

**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
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 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 Jamili 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 Gorbett 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 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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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 Gorbett (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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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

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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. Gorbitt- PCC & Children and Vulnerable Persons Co-Ordinator
Mrs. M. Lutner
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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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Currently under review prior to the Quinquennial Inspection

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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Date:13/5/24.....

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

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 £
FIXED ASSETS					
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>
CURRENT ASSETS					
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>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(4,532)	-	(4,532)	(2,391)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>78,553</u>	<u>22,485</u>	<u>101,038</u>	<u>146,160</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>191,867</u>	<u>845,431</u>	<u>1,037,298</u>	<u>1,091,058</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>191,867</u>	<u>845,431</u>	<u>1,037,298</u>	<u>1,091,058</u>
FUNDS	12				
Unrestricted funds				191,867	244,043
Restricted funds				845,431	847,015
TOTAL FUNDS				<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
12.12.24 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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3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.12.23	31.12.22
	£	£
Dividends and interest	<u>3,329</u>	<u>1,386</u>

4. GRANTS PAYABLE

	31.12.23	31.12.22
	£	£
Grants payable	<u>1,043</u>	<u>3,160</u>

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

	31.12.23	31.12.22
	£	£
Outward giving	<u>-</u>	<u>3,160</u>

5. SUPPORT COSTS

	Finance	Governance	Totals
	£	costs	£
	£	£	£
General	<u>227</u>	<u>8,934</u>	<u>9,161</u>

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

No amounts were paid during the year in respect of services provided (2022: £1,515).

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	116,079	2,663	118,742
Charitable activities			
General	26,542	5,380	31,922
Investment income	<u>1,333</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>1,386</u>
Total	<u>143,954</u>	<u>8,096</u>	<u>152,050</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
General	152,253	9,359	161,612
Grants payable	<u>3,160</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,160</u>
Total	<u>155,413</u>	<u>9,359</u>	<u>164,772</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(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 £
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	255,502	848,278	1,103,780
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<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 £
COST				
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>
DEPRECIATION				
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>
NET BOOK VALUE				
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	<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 in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
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>
Restricted funds				
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>
TOTAL FUNDS	<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 £
Unrestricted funds			
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>
Restricted funds			
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>
TOTAL FUNDS	<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 £
Unrestricted funds			
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>
Restricted funds			
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>
TOTAL FUNDS	<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 £
Unrestricted funds			
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>
Restricted funds			
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>
TOTAL FUNDS	<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 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
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
	93,212	118,742
Investment income		
Dividends and interest	3,329	1,386
Charitable activities		
Social activities	7,757	5,083
Magazine income	5,719	4,671
PCC Fees	9,806	16,933
Church groups	5,340	5,235
	28,622	31,922
Total incoming resources	125,163	152,050
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
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
	169,762	154,041
Support costs		
Finance		
Bank charges	227	250

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

	31.12.23 £	31.12.22 £
Finance		
Governance costs		
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>
Net expenditure	<u>(53,760)</u>	<u>(12,722)</u>

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