committees monitor these funds. A Fabric Fund of £130 (named the Heritage Fund) is held at present and a general reserve fund (Deposit Fund) stands at £84,765.

In the present financial climate encouraging regular giving from a new generation will be challenging, however adopting electronic giving and the introduction of the Parish Giving Scheme has helped to move this forward. Direct giving by members of the church still accounts for the majority of our income, and the income tax recovered through Gift Aid during the year has made a significant difference.

A draft budget for 2024 has been submitted but control of finances will require prudent financial management and increased giving. An expansion of committed giving is being pursued by the PCC, as are other options utilising modern technology.

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**FUTURE PLANS**

In 2024 we will continue: to follow the diocesan Rule of Life where we are called to Pray, Read and Learn and sent to Tell, Serve and Give.

Pray, Read and Learn

Continue regular public worship open to all.

Continue the provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation.

The teaching of Christian faith and praxis through sermons and study groups.

To build on, and develop, links with other churches in Rainhill and St Helens Deanery.

Tell, Serve and Give

To host services which are welcoming and inclusive for a wide age range and variety of traditions.

To continue to develop our relationship with our church school and other schools in Rainhill

To run discipleship courses for people exploring the Christian faith.

Continue pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.

To continue to promote increases in giving throughout the year.

To support other charities in the UK and overseas through our mission giving.

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

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**Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

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

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**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Organisational structure**

St Ann's Parochial Church Council is a body corporate and operates under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 and the Church Representation Rules. The PCC is a charity registered with the Charity Commission; Charity number 1134065.

Other related trusts: St Ann's Ecclesiastical Trust registered charity number 512365. The trustees are Revd Dr. Alan R. Conant, Mr. I. Corcoran and Miss R.J. Oxley

St. Ann's Parish Charity (registered charity 701319), The trustees of which are the Parochial Church Council, is responsible for the Millennium Centre.

The PCC operates the following seven sub-committees: The Standing Committee, The Finance Committee, The Socials and Fund-Raising Committee, The Millennium Centre Management Committee, The Pastoral Committee, The Fabrics Committee (included in Wardens meeting) and The Communications Committee.

The Standing Committee whose membership comprises of the Revd Dr. Alan R. Conant, Reverend David Halliwell, Messrs I Corcoran, M. Hardman Mrs S Jones, and Miss R. J. Oxley. It manages the Parish on behalf of the PCC between meetings and makes urgent decisions on behalf of PCC.

The Wardens Committee (including the fabric of the building) Whose membership comprises Revd Dr Alan R. Conant, I. Corcoran, M. Hardman and Miss RJ Oxley. In addition to regular work and decisions of the wardens it makes recommendations to PCC regarding works required on fabric of Church buildings and programmes and controls works so that services and offices of the Church are not disrupted unnecessarily.

The Finance Committee Whose membership comprises Revd Dr Alan R. Conant, Messrs. I. Corcoran, M. Hardman and Miss RJ Oxley. The following were co-opted to the committee Messrs. W Arnold and N Fagan. It produces financial plans and monitors income and expenditure plus highlighting source of funds available to PCC

The Socials & Fund-Raising Committee. Whose membership comprises of Mrs. M. Lutner, Mrs D Corcoran, Miss A. Jones, Miss R J Oxley, Miss Joanne Wood, Mrs Edna North (co-opted), Mrs Gill Norris and Mrs Diane Callon (co-opted). It raises funds to provide an income for the Parochial Church Council which decides the allocation to the various funds. It also performs a social need by arranging events and activities to promote fellowship within the Church and to encourage others to join in.

The Millennium Centre Management Committee. Whose members comprise Revd Dr Alan R. Conant, Revd David Halliwell (until 30 April 2023), Mrs J Gorbutt (chair), Mrs S Jones, Mrs J Turner (Treasurer) and Mrs Paula Bolton-Maggs until 30 April 2023. It oversees day to day operation of the Millennium Centre which is a registered Charity in its own right. It also represents the PCC in this role and reports to PCC as the main trustee on a regular basis.

The Pastoral Committee. Whose members comprise Revd Dr. A. R. Conant, Reverend David Halliwell, Miss R Oxley, Miss A Jones, Mrs M Lutner, Mrs Paula Bolton-Maggs, Mrs Carol Walpole and Mrs Gill Norris (co-opted). Considers the pastoral care of parishioners and others within the Parish.

The new forms of worship are planned and run by dedicated groups: Platform 2: - Mrs P Bolton-Maggs, Mrs A Conant, Mrs J Turner, Mr B Bolton-Maggs, Bishop G Pearson, Mrs J Pearson, Mrs R Pickles, Mr A Oldfield, Ms J Wood. Many others have contributed over the year. All Together for Worship: - Revd Dr. A.R. Conant, Reverend D Halliwell, Miss A Jones, Mr B Bolton-Maggs and Mrs P Bolton-Maggs, Miss K Swift and Mrs M Lutner. The baptism team Rachel Oxley, Diane Callon, Pat Cockshott, Mary Johnson & Gill Norris.

The Communications Committee. Whose membership comprises, Revd Dr. A. R. Conant, Mrs D Corcoran, Mrs L Bishop, (co-opted) until 30 April 2023, Mr B Bolton-Maggs (from 30 April 2023) and Mr Ian Hayhurst (from 30 April 2023).

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**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Related Parties**

The PCC receives income from the following:

St Ann's Church, Rainhill, John Swift Trust, an unregistered charity, constituted by a Trust Deed dated 19th May 2008. The capital balance of the trust can at the discretion of the trustees, be used for the maintenance and upkeep of the fabric of St Ann's Church, Rainhill. Income derived from the capital sum invested can be used as a contribution towards PCC general purpose costs. No income was received from the Trust during the year. The trust is administered by Rev. Dr. Alan R. Conant, Rachel Oxley & Ian Corcoran.

St Ann's Ecclesiastical Charity, a charity, registered under charity number 512365 on 18th February 1982. The capital element of the trust is a permanent endowment and cannot be expended. Income derived from the capital sum invested can be used for the purpose of furthering the religious and other charitable work of the Church of England to St. Ann's ecclesiastical parish. No grants were received from the charity during the year. The trust is administered by the incumbent and churchwardens.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Charity number**

1134065

**Principal address**

The Vicarage  
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Rainhill  
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**Trustees**

Revd Dr. A.R. Conant- Incumbent & Chairman  
Revd D Halliwell- Curate  
Mr. I. Corcoran- Churchwarden and Co-opted Deanery Representative  
Miss. R. J. Oxley- Churchwarden  
Mr. M Hardman - Assistant Churchwarden  
Mrs. S. Jones- Secretary  
Mrs. P. Bolton-Maggs- Deanery Representative (until 30 April 2023)  
Mr B, Bolton Maggs - Deanery Representative (co-opted) from 30 April 2023  
Mrs. C. Walpole- Deanery Representative  
Mrs. J. Gorbutt- PCC & Children and Vulnerable Persons Co-Ordinator  
Mrs. M. Lutner  
Mrs. D. Corcoran PCC Member and Co-opted Deanery Representative  
Miss A. Jones  
Mrs. J. Turner  
Miss G Darracott

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Other positions**

Electoral Roll Officer Mrs Christine Howson  
Chair of St Anns Millennium Centre Committee Mrs Joan Gorbutt  
Day to day management control of the Church is exercised by the standing committee: Revd Dr. AR Conant, Revd D Halliwell together with Miss RJ Oxley, Mr I Corcoran, Mrs S Jones and Mr M Hardman, contactable on 0151 426 4666.

**Advisers**

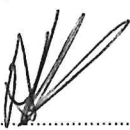
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 12th May 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

  
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Rev. Dr. A.R. Conant - Trustee

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**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. Ann Rainhill**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. Ann Rainhill for the year ended 31 December 2023.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Church, 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 Charity's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

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

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



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	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.12.23 Total funds £	31.12.22 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	92,479	733	93,212	118,742
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
General		23,282	5,340	28,622	31,922
Investment income	3	3,182	147	3,329	1,386
<b>Total</b>		<b>118,943</b>	<b>6,220</b>	<b>125,163</b>	<b>152,050</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
General		171,320	6,560	177,880	161,612
Grants payable		1,043	-	1,043	3,160
<b>Total</b>		<b>172,363</b>	<b>6,560</b>	<b>178,923</b>	<b>164,772</b>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>					
Transfers between funds	12	(53,420) 1,244	(340) (1,244)	(53,760) -	(12,722) -
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(52,176)</b>	<b>(1,584)</b>	<b>(53,760)</b>	<b>(12,722)</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		244,043	847,015	1,091,058	1,103,780
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>191,867</b>	<b>845,431</b>	<b>1,037,298</b>	<b>1,091,058</b>

The notes form part of these financial statements


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Balance Sheet  
31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.12.23 Total funds £	31.12.22 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	8	113,314	822,946	936,260	944,669
Investments	9	-	-	-	229
		<u>113,314</u>	<u>822,946</u>	<u>936,260</u>	<u>944,898</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	10	-	-	-	18,411
Cash at bank and in hand		83,085	22,485	105,570	130,140
		<u>83,085</u>	<u>22,485</u>	<u>105,570</u>	<u>148,551</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(4,532)	-	(4,532)	(2,391)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>78,553</u>	<u>22,485</u>	<u>101,038</u>	<u>146,160</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>191,867</u>	<u>845,431</u>	<u>1,037,298</u>	<u>1,091,058</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>191,867</u>	<u>845,431</u>	<u>1,037,298</u>	<u>1,091,058</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>					
Unrestricted funds	12			191,867	244,043
Restricted funds				845,431	847,015
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>1,037,298</u>	<u>1,091,058</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on  
12.15.24 and were signed on its behalf by:

  
.....  
A.R. Conant - Trustee

  
.....  
S Jones - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

## 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

### Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Planned giving receivable under gift aid donations is recognised only when received. Income tax recoverable on gift aid donations is recognised and accrued as the related income is recognised.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for when the PCC is notified of its entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain.

Income is shown gross of expenditure.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102).

### Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date, are disclosed as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

### Support costs

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include office costs, governance costs, administrative payroll costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources.

### Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings	- 25% on cost
Computer equipment	- 25% on reducing balance

Freehold properties are included at cost as depreciation is not considered to be material due to the properties' high residual values.

Consecrated land and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act of 1993.

No value is placed on moveable church furnishings. Such items are held by the Vicar and Churchwardens, on special trust for the PCC. They require a faculty for disposal, as the PCC consider these to be inalienable property. Expenditure incurred during the year, under £1,000, on consecrated or beneficed buildings and all expenditure on moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the SOFA and separately disclosed.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

**Tangible fixed assets**

Individual items of equipment, used within the church premises, with a purchase price greater than £500 are capitalised.

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

**Investments**

Investments are shown at market value at the balance sheet date. Realised and unrealised gains and losses on investments are included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

**Going concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.12.23	31.12.22
	£	£
Collections (open plate)	14,853	12,949
Gift aided collections	17,714	21,349
Parish Giving & Gift Aid	45,106	61,873
Grants	5,734	7,500
Donations	9,805	15,071
	<u>93,212</u>	<u>118,742</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.12.23	31.12.22
	£	£
Liverpool Diocesan Board of Finance	-	1,000
Curate Housing Grant	4,500	4,500
Joshua Centre Grant	-	2,000
Heating Grant	934	-
Rotary Club Trust	300	-
	<u>5,734</u>	<u>7,500</u>

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<b>3. INVESTMENT INCOME</b>		<b>31.12.23</b>	<b>31.12.22</b>
		£	£
Dividends and interest		<u>3,329</u>	<u>1,386</u>
<b>4. GRANTS PAYABLE</b>		<b>31.12.23</b>	<b>31.12.22</b>
		£	£
Grants payable		<u>1,043</u>	<u>3,160</u>
The total grants paid to institutions during the year was as follows:		<b>31.12.23</b>	<b>31.12.22</b>
		£	£
Outward giving		<u>-</u>	<u>3,160</u>
<b>5. SUPPORT COSTS</b>			
	Finance	Governance	Totals
	£	costs	£
General	<u>227</u>	£	<u>9,161</u>
		<u>8,934</u>	
<b>6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS</b>			
No amounts were paid during the year in respect of services provided (2022: £1,515).			
<b>Trustees' expenses</b>			
There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.			
<b>7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES</b>			
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	funds	funds	funds
	£	£	£
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	116,079	2,663	118,742
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
General	26,542	5,380	31,922
Investment income	1,333	53	1,386
<b>Total</b>	<u>143,954</u>	<u>8,096</u>	<u>152,050</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
General	152,253	9,359	161,612
Grants payable	3,160	-	3,160
<b>Total</b>	<u>155,413</u>	<u>9,359</u>	<u>164,772</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	(11,459)	(1,263)	(12,722)

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
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7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	255,502	848,278	1,103,780
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>244,043</u>	<u>847,015</u>	<u>1,091,058</u>

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>				
At 1 January 2023	916,145	84,553	850	1,001,548
Additions	-	2,179	-	2,179
At 31 December 2023	<u>916,145</u>	<u>86,732</u>	<u>850</u>	<u>1,003,727</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>				
At 1 January 2023	-	56,030	849	56,879
Charge for year	-	10,588	-	10,588
At 31 December 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>66,618</u>	<u>849</u>	<u>67,467</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>				
At 31 December 2023	<u>916,145</u>	<u>20,114</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>936,260</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>916,145</u>	<u>28,523</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>944,669</u>

9. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

Investments included in 2022 related to funds held for Church Yard. This amount has now been transferred cash held in bank as it has been confirmed with the trustees this amount can be used to cover costs relating to church yard maintenance.

10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.23 £	31.12.22 £
Income tax recoverable	-	18,411
	<u>-</u>	<u>18,411</u>

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11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.23	31.12.22
	£	£
Accrued expenses	<u>4,532</u>	<u>2,391</u>

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.23	Net movement	Transfers	At
	£	in funds	between	31.12.23
		£	funds	£
			£	
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General Fund	108,058	(46,551)	41,244	102,751
Deposit Funds	131,866	(7,101)	(40,000)	84,765
Tower Funds	3,993	228	-	4,221
Heritage Funds	126	4	-	130
	<u>244,043</u>	<u>(53,420)</u>	<u>1,244</u>	<u>191,867</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Parish Charity Trustee Fund Asset	822,945	-	-	822,945
Churchyard Funds	229	12	-	241
Friends of the Choir	1,773	-	-	1,773
Flower Guild	2,578	(442)	-	2,136
100 Club	1,765	(41)	-	1,724
The Bible Fund	4,099	131	(1,244)	2,986
Platform 2	12,260	-	-	12,260
Forget Me Not	1,366	-	-	1,366
	<u>847,015</u>	<u>(340)</u>	<u>(1,244)</u>	<u>845,431</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>1,091,058</u>	<u>(53,760)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,037,298</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General Fund	115,769	(162,320)	(46,551)
Deposit Funds	2,942	(10,043)	(7,101)
Tower Funds	228	-	228
Heritage Funds	4	-	4
	<u>118,943</u>	<u>(172,363)</u>	<u>(53,420)</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Churchyard Funds	12	-	12
Flower Guild	733	(1,175)	(442)
100 Club	5,344	(5,385)	(41)
The Bible Fund	131	-	131
	<u>6,220</u>	<u>(6,560)</u>	<u>(340)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>125,163</u>	<u>(178,923)</u>	<u>(53,760)</u>

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.22 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General Fund	145,790	(2,829)	142,961
Deposit Funds	70,395	(8,702)	61,693
Tower Funds	4,972	51	5,023
Heritage Funds	11,345	21	11,366
Sutton Rainhill Project	23,000	-	23,000
	<u>255,502</u>	<u>(11,459)</u>	<u>244,043</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Parish Charity Trustee Fund Asset	822,945	-	822,945
Churchyard Funds	229	-	229
Friends of the Choir	1,627	146	1,773
Flower Guild	4,966	(2,388)	2,578
100 Club	2,074	(309)	1,765
The Bible Fund	4,045	54	4,099
Platform 2	11,026	1,234	12,260
Forget Me Not	1,366	-	1,366
	<u>848,278</u>	<u>(1,263)</u>	<u>847,015</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>1,103,780</u>	<u>(12,722)</u>	<u>1,091,058</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General Fund	142,541	(145,370)	(2,829)
Deposit Funds	1,341	(10,043)	(8,702)
Tower Funds	51	-	51
Heritage Funds	21	-	21
	<u>143,954</u>	<u>(155,413)</u>	<u>(11,459)</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Friends of the Choir	146	-	146
Flower Guild	660	(3,048)	(2,388)
100 Club	5,236	(5,545)	(309)
The Bible Fund	54	-	54
Platform 2	2,000	(766)	1,234
	<u>8,096</u>	<u>(9,359)</u>	<u>(1,263)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>152,050</u>	<u>(164,772)</u>	<u>(12,722)</u>

**Transfers between funds**

An amount of £40,000 has been transferred from Deposit fund to General fund to offset amounts relating to 2021 expenditure incurred.

An amount of £1,244 has been transferred from Bible fund to General to offset expenses incurred during the year through general unrestricted funds.

**13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

During the year, there have been no amounts received from the trustees for Gift Aided Collections (2022: £8,000).

During the year, there have been no amounts received from the trustees for Other Planned Giving (2022: £800).

**14. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS**

The general fund may be used at the discretion of the PCC in the furtherance of the charity's objects.

**15. DESIGNATED FUNDS**

The Deposit Fund

The fund represents amounts set aside in an interest bearing account. The balance of the CCLA Deposit account at 31st December 2023 is £84,765 (2022 £131,866).

The Tower Fund

The fund has been set aside to contribute towards maintenance of the tower and bells. The balance of the CCLA Tower account at 31st December 2023 is £4,221 (2022 £3,993).

The Heritage Fund

The fund has been set aside to contribute towards the maintenance and repairs of the Church and Millennium Centre. The balance of the CCLA Heritage account at 31st December 2023 is £130 (2022 £126).

**16. RESTRICTED FUNDS**

The Parish Charity Trustee Fund Asset

This fund is represented by the property "The Millennium Centre"

Churchyard Fund

This fund was originally set up with a £100 donation a number of years ago. Since 1988 the Parish Council maintained the Churchyard, with responsibility since passed to St. Helens MBC in 2015.

The Bible Fund

The Bible Fund was set up from a donation received in 2010. The amount is to be expended on the purchase of bibles for the children of St Ann's Church of England primary school. The balance of the CCLA Bible account at 31st December 2023 is £2,986 (2022 £4,099).

The other restricted funds represent individual church groups operated by the charity.

Platform 2 Fund

The fund was set up during the year ended December 2018. The grant is to be used to establish a service for those new to faith and experience of church, that they might find a home in the St Anns Community.

Forget Me Nots Fund

The fund was set up during the year ended December 2019. Grants were received and are used to provide a meeting place, and activities, for Alzheimer sufferers, vulnerable people, and their carers.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	31.12.23 £	31.12.22 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Collections (open plate)	14,853	12,949
Gift aided collections	17,714	21,349
Parish Giving & Gift Aid	45,106	61,873
Grants	5,734	7,500
Donations	9,805	15,071
	<u>93,212</u>	<u>118,742</u>
<b>Investment income</b>		
Dividends and interest	3,329	1,386
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Social activities	7,757	5,083
Magazine income	5,719	4,671
PCC Fees	9,806	16,933
Church groups	5,340	5,235
	<u>28,622</u>	<u>31,922</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>125,163</b>	<b>152,050</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Wages	8,450	-
Parish share	86,277	84,721
Clergy expenses	7,223	7,396
Parsonage house	3,145	3,796
Curacy house	10,889	2,819
Fundraising events	990	-
Heat, light and water	14,684	4,020
Insurance	3,813	5,413
Upkeep of services	137	860
Other church costs	5,549	6,326
Church maintenance/fabric	7,035	9,764
Organist	-	969
Printing of magazine	2,676	3,217
Church group costs	7,263	11,537
Depreciation of fixtures & fittings	10,588	10,043
Grants to institutions	1,043	3,160
	<u>169,762</u>	<u>154,041</u>
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Finance</b>		
Bank charges	227	250

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

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	31.12.23	31.12.22
	£	£
<b>Finance</b>		
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Church office costs	6,168	8,819
Independent examiner fees	2,766	1,662
	<u>8,934</u>	<u>10,481</u>
Total resources expended	<u>178,923</u>	<u>164,772</u>
<b>Net expenditure</b>	<u>(53,760)</u>	<u>(12,722)</u>

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**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST ANN, RAINHILL**

England & Wales - Charity number 1134065

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# Accounts

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**Report of the Trustees and  
Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022  
for  
The Parochial Church Council of the  
Ecclesiastical Parish of St. Ann  
Rainhill**

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**The Parochial Church Council of the  
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**Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

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The Trustees present their report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2022. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published on 16 July 2014 (as amended by Update Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016).

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

### **Objectives and aims**

The general functions of the PCC are stated within Section 2 of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956. At St Ann, Rainhill we have a mission statement that confirms that our mission to proclaim the Good News of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England as laid down by canon, both through the Word and our deeds to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind and with all our strength and to love our neighbours as ourselves. When planning our activities for the year, following prayerful discernment the PCC gave due consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular the specific guidance to charities concerned with the advancement of religion.

Our commitment to follow the diocesan Rule of Life (where we are called to Pray, Read and Learn and sent to Tell, Serve and Give) continued to be our driving vision. Our objectives for 2022 were to provide public benefits: to this aim a variety of different styles of worship service were provided both in our main church building and in our community centre (St Anns Millennium Centre) to facilitate public worship for as wide a cross-section of our community as possible. This brings our community in but we also aim to reach out and go out to our community in acts of service and love, to share the Good News of Jesus in word and deed.

This year it felt like people became more confident to meet together again in person. Some measures continued (we have not returned to the use of shared chalice yet to reduce anxieties) but across our church communities most of our worship and outreach activities resumed. This was a good time then to take a look at ourselves, review our aims and refresh our vision.

A Vision Morning was held in October led by Revd Canon David Banbury. The key verse was "Fix your eyes upon Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.....consider him that you will not grow weary or lose heart" Hebrews 12.2 Those who came, went away from that morning enthused and challenged. As part of that morning participants engaged in a SWOT analysis, which stands for Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities & Threats. These are summarised below.

### Strengths.

We are blessed to have a well-maintained church building and community centre in the hub of Rainhill, opposite our church-linked primary school. We have a strong team of clergy and lay volunteers who give their time generously to the ministry of St Ann's.

Our pastoral care and common faith in our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ were listed as strengths. We have a good message to share.

We are a diverse community made up of 11 different and overlapping worshipping congregations. A strength is that we can hold a community of different ages and traditions within the ministry here. Congregations meet on Sunday morning at 8:30am following the Book of Common Prayer and then at 10:30am following Common Worship (Platform 1) while Platform 2 meets at the same time in St Anns Millennium Centre. Stanley Bear Club meets on a Monday in church for under 5s with their parents/carers. Then on the 1st Sunday of the month we gather together for our All Together for Worship Service. There is a midweek service on Thursdays at 9:30am. Communion is taken out to people at home and to four Nursing Homes in the area.

Our finances detailed in this report show that we are a generous congregation.

### Weaknesses

Our volunteers are now older than they were and we need to grow new volunteers to share the load. A significant amount of ministry is held by a relatively small proportion of our congregation. We need to develop and widen our shared ministries. We are missing two significant generations teenagers and young retired this is a challenge but there are signs that it is changing. While we are generous, we need to grow new givers. We are generous but sometimes focus too much on fundraising. Our prayer life together was also listed as a weakness. We pray at home and through our intercessions but this demonstrated a hunger for a richer, deeper walk with God together.

### Opportunities

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Our diverse congregations have potential to reach a wide variety of people. We have great links with schools in the area particularly St Ann's Primary but also several other primary schools and Rainhill High School and Tower College. We have good links with other denominations in Rainhill. Pastoral services and memorial services also provide great opportunities for outreach. The community choir has strengthened the singing in our own congregation it has encouraged those from other churches but also drawn in new faces. Beyond our walls there are many opportunities in our community. We can bring people in to services but are going out to where people are?

Threats

Covid has left many in our congregation feeling significantly older and frailer, while a new generation leads busy lives and don't create space for God. Our diversity can lead to tensions but St Anns has shown a courage to think creatively and try new things. Our costs are rising. Fewer people are doing more things and are feeling tired.

We have much to celebrate as detailed in this report, many opportunities in our community but we should not ignore the challenges. We have faith in a risen Lord who will continue to walk with us every step of the way. "Fix your eyes on Jesus the author and Perfector of Our Faith" Hebrews 12.2

**Events and Highlights of the Year**

Stanley Bear Club celebrated its 10th Birthday in January 2022. What started as an innovative way of working with toddlers is now an established part of St Ann' ministry. Parents and grandparents find a place to meet and build friendships while their children play in a safe and happy environment. Through Stanley Bear Club, we help Christian families share faith with their children through Bible stories, prayer and songs. We also share the Christian faith with many for the first time who come through our doors. The team continues to be strengthened with hard working volunteers, led by Margaret Lutner and Rachel Oxley.

The community choir led by Paula Bolton-Maggs once again led and performed some fantastic singing at our Carol service in December. Prior to this the choir performed at a service to mark the Queen's Jubilee celebrations. Both of these have been wonderful celebrations of God's faithfulness, goodness and love, many thanks to all of those who took part and +Geoff who preached. In Holy Week 2023 the community choir was reformed to perform "Torn Curtain" a highlight of our Easter celebrations and Roger Jones the writer of "Torn Curtain" will visit St Ann's in July 2023 for a special musical celebration.

Our ecumenical links continue to remain strong. Lent lunches restarted in 2022 and were hosted by St James Methodist Church. We celebrated the faith and witness of churches across the world using the resource "Living Stones Living Hope" by USPG and raised money for the work of Christian Aid. Revd Andy Moffoot preached at St Anns during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and the walk of witness on Good Friday was a busy event walking from St Barts to St James for an act of worship together. In 2023 St Anns hosted and will be in next years report. Clergy from St Anns along with other churches in the area also support a monthly service in Reeve court led by Pam and David.

Across the year several discipleship groups and study groups have met. A women's growth group led by Jean Pearson has been very popular, and +Geoff and Ben Bolton-Maggs lead a small men's group. Together with other study (growth) groups in Lent we have looked at Six Hard questions Christians face, then from Advent 2022 to Easter 2023 we have been using "Jesus 100" by Robin Gambol. These 100 readings and reflections following the life of Jesus have been used in home study (growth) groups, as part of a sermon series and for personal reflection at home. Another successful Start course was run in person in early 2022 by +Geoff and Revd David and contacts have continued with all those who came along. The course has run again in 2023. There are plans to run Alpha face to face in the Autumn of 2023 with a fellowship meal.

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Our links with St Anns primary still continue to flourish. Clergy lead weekly face to face assemblies and the whole school have returned to church for services across the year. As we went through 2022 children from St Ann's School once again joined us for services for Ash Wednesday, Easter, Ascension and Christmas as well as a service to mark the start of the new term where, a bequest enables the church to present each new starter with a Bible. The Thursday congregation welcomes Key Stage 2 children from one year group each half term for a joint communion service. Revd Alan led a Christmas service for Year 7 at Rainhill High School in church and a carol service for the Sixth form. Revd Tim Coates and Rev Bren Noble from The Mount in St Helens helped with both of these services. A confirmation group of five young people was run in St Anns school, for a mixture of Y6 and Y7 children. Two of these children were baptised by full immersion along with an adult from the men's group. SQUAD our biweekly group for our confirmation candidates still meets on Thursday. There are plans to run a drop in session for secondary school pupils starting in Sept 2023.

We continue to share the joys and sorrows of life with our church and the wider community through our pastoral services. We have a small number of weddings and a high demand for baptisms. Pastoral and baptism teams have grown stronger over the last year and have improved our welcome to these services. A baptism preparation morning held in January 2023 was warmly welcomed by families who got an opportunity to meet one another and the team and think about the promises they were making. This was only possible due to our wonderful baptism team. Funeral ministry in our Parish Church continues to be busy but has been particularly difficult as we have lost several members of our church community over the last year. All of this takes administration and the appointment of Gill Crawford as Administrator in 2023 will greatly reduce the workload.

St Helens Deanery embarked on a transition to a larger parish model covering the whole of St Helens to reduce costs and enhance ministry, called Fit for Mission 2 (FFM2). At present St Anns have narrowly voted not to join, although the opportunity is still there and the PCC is following this development closely.

Civic Services returned to face to face in 2022 with our Annual Remembrance Day service and gathering at the war memorial. It was a wonderful opportunity to welcome service veterans back into church with the musical assistance of the Parr Band. A short service to mark Merchant Seafarers Day is now a regular occurrence each September. We celebrated the Queens Jubilee with a wonderful service, but sadly all too soon afterwards we opened church to mourn her passing. In 2023 we will celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III.

Our parish magazine continues to provide a varied and interesting read and a vital source of connection for our community. Delphine Corcoran and Lynn Bishop have worked hard to make sure that the magazine continues to be edited to a high standard. Delphine received the "Rainhill Good Citizenship Award" in recognition of her work. Sue Schenck and Lynn have done an invaluable job distributing the Rocket to deliverers each month. The new look Rocket celebrates its 10th Anniversary in 2023.

The Mother's Union continues to meet regularly organising interesting speakers praying for the community and the wider world. They continue to support many of their housebound members by serving afternoon tea and hot pot meals followed by communion. The committee are sharing leadership well but the continuance of our MU will depend on the involvement of all its members in the running of the group.

At Easter, Christmas, Harvest and other festivals the flower guild continue to fill St Anns church with wonderful floral decorations once again. The team of flower arrangers has grown recently with new people finding an outlet for their creative talents. Many thanks to the Flower Guild for providing a new carpet for the chancel in 2022. Kathy Swift produces a wonderful seasonal display by the creche area.

A new thing for 2022 was the Farmers Market. Geoff Pearson has worked tirelessly to gather stalls for this venture which has met several times on the first Saturday of the month. We have had cakes, fish, fresh fruit and veg, plants, garden ornaments all locally sourced as well as locally produced craft. East Liverpool RDA brought Buttons the pony who provided some much needed fertiliser. A thriving café was held in the centre serving hot drinks and food. Many thanks to Geoff for driving this forward. There was a real buzz about the place help as always gratefully received.

All of these services would not be possible without the help of a large team of volunteers to help our wardens and vergers, readers, sidespeople, choir, intercessors, musicians, people to operate the sound-desk and organ and prepare powerpoints. More volunteers are always needed. As is a team to make coffee and tea after or before the service.

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St Ann's Millennium Centre, is thriving with increased bookings and groups returning to meet face to face. Vickie Anders has recently resigned and we are recruiting a new centre administrator shortly. Grateful thanks to the CMC Committee and Ray Gorbutt who have stepped up during the vacancy to keep things running. Daniel Conant and Jenny Turner also work as a caretaker/cleaners.

**Financial Report**

The end of year report shows that we have increased our giving over the course of the year. Much of our regular giving is now by standing order. Paul and Lynn Bishop continue to process the Gift Aid donations. The Parish Giving Scheme was launched in 2022 and the uptake by the congregation was so significant that the diocese wanted to have St Anns as part of a promotional video. Thanks to Sheila and Joan for their hard work on this. The finance committee oversee the banking and finances as well as managing the monthly count. We now have a standalone cardreader that will make card donations a regular feature of our giving. Moving to more online giving will enable us to tap into donations from the cashless economy that is increasingly part of our world. This has made the collection of Gift Aid much easier, particularly important as our nearest bank with counter service is in Runcorn on the other side of the MerseyGateway.

We are still without a Treasurer and the role is shared between Revd Alan and Rachel Oxley. We are moving across to MyFundAccounting Software with support from the diocese. It remains the aim of our PCC to donate 10% of our open plate and gift aided giving to charitable causes. Our outward giving grew across the course of this year. We continue to regularly support TEAR Fund as a church and this amount was supplemented by one off collections across the year but will continue to be reviewed. Christingle collections raised £179 and donation boxes raised £613. Both donated directly to the Children's Society. We continue to support St Helens Foodbank through donations of cash and non-perishable food collected in church and taken there by Hilary Jesse. The PCC voted to make to a donation of £1000 to St Helens Foodbank as the cost of living crisis hit. A hotpot lunch in January 2022 raised £641 for the Disasters Emergency Fund to support Ukrainian refugees and a Lent appeal for the Red Cross for Ukraine raised £1605. The Toy Collection in Advent was very well supported reaching out to needy families here and in the wider community. We joined with other churches in Rainhill over Lent for our Lent lunches which raised money for Christian Aid. The Mothers Union continues to support Ravenhead Foyer. Platform 2 has been supported by funding from the Diocese through the Joshua Centre over a five year period. The final payment of £2000 was paid in 2022 as the Joshua Centre is wound down.

## **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

### **Charitable activities**

In 2022 we continued to provide a variety of worship services open to all. Average attendance at Worship services across the year in 2022 was on a Sunday (94 adults and 19 children), 19 at the BCP Parish Communion, 55 at the CW Parish Communion and 22 adults and 16 children at Platform 2. The "All Together for Worship" on the first Sunday of the month brings together the congregation from our traditional parish communion and Platform 2, along with many others who identify with this service. During 2022 on average 82 adults and 29 children gathered for this service. Baptism services are always well attended and normally occur twice every month after the morning service. This accounted for 39 baptisms of children 5 years old and under in 2022. In addition, we held a full immersion baptism service jointly with Platform 1 adult and two young people were baptised. These three went on to confirmation at St Helens Parish Church along with 3 others. A funeral and wedding ministry totals 33 funerals at both the church and crematorium and 5 weddings and 1 thanksgiving. Many thanks to retired clergy in their support of this ministry. The Annual Remembrance Sunday Civic Service drew in 226 adults and 47 children and a similar number walked to, or joined us at the village War memorial for the laying of wreaths and act of remembrance. Stanley Bear Club was attended by 22 adults and 22 children on average. Advent was a busy season with 118 adults and 64 children attending the Christingle service and the carol service led by the Community Choir was attended by 133 people. School services began to gather again during Advent and we welcomed 1180 young people and adults to St Ann's Church from three of our local schools. Our annual carol and crib service held on the afternoon of Christmas Eve returned to its usual busy format and was attended by 290 people. Services on Christmas Eve/Day were attended by 99 people. A Parish Communion Service is held each Thursday morning which is attended on average by 19 worshippers.

### Waterside Project

The post was funded by St Ann's through a legacy and was focussed on the new estates around the Elton Head Rd and beyond. This includes the Waterside Village estates which are in St Ann's Parish. Revds Simon and Louise Moore left Sutton in 2022 to be closer to grandchildren. The collaborative post with Sutton has been paused while we await a fresh direction. Revd Mark Orrell is working in Waterside Village and has made some good contacts.

### Church buildings

The fabric of our church building was regularly checked and maintained by our wardens and assistant warden throughout the year. Our last full quinquennial inspection was carried out in 2017 and whilst the fabric of the building was found to be in good order, a number of small works were identified. A new boiler installed in 2021 arrived just in time to help with our church heating bills. These have still increased dramatically this year which has greatly increased the financial burden on the church.

### Performance of Investments

PCC funds are invested in the Central Board of Finance of the Church of England Deposit Account and earn the highest rate of interest possible in the present economic climate.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

### **Reserves policy**

The Parochial Church Council has a policy of maintaining reserves for emergencies which may arise, the income from such reserves being available for use in general funds. The PCC also strives to maintain at least three months normal expenditure as an ongoing reserve in the general account. The Standing and Finance Committees monitor these funds. A Fabric Fund of £126 (named the Heritage Fund) is held at present and a general reserve fund (Deposit Fund) stands at £103,343.

In the present financial climate encouraging regular giving from a new generation will be challenging, however adopting electronic giving and the introduction of the Parish Giving Scheme has helped to move this forward. Direct giving by members of the church still accounts for the majority of our income, and the income tax recovered through Gift Aid during the year and retrospectively from previous years has made a significant difference.

No general fund budget for the year 2023 has been agreed but control of finances will require prudent financial management and increased giving. An expansion of committed giving is being pursued by the PCC, as are other options utilising modern technology.

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**FUTURE PLANS**

In 2023 we will continue: to follow the diocesan Rule of Life where we are called to Pray, Read and Learn and sent to Tell, Serve and Give.

Pray, Read and Learn

Continue regular public worship open to all.

Continue the provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation.

The teaching of Christian faith and praxis through sermons and study groups.

To build on, and develop, links with other churches in Rainhill and St Helens Deanery.

Tell, Serve and Give

To host services which are welcoming and inclusive for a wide age range and variety of traditions.

To continue to develop our relationship with our church school and other schools in Rainhill

To run discipleship courses for people exploring the Christian faith.

Continue pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.

To continue to promote increases in giving throughout the year.

To support other charities in the UK and overseas through our mission giving.

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

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**Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

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

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Organisational structure**

St Ann's Parochial Church Council is a body corporate and operates under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 and the Church Representation Rules. The PCC is a charity registered with the Charity Commission; Charity number 1134065.

Other related trusts: St Ann's Ecclesiastical Trust registered charity number 512365. The trustees are Revd Dr. Alan R. Conant, Mr. I. Corcoran and Miss R.J. Oxley

St. Ann's Parish Charity (registered charity 701319), the trustees of which are Revd Dr Alan R Conant and members of the Parochial Church Council, is responsible for the Millennium Centre.

The PCC operates the following seven sub-committees: The Standing Committee, The Finance Committee, The Socials and Fund Raising Committee, The Millennium Centre Management Committee, The Pastoral Committee, The Fabrics Committee (included in Wardens meeting) and The Communications Committee.

### The Standing Committee

Whose membership comprises of the Revd Dr. Alan R. Conant, Reverend David Halliwell Messrs I Corcoran, M. Hardman Mrs S Jones, and Miss R. J. Oxley. It manages the Parish on behalf of the PCC between meetings and makes urgent decisions on behalf of PCC.

### The Wardens Committee (including the fabric of the building)

Whose membership comprises Revd Dr Alan R. Conant, I. Corcoran, M. Hardman and Miss RJ Oxley.

In addition to regular work and decisions of the wardens it makes recommendations to PCC regarding works required on fabric of Church buildings and programmes and controls works so that services and offices of the Church are not disrupted unnecessarily.

### The Finance Committee

Whose membership comprises Revd Dr Alan R. Conant, Messrs. I. Corcoran, M. Hardman and Miss RJ Oxley. The following were co-opted to the committee Messrs. W Arnold and N Fagan. It produces financial plans and monitors income and expenditure plus highlighting source of funds available to PCC

### The Socials & Fund Raising Committee

Whose membership comprises of Mr. R Forkgen (until 23 July 2022), Mrs. M. Lutner, Mrs D Corcoran, Miss A. Jones, Miss R J Oxley, Mrs J Forkgen (until 15 May 2022) and Mrs Susan Schenck (until 15 May 2022). It raises funds to provide an income for the Parochial Church Council which decides the allocation to the various funds. It also performs a social need by arranging events and activities to promote fellowship within the Church and to encourage others to join in.

### The Millennium Centre Management Committee

Whose members comprise Revd Dr Alan R. Conant, Revd David Halliwell, Mrs J Gorbitt (chair), Mrs S Jones, Mrs J Turner (Treasurer), Mrs S Schenck (until 15 May 2022) and Mrs Paula Bolton-Maggs from 15 May 2022. It oversees day to day operation of the Millennium Centre which is a registered Charity in its own right. It also represents the PCC in this role and reports to PCC as the main trustee on a regular basis.

### The Pastoral Committee

Whose Members comprise Revd Dr. A. R. Conant, Reverend David Halliwell, Miss R Oxley, Miss A Jones, Mrs M Lutner Mrs Paula Bolton-Maggs, Mrs Carol Walpole and co-opted Mrs Gill Norris. Considers the pastoral care of parishioners and others within the Parish.

The new forms of worship are planned and run by dedicated groups:

Platform 2: - Mrs P Bolton-Maggs, Mrs A Conant, Mrs J Turner, Mr B Bolton-Maggs, Bishop G Pearson, Mrs J Pearson, Mrs R Pickles, Mr A Oldfield, Ms J Wood. Many others have contributed over the year.

All Together for Worship: - Revd Dr. A.R. Conant, Reverend D Halliwell, Miss A Jones, Mr B Bolton-Maggs and Mrs P Bolton-Maggs, Miss K Swift and Mrs M Lutner.

The baptism team Rachel Oxley, Diane Callon, Pat Cockshott, Mary Johnson & Gill Norris.

### The Communications Committee

Whose membership comprises, Revd Dr. A. R. Conant, Mrs D Corcoran, Mrs L Bishop, (co-opted), Mrs Gemma Darracott (until 15 May 2022) and Mrs Sue Schenck (until 15 May 2022).

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**Related Parties**

St Ann's Church, Rainhill, John Swift Trust, an unregistered charity, constituted by a Trust Deed dated 19th May 2008. The capital balance of the trust can at the discretion of the trustees, be used for the maintenance and upkeep of the fabric of St Ann's Church, Rainhill. Income derived from the capital sum invested can be used as a contribution towards PCC general purpose costs. No income was received from the Trust during the year. The trust is administered by Rev. Dr. Alan R. Conant, Rachel Oxley & Ian Corcoran.

St Ann's Ecclesiastical Charity, a charity, registered under charity number 512365 on 18th February 1982. The capital element of the trust is a permanent endowment and cannot be expended. Income derived from the capital sum invested can be used for the purpose of furthering the religious and other charitable work of the Church of England to St. Ann's ecclesiastical parish. No grants were received from the charity during the year. The trust is administered by the incumbent and churchwardens.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Charity number**

1134065

**Principal address**

The Vicarage  
1 View Road  
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**Trustees**

Revd Dr. A.R. Conant- Incumbent & Chairman  
Revd D Halliwell- Curate  
Mr. I. Corcoran- Churchwarden  
Miss. R. J. Oxley- Churchwarden  
Mr. M Hardman - Assistant Churchwarden  
Mrs. S. Jones- Secretary  
Mrs. P. Bolton-Maggs- Deanery Representative  
Mrs. C. Walpole- Deanery Representative  
Mrs. J. Gorbutt- PCC & Children and Vulnerable Persons Co-Ordinator

Mr R Forkgen (until 23 July 2022)  
Mrs. M. Lutner  
Mrs. D. Corcoran  
Miss A. Jones  
Mrs. J. Turner  
Mrs. J Forkgen (until 15 May 2022)  
Mrs G. Darracott  
Mrs S. Schenck (until 15 May 2022)

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Other positions**

Electoral Roll Officer

Mrs Christine Howson

Chair of St Anns Millennium Centre Committee

Mrs Joan Gorbutt

Day to day management control of the Church is exercised by the standing committee: Revd Dr. AR Conant, Revd D Halliwell together with Miss RJ Oxley, Mr I Corcoran, Mrs S Jones and Mr M Hardman, contactable on 0151 426 4666.

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 17th April 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



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Rev. Dr. A.R. Conant - Trustee

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**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. Ann Rainhill**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. Ann Rainhill (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2022.

**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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

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

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



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Date: .....12/5/2023.....

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Statement of Financial Activities  
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	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.12.22 Total funds £	31.12.21 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	116,079	2,663	118,742	107,474
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
General		21,459	5,380	26,839	22,046
Other trading activities	3	5,083	-	5,083	-
Investment income	4	1,333	53	1,386	743
<b>Total</b>		<b>143,954</b>	<b>8,096</b>	<b>152,050</b>	<b>130,263</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
General		152,253	9,359	161,612	147,435
Grants payable		3,160	-	3,160	6,205
<b>Total</b>		<b>155,413</b>	<b>9,359</b>	<b>164,772</b>	<b>153,640</b>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<b>(11,459)</b>	<b>(1,263)</b>	<b>(12,722)</b>	<b>(23,377)</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		255,502	848,278	1,103,780	1,127,157
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>244,043</b>	<b>847,015</b>	<b>1,091,058</b>	<b>1,103,780</b>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet  
31 December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.12.22 Total funds £	31.12.21 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	9	121,724	822,945	944,669	954,712
Investments	10	-	229	229	229
		<u>121,724</u>	<u>823,174</u>	<u>944,898</u>	<u>954,941</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	11	18,411	-	18,411	28,710
Cash at bank and in hand		106,299	23,841	130,140	126,502
		<u>124,710</u>	<u>23,841</u>	<u>148,551</u>	<u>155,212</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(2,391)	-	(2,391)	(6,373)
		<u>122,319</u>	<u>23,841</u>	<u>146,160</u>	<u>148,839</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
		<u>244,043</u>	<u>847,015</u>	<u>1,091,058</u>	<u>1,103,780</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
		<u>244,043</u>	<u>847,015</u>	<u>1,091,058</u>	<u>1,103,780</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>					
		<u>244,043</u>	<u>847,015</u>	<u>1,091,058</u>	<u>1,103,780</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>					
Unrestricted funds	13			244,043	255,502
Restricted funds				847,015	848,278
				<u>1,091,058</u>	<u>1,103,780</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>					
				<u>1,091,058</u>	<u>1,103,780</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on .....  
and were signed on its behalf by:

  
.....  
A.R. Conant - Trustee

  
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S Jorles - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

## 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Planned giving receivable under gift aid donations is recognised only when received. Income tax recoverable on gift aid donations is recognised and accrued as the related income is recognised.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for when the PCC is notified of its entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain.

Income is shown gross of expenditure.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102).

### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date, are disclosed as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

### **Support costs**

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include office costs, governance costs, administrative payroll costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources.

### **Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings - 25% on cost

Freehold properties are included at cost as depreciation is not considered to be material due to the properties' high residual values.

Consecrated land and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act of 1993.

No value is placed on moveable church furnishings. Such items are held by the Vicar and Churchwardens, on special trust for the PCC. They require a faculty for disposal, as the PCC consider these to be inalienable property. Expenditure incurred during the year, under £1,000, on consecrated or beneficed buildings and all expenditure on moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the SOFA and separately disclosed.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

**Tangible fixed assets**

Individual items of equipment, used within the church premises, with a purchase price greater than £500 are capitalised.

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

**Investments**

Investments are shown at market value at the balance sheet date. Realised and unrealised gains and losses on investments are included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

**Going concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
Collections (open plate)	12,950	10,268
Gift aided collections	21,349	54,649
Other planned giving	26,295	509
Grants	7,500	10,750
Donations	15,071	10,151
Reclaimed income tax	35,577	21,147
	<u>118,742</u>	<u>107,474</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
Liverpool Diocesan Board of Finance	1,000	-
Curate Housing Grant	4,500	-
Joshua Centre Grant	2,000	-
Other grants	-	10,750
	<u>7,500</u>	<u>10,750</u>

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3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
Social activities	5,083	-
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
Dividends and interest	1,386	743
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

5. GRANTS PAYABLE

	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
Grants payable	3,160	6,205
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

The total grants paid to institutions during the year was as follows:

	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
Outward giving	3,160	6,205
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

6. SUPPORT COSTS

	Finance	Governance	Totals
	£	costs	£
General	250	£	£
	<u>          </u>	10,481	<u>10,731</u>

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

During the year an amount of £1,515 was paid in respect of services provided (2021: £Nil).

Trustees' expenses

Trustees' expenses reimbursed to two of the trustees for travel during the year ended 31 December 2022 were £Nil (2021: £2,113).

8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	99,940	7,534	107,474
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
General	16,281	5,765	22,046
Investment income	740	3	743
<b>Total</b>	<u>116,961</u>	<u>13,302</u>	<u>130,263</u>

EXPENDITURE ON

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8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
General	139,385	8,050	147,435
Grants payable	6,205	-	6,205
<b>Total</b>	<u>145,590</u>	<u>8,050</u>	<u>153,640</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	(28,629)	5,252	(23,377)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	284,131	843,026	1,127,157
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>255,502</u>	<u>848,278</u>	<u>1,103,780</u>

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>				
At 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022	<u>916,145</u>	<u>84,553</u>	<u>850</u>	<u>1,001,548</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>				
At 1 January 2022	-	45,987	849	46,836
Charge for year	-	10,043	-	10,043
At 31 December 2022	-	<u>56,030</u>	<u>849</u>	<u>56,879</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>				
At 31 December 2022	<u>916,145</u>	<u>28,523</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>944,669</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>916,145</u>	<u>38,566</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>954,712</u>

10. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed investments £
<b>MARKET VALUE</b>	
At 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022	<u>229</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31 December 2022	<u>229</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>229</u>

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10. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS - continued

Investments held inside the UK		£ 229
		<u>229</u>

11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
Other debtors	-	63
Income tax recoverable	18,411	28,647
	<u>18,411</u>	<u>28,710</u>

12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
Other creditors	-	4,500
Accrued expenses	2,391	1,873
	<u>2,391</u>	<u>6,373</u>

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13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.22 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General Fund	145,790	(2,829)	142,961
Deposit Funds	70,395	(8,702)	61,693
Tower Funds	4,972	51	5,023
Heritage Funds	11,345	21	11,366
Sutton Rainhill Project	23,000	-	23,000
	<u>255,502</u>	<u>(11,459)</u>	<u>244,043</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Parish Charity Trustee Fund Asset	822,945	-	822,945
Churchyard Funds	229	-	229
Friends of the Choir	1,627	146	1,773
Flower Guild	4,966	(2,388)	2,578
100 Club	2,074	(309)	1,765
The Bible Fund	4,045	54	4,099
Platform 2	11,026	1,234	12,260
Forget Me Not	1,366	-	1,366
	<u>848,278</u>	<u>(1,263)</u>	<u>847,015</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>1,103,780</u></u>	<u><u>(12,722)</u></u>	<u><u>1,091,058</u></u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General Fund	142,541	(145,370)	(2,829)
Deposit Funds	1,341	(10,043)	(8,702)
Tower Funds	51	-	51
Heritage Funds	21	-	21
	<u>143,954</u>	<u>(155,413)</u>	<u>(11,459)</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Friends of the Choir	146	-	146
Flower Guild	660	(3,048)	(2,388)
100 Club	5,236	(5,545)	(309)
The Bible Fund	54	-	54
Platform 2	2,000	(766)	1,234
	<u>8,096</u>	<u>(9,359)</u>	<u>(1,263)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>152,050</u></u>	<u><u>(164,772)</u></u>	<u><u>(12,722)</u></u>

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**13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.1.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.21 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General Fund	101,066	(17,276)	62,000	145,790
Deposit Funds	133,923	(1,528)	(62,000)	70,395
Tower Funds	4,970	2	-	4,972
Heritage Funds	8,488	2,857	-	11,345
Sound System Fund	5,684	(5,684)	-	-
Sutton Rainhill Project	30,000	(7,000)	-	23,000
	<u>284,131</u>	<u>(28,629)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>255,502</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Parish Charity Trustee Fund Asset	822,945	-	-	822,945
Churchyard Funds	229	-	-	229
Friends of the Choir	1,679	(52)	-	1,627
Flower Guild	4,920	46	-	4,966
100 Club	2,059	15	-	2,074
The Bible Fund	4,758	(713)	-	4,045
Platform 2	5,070	5,956	-	11,026
Forget Me Not	1,366	-	-	1,366
	<u>843,026</u>	<u>5,252</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>848,278</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>1,127,157</u>	<u>(23,377)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,103,780</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General Fund	114,023	(131,299)	(17,276)
Deposit Funds	79	(1,607)	(1,528)
Tower Funds	2	-	2
Heritage Funds	2,857	-	2,857
Sound System Fund	-	(5,684)	(5,684)
Sutton Rainhill Project	-	(7,000)	(7,000)
	<u>116,961</u>	<u>(145,590)</u>	<u>(28,629)</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Friends of the Choir	1	(53)	(52)
Flower Guild	535	(489)	46
100 Club	5,765	(5,750)	15
The Bible Fund	2	(715)	(713)
Platform 2	6,999	(1,043)	5,956
	<u>13,302</u>	<u>(8,050)</u>	<u>5,252</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>130,263</u>	<u>(153,640)</u>	<u>(23,377)</u>

**14. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

During the year, £2,000 (2021 £7,000) was received from the Joshua Centre as the final installment of a grant to establish St Anns Platform 2 service..

Included within Gift Aided Collections are donations from trustees amounting to £8,000 (2021: £12,940).

Included within Other Planned Giving are donations from trustees amounting to £800 (2021: £Nil).

**15. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS**

The general fund may be used at the discretion of the PCC in the furtherance of the charity's objects.

**16. DESIGNATED FUNDS**

The Deposit Fund

The fund represents amounts set aside in an interest bearing account. The balance of the CCLA Deposit account at 31st December 2022 is £103,343 (2021 £102,002).

The Tower Fund

The fund has been set aside to contribute towards maintenance of the tower and bells. The balance of the CCLA Tower account at 31st December 2022 is £3,993 (2021 £3,942).

The Heritage Fund

The fund has been set aside to contribute towards the maintenance and repairs of the Church and Millennium Centre. The balance of the CCLA Heritage account at 31st December 2022 is £126 (2021 £124).

The Sound System Fund

This fund represents an amount expended and capitalised in the balance sheet on a new sound system. The fund will reduce annually by the movement in the net book value of the asset.

The Sutton Rainhill Project

The fund has been set aside to contribute towards the costs of the minister in the housing development in the Sutton Rainhill boundary.

**17. RESTRICTED FUNDS**

The Parish Charity Trustee Fund Asset

This fund is represented by the property "The Millennium Centre"

Churchyard Fund

This fund was originally set up with a £100 donation a number of years ago. Since 1988 the Parish Council maintained the Churchyard, with responsibility since passed to St. Helens MBC in 2015.

The Bible Fund

The Bible Fund was set up from a donation received in 2010. The amount is to be expended on the purchase of bibles for the children of St Ann's Church of England primary school. The balance of the CCLA Bible account at 31st December 2022 is £4,099 (2021 £4,045).

The other restricted funds represent individual church groups operated by the charity.

Platform 2 Fund

The fund was set up during the year ended December 2018. The grant is to be used to establish a service for those new to faith and experience of church, that they might find a home in the St Anns Community.

Forget Me Nots Fund

The fund was set up during the year ended December 2019. Grants were received and are used to provide a meeting place, and activities, for Alzheimer sufferers, vulnerable people, and their carers.

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# Accounts

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**Parochial Church Council  
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**Report of the Trustees  
and  
Financial Statements**

**For the Year ended  
31 December 2021**



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**The Parochial Church Council of the  
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**Report of the Trustees  
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The Trustees present their report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2021. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published on 16 July 2014 (as amended by Update Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016).

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**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Objectives and aims**

The general functions of the PCC are stated within Section 2 of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956. At St Ann, Rainhill we have a mission statement that confirms that our mission to proclaim the Good News of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England as laid down by canon, both through the Word and our deeds to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind and with all our strength and to love our neighbours as ourselves. When planning our activities for the year, following prayerful discernment the PCC gave due consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular the specific guidance to charities concerned with the advancement of religion.

Our objectives for 2021 were to provide public benefits:

Our commitment to follow the diocesan Rule of Life (where we are called to Pray, Read and Learn and sent to Tell, Serve and Give) continued to be our driving vision. The rollout of vaccines against Covid 19 enabled face to face worship to resume although some events continued online. Throughout this changing season, we continued to strive to provide regular public worship open to all.

On Easter Day our church reopened for public worship, and although numbers were initially limited by rules on social distancing, we are blessed with a large, high-roofed church building. With plenty of ventilation our church was thus able to reopen. Since Easter our numbers have continued to increase with the relaxation of social distancing and as more people found the confidence to socially mix. Platform 2 restarted in the main church building before Easter and then moved across to St Ann's Centre when this reopened. Stanley Bear Club restarted in September. WhatsApp, Zoom and telephone calls and the regular publication of our parish magazine helped us to stay connected, even with those who weren't able to meet in person. A regular recorded service was also provided on YouTube with the links sent out by email on our weekly newsletter.

Video continued to be the main medium of communication with our local schools, St Ann's Primary and Rainhill High this year, as schools were unable to regather safely in large numbers. Video recordings marked Easter, Christmas and other Christian festivities and clergy continued to provide a weekly assembly at St Ann's Primary.

As government guidelines changed and the rules relaxed, the decisions about appropriate measures became increasingly a local interpretation within national guidelines. Wardens and our assistant warden continued to review the situation over the year and follow guidance from the national church and government as to what was appropriate for our context.

Face to face church activities restarted as the vaccine rollout went forward. The skills learnt to meet online continued to be used with a lot of hard work put into keeping in contact with people who were unable or unwilling yet to meet in person. Those who did regather, all appreciated meeting together face to face again but we now have more tools in our box to connect with people who can't leave their own homes.

St Ann's continues to provide a good training opportunity for curates who enrich the ministry in our parish. Increasingly this training occurs within St Helens Deanery. Revd Lynne Jackson successfully applied for an incumbents post with our neighbouring parish and was licenced to the Sutton Team in July 2021. Revd David Halliwell arrived in June 2021 to begin his curacy. As the vicarage in Sutton wasn't vacant Lynne was unable to move out until the Autumn and David moved into our curacy house on Calder Drive in January 2022.

Geoff Pearson and his wife Jean continue to be an invaluable part of our ministry team, supporting the preaching and teaching ministry here. Geoff led Platform 2 during much of 2021 as well as leading on funerals and wedding blessings. Andrea Conant has now taken back the leadership of Platform 2, assisted by Geoff and Jean Pearson, Paula and Ben Bolton-Maggs, Jenny Turner, Alistair Oldfield, Joanne Wood and Rachel Pickles.

Stanley Bear Club restarted in September and numbers have steadily grown to about 20 children with parents and carers each week, despite a toddler group in the Village Hall operating at the same time. This is a reminder that what is provided here is unique and valued. We said farewell to our rising 5s with a gift and certificate at our All Together for Worship Service in July. The team has also been strengthened with new volunteers. Many thanks for the hard work of Margaret Lutner and Rachel Oxley for leading Stanley Bear as it celebrated its 10th Birthday in January 2022.

An online Alpha Course run in early 2021 on zoom by Geoff and Revd Lynne helped people to deepen their faith and encounter Jesus. Those who did go really missed the meal and there are plans to rerun Alpha face to face in the Autumn of 2022 with a fellowship meal. Another successful Start course was run in person in early 2022 by Geoff and Revd David and contacts have continued with all those who came along.

Living in Love and Faith is a well-resourced course provided by the national church to facilitate conversations about changing patterns of relationships and sexuality. Over the course of the year this was run a number of times, both online and in person and provided some rich and varied discussions for those who took part.

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During Lent we ran a series of Bible Studies online based on the Archbishop's Lent book 'Living His Story', an inspiring and helpful book about imaginatively sharing the "extraordinary love of God". 'Saying Yes to Life' by Ruth Valerio, encouraged us to look at our response to global climate change (2020's Lent Book). This will be a continuing theme of our church's mission to see how we respond as a community to this massive issue for the planet.

Our Mother's Union began meeting again face to face in September with regular monthly meetings. Their continued support for many of their housebound members returned to face to face meetings with a hot pot meal and communion at Christmas. Sue Stott has continued to lead the MU through lockdown and announced that she will be stepping down in July 2022 after many long years of excellent leadership. She has led the MU since 2009 with only a short break. The continuance of our MU will depend on the involvement of all its members in the running of the group and a new leader or team of leaders stepping forward.

Communal singing restarted in 2021 and a community choir formed by Paula Bolton-Maggs led and performed some fantastic singing at our Carol service in December. Another community choir will perform at the Queen's Jubilee celebrations later this year. Our own robed choir have been strengthened and encouraged as they meet regularly to sing. Revd David is also a gifted musician and has enhanced the worship at many of our services including Thursday communion.

During lockdown, donations given for altar flowers were received in anticipation of our church reopening. At Christmas our church was filled with wonderful floral decorations once again and across the course of 2022 there will be many opportunities for us to enjoy the work of our flower guild. Joan Owen has stepped down as leader after many years of invaluable service and has passed the reins over to Jan Hardman, Doris Robson and Kathy Swift. Many thanks to the Flower Guild for providing a new carpet for the chancel.

Our parish magazine continues to provide a varied and interesting read and a vital source of connection for our community. Delphine Corcoran and Lynn Bishop have worked hard to make sure that the magazine continues to be produced to a high standard.

Much of what we did together as churches in Rainhill was still on hold in 2021 but we continued to pray for each other and support each other as best we could. We have had the joy of welcoming Will Williams as the new pastor at Trinity Church and Andy Moffoot as the new Minister at St James. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and Lent Lunches in 2022 saw our links strengthen.

Youthwork still continues. Our biweekly group for the small group of our confirmation candidates called SQUAD now meets in church every other Thursday in term time. School links with St Ann's school have continued and recorded clergy assemblies have been replaced by weekly face to face assemblies.

Civic Services returned to face to face in 2021 with our Annual Remembrance Day service and gathering at the cenotaph. Although numbers were lower than usual it was a wonderful opportunity to welcome service veterans back into church with the musical assistance of the Parr Band.

St Ann's Millennium Centre, is thriving with increased bookings and groups returning to meet face to face. In September Vickie Anders was recruited as the new centre administrator and has proved to be an excellent appointment. The CMC Committee, Joan Gorbutt (Chair), Sheila Jones, Jenny Turner & Reverend Conant, continue to support Vickie in her role and to work with her to develop our community centre. Denise retired as caretaker in December and Ray Gorbutt who worked through lockdown to support the centre is now a permanent employee. Daniel Conant and Jenny Turner also work as a caretaker/cleaners.

Funeral ministry in our Parish Church continues to be busy but has been particularly difficult as we have lost several members of our church community, most notably our former warden Ted Smith. Memorial services restarted in the Autumn.

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We are finishing this year without a Treasurer in post. Many thanks to Ann Fenney for her support and to Bill Arnold who organises the count with the support of our wardens/assistant warden. Much of our regular giving is now by standing order. Paul and Lynn Bishop generously stepped in to catch up on a backlog of Gift Aid donations. As a result of the time and effort of these people we are in a stable financial position. The PCC voted to adopt the updated Parish Giving Scheme run by the diocese which will be launched later in 2022. This will make the collection of Gift Aid much easier particularly important as our nearest bank with counter service is in Runcorn on the other side of the MerseyGateway. An initial trial of a cardreader late in the year demonstrated the potential of this means of donating. St Ann's has been successful in an application for a standalone cardreader that will make card donations a regular feature of our giving. Moving to more online giving will enable to tap into donations from the cashless economy that is increasingly part of our world. It remains the aim of our PCC to donate 10% of our open plate and gift aided giving to charitable causes. As a result of the uncertainties the PCC only authorised a relatively small proportion of its own income for charitable distribution. This amount was supplemented by one off collections across the year but will continue to be reviewed. Christingle collections raised £273.54 and donations boxes raised £670. Both donated directly to the Children's Society. We continue to support St Helens Foodbank through donations of cash and non-perishable food collected in church and taken there by Hilary Jesse. Money raised through a Christmas card collection and supplemented by the PCC raised £150 for Guide Dogs for the Blind. A hotpot lunch in January 2022 raised £641.22 for the Disasters Emergency Fund to support Ukrainian refugees.

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**ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

**Charitable activities**

Whilst we can report that we were able to achieve the objectives set out in the previous section we are not complacent. Services have returned to face to face gatherings, but many have not returned to regular church worship. Our congregation is changing and as Jesus adapted in his ministry so should we in ours.

In 2021 we opened our doors for worship again after the Covid lockdown. Average attendance at celebrations of Divine Worship across the year in 2021 was on a Sunday (129 adults and 35 children), 17 at the BCP Parish Communion, 44 at the CW Parish Communion and 22 adults and 13 children at Platform 2. The "All Together for Worship" on the first Sunday of the month brings together the congregation from our traditional parish communion and Platform 2, along with many others who identify with this service. During 2021 on average 74 adults and 29 children gathered for this service. Baptismal services restarted in 2021 which are always well attended and accounted for 15 baptisms of children 5 years old and under. A funeral and wedding ministry totals 38 funerals at both the church and crematorium and 3 weddings and 1 wedding blessing. The Annual Remembrance Sunday Civic Service drew in 240 adults and 35 children and a similar number walked to, or joined us at the village War memorial for the laying of wreaths and act of remembrance. Stanley Bear Club restarted in September and was attended by 22 adults and 14 children on average. Christmas services were extremely popular with 376 people attending Christingle services and carol services during Advent. However, only 123 young people and adults attended St Ann's Church for school carol services from only two of our local schools. Due to a spike in Covid infections the format of our carol and crib service held on the afternoon of Christmas Eve was changed to a Nativity Trail attended by 100 people. Services on Christmas Eve/Day were attended by 92 people. A Parish Communion Service is held each Thursday morning which is attended on average by 19 worshippers. As we go through 2022 children from St Ann's School will join us once each term.

Pastoral care and service to the community

The Millennium Centre is thriving with a wide range of activities for all age groups.

Pastoral care remains a high priority and communion is taken out to many housebound members of our congregation across the year. Many thanks to Revd John Williams and +Geoff Pearson for their support in this ministry.

Nursing home communion services have yet to restart.

Youth and Children's Work

St Ann's church hosted a number of school services at Christmas 2021 but several were forced to cancel and many had restricted numbers. St Ann's primary school began to meet again in church over 2021 and we look forward to welcoming them back in greater numbers in 2022. In October bibles were again presented to all pupils joining the school in 2021. This has become an annual event and is always well received by parents and children alike. A donor has given money to the PCC for this specific purpose.

Collaborative Post with Sutton Team

Rev Lynne Jackson was appointed to the post of Team Vicar in the Sutton Team, alongside Revds Simon and Louise Moore, in 2021. Part of the post was funded by St Ann's through a legacy and was focussed on the new estates around the Elton Head Rd and beyond. This includes the Waterside Village estates which are in St Ann's Parish. The post has had a slow start in 2021 and will be reviewed in 2022.

Church buildings

The fabric of our church building was regularly checked and maintained by our wardens and assistant warden throughout the year. Our last full quinquennial inspection was carried out in 2017 and whilst the fabric of the building was found to be in good order, a number of small works were identified. A new boiler was installed in 2021 which will greatly increase the reliability and cost effectiveness of our heating system.

Finance, Giving and Fundraising

The PCC were able to pay 100% of the Parish Share £88,584 (2020: £87,700). The Parish Share contributes towards the cost of ministry both in our own parish and other smaller parishes that are less fortunate than ourselves. We will need to continue to grow a new generation of regular givers from our younger generation and to facilitate this we will need to explore more electronic options. The postponed third year instalment of the five year grant from the Joshua Centre was paid in 2021 along with the payment for year 4, totalling £7000. The final payment of £2000 will be paid in 2022 as the Joshua Centre is wound down.

Performance of Investments

PCC funds are invested in the Central Board of Finance of the Church of England Deposit Account and earn the highest rate of interest possible in the present economic climate.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

### **Reserves policy**

The Parochial Church Council has a policy of maintaining reserves for emergencies which may arise, the income from such reserves being available for use in general funds. The PCC also strives to maintain at least three months normal expenditure as an ongoing reserve in the general account. The Standing and Finance Committees monitor these funds. A Fabric Fund of £11,345 (named the Heritage Fund) is held at present and a general reserve fund (Deposit Fund) stands at £70,395.

In the present financial climate encouraging regular giving from a new generation will be challenging, however adopting electronic giving will enable us to access new funding streams. Direct giving by members of the church still accounts for the majority of our income, although no income tax was recovered through Gift Aid during the year it has been claimed retrospectively during 2022. A move across to the Parish Giving Scheme in 2022 will make this much easier.

No general fund budget for the year 2022 has been agreed but control of finances will require prudent financial management and increased giving. An expansion of committed giving is being pursued by the PCC, as are other options utilising modern technology.

## **FUTURE PLANS**

In 2022 we will continue: to follow the diocesan Rule of Life where we are called to Pray, Read and Learn and sent to Tell, Serve and Give.

### Pray, Read and Learn

Continue regular public worship open to all.

Continue the provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation.

The teaching of Christian faith and praxis through sermons and study groups.

To build on, and develop, links with other churches in Rainhill and St Helens Deanery.

### Tell, Serve and Give

To host services which are welcoming and inclusive for a wide age range and variety of traditions.

To continue to develop our relationship with our church school and other schools in Rainhill

To run discipleship courses for people exploring the Christian faith.

Continue pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.

To continue to promote increases in giving throughout the year.

To support other charities in the UK and overseas through our mission giving.

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

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

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**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Organisational structure**

St Ann's Parochial Church Council is a body corporate and operates under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 and the Church Representation Rules. The PCC is a charity registered with the Charity Commission; Charity number 1134065.

Other related trusts: St Ann's Ecclesiastical Trust registered charity number 512365. The trustees are Revd Dr. Alan R. Conant, Mr. I. Corcoran and Miss R.J. Oxley

St. Ann's Parish Charity (registered charity 701319), the trustees of which are Revd Dr Alan R Conant and members of the Parochial Church Council, is responsible for the Millennium Centre.

The PCC operates the following six sub-committees: The Standing Committee, The Finance and Fabric Committee, The Socials and Fund Raising Committee, The Millennium Centre Management Committee, The Pastoral Committee and The Communications Committee.

The Standing Committee

Whose membership comprises of the Revd Dr. Alan R. Conant, Revd Lynne Jackson (until 4 July 2021), Reverend David Halliwell (from 5 July 2021) Messrs I Corcoran, B. Kinder, M. Hardman Mrs S Jones, and Miss R. J. Oxley. It manages the Parish on behalf of the PCC between meetings and makes urgent decisions on behalf of PCC.

The Wardens Committee (including the fabric of the building)

Whose membership comprises Revd Dr Alan R. Conant, I. Corcoran, M. Hardman and Miss RJ Oxley

The Finance Committee

Whose membership comprises Revd Dr Alan R. Conant, Messrs. C. Oldfield (Finance only) until 16 May 2021, I. Corcoran, B. Kinder until 16 May 2021, M. Hardman and Miss RJ Oxley. The following were co-opted to the committee wef 16 May 2021, W Arnold, N Fagan, Mrs L Cahill & Mrs A Fenney. It makes recommendations to PCC regarding works required on fabric of Church buildings and programmes and controls works so that services and offices of the Church are not disrupted unnecessarily. It also produces financial plans and monitors income and expenditure plus highlighting source of funds available to PCC

The Socials & Fund Raising Committee

Whose membership comprises of Mr. R Forkgen, Mrs. M. Lutner, Mrs D Corcoran, Miss A. Jones, Mrs J Ridyard until 16 May 2021, Miss R J Oxley, Mrs J Forkgen and Mrs Susan Schenck (from 16 May 2021). It raises funds to provide an income for the Parochial Church Council which decides the allocation to the various funds. It also performs a social need by arranging events and activities to promote fellowship within the Church and to encourage others to join in.

The Millennium Centre Management Committee

Whose members comprise Revd Dr Alan R. Conant, Mrs J Gorbett (chair), Mrs S Jones, Mrs J Turner (Treasurer) & Mrs S Schenck (from 16 May 2021). It oversees day to day operation of the Millennium Centre which is a registered Charity in its own right. It also represents the PCC in this role and reports to PCC as the main trustee on a regular basis.

The Pastoral Committee

Whose Members comprise Revd Dr. A. R. Conant, Revd L Jackson Until 4 July 2021, Reverend David Halliwell from 5 July 2021, Miss R Oxley, Miss A Jones, Mrs J Ridyard (until 16 May 2021), Mrs M Lutner Mrs Paula Bolton-Maggs (from 16 May 2021), Mrs Carol Walpole (from 16 May 21) Mrs Gill Norris (co-opted from 16 May 21). Considers the pastoral care of parishioners and others within the Parish.

The new forms of worship are planned and run by dedicated groups:

Platform 2: - Mrs P Bolton-Maggs, Mrs A Conant, Mrs J Turner, Mr B Bolton-Maggs, Bishop G Pearson, Mrs J Pearson, Mrs R Pickles, Mr A Oldfield, Ms J Wood.

All Age Worship: - Revd Dr. A.R. Conant, Revd L Jackson (until 4 July 21) Reverend D Halliwell (from 5 July 21), Miss A Jones, Mrs D Corcoran and Mrs M Lutner and a representative from Platform 2.

The Communications Committee

Whose membership comprises, Revd Dr. A. R. Conant, Mrs D Corcoran, Mrs L Bishop, (co-opted) and Mrs Gemma Darracott, Mrs Sue Schenck, Mrs Paula Bolton-Maggs (from 16 May 2021).

**Induction and training of new trustees**

PCC members receive induction training including trustee responsibilities, basic health and safety, risk assessment and management and child protection procedures.

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**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Related Parties**

The PCC receives income from the following:

St Ann's Church, Rainhill, John Swift Trust, an unregistered charity, constituted by a Trust Deed dated 19th May 2008. The capital balance of the trust can at the discretion of the trustees, be used for the maintenance and upkeep of the fabric of St Ann's Church, Rainhill. Income derived from the capital sum invested can be used as a contribution towards PCC general purpose costs. No income was received from the Trust during the year. The trust is administered by Rev. Dr. Alan R. Conant, Messrs D. Cleveland, R. Forkgen, C. Oldfield, and E. Smith.

St Ann's Ecclesiastical Charity, a charity, registered under charity number 512365 on 18th February 1982. The capital element of the trust is a permanent endowment and cannot be expended. Income derived from the capital sum invested can be used for the purpose of furthering the religious and other charitable work of the Church of England to St. Ann's ecclesiastical parish. No grants were received from the charity during the year. The trust is administered by the incumbent and churchwardens.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Charity number**

1134065

**Principal address**

The Vicarage  
1 View Road  
Rainhill  
Prescot  
Merseyside  
L35 0LE

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**Trustees**

Revd. Dr. A.R. Conant	Incumbent & Chairman
Revd L. Jackson	Curate (until 4 July 2021)
Revd D Halliwell	Curate (from 5 July 2021)
Mr. I. Corcoran	Churchwarden
Miss. R. J. Oxley	Churchwarden
Mr. B. Kinder	Assistant Churchwarden (until 16 May 2021)
Mr. M Hardman	Assistant Churchwarden
Mrs. S. Jones	Secretary
Mrs Paula Bolton-Maggs	Deanery Representative (from 16 May 2021)
Mrs Carol Walpole	Deanery Representative (from 16 May 2021)
Mrs. J. Gorbutt	PCC & Children and Vulnerable Persons Co-Ordinator
Mr R Forkgen	
Mrs M Lutner	
Mrs. D. Corcoran	
Miss A. Jones	
Mrs. J. Turner	
Mrs. J. Ridyard	(until 16 May 2021)
Mrs. J. Forkgen	
Mrs G Darracott	
Mrs S Schenck	

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Independent Examiner**

Suzanne Draper FCCA ACA  
ICAEW  
SB&P  
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**Other positions**

Child Protection & Vulnerable Persons Officer

Mrs Joan Gorbutt

Electoral Roll Officer

Mrs Christine Howson

Chair of St Anns Millennium Centre Committee

Mrs Joan Gorbutt

Day to day management control of the Church is exercised by the standing committee: Revd Dr. AR Conant, Revd D Halliwell together with Miss RJ Oxley, Mr I Corcoran, Mrs S Jones, Mr M Hardman and Mr B Kinder, contactable on 0151 426 4666.

**Advisers**

Bank HSBC, St. Helens

Legal Advisors Diocesan Registrar:

Mr. Howard Dellar of Lee Bolton Monier - Williams

1 The Sanctuary

Westminster

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Architect:

Adrian Swain

IBI Nightingale

100 Old Hall Street

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on ..... *13<sup>th</sup> May 2022* ..... and signed on its behalf by:

  
.....  
Rev. Dr. A.R. Conant - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
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**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. Ann Rainhill**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. Ann Rainhill (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2021.

**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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

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

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



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Date: ..... 15/5/22 .....

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Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.12.21 Total funds £	31.12.20 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	99,940	7,534	107,474	269,771
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
General		16,281	5,765	22,046	17,375
Other trading activities	3	-	-	-	1,365
Investment income	4	740	3	743	153
<b>Total</b>		<b>116,961</b>	<b>13,302</b>	<b>130,263</b>	<b>288,664</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Raising funds	5	-	-	-	719
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
General		139,385	8,050	147,435	132,701
Grants payable		6,205	-	6,205	280
<b>Total</b>		<b>145,590</b>	<b>8,050</b>	<b>153,640</b>	<b>133,700</b>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<b>(28,629)</b>	<b>5,252</b>	<b>(23,377)</b>	<b>154,964</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		284,131	843,026	1,127,157	972,193
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>255,502</b>	<b>848,278</b>	<b>1,103,780</b>	<b>1,127,157</b>


The notes form part of these financial statements

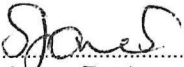
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Balance Sheet  
31 December 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.12.21 Total funds £	31.12.20 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	10	131,766	822,945	954,711	922,041
Investments	11	-	229	229	229
		<u>131,766</u>	<u>823,174</u>	<u>954,940</u>	<u>922,270</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	12	28,710	-	28,710	9,500
Cash at bank and in hand		101,398	25,104	126,502	197,480
		<u>130,108</u>	<u>25,104</u>	<u>155,212</u>	<u>206,980</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(6,372)	-	(6,372)	(2,093)
		<u>123,736</u>	<u>25,104</u>	<u>148,840</u>	<u>204,887</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
		<u>255,502</u>	<u>848,278</u>	<u>1,103,780</u>	<u>1,127,157</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
		<u>255,502</u>	<u>848,278</u>	<u>1,103,780</u>	<u>1,127,157</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>					
		<u>255,502</u>	<u>848,278</u>	<u>1,103,780</u>	<u>1,127,157</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>					
	14			255,502	284,131
Unrestricted funds				848,278	843,026
Restricted funds					
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>					
				<u>1,103,780</u>	<u>1,127,157</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 15/15/22 and were signed on its behalf by:

  
.....  
A.R. Conant - Trustee

  
.....  
S Jones - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

Notes to the Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

**Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Planned giving receivable under gift aid donations is recognised only when received. Income tax recoverable on gift aid donations is recognised and accrued as the related income is recognised.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for when the PCC is notified of its entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain.

Income is shown gross of expenditure.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102).

**Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date, are disclosed as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

**Support costs**

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include office costs, governance costs, administrative payroll costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources.

**Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings                      - 25% on cost

Freehold properties are included at cost as depreciation is not considered to be material due to the properties' high residual values.

Consecrated land and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act of 1993.

No value is placed on moveable church furnishings. Such items are held by the Vicar and Churchwardens, on special trust for the PCC. They require a faculty for disposal, as the PCC consider these to be inalienable property. Expenditure incurred during the year, under £1,000, on consecrated or beneficed buildings and all expenditure on moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the SOFA and separately disclosed.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

**Tangible fixed assets**

Individual items of equipment, used within the church premises, with a purchase price greater than £500 are capitalised.

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

**Investments**

Investments are shown at market value at the balance sheet date. Realised and unrealised gains and losses on investments are included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

**Going concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.12.21	31.12.20
	£	£
Collections (open plate)	10,268	6,104
Gift aided collections	54,649	48,409
Other planned giving	509	1,036
Legacies	-	163,649
Grants	10,750	7,875
Donations	10,151	17,777
Reclaimed income tax	21,147	7,921
Ecclesiastical Fund donation	-	17,000
	<u>107,474</u>	<u>269,771</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.12.21	31.12.20
	£	£
Other grants	<u>10,750</u>	<u>7,875</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

<b>3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES</b>		
	<b>31.12.21</b>	31.12.20
	£	£
Social activities	-	1,365
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>4. INVESTMENT INCOME</b>		
	<b>31.12.21</b>	31.12.20
	£	£
Dividends and interest	<b>743</b>	153
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>5. RAISING FUNDS</b>		
<b>Raising donations and legacies</b>		
	<b>31.12.21</b>	31.12.20
	£	£
Cost of stewardship envelopes	-	51
Cost of fetes and other events	-	668
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	-	719
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>6. GRANTS PAYABLE</b>		
	<b>31.12.21</b>	31.12.20
	£	£
Grants payable	<b>6,205</b>	280
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
The total grants paid to institutions during the year was as follows:		
	<b>31.12.21</b>	31.12.20
	£	£
Outward giving	<b>6,205</b>	280
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>7. SUPPORT COSTS</b>		
		Governance
		costs
		£
General		<b>3,928</b>
		<u>          </u>
<b>8. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS</b>		
During the year an amount of £nil was paid in respect of services provided (2020: £770).		
<b>Trustees' expenses</b>		
Trustees' expenses reimbursed to two of the trustees for travel during the year ended 31 December 2021 were £2,113 (2020: £1,229).		

9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	269,272	499	269,771
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
General	11,800	5,575	17,375
Other trading activities	1,365	-	1,365
Investment income	124	29	153
<b>Total</b>	<b>282,561</b>	<b>6,103</b>	<b>288,664</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
Raising funds	719	-	719
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
General	125,402	7,299	132,701
Grants payable	280	-	280
<b>Total</b>	<b>126,401</b>	<b>7,299</b>	<b>133,700</b>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	<b>156,160</b>	<b>(1,196)</b>	<b>154,964</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	<b>127,971</b>	<b>844,222</b>	<b>972,193</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>284,131</b>	<b>843,026</b>	<b>1,127,157</b>

10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>				
At 1 January 2021	916,145	44,380	850	961,375
Additions	-	40,173	-	40,173
At 31 December 2021	916,145	84,553	850	1,001,548
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>				
At 1 January 2021	-	38,697	637	39,334
Charge for year	-	7,290	213	7,503
At 31 December 2021	-	45,987	850	46,837
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>				
At 31 December 2021	916,145	38,566	-	954,711
At 31 December 2020	916,145	5,683	213	922,041

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11. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed investments £
<b>MARKET VALUE</b>	
At 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2021	<u>229</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31 December 2021	<u>229</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>229</u>
	£
Investments held inside the UK	<u>229</u>
	<u>229</u>

12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.21	31.12.20
	£	£
Other debtors	63	2,000
Income tax recoverable	<u>28,647</u>	<u>7,500</u>
	<u>28,710</u>	<u>9,500</u>

13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.21	31.12.20
	£	£
Other creditors	4,500	-
Accrued expenses	<u>1,872</u>	<u>2,093</u>
	<u>6,372</u>	<u>2,093</u>

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.21 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General Fund	101,066	(17,276)	62,000	145,790
Deposit Funds	133,923	(1,528)	(62,000)	70,395
Tower Funds	4,970	2	-	4,972
Heritage Funds	8,488	2,857	-	11,345
Sound System Fund	5,684	(5,684)	-	-
Sutton Rainhill Project	30,000	(7,000)	-	23,000
	<u>284,131</u>	<u>(28,629)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>255,502</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Parish Charity Trustee Fund Asset	822,945	-	-	822,945
Churchyard Funds	229	-	-	229
Friends of the Choir	1,679	(52)	-	1,627
Flower Guild	4,920	46	-	4,966
100 Club	2,059	15	-	2,074
The Bible Fund	4,758	(713)	-	4,045
Platform 2	5,070	5,956	-	11,026
Forget Me Not	1,366	-	-	1,366
	<u>843,026</u>	<u>5,252</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>848,278</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>1,127,157</u>	<u>(23,377)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,103,780</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General Fund	114,023	(131,299)	(17,276)
Deposit Funds	79	(1,607)	(1,528)
Tower Funds	2	-	2
Heritage Funds	2,857	-	2,857
Sound System Fund	-	(5,684)	(5,684)
Sutton Rainhill Project	-	(7,000)	(7,000)
	<u>116,961</u>	<u>(145,590)</u>	<u>(28,629)</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Friends of the Choir	1	(53)	(52)
Flower Guild	535	(489)	46
100 Club	5,765	(5,750)	15
The Bible Fund	2	(715)	(713)
Platform 2	6,999	(1,043)	5,956
	<u>13,302</u>	<u>(8,050)</u>	<u>5,252</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>130,263</u>	<u>(153,640)</u>	<u>(23,377)</u>

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.20 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General Fund	104,835	156,231	(160,000)	101,066
Deposit Funds	3,834	89	130,000	133,923
Tower Funds	3,953	1,017	-	4,970
Heritage Funds	3,982	4,506	-	8,488
Sound System Fund	11,367	(5,683)	-	5,684
Sutton Rainhill Project	-	-	30,000	30,000
	<u>127,971</u>	<u>156,160</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>284,131</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Parish Charity Trustee Fund Asset	822,945	-	-	822,945
Churchyard Funds	229	-	-	229
Friends of the Choir	1,679	-	-	1,679
Flower Guild	4,920	-	-	4,920
100 Club	2,093	(34)	-	2,059
The Bible Fund	5,442	(684)	-	4,758
Platform 2	5,944	(874)	-	5,070
Forget Me Not	970	396	-	1,366
	<u>844,222</u>	<u>(1,196)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>843,026</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>972,193</u>	<u>154,964</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,127,157</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General Fund	276,948	(120,717)	156,231
Deposit Funds	89	-	89
Tower Funds	1,017	-	1,017
Heritage Funds	4,506	-	4,506
Sound System Fund	1	(5,684)	(5,683)
	<u>282,561</u>	<u>(126,401)</u>	<u>156,160</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
100 Club	5,581	(5,615)	(34)
The Bible Fund	23	(707)	(684)
Platform 2	(1)	(873)	(874)
Forget Me Not	500	(104)	396
	<u>6,103</u>	<u>(7,299)</u>	<u>(1,196)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>288,664</u>	<u>(133,700)</u>	<u>154,964</u>

Transfers between funds

Transfer from the general fund to the deposit, tower fund and sound system funds represent amounts designated for the purpose of investment, maintenance of the tower and bells and upgrade of the sound system.

**15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

During the year, £7,000 (2020 £nil) was received from St Ann's Platform 2 charity.

Included within Gift Aided Collections are donations from trustees amounting to £12,940 (2020: £11,867).

**16. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS**

The general fund may be used at the discretion of the PCC in the furtherance of the charity's objects.

**17. DESIGNATED FUNDS**

The Deposit Fund

The fund represents amounts set aside in an interest bearing account.

The Tower Fund

The fund has been set aside to contribute towards maintenance of the tower and bells.

The Heritage Fund

The fund has been set aside to contribute towards the maintenance and repairs of the Church and Millennium Centre.

The Sound System Fund

This fund represents an amount expended and capitalised in the balance sheet on a new sound system. The fund will reduce annually by the movement in the net book value of the asset.

The Sutton Rainhill Project

The fund has been set aside to contribute towards the costs of the minister in the housing development in the Sutton Rainhill boundary.

**18. RESTRICTED FUNDS**

The Parish Charity Trustee Fund Asset

This fund is represented by the property "The Millennium Centre"

Churchyard Fund

This fund was originally set up with a £100 donation a number of years ago. Since 1988 the Parish Council maintained the Churchyard, with responsibility since passed to St. Helens MBC in 2015.

The Bible Fund

The Bible Fund was set up from a donation received in 2010. The amount is to be expended on the purchase of bibles for the children of St Ann's Church of England primary school.

The other restricted funds represent individual church groups operated by the charity.

Platform 2 Fund

The fund was set up during the year ended December 2018. The grant is to be used to provide an introduction to the Christian faith to newcomers, who it is hoped will eventually progress to attend regular church services and play an active role in church activities.

Forget Me Nots Fund

The fund was set up during the year ended December 2019. Grants were received and are used to provide a meeting place, and activities, for Alzheimer sufferers, vulnerable people, and their carers.

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**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021**

	31.12.21 £	31.12.20 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Collections (open plate)	10,268	6,104
Gift aided collections	54,649	48,409
Other planned giving	509	1,036
Legacies	-	163,649
Grants	10,750	7,875
Donations	10,151	17,777
Reclaimed income tax	21,147	7,921
Ecclesiastical Fund donation	-	17,000
	<u>107,474</u>	<u>269,771</u>
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Social activities	-	1,365
<b>Investment income</b>		
Dividends and interest	743	153
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Magazine income	5,498	5,543
PCC Fees	7,928	3,894
Church groups	8,620	7,938
	<u>22,046</u>	<u>17,375</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>130,263</b>	<b>288,664</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Raising donations and legacies</b>		
Cost of stewardship envelopes	-	51
Cost of fetes and other events	-	668
	<u>-</u>	<u>719</u>
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Parish share	88,585	87,700
Clergy expenses	1,693	1,229
Parsonage house	4,153	3,702
Curacy house	1,161	2,422
Heat, light and water	7,327	5,657
Insurance	4,961	5,348
Upkeep of services	149	462
Other church costs	11,709	4,903
Church maintenance/fabric	4,728	2,090
Millennium loan written off	2,000	-
Printing of magazine	3,073	3,214
Church group costs	6,465	6,322
Carried forward	136,004	123,049

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	31.12.21 £	31.12.20 £
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Brought forward	<b>136,004</b>	123,049
Depreciation of fixtures & fittings	<b>7,291</b>	5,684
Computer equipment	<b>212</b>	212
Grants to institutions	<b>6,205</b>	280
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	<b>149,712</b>	129,225
 <b>Support costs</b>		
 <b>Governance costs</b>		
Church office costs	<b>2,548</b>	2,370
Independent examiner fees	<b>1,380</b>	1,386
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	<b>3,928</b>	3,756
 Total resources expended	<hr/>	<hr/>
	<b>153,640</b>	133,700
 <b>Net (expenditure)/income</b>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	<b>(23,377)</b>	154,964
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# Accounts

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**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1134065**

**Report of the Trustees and  
Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2020  
for  
The Parochial Church Council of the  
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**Report of the Trustees  
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The Trustees present their report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2020. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published on 16 July 2014 (as amended by Update Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016).

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**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Objectives and aims**

The general functions of the PCC are stated within Section 2 of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956. At St Ann, Rainhill we have a mission statement that confirms that our mission to proclaim the Good News of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England as laid down by canon, both through the Word and our deeds to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind and with all our strength and to love our neighbours as ourselves. When planning our activities for the year, following prayerful discernment the PCC gave due consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular the specific guidance to charities concerned with the advancement of religion.

Our objectives for 2020 were to provide public benefits:

Due to lockdown our commitment to follow the diocesan Rule of Life (where we are called to Pray, Read and Learn and sent to Tell, Serve and Give) continued to be our driving vision. Although the main church building was forced to close in March 2020, due to the global Covid 19 outbreak, we continued to strive to provide regular public worship open to all.

Our sacred space for personal prayer and worship became the homes and gardens of our church community.

Clergy and laity were involved in developing online services, leaflets and support groups on WhatsApp, in addition to telephone calls. Our parish magazine also went online or was delivered by post as appropriate. Together we strived to stay connected and help our church community continue to follow Christ Jesus through some of the most testing times our country has known for a generation.

The PCC continued to review the situation over the year and follow guidance from the national church and government.

While our buildings remained closed we continued links with our local schools by video recordings to mark Easter, Christmas and other Christian festivities and to provide a weekly clergy led assembly.

In 2020 we:

We as a church community were scattered and isolated in our own homes for much of the year. We learnt to worship together apart and we learnt how God could work in us and through us in our homes by his Holy Spirit. We learnt to keep a sacred space that even while we as a church were scattered, we were united by the work of the Holy Spirit and we learnt that God can continue to work in our homes

A weekly 9am Service of Holy Communion, has been made available since Easter 2020 on Youtube. This was recorded initially in clergy homes and later in church. Contributions from Bishop Geoff Pearson and his wife Jean and other members of the laity continued to be an invaluable part of those services. The team all had to learn skills in video recording and editing while the congregation had to learn to use zoom and Youtube and other platforms. Technical support from the Sutton Team helped us to get started. The team from Platform 2 enabled a weekly zoom service to be provided for both Platform 2 and Platform 1 (our main congregation). As a result the links between our two Sunday mid-morning congregations were strengthened. Ben and Paula Bolton-Maggs were invaluable in setting up zoom and continued to facilitate the running of our zoom services during 2020. Rev Lynne Jackson was instrumental in setting up and running our church WhatsApp group and with help from a team of volunteers provided a daily Bible reading and reflection for our congregation. WhatsApp provided the platform to finish our Lent study and for our community to continue to support one another through the highs and many lows of 2020. Pastoral phonecalls replaced face to face conversations. The pastoral team and the MU committee led by Sue Stott worked hard to continue to stay in contact with people isolated in their homes.

Our face to face church activities were forced to stop in March 2020. New skills were learnt to meet online and a lot of hard work was put into keeping in contact with people who were unable to join in. As we regather we will all appreciate meeting together face to face but we now have more tools in our box to connect with people who can't leave their own homes.

Stanley Bear Club and Tweakly Tots was forced to close and contact with families has been through our online services and phonecalls. The enthusiasm for both groups to meet again is still there. There are plans to open Stanley Bear for a few weeks in July 2021 for children about to move up to school to meet again.

A successful Start course was run in person in early 2020 and contacts have continued with all those who came along. An online Alpha Course run in early 2021 has helped people to deepen their faith and encounter Jesus. This will provide a helpful way of people joining in online from the comfort of their own home in future.

During Lent we ran a series of Bible Studies on the Archbishops Lent book Saying Yes to Life by Ruth Valerio, looking at our response to global climate change. The course started off face to face and finished on WhatsApp. It will be a continuing theme of our church's mission to see how we respond as a community to this massive issue for the planet.

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Our parish magazine was a vital source of connection for our community. Delphine Corcoran and her team worked hard to make sure that the magazine was produced and available online or delivered by post as appropriate.

Much of what we did together as churches in Rainhill was put on hold in 2020 but we continued to pray for each other and support each other as best we could. It has been good to see members of other churches joining in our online groups and chats.

Youthwork still continues but sadly lockdown saw us lose contact with our older student group at Rainhill High, Oasis. Our biweekly group for the small group of our Y7&8 confirmation candidates called SQUAD still meets online. School links with St Anns school, continued during lockdown with recorded clergy assemblies every week.

Services at Easter were all online and at Christmas a high rate of infection in St Helens kept many people away even though church was open. Our Annual Remembrance Day service was online to discourage people from gathering. It included a wonderful video, produced by Rainhill High School, of students and members of the wider community reading through the names of those lost in conflicts across the world during the last century. The 75th Anniversary of VE Day on 8th May and VJ Day in August was marked only with the raising of the flag outside the church this year. We are hopeful that the vaccine rollout will allow a suitable commemoration to take place in 2021.

It has been a difficult year for St Ann's Millennium Centre, with overheads continued to be paid but income drastically cut. The CMC Committee, Joan Gorbett (Chair), Sheila Jones, Jenny Turner & Reverend Conant, worked hard to reduce costs and apply for grants, and as a result the centre finished the year in the black. During the course of the year, financial discrepancies were discovered in the centre accounts. The employee in question has been dismissed. The centre is now open again and as lockdown restrictions ease, user groups are keen to return.

Funeral ministry was particularly difficult as we lost several members of our church community. Funeral gatherings in the early part of the year were severely limited and hoped for memorial services in the Autumn were not able to happen. We had planned to run several memorial services in person in November but had to cancel most of these due to a second lockdown. A recorded service was put online and families were invited to watch at home.

Communal singing was not possible and a community choir formed by Paula Bolton-Maggs was unable to perform at the Easter and Christmas services. It is hoped to gather the choir together with our own robed choir to sing in 2021.

Many of the regular annual activities associated with St Anns stopped for much of last year. Due to the continued generous support of our congregation, many of whom moved to standing order, the church finished the year well. Our past aim was to donate 10% of our open plate and gift aided giving to charitable causes. As a result of the uncertainties the PCC only authorised the allocation of 1% of its own income for charitable distribution, to TEAR fund and Church in the Square. This amount will be reviewed in the new year as we resume our normal activities. To avoid the handling of cash, Christingle collections were donated directly to the Children's Society via a Just Giving and private donations were made to the Hope Centre to support their work with foodbank. Our centre toilets were twinned as a result of fundraising from Platform 2 and the church toilets twinned as a result of a generous donation.

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**ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

**Charitable activities**

Although the year started quietly and relatively normally, from March onwards our church building had to close for most of the rest of the year. We began a weekly service of Holy Communion on Youtube, recorded initially in clergy homes and then in the church building without a congregation. A weekly live Sunday service on Zoom facilitated by the Platform 2 allowed Platform 2 families and the regular church congregation to worship together. Those unable to connect online were signposted to telephone services and church services on the TV and radio. Lockdown was eased twice across the year and the wardens worked hard to introduce protocols to keep us socially spaced and safe when worshipping together. In the Summer we were able to meet outside in the Vicarage garden and in church. After the second lockdown in November, Advent services resumed although many people did not feel confident to attend. Christmas was quiet.

Pastoral care and service to the community

Pastoral care continued by phone as our congregation supported one another and the wider community during lockdown. Each of our church groups continued to check in on their members. Some members of the congregation were able to take part in the community response co-ordinated by the local Post Office. Contact via WhatsApp and a reflection posted on WhatsApp each weekday, continued to support those isolated at home and those working in difficult conditions. Our parish magazine continued to go out monthly and provided a lifeline for those unable to connect with the church community via zoom and Youtube. Funeral ministry continued throughout the year. Restricted numbers able to attend, made funerals particularly difficult for the bereaved. Clergy were able to lead short acts of worship via zoom or over the telephone for those unable to attend funerals in person.

Youth and Children's Work

Clergy assemblies continued throughout the year. Recorded assemblies were shared with those children at home and in the classroom through the school Youtube link. This year we were still able to present bibles to every new pupil at the school on a socially distanced recording. This has become an annual event and is always well received by parents and children alike, a donor has given money to the PCC for this specific purpose.

Collaborative Post with Sutton Team

The post of Team Vicar in the Sutton Team, alongside Revds Simon and Louise Moore, will be focussed jointly on the churches in the Sutton Team and the new estates around the Elton Head Rd and beyond. This includes the Waterside Village estates which are in St Anns Parish. The Sutton team took the bold step of dedicating half of the new post to mission in these new estates and invited Rainhill to be partners in this new and innovative venture. Thanks to a legacy given to the church by a former parishioner the PCC were able to offer to support a quarter of this post for three years.

Church buildings

The fabric of our church building was regularly checked and maintained by our wardens and assistant wardens throughout the year. This included the pumping out of a major flood in the boiler house.

Finance, Giving and Fundraising

The PCC were able to pay 100% of the Parish Share £87,700 (2019: £85,375). The Parish Share contributes towards the cost of ministry both in our own parish and other smaller parishes that are less fortunate than ourselves. The generous support of our congregation continued throughout lockdown with many people moved their regular giving over to standing order. This provided a regular secure income for the church and avoided the need for the treasurer and counting team to handle cash or make unnecessary trips to the bank. Text giving provided a secure way for one off donation to be collected. We will need to continue to grow a new generation of regular givers from our younger generation and to facilitate this we will need to explore more electronic options. The receipt of several legacies from past members of the congregation also helped to keep us afloat. The third year instalment of the five year grant from the Joshua Centre was postponed until face to face meetings would resume.

Performance of Investments

PCC funds are invested in the Central Board of Finance of the Church of England Deposit Account and earn the highest rate of interest possible in the present economic climate.

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**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Reserves policy**

The Parochial Church Council has a policy of maintaining reserves for emergencies which may arise, the income from such reserves being available for use in general funds. The PCC also strives to maintain at least three months normal expenditure as an ongoing reserve in the general account. The Standing and Finance Committees monitor these funds. A Fabric Fund of £8,488 (named the Heritage Fund) is held at present and a general reserve fund (Deposit Fund) stands at £133,923.

2020 proved to be a very challenging year financially, and 2021 promises to be even more so. Income exceeded Expenditure by £154,964. The main source of income was a legacy of £161,649 received during the year. Direct giving by members of the church amounted to £54,513, although no income tax was recovered through Gift Aid during the year but is in hand to be claimed during 2021.

Income increased compared with 2019, and expenditure showed a 15% decrease over 2019. However, the PCC was not able to meet its self-imposed commitment to contribute 10% of collection income to missions and charities. As only 1% of collection income was donated to missions and charities, this will be reviewed in the budget for 2021. Donations were made during the year to Tear Fund, The Children's Society, and to the Hope Centre, St Helens to support their foodbank.

The outlook for 2021 is challenging. No general fund budget for the year 2021 has been agreed but control of finances will require prudent financial management and increased giving. An expansion of committed giving via text and the continuing encouragement to move to standing order. Both options are being pursued by the PCC, as are other options utilising modern technology.

**FUTURE PLANS**

In 2021 we will continue: to follow the diocesan Rule of Life where we are called to Pray, Read and Learn and sent to Tell, Serve and Give.

Pray, Read and Learn

Continue regular public worship open to all.

Continue the provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation.

The teaching of Christian faith and praxis through sermons and ecumenical groups.

To build on, and develop, links with other churches in Rainhill.

Tell, Serve and Give

To host services which are welcoming and inclusive for a wide age range and variety of traditions.

To continue to develop our relationship with our church school and other schools in Rainhill

To run discipleship courses for people exploring the Christian faith.

Continue pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.

To continue to support group for those diagnosed with dementia, and their carers.

To continue to promote increases in giving throughout the year.

To support other charities in the UK and overseas through our mission giving.

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

**Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

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

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**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Organisational structure**

St Ann's Parochial Church Council is a body corporate and operates under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 and the Church Representation Rules. The PCC is a charity registered with the Charity Commission; Charity number 1134065.

Other related trusts: St Ann's Ecclesiastical Trust registered charity number 512365. The trustees are Revd Dr. Alan R. Conant, Mr. I. Corcoran and Miss R.J. Oxley

St. Ann's Parish Charity (registered charity 701319), the trustees of which are Revd Dr Alan R Conant and members of the Parochial Church Council, is responsible for the Millennium Centre.

The PCC operates the following six sub-committees: The Standing Committee, The Finance and Fabric Committee, The Socials and Fund Raising Committee, The Millennium Centre Management Committee, The Pastoral Committee and The Communications Committee.

The Standing Committee

Whose membership comprises of the Revd Dr. Alan R. Conant, Revd Lynne Jackson, Messrs, C Oldfield, I Corcoran, B. Kinder, M. Hardman Mrs S Jones, and Miss R. J. Oxley. It manages the Parish on behalf of the PCC between meetings and makes urgent decisions on behalf of PCC.

The Finance & Fabric Committee

Whose membership comprises Revd Dr Alan R. Conant, Messrs. C. Oldfield (Finance only), I. Corcoran, B. Kinder, M. Hardman and Miss RJ Oxley. It makes recommendations to PCC regarding works required on fabric of Church buildings and programmes and controls works so that services and offices of the Church are not disrupted unnecessarily. It also produces financial plans and monitors income and expenditure plus highlighting source of funds available to PCC

The Socials & Fund Raising Committee

Whose membership comprises of Mr. R Forkgen, Mrs. M. Lutner, Mrs D Corcoran, Miss A. Jones, Mrs. S. Lewis (until 18 October 2020), Mrs J Ridyard, Miss R J Oxley, Mrs J Forkgen & Mrs J Hardman (co-opted until 18 October 2020). It raises funds to provide an income for the Parochial Church Council which decides the allocation to the various funds. It also performs a social need by arranging events and activities to promote fellowship within the Church and to encourage others to join in.

The Millennium Centre Management Committee

Whose members comprise Revd Dr Alan R. Conant, Mrs J Gorbutt (chair), Mrs S Jones, Mrs K. Leyland (until 18 October 2020), Mrs J Turner (Treasurer from 1st January 2020). It oversees day to day operation of the Millennium Centre which is a registered Charity in its own right. It also represents the PCC in this role and reports to PCC as the main trustee on a regular basis.

The Pastoral Committee

Whose Members comprise Revd Dr. A. R. Conant, Revd L Jackson, Miss R Oxley, Miss A Jones, Mrs J Ridyard and Mrs M Lutner. Considers the pastoral care of parishioners and others within the Parish.

The new forms of worship are planned and run by dedicated groups:

Platform 2: - Mrs P Bolton-Maggs, Mrs A Conant, Mrs J Turner, Mr B Bolton-Maggs, Bishop G Pearson, Mrs J Pearson, Mrs R Pickles, Mr A Oldfield, Ms J Wood.

All Age Worship: - Revd Dr.A.R. Conant, Revd L Jackson, Miss A Jones, Mrs D Corcoran and Mrs M Lutner

The Communications Committee

Whose membership comprises, Revd Dr. A. R. Conant, Mrs D Corcoran, Mrs L Bishop, (co-opted) and Miss R. J. Oxley.

**Induction and training of new trustees**

PCC members receive induction training including trustee responsibilities, basic health and safety, risk assessment and management and child protection procedures.

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**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Related Parties**

The PCC receives income from the following:

St Ann's Church, Rainhill, John Swift Trust, an unregistered charity, constituted by a Trust Deed dated 19th May 2008. The capital balance of the trust can at the discretion of the trustees, be used for the maintenance and upkeep of the fabric of St Ann's Church, Rainhill. Income derived from the capital sum invested can be used as a contribution towards PCC general purpose costs. No income was received from the Trust during the year. The trust is administered by Rev. Dr. Alan R. Conant, Messrs D. Cleveland, R. Forkgen, C. Oldfield, and E. Smith.

St Ann's Ecclesiastical Charity, a charity, registered under charity number 512365 on 18th February 1982. The capital element of the trust is a permanent endowment and cannot be expended. Income derived from the capital sum invested can be used for the purpose of furthering the religious and other charitable work of the Church of England to St. Ann's ecclesiastical parish. A grant of £17,000 was received from the charity during the year. The trust is administered by the incumbent and churchwardens.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Charity number**

1134065

**Principal address**

The Vicarage  
1 View Road  
Rainhill  
Prescot  
Merseyside  
L35 0LE

**Trustees**

Revd. Dr. A.R. Conant  
Revd L. Jackson  
Mr. I. Corcoran  
Miss. R. J. Oxley  
Mr. B. Kinder  
Mr. M Hardman  
Mr. C. Oldfield (until 18th October 2020)  
Mrs. S. Jones  
Mr. R. Forkgen

Mrs. J. Gorbutt

Mrs S Lewis (until 18th October 2020)  
Mrs M Lutner  
Mrs. D. Corcoran  
Miss A. Jones  
Mrs K Leyland (until 18th October 2020)  
Mrs. J. Turner  
Mrs. J. Ridyard  
Mrs. J. Forkgen  
Mrs G Darracott (from 18th October 2020)  
Mrs S Schenck (from 18th October 2020)  
Mrs J Hardman (co-opted until 18th October 2020)

Incumbent & Chairman  
Curate  
Churchwarden  
Churchwarden  
Assistant Churchwarden  
Assistant Churchwarden  
Treasurer  
Secretary  
Deanery Representative (until 18th October 2020),  
PCC only (from 19th October 2020)  
Deanery Representative (until 18th October 2020) &  
PCC & Children and Vulnerable Persons Co-Ordinator  
only (from 19th October 2020)

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Independent Examiner**  
Suzanne Draper FCCA ACA  
ICAEW  
SB&P  
Chartered Accountants  
Oriel House  
2-8 Oriel Road  
Bootle  
Liverpool  
Merseyside  
L20 7EP

**Other positions**

Child Protection & Vulnerable Persons Officer

Mrs Joan Gorbutt

Electoral Roll Officer

Mrs Christine Howson

Chair of St Anns Millennium Centre Committee

Mrs Joan Gorbutt

Day to day management control of the Church is exercised by the standing committee: Revd Dr. AR Conant, Revd L Jackson together with Miss RJ Oxley, Mr I Corcoran, Mr C Oldfield, Mrs S Jones, Mr M Hardman and Mr B Kinder, contactable on 0151 426 4666.

**Advisers**

Bank HSBC, St. Helens

Legal Advisors Diocesan Registrar:  
Mr. Howard Dellar of Lee Bolton Monier - Williams  
1 The Sanctuary  
Westminster  
London  
SW1P 3JT

Architect:  
Adrian Swain  
IBI Nightingale  
100 Old Hall Street  
Liverpool  
L3 9BP

Approved by order of the board of trustees on ..... *14th May 2021* ..... and signed on its behalf by:



.....  
Rev. Dr. A.R. Conant - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
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**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. Ann Rainhill**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. Ann Rainhill (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2020.

**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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of ICAEW which is one of the listed bodies.

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

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

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

Suzanne Draper FCCA ACA  
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Date: .....

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**Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2020**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.12.20 Total funds £	31.12.19 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	269,272	499	269,771	111,821
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
General		11,800	5,575	17,375	25,631
Other trading activities	3	1,365	-	1,365	5,551
Investment income	4	124	29	153	1,360
<b>Total</b>		<b>282,561</b>	<b>6,103</b>	<b>288,664</b>	<b>144,363</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Raising funds	5	719	-	719	1,372
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
General		125,402	7,299	132,701	147,309
Grants payable		280	-	280	2,606
<b>Total</b>		<b>126,401</b>	<b>7,299</b>	<b>133,700</b>	<b>151,287</b>
Net gains on investments		-	-	-	2
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<b>156,160</b>	<b>(1,196)</b>	<b>154,964</b>	<b>(6,922)</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<b>127,971</b>	<b>844,222</b>	<b>972,193</b>	<b>979,115</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>284,131</b>	<b>843,026</b>	<b>1,127,157</b>	<b>972,193</b>

The notes form part of these financial statements

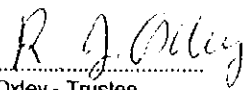
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Balance Sheet  
31 December 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.12.20 Total funds £	31.12.19 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	10	98,883	823,158	922,041	927,937
Investments	11	-	229	229	229
		<u>98,883</u>	<u>823,387</u>	<u>922,270</u>	<u>928,166</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	12	9,500	-	9,500	4,600
Cash at bank and in hand		177,840	19,640	197,480	42,123
		<u>187,340</u>	<u>19,640</u>	<u>206,980</u>	<u>46,723</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(2,092)	(1)	(2,093)	(2,696)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>185,248</u>	<u>19,639</u>	<u>204,887</u>	<u>44,027</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>284,131</u>	<u>843,026</u>	<u>1,127,157</u>	<u>972,193</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>284,131</u>	<u>843,026</u>	<u>1,127,157</u>	<u>972,193</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>					
Unrestricted funds	14			284,131	127,971
Restricted funds				843,026	844,222
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>1,127,157</u>	<u>972,193</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on .....  
and were signed on its behalf by:

  
.....  
A.R. Conant - Trustee

  
.....  
R. J. Oxley - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

Notes to the Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

**Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Planned giving receivable under gift aid donations is recognised only when received. Income tax recoverable on gift aid donations is recognised and accrued as the related income is recognised.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for when the PCC is notified of its entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain.

Income is shown gross of expenditure.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102).

**Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date, are disclosed as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

**Support costs**

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include office costs, governance costs, administrative payroll costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources.

**Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings                      - 25% on cost

Freehold properties are included at cost as depreciation is not considered to be material due to the properties' high residual values.

Consecrated land and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act of 1993.

No value is placed on moveable church furnishings. Such items are held by the Vicar and Churchwardens, on special trust for the PCC. They require a faculty for disposal, as the PCC consider these to be inalienable property. Expenditure incurred during the year, under £1,000, on consecrated or beneficed buildings and all expenditure on moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the SOFA and separately disclosed.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

**Tangible fixed assets**

Individual items of equipment, used within the church premises, with a purchase price greater than £500 are capitalised.

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

**Investments**

Investments are shown at market value at the balance sheet date. Realised and unrealised gains and losses on investments are included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

**Going concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.12.20	31.12.19
	£	£
Collections (open plate)	6,104	19,233
Gift aided collections	48,409	50,665
Other planned giving	1,036	7,031
Legacies	163,649	-
Grants	7,875	5,000
Donations	17,777	7,344
Reclaimed income tax	7,921	14,348
Ecclesiastical Fund donation	17,000	8,200
	<u>269,771</u>	<u>111,821</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.12.20	31.12.19
	£	£
Other grants	<u>7,875</u>	<u>5,000</u>

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<b>3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>31.12.20</b>	<b>31.12.19</b>
	£	£
Social activities	<u>1,365</u>	<u>5,551</u>
<b>4. INVESTMENT INCOME</b>	<b>31.12.20</b>	<b>31.12.19</b>
	£	£
Rental income	-	1,220
Dividends and interest	<u>153</u>	<u>140</u>
	<u>153</u>	<u>1,360</u>
<b>5. RAISING FUNDS</b>		
<b>Raising donations and legacies</b>	<b>31.12.20</b>	<b>31.12.19</b>
	£	£
Cost of stewardship envelopes	51	150
Cost of fetes and other events	<u>668</u>	<u>1,222</u>
	<u>719</u>	<u>1,372</u>
<b>6. GRANTS PAYABLE</b>	<b>31.12.20</b>	<b>31.12.19</b>
	£	£
Grants payable	<u>280</u>	<u>2,606</u>
The total grants paid to institutions during the year was as follows:	<b>31.12.20</b>	<b>31.12.19</b>
	£	£
Outward giving	280	585
Charitable distribution	-	2,021
	<u>280</u>	<u>2,606</u>

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7. SUPPORT COSTS

	Governance costs £
General	<u>3,756</u>

8. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

During the year an amount of £770 was paid in respect of services provided (2019: £1,140).

**Trustees' expenses**

Trustees' expenses reimbursed to two of the trustees for travel during the year ended 31 December 2020 were £1,229 (2019: £2,255).

9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	105,410	6,411	111,821
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
General	17,661	7,970	25,631
Other trading activities	5,551	-	5,551
Investment income	1,309	51	1,360
<b>Total</b>	<u>129,931</u>	<u>14,432</u>	<u>144,363</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
Raising funds	1,372	-	1,372
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
General	135,144	12,165	147,309
Grants payable	2,606	-	2,606
<b>Total</b>	<u>139,122</u>	<u>12,165</u>	<u>151,287</u>
Net gains on investments	-	2	2
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	<u>(9,191)</u>	<u>2,269</u>	<u>(6,922)</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	137,162	841,953	979,115
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>127,971</u>	<u>844,222</u>	<u>972,193</u>

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10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>				
At 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2020	<u>916,145</u>	<u>44,380</u>	<u>850</u>	<u>961,375</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>				
At 1 January 2020	-	33,013	425	33,438
Charge for year	-	5,684	212	5,896
At 31 December 2020	<u>-</u>	<u>38,697</u>	<u>637</u>	<u>39,334</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>				
At 31 December 2020	<u>916,145</u>	<u>5,683</u>	<u>213</u>	<u>922,041</u>
At 31 December 2019	<u>916,145</u>	<u>11,367</u>	<u>425</u>	<u>927,937</u>

11. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed investments £
<b>MARKET VALUE</b>	
At 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2020	<u>229</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31 December 2020	<u>229</u>
At 31 December 2019	<u>229</u>
Investments held inside the UK	£ 229
	<u>229</u>

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12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.20	31.12.19
	£	£
Other debtors	2,000	2,000
Income tax recoverable	7,500	2,600
	<u>9,500</u>	<u>4,600</u>

13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.20	31.12.19
	£	£
Accrued expenses	<u>2,093</u>	<u>2,696</u>

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.20	Net	Transfers	At
	£	movement	between	31.12.20
		In funds	funds	
		£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General Fund	104,835	156,231	(160,000)	101,066
Deposit Funds	3,834	89	130,000	133,923
Tower Funds	3,953	1,017	-	4,970
Heritage Funds	3,982	4,506	-	8,488
Sound System Fund	11,367	(5,683)	-	5,684
Sutton Rainhill Project	-	-	30,000	30,000
	<u>127,971</u>	<u>156,160</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>284,131</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Parish Charity Trustee Fund Asset	822,945	-	-	822,945
Churchyard Funds	229	-	-	229
Friends of the Choir	1,679	-	-	1,679
Flower Guild	4,920	-	-	4,920
100 Club	2,093	(34)	-	2,059
The Bible Fund	5,442	(684)	-	4,758
Platform 2	5,944	(874)	-	5,070
Forget Me Not	970	396	-	1,366
	<u>844,222</u>	<u>(1,196)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>843,026</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>972,193</u>	<u>154,964</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,127,157</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General Fund	276,948	(120,717)	156,231
Deposit Funds	89	-	89
Tower Funds	1,017	-	1,017
Heritage Funds	4,506	-	4,506
Sound System Fund	1	(5,684)	(5,683)
	<u>282,561</u>	<u>(126,401)</u>	<u>156,160</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
100 Club	5,581	(5,615)	(34)
The Bible Fund	23	(707)	(684)
Platform 2	(1)	(873)	(874)
Forget Me Not	500	(104)	396
	<u>6,103</u>	<u>(7,299)</u>	<u>(1,196)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>288,664</u>	<u>(133,700)</u>	<u>154,964</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.19 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General Fund	108,343	(3,211)	(297)	104,835
Deposit Funds	3,805	29	-	3,834
Tower Funds	3,685	148	120	3,953
Heritage Funds	4,278	(473)	177	3,982
Sound System Fund	17,051	(5,684)	-	11,367
	<u>137,162</u>	<u>(9,191)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>127,971</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Parish Charity Trustee Fund Asset	822,945	-	-	822,945
Churchyard Funds	227	2	-	229
Friends of the Choir	1,938	(259)	-	1,679
Flower Guild	5,035	(115)	-	4,920
100 Club	2,162	(69)	-	2,093
The Bible Fund	6,060	(618)	-	5,442
Platform 2	3,586	2,358	-	5,944
Forget Me Not	-	970	-	970
	<u>841,953</u>	<u>2,269</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>844,222</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>979,115</u>	<u>(6,922)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>972,193</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General Fund	126,080	(129,291)	-	(3,211)
Deposit Funds	29	-	-	29
Tower Funds	148	-	-	148
Heritage Funds	3,674	(4,147)	-	(473)
Sound System Fund	-	(5,684)	-	(5,684)
	<u>129,931</u>	<u>(139,122)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(9,191)</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Churchyard Funds	-	-	2	2
Friends of the Choir	99	(358)	-	(259)
Flower Guild	1,352	(1,467)	-	(115)
100 Club	6,526	(6,595)	-	(69)
The Bible Fund	44	(662)	-	(618)
Platform 2	5,000	(2,642)	-	2,358
Forget Me Not	1,411	(441)	-	970
	<u>14,432</u>	<u>(12,165)</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2,269</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>144,363</u>	<u>(151,287)</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>(6,922)</u>

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.20 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General Fund	108,343	153,020	(160,297)	101,066
Deposit Funds	3,805	118	130,000	133,923
Tower Funds	3,685	1,165	120	4,970
Heritage Funds	4,278	4,033	177	8,488
Sound System Fund	17,051	(11,367)	-	5,684
Sutton Rainhill Project	-	-	30,000	30,000
	<u>137,162</u>	<u>146,969</u>	-	<u>284,131</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Parish Charity Trustee Fund Asset	822,945	-	-	822,945
Churchyard Funds	227	2	-	229
Friends of the Choir	1,938	(259)	-	1,679
Flower Guild	5,035	(115)	-	4,920
100 Club	2,162	(103)	-	2,059
The Bible Fund	6,060	(1,302)	-	4,758
Platform 2	3,586	1,484	-	5,070
Forget Me Not	-	1,366	-	1,366
	<u>841,953</u>	<u>1,073</u>	-	<u>843,026</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>979,115</u>	<u>148,042</u>	-	<u>1,127,157</u>

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General Fund	403,028	(250,008)	-	153,020
Deposit Funds	118	-	-	118
Tower Funds	1,165	-	-	1,165
Heritage Funds	8,180	(4,147)	-	4,033
Sound System Fund	1	(11,368)	-	(11,367)
	<u>412,492</u>	<u>(265,523)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>146,969</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Churchyard Funds	-	-	2	2
Friends of the Choir	99	(358)	-	(259)
Flower Guild	1,352	(1,467)	-	(115)
100 Club	12,107	(12,210)	-	(103)
The Bible Fund	67	(1,369)	-	(1,302)
Platform 2	4,999	(3,515)	-	1,484
Forget Me Not	1,911	(545)	-	1,366
	<u>20,535</u>	<u>(19,464)</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1,073</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>433,027</u>	<u>(284,987)</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>148,042</u>

Transfers between funds

Transfer from the general fund to the deposit, tower fund and sound system funds represent amounts designated for the purpose of investment, maintenance of the tower and bells and upgrade of the sound system.

15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the year, no grant (2019 £5,000) was received from St Ann's Platform 2 charity.

Included within Gift Aided Collections are donations from trustees amounting to £11,867 (2019: £11,275).

16. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

The general fund may be used at the discretion of the PCC in the furtherance of the charity's objects.

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17. DESIGNATED FUNDS

The Deposit Fund

The fund represents amounts set aside in an interest bearing account.

The Tower Fund

The fund has been set aside to contribute towards maintenance of the tower and bells.

The Heritage Fund

This fund has been set aside to contribute towards the maintenance and repairs of the Church and Millennium Centre.

The Sound System Fund

This fund represents an amount expended and capitalised in the balance sheet on a new sound system. The fund will reduce annually by the movement in the net book value of the asset.

The Sutton Rainhill Project

The fund has been set aside to contribute towards the costs of the minister in the housing development in the Sutton Rainhill boundary.

18. RESTRICTED FUNDS

The Parish Charity Trustee Fund Asset

This fund is represented by the property "The Millennium Centre"

Churchyard Fund

This fund was originally set up with a £100 donation a number of years ago. Since 1988 the Parish Council maintained the Churchyard, with responsibility since passed to St. Helens MBC in 2015.

The Bible Fund

The Bible Fund was set up from a donation received in 2010. The amount is to be expended on the purchase of bibles for the children of St Ann's Church of England primary school.

The other restricted funds represent individual church groups operated by the charity.

Platform 2 Fund

The fund was set up during the year ended December 2018. The grant is to be used to provide an introduction to the Christian faith to newcomers, who it is hoped will eventually progress to attend regular church services and play an active role in church activities.

Forget Me Nots Fund

The fund was set up during the year ended December 2019. Grants were received and are used to provide a meeting place, and activities, for Alzheimer sufferers, vulnerable people, and their carers.