

**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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**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 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'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.

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 Gorbett 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.

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**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.

#### **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 Fabric 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 Gorbett (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

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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. Gorbitt- PCC & Children and Vulnerable Persons Co-Ordinator

Mr R Forkgen (until 23 July 2022)  
Mrs. M. Lutner  
Mrs. D. Corcoran  
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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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	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

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

**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>	13				
Unrestricted funds				244,043	255,502
Restricted funds				847,015	848,278
<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

  
.....  
S Jorles - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

Notes to the Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

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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 2022

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>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

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

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

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

5. GRANTS PAYABLE

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

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

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

6. SUPPORT COSTS

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

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

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>



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>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

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>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

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.