

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF SEVEN SAINTS, NEW BURY WITH GREAT LEVER

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Activities

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

Activities: Oversees the work of the Parish of Seven Saints which is a group of four churches serving the New Bury and Great Lever areas of Bolton.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£80,128	£74,393	-	-
2024-12-31	£59,191	£66,248	-	-
2023-12-31	£69,479	£77,809	-	-
2022-12-31	£77,831	£84,464	-	-
2021-12-31	£77,831	£84,464	-	-
2020-12-31	£77,126	£53,974	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ANDREW GIBBONS		
Caelum Oldfield		2026-04-20
DEBRA JAYNE LYONS		2011-11-16
Joy Fairbrother		2022-04-01
KATHRYN FOX		2022-04-01
Lesley-Anne Durosomo		2010-03-01
MARGARET BROCKIE		2022-04-01
Margaret Moulton		2022-04-01
Marilyn Wren		2024-04-01
Mary Quayle		2022-04-01
ROB TYLER		2013-05-20
Rachel Bridge		2022-04-01
Rev Andrew Jones		2024-11-27
SAMANTHA BOWERBANK		2013-05-09
Timothy Peter Goddard		2015-04-20

Accounts



Seven Saints Team

NEW BURY WITH GREAT LEVER

SEVEN SAINTS PARISH, BOLTON



ST MICHAEL'S



S S SIMON & JUDE



ST GEORGE WITH ST JAMES



ST CATHERINE'S

Annual Report

April 2026

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Team Rector's Report

As I look back over the past year, my heart is full of gratitude. God has been generous to us, and the life of the Seven Saints Team continues to grow in depth, joy, and community engagement. There is so much to give thanks for far more than can be captured in a single report, but I hope this gives a glimpse of the blessings we have shared.

Across the parish, our involvement with schools has increased significantly. Relationships are strengthening, and I am slowly becoming more present in community initiatives. It has been encouraging to see doors opening and partnerships forming.

A major change this year was the adjustment of service times and the introduction of a new Wednesday morning Holy Communion. During Advent and Lent, we offered study courses, and as a team we have provided a wider range of worship styles; traditional, contemporary, and contemplative allowing many people to pray, reflect, and participate in ways that nourish their faith.

In 2025 we held our first Animal and Pet Blessing Service at St Michael's, which was a wonderful success. Two members of the congregation have begun their Authorised Lay Ministry training, and two people who originally attended Messy Church as participants are now part of the leadership team—an encouraging sign of discipleship in action. We also celebrated a joyful team confirmation service where ten members were confirmed by Bishop Matthew.

Our relationships with schools continue to flourish. Regular collective worship now takes place in four of our schools, and the mentorship programme at St James' High School has been a real blessing. It will be repeated in April, May, and June. We have also begun regular work with the newly appointed school chaplain and assistant chaplain.

Baptisms have grown significantly across the team, and we now have our first two weddings booked for 2026. So much of the ministry that happens in the Seven Saints Team is unseen acts of service, kindness, prayer, and dedication offered quietly by many faithful people. I am deeply grateful for all who support the life and mission of our churches.

It has also been a great privilege to be supported in ministry by Revd Stuart Smith, Revd Alison Comber, Sister Dorothy Needham, and Adrian Yapp. Their gifts and commitment have helped bring the gospel alive within the Seven Saints Team and the wider community.

This coming year we look forward to a special celebration at St Catherine's for their 25th anniversary, which will be marked at a team service. We will also celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Mothers' Union with a service of Holy Communion in May, alongside our annual Animal Blessing Service and Memorial Service.

On a personal note, I will be joining the Brothers of the First Order of the Society of St Francis as they make a pilgrimage in the North, marking 800 years since the death of St Francis. I am looking forward to walking with them over three days as part of this significant anniversary.

As we journey together, each on our own pilgrimage within the Seven Saints Team, let us remain mindful of the presence and help of our Lord. The words of Psalm 121:1-2 speak powerfully into our shared path:

"I lift up my eyes to the mountains
where does my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord,
the Maker of heaven and earth."

May we continue to walk in hope and faith, trusting that God goes before us and walks beside us.

In hope and faith,

Revd Andy
Team Rector

Administration Report

The Seven Saints team is currently composed of four worship communities across three churches in the Farnworth area of Greater Manchester:

- **St Catherine's**, Highfield Road, Farnworth.
- **St George's with St James. St Simon and St Jude-** Daisy Avenue, Farnworth.
(St Simon and St Jude suffered a fire in August 2023. The church family now worships with St George's with St James. As part of a period of consolidation and renewed focus, the two congregations are proceeding towards official approval through D.M.P.C for a new name which has been consulted and voted upon combining both churches and a new name, incorporating both church families and identities.)
- **St Michael's with St Bartholomew's-** Manchester Road, Great, Lever.

The parish operates within the Diocese of Manchester in the Church of England.

Correspondence Address: As above for each church

Parochial Church Council (PCC)

Our PCC has a full complement of members representing the four worshipping communities. There are two Parish Wardens with responsibility for the parish, and all three worship centres have Deputy Wardens and Deputy Treasurers. An overall Parish Treasurer collates parish finances. The parish is also represented on Deanery Synod and has two Parish Safeguarding Officers.

Team Rector: Revd Andrew Jones (in post from November 2024)

Parish Wardens: Rachel Bridge | Rob Tyler

Deanery Synod Representative: Samantha Bowerbank

Elected and church officer Members:

Lesley Durosomo (*Parish Treasurer*) | Deb Lyons (*Deputy Treasurer & Safeguarding Officer*) | Andrew Gibbons (*Deputy Churchwarden & Deputy Treasurer*) | Margaret Moulton (*Deputy Warden*) | Kathryn Fox (*Deputy Treasurer*) | Stella Crank (*Electoral Roll Officer*) | Joy Fairbrother (*PCC Secretary*) | Rob Tyler (*Parish Churchwarden*) | Rachel Bridge (*Parish Churchwarden*) | Sandra Bromley | Mary Quayle | Andrea Gibbons | Tim Goddard | Catherine Lee | Margaret Brockie | Marilyn Wren, June Atkinson- now retired from PCC.

Structure, Governance, and Management

PCC members are appointed in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and consider standing for election.

Electoral Roll

- **Total parishioners on Electoral Roll:** 91
- **Removals during the year:** 0

Electoral Roll Officer: Stella Crank

Financial Report- Year Ending 31 December 2025

In 2025 we have seen our carry forward balance increase because of improved income albeit an aligned increase in expenditure. Rental income is crucial for this improvement and whilst increased rental use increases costs (utilities and repairs) there is still a benefit to the Parish to promote renting where possible.

2025 saw us into year 2 of the renegotiate the Parish Share with the diocese and this resulted in us paying 100% of the share £25400 our second year of paying 100% - 2024 - £24150. We again qualified for a reduction of 2% in 2026 because of meeting the payment requirements for the encouragement scheme.

Income for 20245 was £80129 (£59191) which is an increase of £20938 after a reduction in income in 2024 (£10288). This in the main relates to substantial new rental income received by St Georges. Giving for 20245 is £37755 (£38300) a reduction of £545 so giving is sustained at very similar level to 2024.

We now administer our own Gift Aid claims, and we received £8146 (£7482) reflecting the receipt of 5 quarters Gift Aid in the financial year.

Expenditure for 2025 was £74392 (£66247) which is £8145 up on last year. This reflects that during 2025 we now pay for the clergy property and further increased cost of living pressures including reduced utilities costs.

Expenditure was £5736 less than our income whereas in 2024 expenditure was £7056 more than our income and this position of spending more than we have coming in is not sustainable.

The balance on accounts at end of the year is £103185 (£97767) and needs to be viewed in terms of funds still held for the special projects such as SSSJ Insurance Funds and restricted funds held by St Michaels for graveyard and organ, rather than funds available for use by the Parish, and the continued restricted funds held for St James graveyard.

There are currently no liabilities outstanding.

We continue to try to have funds restricted for the graveyard at St James's released for use in the Parish £26213 (£26414) reduced after the payment of a grave to make safe where the owner could not be identified.

An accounting error in 2019 failed to show £24.33 of petty cash held by St Catherine's. To resolve this, a fund showing a debit balance of this amount is shown in the accounts - there is no petty cash held now, and this is a correcting entry on a funds basis and does not impact bank account balances and is carried forward into 2025.

It should be noted that the accounting system Expense Plus started in 2019 is proving to be very helpful and we have seen the benefit of this system this year in delivering the accounts more efficiently. I would like to record the Parish thanks to all the Treasurers and the Gift Aid Secretary who work tirelessly to ensure the financial running of the Parish.

Lesley Durosomo
PCC Treasurer

Seven Saints, Bolton
Statement of Financial Activities - Summary
Financial Year: 2025

Close

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Incoming Resources				
Donations & Legacies	36,644.69	1,110.00	37,754.69	38,300.25
Charitable Activities	41,386.63	394.29	41,780.92	20,199.04
Investments	266.32	0.00	266.32	288.60
Trading Activities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other	279.60	47.22	326.82	403.16
Total incoming resources	78,577.24	1,551.51	80,128.75	59,191.05
Resources Used				
Charitable Activities	67,515.59	312.00	67,827.59	61,079.52
Raising Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Governance Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Support	0.00	0.00	0.00	15.00
Other	5,181.24	1,383.68	6,564.92	5,381.79
Total resources used	72,696.83	1,695.68	74,392.51	66,476.31
Net Incoming / Outgoing Resources (before transfers)	5,880.41	-144.17	5,736.24	-7,285.26
Fund Transfers In	23,275.93	0.00	23,275.93	20,623.86
Fund Transfers Out	19,631.66	3,644.27	23,275.93	20,623.86
Net Incoming / Outgoing Resources (before gains/losses)	9,524.68	-3,788.44	5,736.24	-7,285.26
Investment Gains (or Losses)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Incoming / Outgoing Resources (before Asset Revaluation)	9,524.68	-3,788.44	5,736.24	-7,285.26
Asset Revaluation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Movement of Funds	9,524.68	-3,788.44	5,736.24	-7,285.26
Total Funds Brought Forward	47,484.93	49,963.55	97,448.48	104,733.74
Total Funds Carried Forward	57,009.61	46,175.11	103,184.72	97,448.48
Represented By				
Seven Saints (Unrestricted)	6,313.43	0.00	6,313.43	7,284.85
SSSJ (Unrestricted)	390.02	0.00	390.02	881.02
St. Catherines (Unrestricted)	866.81	0.00	866.81	860.49
St Georges Building Fund (Restricted)	0.00	783.10	783.10	783.10
St. Michaels (Unrestricted)	2,101.13	0.00	2,101.13	5,840.31
St. Georges with St.James (Unrestricted)	19,089.12	0.00	19,089.12	2,862.14
St James Churchyard Account (Restricted)	0.00	26,212.80	26,212.80	26,414.19
St Georges with St.J Designated (Designated)	4,764.96	0.00	4,764.96	4,764.96
St Michaels Churchyard Appeal (Restricted)	0.00	881.78	881.78	871.78
Grave Yard Maintenance (Designated)	10,156.69	0.00	10,156.69	10,916.87
Church Yard Legacy (Restricted)	0.00	13,000.00	13,000.00	13,000.00
Seven Saints Toddler Group (Restricted)	0.00	541.14	541.14	541.14

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
St Michaels Organ Fund (Restricted)	0.00	4,756.29	4,756.29	4,709.07
St Michaels Renovation Designated (Designated)	5,308.04	0.00	5,308.04	5,308.04
Job Club (Restricted)	0.00	0.00	0.00	944.16
Heritage Project (Restricted)	0.00	0.00	0.00	866.30
Petty Cash (Unrestricted)	-24.33	0.00	-24.33	-24.33
Community Champions (Restricted)	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,833.81
Messy Church & Family Activities (Designated)	533.53	0.00	533.53	873.18
St Catherine's Building Fund (Designated)	367.21	0.00	367.21	774.40
SSSJ Insurance Claim (Designated)	7,143.00	0.00	7,143.00	7,143.00

Buildings and Fabric Report

All three churches have been well supported by congregation members in the ongoing maintenance and upkeep of the buildings and grounds. At a recent PCC meeting, it was suggested that rotating working parties could be established to help address minor repairs and cleaning tasks as they arise.

As always, regular maintenance and monitoring are essential—from PAT testing to addressing items highlighted in the quinquennial reports. Thanks to the many volunteers who give their time, these responsibilities are often supported by congregation members when appointments or works need to be carried out. The support provided is deeply appreciated by all three churches.

One proposal put forward is for each church to maintain an itinerary of outstanding work. This is now in place in two churches. This would allow tasks to be reviewed, prioritised, and addressed based on urgency and severity.

Two of the churches currently have ongoing external hire arrangements in place, which contribute both to financial sustainability and community engagement.

The churchyard at St Michael's has also benefited greatly from the efforts of the Community Payback Team, who have completed excellent work in maintaining the graveyard and surrounding environment.

At the time of this report's submission, no concerns or issues have been raised for inclusion.

Health & Safety Report

At the time of writing this report, there are no health and safety issues to report across all three churches for 2025/26.

Deanery Synod Report

The Deanery Synod continues to be an important gathering where we hear, share, and are encouraged by all that is taking place across the Bolton Deanery, as well as receiving updates on the wider diocesan strategy and the work of the national Church.

We have benefited from several excellent presentations this year, focusing on clergy wellbeing, lay wellbeing, growing younger, and developing missional leaders. These sessions have offered both insight and inspiration as we seek to grow healthier, more vibrant churches.

We have also welcomed several guest speakers, and there has been valuable time for us as a deanery to come together in prayer. We have prayed intentionally for our shared priorities—such as vacancies, collaborative work across the deanery, and the ongoing mission of our parishes.

Above all, we have prayed for the Holy Spirit to be active among us, guiding, strengthening, and helping us to thrive in the work God has called us to do.

The Deanery Synod remains a place of fellowship, encouragement, and shared purpose, reminding us that we are part of something larger than ourselves and that God continues to move powerfully in our midst.

Safeguarding

The Seven Saints Team of churches is committed to safeguarding children, young people, vulnerable adults, and those in abusive relationships. We aim to create safe environments where children and young people are nurtured and protected, and where all people—especially those who may be vulnerable for any reason—are able to worship and pursue their faith journey with encouragement and in safety.

Safeguarding Officers: Deb Lyons & Lesley Durosomo

An overview of safeguarding procedures across the team was discussed, and notices are displayed on all church noticeboards, including the Safer Church Poster and Who's Who details.

Deb and Lesley have completed the Safeguarding Leadership Certificate, which is required for all Parish Safeguarding Officers.

Following recent training, they are reviewing safeguarding procedures across the team and will update the PCC throughout the year.

Any groups hiring church halls are required to agree to our safeguarding policies and to share their own procedures with us.

The Seven Saints website hosts our safeguarding policy alongside a range of other documents and links to support agencies should people have concerns or need to seek help.

There have been several reported safeguarding concerns during the year. Revd Andy has reported on these and has received support from the diocesan team where required.

A folder has now been set up in the St George's safe to store paper safeguarding records alongside our online records.

All PCC members are required to have DBS clearance. This process is supported by the Parish Safeguarding Officers to ensure compliance. All members have completed basic safeguarding training and are working towards full compliance with the Foundation Course. The PSOs maintain a training log to ensure parish compliance.

From 2026, the aim is for all church officers to be clearly identified in each church, supporting congregations in knowing who is available to help.

The Parish Safeguarding Officers have completed a safeguarding checklist and can confirm that the Seven Saints Team has complied with its duty to have due regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding.

All safeguarding concerns are reported through the appropriate channels as directed by the Diocese of Manchester and the Church of England.

Gathered Worship in the Seven Saints Parish

There is a regular pattern of worship across the parish, serving both long-standing members and newcomers.

St Catherine's

- **9.00 am - First two Sundays:** Methodist-led Holy Communion
- **Third Sunday:** Team Service (Anglican minister)
- **Fourth Sunday:** Anglican-led worship
- **Fifth Sunday (if applicable):** Methodist-led worship
- **Thursday evenings:** Anglican/Methodist-led family worship

We welcome both long-standing members and new families exploring faith. This is particularly evident on Thursday evenings, where family-focused worship has grown in congregational numbers. Our liturgy follows Common Worship and is presented using PowerPoint, with recorded hymns and worship music enhancing worship.

With worship led by both Methodist and Anglican ministers, the breadth of worship is exciting and varies through the year, for example the Covenant Service in January.

A Filipino church, Lord Jesus Our Redeemer Church, meets at St Catherine's on Sunday afternoons.

There has also been a long-standing Tuesday Friendly Hour, which has been a valued source of support and fellowship in the community.

St George's with St James. St Simon and St Jude.

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- **9.00 am - First two Sundays:** Holy Communion (Anglican minister) and Service of the Word (lay team member)
- **Third Sunday:** Team Service (Anglican minister)
- **Fourth & Fifth Sundays:** Holy Communion and Service of the Word
- **Wednesday morning:** Holy Communion led by Revd Alison

We welcome both long-standing members and new families exploring faith. The liturgy follows Common Worship and is presented using PowerPoint, with recorded hymns and worship music. We are also privileged to have musicians who play regularly, including a pianist and a tuba player.

Once a month, Messy Church takes place in the church and church hall, supported by volunteers from across the team. This continues to be a thriving and well-received ministry.

The Lighthouse Church meets in the building on Sunday afternoons and some Saturdays. There has been an increase in external church hire, supporting community engagement, including dance groups and police community engagement events.

Successful social events have included afternoon tea, chocolate bingo, and a Christmas meal.

The church has benefited from the installation of a new rear fence, improving both security and appearance. Future plans include applying for new front doors and officially dedicating the church once the amalgamation and new name are approved.

St Michael's with St Bartholomew's

- **10.30 am - First two Sundays:** Anglican-led Holy Communion
- **Third Sunday:** Team Service (Anglican minister)
- **Fourth & Fifth Sundays:** Anglican-led worship
- **Thursday morning:** Morning Prayer

Deputy Wardens: Margaret Moulton

Assistant Treasurers: Kathryn Fox

PCC Members and officers include Margaret Brockie, Sarah Kay (Noticeboard), Lee Oldfield, Pat Darwell, Chris Moulton, Caelum Oldfield, Rose Peterkin, June Syddall, and Lynn Williams.

The Sunday service time changed to 10.30 am from 03/08/25. The Thursday morning Service of the Word continues at 9.00 am.

Special services well supported by the congregation and wider community included:

- Family and Pet Service - 22/06/25
- Annual Memorial Service - 02/11/25
- Service of Nine Lessons and Carols - 14/12/25

Our organist, Nicola White, plays at two services per month. Links continue with a local care home through prayer time and fellowship visits. Kathryn Fox is currently undertaking an ALM course.

Eco Church

The Churchyard Conservation Project continues, including the establishment of a bee-friendly wildflower bed.

Children from St Michael's CE Primary School took part in an environmental study day "Green Day," planting flower beds and tubs using funds they raised themselves.

Within the church, aisle lamps have been cleaned and bulbs replaced with eco-friendly LED lighting. Further environmental improvements are planned for the chancel.

Kathryn Fox attended diocesan webinars:

- Myth Busting Climate Change
- Warming Sacred Spaces Sustainably

Churchyard

The churchyard remains open for burials. Community Payback Scheme groups work in the churchyard most Fridays from late March to October.

St Michael's CE Primary School

Our relationship with our linked primary school is much valued. Three members of our congregation serve as school governors, and the Team Rector acts as Chair. The school uses the church building and grounds for learning experiences, concerts, and worship throughout the year.

A Friends of St Michael's School group has been established, and two meetings have taken place in school. Joint school/church fundraising events include the Summer Fair and Christmas Fair.

Messy Church

We have a thriving, lay-volunteer-led Messy Church service that takes place on the third Saturday of every month at St George's. There continues to be a core group of regular attendees, along with some new families who have recently begun coming to the Saturday morning sessions.

Recent themes have included stories from *The Lion Storyteller Bible*, a Christmas carol concert, and an Easter focus. Each session includes a mix of craft activities, worship, and shared food. The families who attend consistently give positive feedback about their experience, and the atmosphere remains warm, welcoming, and engaging.

The Messy Church team has also begun creating a scrapbook to capture the activities from each month. This will include both written and pictorial content, and a copy will be placed in each church to showcase the focus and highlights of every session.

Messy Church could not take place without the dedication of our wonderful volunteers, who give so much of their time and energy—not only during the sessions themselves, but also in the planning and preparation that happens throughout the month.

Two members who originally attended Messy Church as participants now serve as leaders, which has been a joy to witness as they continue their journey of discipleship.

Friendly Hour & Mother Union - St Catherine's

Every Tuesday, **Friendly Hour** takes place at St Catherine's. It has around 15–20 attendees, most of whom are retired, and it hosts a variety of speakers. Each session includes a hymn and a prayer, followed by refreshments. A recent trip went to Blackburn cathedral to view an exhibition on the Turin shroud has taken place and enjoyed by all who attended.

The Mothers' Union, which meets once a month, will be admitted two new members in May 2025. The Mothers' Union is active in outreach work, with initiatives such as putting together backpacks for the local domestic violence refuge, collecting toiletries for people released from prison and for those who are homeless, and providing premature baby bonnets for the neonatal ICU at the local hospital. The Mothers' Union is always open to and welcoming of new members. This year celebrates 150 years of the mother union, with a celebration service in May 2026.

School links

Our schools are an integral part of our Parish, and we are committed to providing engagement and support through assemblies and collective worship, governance, pastoral care, and the encouragement of links and shared activities between schools and their local church.

Parish Schools

- **St James CE Primary** (Part of Archbishop Temple MAT)
- **St James CE High School** (Part of The Bishop Fraser MAT)
- **St Michael's CE Primary School** (Aided)
- **SS Simon and Jude CE Primary** (Part of The Vantage MAT)

Other Schools in Our Parish

- **Highfield County Primary School**
- **The Orchards Federation**, including:
 - Green Fold Special School
 - Cherry Tree Primary School
 - The Orchards Nursery School
- **Lever Edge Primary School**
- **Our Lady of Lourdes RC Primary**
- **Queensbridge County Primary** (*Located within the parish boundary but served by East Farnworth & Kearsley Parish*)
- **Mount St Joseph RC Secondary School**

St Michael's C of E Primary School

Our much-valued relationship with our linked Primary school continues. The school uses the church building and grounds for learning experiences, concerts and worship throughout the year. Three of our congregation are school governors. Revd Andy is now chair of Governors.

Members of our congregation attend special worship services in school and members of staff attend our Sunday services. The school has enjoyed a close relationship with the church and regular come into church for RE lessons and more recently the Easter experience.

St James' Primary School

The Team Rector, Andy, has built some positive links with St James' Primary School and is now regularly visiting to lead collective worship. Attended school trips for events in the Bolton area.

The first Café Church took place in April 2025, with support from the Changing Places team. Children and families responded enthusiastically to both the worship and activities, and this initiative will continue into the summer term. This continues to be well attended and supported by the school.

Revd Andy is the of Chair of Governors at the school. Collective worship, school visits, and close collaboration with the Headteacher and Head of Religious Education will continue, with the aim of further strengthening the relationship between the church and school.

St Simon and St Jude's Primary School

St Simon and St Jude's have been very welcoming in introducing Revd Andy to the school, and relationships are growing. Collective worship and support with the school worship team take place on a regular basis, with the young people now taking a leadership role in the collective worship.

Revd Andy serves on the Board of Governors and is Vice Chair of the Governing Board.

St James' High School

At St James' High School, strong links have been established. A successful mentorship programme was delivered with Revd Andy taking part and supporting during the autumn term, with another programme planned for the spring and summer terms which Revd Andy will be involved in. Regular support has now begun with the newly appointed school chaplain and assistant chaplain. Two successful whole-school worship services have also taken place.

The Orchards

Revd Andy had the privilege of leading Christingle worship with 120 Year 3 and Year 4 students from The Orchards School. It was a joyful occasion and another example of deepening relationships between the church and local schools and led at Advent worship for the whole school

Other Church Groups & Community Connections

- Lighthouse Church hosts services in St George's with James, st Simon and st Jude on a Sunday afternoon and evening and are closely linked with the Parish in shared work and support.
- Lord Jesus Our Redeemer Church meets at st catherines church on Sunday afternoon

Several voluntary sector groups use our church premises including the following:

- St Catherine's Drive Residents Association
- Karate Groups
- An Amateur Dramatics Society
- Slimming World Group
- Local Councillors Surgeries
- Dancing Schools
- Local Community Police Officer community support meetings

Seven Saints, Bolton

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Net Incoming / Outgoing Resources (before transfers)	5,880.41	-144.17	5,736.24	-7,285.26
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Fund Transfers Out	19,631.66	3,644.27	23,275.93	20,623.86
Net Incoming / Outgoing Resources (before gains/losses)	9,524.68	-3,788.44	5,736.24	-7,285.26
Investment Gains (or Losses)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Incoming / Outgoing Resources (before Asset Revaluation)	9,524.68	-3,788.44	5,736.24	-7,285.26
Asset Revaluation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Movement of Funds	9,524.68	-3,788.44	5,736.24	-7,285.26
Total Funds Brought Forward	47,484.93	49,963.55	97,448.48	104,733.74
Total Funds Carried Forward	57,009.61	46,175.11	103,184.72	97,448.48
Represented By				
Seven Saints (Unrestricted)	6,313.43	0.00	6,313.43	7,284.85
SSSJ (Unrestricted)	390.02	0.00	390.02	881.02
St. Catherines (Unrestricted)	866.81	0.00	866.81	860.49
St Georges Building Fund (Restricted)	0.00	783.10	783.10	783.10
St. Michaels (Unrestricted)	2,101.13	0.00	2,101.13	5,840.31
St. Georges with St.James (Unrestricted)	19,089.12	0.00	19,089.12	2,862.14
St James Churchyard Account (Restricted)	0.00	26,212.80	26,212.80	26,414.19
St Georges with St J Designated (Designated)	4,764.96	0.00	4,764.96	4,764.96
St Michaels Churchyard Appeal (Restricted)	0.00	881.78	881.78	871.78
Grave Yard Maintenance (Designated)	10,156.69	0.00	10,156.69	10,916.87
Church Yard Legacy (Restricted)	0.00	13,000.00	13,000.00	13,000.00
Seven Saints Toddler Group (Restricted)	0.00	541.14	541.14	541.14

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
St Michaels Organ Fund (Restricted)	0.00	4,756.29	4,756.29	4,709.07
St Michaels Renovation Designated (Designated)	5,308.04	0.00	5,308.04	5,308.04
Job Club (Restricted)	0.00	0.00	0.00	944.16
Heritage Project (Restricted)	0.00	0.00	0.00	866.30
Petty Cash (Unrestricted)	-24.33	0.00	-24.33	-24.33
Community Champions (Restricted)	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,833.81
Messy Church & Family Activities (Designated)	533.53	0.00	533.53	873.18
St Catherine's Building Fund (Designated)	367.21	0.00	367.21	774.40
SSSJ Insurance Claim (Designated)	7,143.00	0.00	7,143.00	7,143.00

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the PCC for the year ending 31st December 2025.

Respective responsibilities.

As the charity trustees of the PCC 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 PCC accounts, carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act, and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Basis of this report.

The examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

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 PCC 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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S J SUTCLIFFE F.C.C.A

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Seven Saints Team

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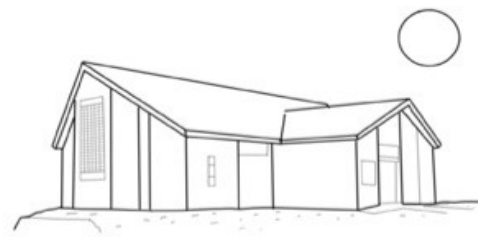
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Annual Report

April 2025

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: Team Rector's Report

I joined the Seven Saints team in November 2024 when I was licensed in the parish. Advent is such a beautiful time to begin a new chapter in ministry — a season rich with meaning as we await the birth of Jesus Christ. It's a time full of celebration and activity, yes, but also a time of great expectation and hope, which so fittingly mirrors the atmosphere of starting somewhere new. It felt right to step into parish life during a season so focused on light, promise, and renewal.

During that first Advent, I had the privilege of being invited to school worships and nativity performances. There's something incredibly humbling about watching children tell the Christmas story with such honesty and joy. I also had the opportunity to visit some of the local care providers who support our elderly residents in Farnworth — spaces of quiet dedication and deep care. These early experiences helped ground me in the parish and gave me a glimpse into the richness of this community.

I also began to worship regularly with the church family. It was a gift to simply be among you — listening, learning, and beginning to understand the heartbeat of Seven Saints. From the very beginning, I have felt welcomed and supported, and I'm deeply grateful for that.

The transition from my previous parish to Seven Saints has been something of a whirlwind — full of learning curves, new names, different rhythms, and unexpected blessings. I'm still learning (and probably always will be), still finding my feet, and still discovering the gifts and challenges that make this place unique. One of the most encouraging things I've witnessed is how this church family journeyed through the interregnum with such faithfulness. The way you continued to worship, serve, and grow in that time is a testament to the strength and depth of this community.

As with any time of transition, building trust and forming new relationships takes time. It doesn't happen overnight. But over the last four months, I've started to find my bearings and settle into the rhythm of life here. I've particularly loved becoming more involved with the schools in the parish. The ministry that takes place there is joy-filled and energising — a space where faith is shared freely and with great enthusiasm. Children and young people have such a fresh and powerful perspective on God, and it's a privilege to walk alongside them in their journey.

Pastoral ministry has also been deeply moving. I've had the honour of connecting with members of the congregation who are no longer able to attend church in person, and I've started to build relationships with others who form the core of our worshipping community. These connections — whether in hospitals, homes, or quiet conversations after services — are at the heart of what it means to be church together.

Before sitting down to write this report, I re-read the parish profile and was especially struck by one of the four bullet points describing the kind of priest the team was hoping for:

“With a heart for service, you will be dedicated to both the spiritual wellbeing of our congregation and meaningful outreach to the broader community.”

This line really resonated with me. At the core of my calling — as a priest and as a follower of Christ — is service. That service can take many forms: preaching, leading worship, pastoral care, outreach, prayer, and simply showing up with compassion. But in all its forms, service is how I try to glorify God — by reflecting His splendour, wonder, and love in everything I do.

This service happens during Sunday mornings, at Messy Church, through collective worship in schools, or in confirmation groups. But it also happens in much smaller, quieter ways — in every conversation, every visit, every moment of presence in the community. Whether I'm in a shop, walking through Farnworth, or speaking to someone I meet on the street, I try to carry with me the sense that every interaction is an opportunity to reflect the love of God. The call to serve is also the call to be a visible presence — not just in the church, but in the everyday life of the parish.

It's a high calling — and at times, it can feel like a lot to live up to. But I'm not doing this alone. With God's help, the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and the faithful prayers and support of this community, I trust that the work we're beginning will grow and bear fruit.

Looking ahead, the next twelve months will be a time of continued listening, building, and planting. I want to continue getting to know each of our congregations more deeply, while also engaging more widely with the community. There's so much potential here — and so much already happening — but I believe there's even more we can do together as we grow in faith and mission.

It will also be a time to begin discerning how we, as a church, want to grow. Growth can take many shapes: deepening our spiritual lives, welcoming new people, or developing new areas of ministry. One key area I hope to focus on is leadership — encouraging and supporting new church leaders, lay volunteers, and those feeling called to serve in new ways. Over the next 24 months, I would love to see Authorized Lay Ministers becoming part of our team, bringing fresh energy and diverse gifts to our shared ministry.

Another area I hope to explore more is how we tell the story of our faith — both inside the church and beyond its walls. How do we share our love for Jesus in a way that connects with people's lives today? How do we become a place of welcome for those who have questions, doubts, or hurts? How do we make space for creativity, honesty, and hope in all that we do?

In all of this, I am excited — not just about what I can bring, but about what we can discover together. Because ministry is never a solo journey. It is something we build, nurture, and grow as the body of Christ — rooted in prayer, guided by Scripture, and strengthened by love.

Thank you for welcoming me so warmly into this community. I feel incredibly blessed to be walking this journey with you.

In hope and faith,

: Administration Report

The Seven Saints team is currently composed of three churches in the Farnworth area of Greater Manchester:

- **St Catherines** Highfield road Farnworth

- **St George's with St James St Simon with St Jude** (Fire August 2023) Daisy Avenue Farnworth
- **St Michael's with St Bartholomew's and St Catherine's** Manchester Road Great Lever

The parish operates within the Diocese of Manchester in the Church of England.

Correspondence Address: As above

Parochial Church Council (PCC)

Our PCC has a full complement of members who represent the 4 worshipping communities. There are 2 Parish Wardens and a sequestrator in place during interregnum, and all 3 churches have Deputy Wardens and Deputy Treasurers, with an overall Parish Treasurer who collates the Parish Finances. We are also represented on Deanery Synod and have 2 Parish Safe-Guarding Leads.

PCC Members (May 1, 2024 – Approval Date):

- **Team Rector:** Revd Andrew Jones (in post from November 2024)
- **Parish Wardens:** Deb Lyons & Rob Tyler
- **Deanery Synod Representatives:** Andrea Gibbons, Rob Tyler
- **Elected Members:** Lesley Durosomo, Deb Lyons, Rob Tyler, Rachel Bridge, Sandra Bromley, Mary Quayle, Andrew Gibbons, Andrea Gibbons, Joy Fairbrother, Tim Goddard, Catherine Lee, Helen Bulter, Margaret Moulton, Kathryn Fox, Ian Butler, Margaret Brockie, Samantha Bowerbank, Stella Crank, Marilyn Wren, June Atkinson

PCC Meetings: The full PCC met seven times during the year – April 2024-2025

Structure, Governance, and Management

PCC members are appointed as per the Church Representation Rules. Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and consider standing for election.

Electoral Roll

- **Total Parishioners on Electoral Roll:** 91
- **Removals During the Year:** 23

Electoral Roll Officer: Stella Crank

: Finance Report

Seven Saints PCC Treasurers Report year ending 31 December 2024

2024 has seen a continuation of the changes in the services offered with monthly team services and reduced Thursday night youth services, and the appointment of Rev Andy Jones in November, all of which whilst injecting new vigour into our Sunday Services and Messy Church have had a negative impact on finances and seen another year of reduction in income.

2024 saw us renegotiate the Parish Share with the diocese and this resulted in us paying 100% of the share - £ 24150 whereas 2023 saw us pay 74.4% of an increased share of £30899.88 (£23000). We also qualified for a reduction of 2% in 2025 because of meeting the payment requirements for the encouragement scheme.

Income for 2024 was £59191 (£69479) which is a reduction of £10288 (£5585.) Giving for 2024 is £ 38300 (£40019) which is down £1719 (£5447) on last year reflecting the reduced number of services and loss of generous givers.

We now administer our own Gift Aid claims, and we received £7482 (£7431) Although giving is down gift aid is higher as giving for Q4 2023 is included in this figure – 5 quarters.

Expenditure for 2024 was £66247 (£77810) which is £11563 down on last year this reflects during 2024 we did not pay for the clergy property and reduced cost of living pressures including reduced utilities costs.

Despite reduced expenditure our expenditure was £7056 (£8331) more than our income and this position of spending more than we have coming in .is not sustainable.

The balance on accounts at end of the year is £97767 (£104733) and needs to be viewed in terms of funds still held for the special projects such as Job Club and the Heritage Fund rather than funds available for use by the Parish and the continued unusable funds held for St James Graveyard.

There are currently no liabilities outstanding.

We continue to try to have funds restricted for the Graveyard at St James's released for use in the Parish totalling £26414 (£26249).

Note to the accounts accounting error in 2019 failed to show £24.33 of petty cash held by St Catherine's to resolve this a fund showing a debit balance of this amount is shown in the accounts – there is no petty cash held now and this is a correcting entry on a funds basis and does not impact Bank Account balances and is carried forward into 2024.

It should be noted that the accounting system Expense Plus started in 2019 is proving to be very helpful and we have seen the benefit of this system this year in delivering the accounts more efficiently. I would like to record the Parish thanks to all the Treasurers and the Gift Aid Secretary who work tirelessly to ensure the financial running of the Parish.

Lesley Durosomo PCC Treasurer.

Seven Saints, Bolton
Statement of Financial Activities - Summary
 Financial Year: 2024

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Prior Year
Incoming Resources					
Donations & Legacies	37,250.25	1,050.00	0.00	38,300.25	40,019.00
Charitable Activities	19,750.85	448.19	0.00	20,199.04	28,507.98
Investments	288.60	0.00	0.00	288.60	86.67
Trading Activities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other	-87.50	490.66	0.00	403.16	866.10
Total incoming resources	57,202.20	1,988.85	0.00	59,191.05	69,479.75
Resources Used					
Charitable Activities	60,850.92	0.00	0.00	60,850.92	66,286.95
Raising Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Governance Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Support	15.00	0.00	0.00	15.00	45.00
Other	2,490.77	2,891.02	0.00	5,381.79	11,478.70
Total resources used	63,356.69	2,891.02	0.00	66,247.71	77,810.65
Net Incoming / Outgoing Resources (before transfers)	-6,154.49	-902.17	0.00	-7,056.66	-8,330.90
Fund Transfers In	20,283.53	340.33	0.00	20,623.86	28,627.66
Fund Transfers Out	18,361.48	2,262.38	0.00	20,623.86	28,627.66
Net Incoming / Outgoing Resources (before gains/losses)	-4,232.44	-2,824.22	0.00	-7,056.66	-8,330.90
Investment Gains (or Losses)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Incoming / Outgoing Resources (before Asset Revaluation)	-4,232.44	-2,824.22	0.00	-7,056.66	-8,330.90
Asset Revaluation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Movement of Funds	-4,232.44	-2,824.22	0.00	-7,056.66	-8,330.90
Total Funds Brought Forward	51,945.97	52,787.77	0.00	104,733.74	113,064.64
Total Funds Carried Forward	47,713.53	49,963.55	0.00	97,677.08	104,733.74
Represented By					
Seven Saints (Unrestricted)	7,284.85	0.00	0.00	7,284.85	7,098.66
SSJ (Unrestricted)	881.02	0.00	0.00	881.02	686.51
St. Catherines (Unrestricted)	1,089.09	0.00	0.00	1,089.09	1,875.86
St Georges Building Fund (Restricted)	0.00	783.10	0.00	783.10	328.60
St. Michaels (Unrestricted)	5,840.31	0.00	0.00	5,840.31	8,048.00
St. Georges with St James (Unrestricted)	2,862.14	0.00	0.00	2,862.14	4,766.64
TMCP (St Catherines) (Restricted)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
St James Churchyard Account (Restricted)	0.00	26,414.19	0.00	26,414.19	26,249.68
St Georges with St J Designated (Designated)	4,764.96	0.00	0.00	4,764.96	4,779.96
St Michaels Churchyard Appeal (Restricted)	0.00	871.78	0.00	871.78	1,636.78
Grave Yard Maintenance (Designated)	10,916.87	0.00	0.00	10,916.87	10,692.06
Church Yard Legacy (Restricted)	0.00	13,000.00	0.00	13,000.00	13,000.00

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Prior Year
Insight - Football (Designated)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Seven Saints Toddler Group (Restricted)	0.00	541.14	0.00	541.14	541.14
St Michaels Organ Fund (Restricted)	0.00	4,709.07	0.00	4,709.07	4,672.91
St Michaels Renovation Designated (Designated)	5,308.04	0.00	0.00	5,308.04	5,308.04
Job Club (Restricted)	0.00	944.16	0.00	944.16	944.16
Heritage Project (Restricted)	0.00	866.30	0.00	866.30	866.30
Petty Cash (Unrestricted)	-24.33	0.00	0.00	-24.33	-24.33
Ground Breakers (Restricted)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Community Champions (Restricted)	0.00	1,833.81	0.00	1,833.81	1,833.81
Messy Church & Family Activities (Designated)	873.18	0.00	0.00	873.18	1,460.07
Staffing Support (Restricted)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,262.38
St Michaels Energy Grant (Restricted)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
St George with St J Energy Grant (Restricted)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
St Catherines Energy Grant (Restricted)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	452.01
St Catherine's Building Fund (Designated)	774.40	0.00	0.00	774.40	111.50
SSJ Insurance Claim (Designated)	7,143.00	0.00	0.00	7,143.00	7,143.00

: Buildings and Fabric Report

All three churches have been well supported by congregation members in the ongoing maintenance and upkeep of the buildings and grounds. At a recent PCC meeting, it was suggested that rotating working parties could be established to help address minor repairs and cleaning tasks as they arise.

As always, regular maintenance and monitoring are essential—from PAT testing to addressing items highlighted in the quinquennial reports. Thanks to the many volunteers who give their time, these responsibilities are often supported by congregation members when appointments or works need to be carried out. The support provided is deeply appreciated by all three churches.

One proposal put forward is for each church to maintain an itinerary of outstanding work. This would allow tasks to be reviewed, prioritised, and addressed based on urgency and severity.

Two of the churches currently have ongoing external hire arrangements in place, which contribute both to financial sustainability and community engagement.

The churchyard at **St Michael's** has also benefited greatly from the efforts of the Community Payback Team, who have completed excellent work in maintaining the graveyard and surrounding environment.

At the time of this report's submission, no concerns or issues have been raised for inclusion.

: Health & Safety Report

At time of writing this report no issues from health and safety to report from all three churches in 2024/25

: Deanery Synod Report

The Deanery Synod, a formal gathering of representatives elected from every parish for sharing information and discussion across the Deanery.

The Synod can look at issues raised by the national Church, by the Diocese, and by PCCs at a local level.

In Bolton our Deanery Synod has a policy of looking at key issues and themes in its four meetings across the year.

In recent years we have had presentations and discussions on:

Closing Churches – How, Why and Who

Growing our Churches

Clergy Vacancies, Deployment and the Diocesan Vision

Children, Families and Schools

New mission ideas – Talkin' Tables and other projects in our Mission

Communities

Parish Share and the Discussion and Agreement Process

Safe Families and Home For Good – support for vulnerable young people

The Emerging Strategy for the Diocese 2025-2030

The Deanery synod is a key function in connectivity with the churches in the deanery but also to be informed of local and national initiatives and issues

Page 9: Safeguarding

The Seven Saint Team of churches are committed to safeguarding children and young people, vulnerable adults and those in abusive relationships. We aim to create safe environments, where children and young people are nurtured and protected; and where all people, and especially those who may be vulnerable for any reason, are able to worship and pursue their faith journey with encouragement and in safety.

Safeguarding Officers: Deb Lyons & Lesley Durosomo

All PCC members have up to date DBS clearance and all members have accessed basic safeguarding training the majority of the PCC have completed the Basic Awareness training provided by the diocese safeguarding team.

Each church has a pack of safeguarding notices displayed on the church notice board including the Safer Church Poster & Who's Who details.

Our [Seven Saints website](#) displays our Safeguarding policy alongside a range of other documents and possible support agencies should people have concerns or need to seek support.

There have been no reported safeguarding concerns throughout this year.

: Gathered Worship in Seven Saints Parish

There is a regular pattern of worship across the parish, serving both long-standing members and newcomers.

St Catherine's

- **9:30 AM – First Two Sundays:** Methodist-led Holy Communion
- **Third Sunday:** Team Service (Anglican Minister).
- **Fourth Sunday:** Anglican-led Worship.
- **Fifth Sunday (if applicable):** Methodist-led Worship.
- **Thursday evenings :** Anglican/ methodist led family worship

We welcome both long-standing congregational members and new families exploring faith. This is especially present on the Thursday evening worship which is family focussed and has grown in congregation numbers Our liturgy follows Common Worship and is presented using PowerPoint, with recorded hymns and worship music enhancing our time of worship.

With the worship being from methodist and Anglian ministers the breadth of worship is exciting and takes different focus through out the year for example the covenant service which takes place in January.

A Filipino Church (Lord Jesus Our Redeemer Church) meet at St Catherine's on a Sunday afternoon.

There has been a long standing Tuesday friendly hour which has been a source of support and fellowship in the community.

St George's with St James & St Simon and St Jude

- **10:15 AM – First Two Sundays:** Holy Communion (Anglican Minister) and Service of the Word (Lay Team Member).
- **Third Sunday:** Team Service (Anglican Minister).
- **Fourth & Fifth Sundays:** Holy Communion and Service of the Word.

We welcome both long-standing congregational members and new families exploring faith. The liturgy follows Common Worship and is presented using PowerPoint, with recorded hymns and worship music. Additionally, we are privileged to have musicians who play regularly, including a pianist every week and a tuba player accompanying hymns and communion hymns when available.

Once a month messy church takes place in the church and the church hall with volunteers from across the team supporting this has been a thriving ministry and enjoyed by families and volunteers.

The mustard's seed church meets out of the church on Sunday afternoons and some Saturdays and there have been in recent months an increase in church hire from external sources and in such growing in community engagement

St Michael's with St Bartholomew's

- **9:30 AM – First Two Sundays:** Anglican led Holy Communion
- **Third Sunday:** Team Service (Anglican Minister).
- **Fourth & Fifth Sundays:** Anglican-led Worship.

We welcome both long-standing congregational members and new families exploring faith. Service booklets featuring liturgy from Common Worship are used, with recorded music for hymns, and new worship songs have been introduced. St. Michael's regularly welcomes Sunday attendance from school staff, who actively participate in the service.

Annual Memorial Service for those people in the wider community who have lost loved ones held at the beginning of Advent.

On Remembrance Sunday we assemble at the Great Lever memorial situated in our churchyard for prayers and wreath laying. There are a number of war graves at St Michael's.

Our Primary School also holds a short remembrance service at the memorial.

Our organist, Nicola White, plays at two services per month.

Links with local care home

We feel it is an important part of our mission to reach out to the wider community in our area. As such, Margaret Brockie established a very worthwhile link with a local care home this year and makes regular visits for prayer time and fellowship.

Eco church

We continue to maintain our Churchyard Conservation Project. Our beautiful four-acre churchyard is full of mature trees and wildflowers. We feel that we can offer the local community a small oasis to appreciate the natural world and a quiet place for reflection. We are registered as an Eco Church with A Rocha (Silver Award).

In July we held a special Eco church service of the Word with Bible readings, intercessions and hymns on the theme of Creation. Refreshments were then served outside!

Kathryn Fox took part in an online carbon awareness training session led by Canon Grace Thomas.

Churchyard

The churchyard remains open for burials.

For the past few months, groups from the Community Payback scheme have been working in the churchyard most Fridays. This is a service which costs nothing to ourselves other than providing the groups with rest and refreshment facilities. We have been delighted with the work done over the winter. Sweeping up mountains of fallen leaves and clearing the drive and paths have made an enormous difference to the appearance and safety of the churchyard. We have had many positive comments and it has given us another opportunity to show that we are a welcoming community.

: Messy Church

We have a thriving, lay volunteer-led **Messy Church** service that takes place on the third Saturday of every month at **St George's**. There continues to be a core group of regular attendees, alongside some new families who have recently started coming to the Saturday morning sessions.

Recent themes have included *Heroes of the Bible*, *Love Your School*, and an *Easter Focus*. Each session includes a mix of craft activities, worship, and shared food. The families who attend have all given positive feedback about their experience, and the atmosphere remains welcoming and engaging.

The Messy Church team has also started a scrapbook to capture the activities from each month. This will include both written and pictorial content, and a copy will be placed in each church to showcase the focus and highlights of each session.

Messy Church could not take place without the dedication of our wonderful volunteers, who give so much of their time and energy—not just during the sessions, but also in the planning and preparation that happens throughout the month.

: Friendly Hour & Mother Union – St Catherine's

Every Tuesday there is Friendly Hour at St Catherine's. It has around 15-20 attenders who are mostly retired and hosts a variety of speakers with a hymn and a prayer followed by refreshments.

The Mothers' Union group who meet once a month who will be admitting two new members in May. The mothers union are active in outreach work with initiates as putting together back packs for the local domestic violence refuge, collect toiletries for people released from prison, the homeless. also providing premature baby bonnets to the local hospital for the neonatal ICU. The mothers union is always open and welcome to new members

School links

Our schools are an integral part of our Parish, and we as a Parish are committed to providing engagement and support through assemblies and collective worship, governance, pastoral care and encouragement of links and shared activities between schools and their local church.

Parish Schools

- St James CE Primary (Part of Archbishop Temple MAT)
- St James CE High School (Part of The Bishop Fraser MAT)
- St Michael's CE Primary School (Aided)
- SS Simon and Jude CE Primary (Part of The Vantage MAT)

Other Schools in our Parish

- Highfield County Primary School
- The Orchards Federation including Green Fold Special School, Cherry Tree Primary School and The Orchards Nursery School.
- Lever Edge Primary School
- Our Lady of Lourdes RC Primary
- Queensbridge County Primary (Just in the Parish but served by East Farnworth & Kearsley Parish)

Mount St Joseph RC Secondary School

St Michael's C of E Primary School

Our much-valued relationship with our linked Primary school continues. The school uses the church building and grounds for learning experiences, concerts and worship throughout the year. Five of our

congregation are school governors. The team rector has now joined the board of governors. Members of our congregation attend special worship services in school and members of staff attend our Sunday services. The School Faith Group chose an inspiring Bible verse – ‘Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart’- Colossians 3:23 and organised a poster competition illustrating the verse. The winning posters are proudly displayed in Church. School and Church held a joint Christmas Fair in December to raise funds for our church. Team rector has made some positive relationships with the school has invited children and staff to morning prayer in church and he has also attended several celebrations in school including Diwali and Easter. The team rector now sits on the board of governors with the school.

St James' Primary School

The Team Rector, Andy, has built some positive links with St James' Primary School and is now regularly visiting to lead collective worship. During Ash Wednesday, he also led the imposition of ashes with the Year 6 students.

The first Café Church took place in April, with support from the Changing Places team. Children and families responded enthusiastically to both the worship and activities, and this initiative will continue into the summer term.

In addition, the Team Rector will soon be taking up the role of Chair of Governors at the school. Collective worship, school visits, and close collaboration with the Headteacher and Head of Religious Education will continue, with the aim of further strengthening the relationship between the church and school.

St Simon and St Jude's Primary School

St Simon and St Jude's were very welcoming in introducing the new Team Rector to the school, and relationships are beginning to grow. Collective worship will begin during the summer term.

Soon after his appointment, the Team Rector joined Debs and Lyons in supporting the school through their SIAMS inspection. This is an exciting opportunity to build new connections and develop the partnership between church and school.

St James' High School

At St James' High School, initial links have been made between the Chaplaincy Team and the new Team Rector. Early work has included student focus groups with a view to setting up a mentorship program in the near future. This project is still in its early stages, with more detail to follow next year.

The focus for the summer term will be to strengthen relationships and provide meaningful support for both staff and students from a church perspective.

The Orchards

The Team Rector had the privilege of leading Christingle worship with 120 Year 3 and Year 4 students from The Orchards School. It was a joyful occasion and another example of deepening relationships between the church and local schools.

.: Other Church Groups & Community Connections

This section will include:

- Churches that use parish facilities on Sunday afternoons.
- Mustard Seed African Church hosts services in St George's with James on a Sunday afternoon and evening and are closely linked with the Parish in shared work and support.

Several voluntary sector groups use our church premises including the following:

- St Catherine's Drive Residents Association
- Karate Groups
- An Amateur Dramatics Society
- Slimming World Group
- Local Councillors Surgeries
- Dancing Schools
- Local Community Police Officer community support meetings

Seven Saints, Bolton

Statement of Financial Activities - Summary

Financial Year: 2024

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Prior Year
Incoming Resources					
Donations & Legacies	37,250.25	1,050.00	0.00	38,300.25	40,019.00
Charitable Activities	19,750.85	448.19	0.00	20,199.04	28,507.98
Investments	288.60	0.00	0.00	288.60	86.67
Trading Activities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other	-87.50	490.66	0.00	403.16	866.10
Total incoming resources	57,202.20	1,988.85	0.00	59,191.05	69,479.75
Resources Used					
Charitable Activities	60,850.92	0.00	0.00	60,850.92	66,286.95
Raising Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Governance Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Support	15.00	0.00	0.00	15.00	45.00
Other	2,490.77	2,891.02	0.00	5,381.79	11,478.70
Total resources used	63,356.69	2,891.02	0.00	66,247.71	77,810.65
Net Incoming / Outgoing Resources (before transfers)	-6,154.49	-902.17	0.00	-7,056.66	-8,330.90
Fund Transfers In	20,283.53	340.33	0.00	20,623.86	28,627.66
Fund Transfers Out	18,361.48	2,262.38	0.00	20,623.86	28,627.66
Net Incoming / Outgoing Resources (before gains/losses)	-4,232.44	-2,824.22	0.00	-7,056.66	-8,330.90
Investment Gains (or Losses)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Incoming / Outgoing Resources (before Asset Revaluation)	-4,232.44	-2,824.22	0.00	-7,056.66	-8,330.90
Asset Revaluation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Movement of Funds	-4,232.44	-2,824.22	0.00	-7,056.66	-8,330.90
Total Funds Brought Forward	51,945.97	52,787.77	0.00	104,733.74	113,064.64
Total Funds Carried Forward	47,713.53	49,963.55	0.00	97,677.08	104,733.74
Represented By					
Seven Saints (Unrestricted)	7,284.85	0.00	0.00	7,284.85	7,098.66
SSSJ (Unrestricted)	881.02	0.00	0.00	881.02	686.51
St. Catherines (Unrestricted)	1,089.09	0.00	0.00	1,089.09	1,875.86
St Georges Building Fund (Restricted)	0.00	783.10	0.00	783.10	328.60
St. Michaels (Unrestricted)	5,840.31	0.00	0.00	5,840.31	8,048.00
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St Michaels Churchyard Appeal (Restricted)	0.00	871.78	0.00	871.78	1,636.78
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Community Champions (Restricted)	0.00	1,833.81	0.00	1,833.81	1,833.81
Messy Church & Family Activities (Designated)	873.18	0.00	0.00	873.18	1,460.07
Staffing Support (Restricted)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,262.38
St Michaels Energy Grant (Restricted)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
St George with St J Energy Grant (Restricted)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
St Catherines Energy Grant (Restricted)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	452.01
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Seven Saints PCC & Meeting Membership 2022

Position	St Catherine's	St George's	St Michael's	SSSJ's
PCC				
Warden	Andrew Gibbons	Rob Tyler	Margaret Moulton	Deb Lyons
Deputy Warden	Sheila Smith	Rachel Bridge	Helen Butler	Sam Bowerbank
Synod	Andrea Gibbons	Rob Tyler	n/a	n/a
PCC Rep 1	Catherine Lee	Lesley Durosomo	Margaret Moulton	
PCC Rep 2	Joy Fairbrother	Sandra Bromley	Helen Butler	Marilyn Wren
PCC Rep 3	Tim Goddard	Mary Quayle	Kathryn Fox	June Wolfenden
PCC Rep 4	Andrea Gibbons		Margaret Brockie	
Finance				
Verger	Shelia Smith	Rachel Bridge	Margaret Brockie	N/a
Treasurer	Andrew Gibbons	Andrea Jackson	Kathryn Fox	Peter Lyons
Methodist Circuit Rep 1	Andrew Gibbons	NA	NA	NA
Methodist Circuit Rep 2	Shelia Smith	NA	NA	NA
Methodist Circuit Rep 3	Joy Fairbrother	NA	NA	NA
Methodist Youth Rep	Andrea Gibbons	NA	NA	NA
Gift Aid Sec	Stella Crank		CCPAS Lead Recruiter	Lesley Durosomo
Parish Safeguarding	Deb Lyons	Lesley Durosomo		

Electoral Roll Officer: Stela Crank

P. C.C. Treasurer: Lesley Durosomo

P. C. C. Secretary: Kathryn Fox

P.C.C Chair Lesley Durosomo

Vice Chair: Deb Lyons

(Team Clergy are ex-officio on the P.C.C.)

PCC REPORT

2023 was another exceptional year as worked the full year in interregnum. We have made some difficult decisions to keep the parish operating and worshipping on a Sunday – we have reduced our

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youth service on Thursday evenings to twice a month term time only and there is no junior church although we have altered our main services go cater for the young people attending.

The PCC met every 2 months during 2023 to oversee the work of the Parish and to consider major issues within the parish.

For financial information see the reported accounts

During the interregnum the PCC and the congregation have worked tirelessly to maintain services

A Parish Vision Day was held off site to gain clarity on the way forward and with the output of this day the Parish Profile was update to facilitate the appointment of new Team Rector.

MISSION REPORT

As a parish:

-We have partnered with Farnworth and Kearsley Foodbank and run a centre on Mondays at St G.

PASTORAL TEAM REPORT

The WhatsApp groups for the churches were very helpful to keep connected and the Prayer Chain for prayer support

We continued to pray for and visit the sick and the housebound, and where appropriate to take home communion.

METHODIST CIRCUIT REPORT 2021 - Report not available

Ministers Revd D Garfield

SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS REPORT

Our Safeguarding Officer is Deb Lyons supported by Lesley Durosomo and Diocesan Church Safeguarding Training has been received for Safeguarding leads over the last 12 months. We note that 2 safeguarding issues have been raised this year and dealt with in accordance with our safeguarding policy. We have an up-to-date register of all of the people who need DBS checks and when they received their last training.

Seven Saints Treasurers Report 2021

See report from Lesley Durosomo PCC Treasurer.

Signed by

Lesley Durosomo

PCC Chair

Lesley Durosomo

Date: May 2023

Seven Saints, Bolton

Statement of Financial Activities

Financial Year: 2023

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Prior Year
Incoming Resources					
Donations & Legacies	38,634.00	1,385.00	0.00	40,019.00	47,629.36
Charitable Activities	28,191.75	316.23	0.00	28,507.98	24,880.15
Investments	86.67	0.00	0.00	86.67	8.63
Trading Activities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other	533.15	332.95	0.00	866.10	2,546.32
Total incoming resources	67,445.57	2,034.18	0.00	69,479.75	75,064.46
Resources Used					
Charitable Activities	66,286.95	0.00	0.00	66,286.95	51,879.42
Raising Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Activities	2,829.73	8,648.97	0.00	11,478.70	12,355.94
Support	45.00	0.00	0.00	45.00	5,807.66
Total resources used	69,161.68	8,648.97	0.00	77,810.65	70,043.02
Net Incoming / Outgoing Resources (before transfers)	-1,716.11	-6,614.79	0.00	-8,330.90	5,021.44
Fund Transfers In	23,180.13	5,447.53	0.00	28,627.66	12,783.79
Fund Transfers Out	21,627.66	7,000.00	0.00	28,627.66	12,783.79
Net Incoming / Outgoing Resources (before gains/losses)	-163.64	-8,167.26	0.00	-8,330.90	5,021.44
Investment Gains (or Losses)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Incoming / Outgoing Resources (before Asset Revaluation)	-163.64	-8,167.26	0.00	-8,330.90	5,021.44
Asset Revaluation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Movement of Funds	-163.64	-8,167.26	0.00	-8,330.90	5,021.44
Total Funds Brought Forward	52,109.61	60,955.03	0.00	113,064.64	108,043.20
Total Funds Carried Forward	51,945.97	52,787.77	0.00	104,733.74	113,064.64
Represented By					
Seven Saints (Unrestricted)	7,098.66	0.00	0.00	7,098.66	8,110.82
SSSJ (Unrestricted)	686.51	0.00	0.00	686.51	1,267.39
St. Catherines (Unrestricted)	1,875.86	0.00	0.00	1,875.86	1,404.80
St Georges Building Fund (Restricted)	0.00	328.60	0.00	328.60	0.00
St. Michaels (Unrestricted)	8,048.00	0.00	0.00	8,048.00	12,455.62
St. Georges with St.James (Unrestricted)	4,766.64	0.00	0.00	4,766.64	6,150.78
TMCP (St Catherines) (Restricted)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
St James Churchyard Account (Restricted)	0.00	26,249.68	0.00	26,249.68	26,177.49
St Georges with St J Designated (Designated)	4,779.96	0.00	0.00	4,779.96	4,824.96
St Michaels Churchyard Appeal (Restricted)	0.00	1,636.78	0.00	1,636.78	845.78
Grave Yard Maintenance (Designated)	10,692.06	0.00	0.00	10,692.06	10,663.52
Church Yard Legacy (Restricted)	0.00	13,000.00	0.00	13,000.00	20,000.00
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St Michaels Renovation Designated (Designated)	5,308.04	0.00	0.00	5,308.04	5,308.04
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Messy Church & Family Activities (Designated)	1,460.07	0.00	0.00	1,460.07	1,948.01
Staffing Support (Restricted)	0.00	2,262.38	0.00	2,262.38	2,262.38
St Michaels Energy Grant (Restricted)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	977.75
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Warden	Andrew Gibbons	Mandi Stott	Elaine Guest-Evans	Deb Lyons
Deputy Warden	Sheila Smith	Rob Tyler	Anne Cheetham	VACANCY
Synod	Andrew Gibbons		Elaine Guest-Evans	Val Holden
PCC Rep 1	Marion Caughey	Lesley Durosomo	Margaret Moulton	Sam Bowerbank
PCC Rep 2	Susan Stephens	Sandra Bromley	Helen Butler	Stella Crank
PCC Rep 3	Tim Goddard	Mary Quayle	Kath Crossley	VACANCY
PCC Rep 4	Andrea Gibbons			
Stewardship Team/Finance & Standing Committee				
Warden	Andrew Gibbons	Rob Tyler	Elaine Guest-Evans	Deb Lyons
Deputy Warden	Tim Goddard	Rachel Bridge	Anne Cheetham	Sam Bowerbank
Treasurer	(Andrew Gibbons)	Andrea Jackson	Kathryn Fox	Peter Lyons
Stewardship Rep 1	Tim Goddard	Lesley Durosomo	Kath Crossley	Stella Crank
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Volunteer				Val Holden
Pastoral Action Team				
Pastoral Rep 1	Sheila Smith	Lesley Durosomo	Elaine Guest-Evans	VACANCY
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Mission Action Team				
Mission Rep 1	Andrea Gibbons		Margaret Brockie	Nadia Osypanka
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			Elaine Guest-Evans	
Noticeboard Rep	Joy Fairbrother	Sandra Bromley	Elisha Guest-Evans	Kerry Jones
Methodist Circuit Rep 1	Andrew Gibbons	NA	NA	NA
Methodist Circuit Rep 2	Shelia Smith	NA	NA	NA
Methodist Circuit Rep 3	Joy Fairbrother	NA	NA	NA
Methodist Youth Rep	Andrea Gibbons	NA	NA	NA
Gift Aid Sec	Stella Crank		CCPAS Lead Recruiter	Lesley Durosomo
Parish Safeguarding	Deb Lyons	Lesley Durosomo		

Electoral Roll Officer: Elaine Guest Evans

P. C.C. Treasurer: Lesley Durosomo

P. C. C. Secretary: Andrea Gibbons

P.C.C Chair Andrew Gibbons

Vice Chair: Stella Crank

(Team Clergy are ex-officio on the P.C.C. and the Teams above)

PCC REPORT

2022 was another exceptional year as we dealt with resignation of the Team Rector and trying to recover to pre pandemic services. It was good to return to face-to-face school assemblies, Junior Church and Messy Church.

The PCC met 5 times during 2022 to oversee the work of the action teams and to consider major issues within the parish.

For financial information see the reported accounts

Rev Mark Cowling resigned as Team Rector in the summer of 2022 leaving th parish in interregnum. The congregation have worked tirelessly to maintain services

With the Area Dean, Simon Cook, we started to think about the plans to be part of "Mission Community 4" in the Deanery, including St Matthews Little Lever, the Farnworth and Kearsley Team and St Augustine's Tonge Moor.

STEWARDSHIP TEAM REPORT

Stewardship Team met 3 times in 2021 to oversee the finances of the parish and the fabric of our buildings.

Other areas of finance that we worked on included :

- continuing a refurb of St George's Church Hall and Kitchen in partnership with Third Space Bolton Work and Skills Project
- recovering Gift Aid claims.
- managing church rental bookings at St G and St C

MISSION REPORT

As a parish:

-We have partnered with Farnworth and Kearsley Foodbank and run a centre on Mondays at St G. We have also got Lottery Funding to run a Job Club along side this.

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In addition to the shared Parish plans, we hope to restart our mission activity according to each of our churches specific visions:

St Simons – re-opening after the pandemic and consolidating a viable congregation again after 18 months being closed due to the pandemic.

St Georges – hosts the St G centre of the Farnworth and Kearsley Foodbank on Mondays.

St Catherine's – Urban Outreach Summer Lunch Club at Church for children.. And ministry to the Thursday night congregations.

St Michael's –We restarted in future Summer Concerts and World Café and see the primary school make excellent use of the church for educational visits

PASTORAL TEAM REPORT

The WhatsApp groups for the churches were very helpful to keep connected and the Prayer Chain for prayer support

We continued to pray for and visit the sick and the housebound, and where appropriate to take home communion.

METHODIST CIRCUIT REPORT 2021 - Report not available

Ministers Revd D Garfield Revd P Brown Revd T Sibanda

SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS REPORT

Our Safeguarding Officer is Deb Lyons supported by Lesley Durosomo and Diocesan Church Safeguarding Training has been received for Safeguarding leads over the last 12 months. We are happy to note that no safeguarding issues have been brought to our attention this year. We have an up-to-date register of all of the people who need DBS checks and when they received their last training.

Seven Saints Treasurers Report 2021

See report from Lesley Durosomo PCC Treasurer.

Signed by

PCC Secretary (2024)

Lesley Durosomo

Date: April 2022

Seven Saints, Bolton

Statement of Financial Activities

Financial Year: 2022

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Prior Year
Incoming Resources					
Donations & Legacies	46,289.36	1,340.00	0.00	47,629.36	50,510.27
Charitable Activities	24,844.56	35.59	0.00	24,880.15	16,638.72
Investments	8.63	0.00	0.00	8.63	219.90
Trading Activities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other	2,545.85	0.47	0.00	2,546.32	10,462.42
Total incoming resources	73,688.40	1,376.06	0.00	75,064.46	77,831.31
Resources Used					
Charitable Activities	51,879.42	0.00	0.00	51,879.42	52,770.35
Raising Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Activities	4,036.16	3,319.78	0.00	7,355.94	24,914.24
Support	2,626.00	3,181.66	0.00	5,807.66	6,779.99
Total resources used	58,541.58	6,501.44	0.00	65,043.02	84,464.58
Net Incoming / Outgoing Resources (before transfers)	15,146.82	-5,125.38	0.00	10,021.44	-6,633.27
Fund Transfers In	8,814.25	3,969.54	0.00	12,783.79	22,773.72
Fund Transfers Out	12,753.00	30.79	0.00	12,783.79	22,773.72
Net Incoming / Outgoing Resources (before gains/losses)	11,208.07	-1,186.63	0.00	10,021.44	-6,633.27
Investment Gains (or Losses)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Incoming / Outgoing Resources (before Asset Revaluation)	11,208.07	-1,186.63	0.00	10,021.44	-6,633.27
Asset Revaluation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Movement of Funds	11,208.07	-1,186.63	0.00	10,021.44	-6,633.27
Total Funds Brought Forward	45,901.54	62,141.66	0.00	108,043.20	114,676.47
Total Funds Carried Forward	57,109.61	60,955.03	0.00	118,064.64	108,043.20
Represented By					
Seven Saints (Unrestricted)	8,110.82	0.00	0.00	8,110.82	10,579.19
SSSJ (Unrestricted)	1,267.39	0.00	0.00	1,267.39	1,178.75
St. Catherines (Unrestricted)	1,404.80	0.00	0.00	1,404.80	1,823.94
St Georges Building Fund (Restricted)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11.25
St. Michaels (Unrestricted)	12,455.62	0.00	0.00	12,455.62	5,542.68
St. Georges with St.James (Unrestricted)	11,150.78	0.00	0.00	11,150.78	3,198.98
TMCP (St Catherines) (Restricted)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
St James Churchyard Account (Restricted)	0.00	26,177.49	0.00	26,177.49	26,385.94
St Georges with St J Designated (Designated)	4,824.96	0.00	0.00	4,824.96	6,650.19
St Michaels Churchyard Appeal (Restricted)	0.00	845.78	0.00	845.78	1,487.73
Grave Yard Maintenance (Designated)	10,663.52	0.00	0.00	10,663.52	10,660.45
Church Yard Legacy (Restricted)	0.00	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Insight - Football (Designated)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Prior Year
Seven Saints Toddler Group (Restricted)	0.00	541.14	0.00	541.14	541.14
St Michaels Organ Fund (Restricted)	0.00	4,668.56	0.00	4,668.56	4,668.09
St Michaels Renovation Designated (Designated)	5,308.04	0.00	0.00	5,308.04	5,308.04
Job Club (Restricted)	0.00	944.16	0.00	944.16	991.38
Heritage Project (Restricted)	0.00	866.30	0.00	866.30	866.30
Petty Cash (Unrestricted)	-24.33	0.00	0.00	-24.33	-24.33
Ground Breakers (Restricted)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,117.44
Community Champions (Restricted)	0.00	1,833.81	0.00	1,833.81	2,810.01
Messy Church & Family Activities (Designated)	1,948.01	0.00	0.00	1,948.01	983.65
Staffing Support (Restricted)	0.00	2,262.38	0.00	2,262.38	2,262.38
St Michaels Energy Grant (Restricted)	0.00	977.75	0.00	977.75	0.00
St George with St J Energy Grant (Restricted)	0.00	812.93	0.00	812.93	0.00
St Catherines Energy Grant (Restricted)	0.00	1,024.73	0.00	1,024.73	0.00

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the PCC for the year ending 31st December 2022.

Respective responsibilities.

As the charity trustees of the PCC 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 PCC accounts, carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act, and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Basis of this report.

The examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

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 PCC 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.



S J SUTCLIFFE F.C.C.A
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Centre of Excellence
Hope Park
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Date 13 April 2023

Accounts

**THE DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER
BOLTON DEANERY**

**THE PARISH OF SEVEN SAINTS
NEW BURY WITH GREAT LEVER**



Annual Report and

Financial

Statements

of the Parochial Church Council

for the year beginning 1st January 2021 and ending 31st December 2021

Ministers

Team Rector:

Rev. Mark Cowling
Seven Saints Rectory
130a Highfield Road,
Farnworth, Bolton BL4 0AJ

Associate Rector:

Vacant position

Team Ministers:

Rev. Alison Comber OLM

Methodist Link

Rev. Darren Garfield

Pentecostal Minister

Rev. Stephen Garner

Evangelism Project Officer

Bank

The Co-operative Bank

Charity Registration Number: 1134133

Parish of Seven Saints, New Bury with Great Lever

The Parish is a single parish Team ministry covering the area of South Farnworth and Great Lever in Bolton; it is part of the Deanery of Bolton and the Diocese of Manchester. It came into being on October 10th 2011 by the joining of the former parishes of Five Saints and SS Simon and Jude's. The population is approx. 31,000; and there are high levels of deprivation. The Parish is mainly residential with some large council estates and an industrial and commercial corridor along Manchester Road and the northern section of the parish.

There are 4 centres of worship in the Team. St Catherine's Church in Highfield & Community Hall (Anglican/Methodist LEP) St George with St James Church and Hall - Plodder Lane St Michael with St Bartholomew Parish Church SS Simon and Jude's School, Newport Road Great Lever

The Electoral Roll at the APCM in 2018 was 204

The average Weekly attendance* was -

over 16's

Under 16's

*taken from Statistics for Mission Report October figs

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
166	141	151	168	225	54	140
71	60	71	113	157	16	100

There are 4 church schools in the parish - St James CE Secondary Voluntary Aided, St James CE Primary Voluntary Controlled, St Michael's CE Primary Voluntary Aided and SS Simon and Jude CE Primary Academy

Priorities:

Priority 1 - We will enhance the attractiveness of our worship communities - offering a range of distinctive congregations and communities (including traditional, modern and family friendly). We will welcome baptism, funeral and wedding families into our church families; and we will ensure that our welcome and activities genuinely show that "no-one is excluded"

Priority 2 - We seek to deepen the prayer and spiritual life of the parish, and ourselves. We will do this through our collective worship, through being involved in small groups and through our private prayer and study

Priority 3 - We will maintain and build on our work with children, young people, and young adults. We will resource Messy Church through the staffing transition and beyond. We will ensure that children are welcomed and included at all services, but at the same time we will have good quality alternative worship provision that focuses on children (while welcoming and including adults).

Priority 4 - We will improve the future viability of the parish through improving our finances and completing repairs and improvements to our buildings.

Mission Statement: Seven Saints Team aims to be a worshipping, growing and transforming Christian presence at the heart of our community.

This Vision will be the focus of all we do - it will inform how we plan our services and other events, how we use our resources (time, buildings, money), how we

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pray both collectively and individually, and how we engage with our neighbourhood and the wider world.

Web Site: www.sevensaints.org

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/sevensaintsteam/?hl=en>

Facebook: www.facebook.com/SevenSaintsTeam

Twitter: www.twitter.com/SevenSaintsTeam

Youtube: Seven Saints

Seven Saints PCC & Meeting Membership 2021

Position	St Catherine's	St George's	St Michael's	SSSJ's
PCC				
Warden	Andrew Gibbons	Mandi Stott	Elaine Guest-Evans	Deb Lyons
Deputy Warden	Sheila Smith	Rob Tyler	Anne Cheetham	VACANCY
Synod	Andrew Gibbons		Elaine Guest-Evans	Val Holden
PCC Rep 1	Marion Caughey	Lesley Durosomo	Margaret Moulton	Sam Bowerbank
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Stewardship Team/Finance & Standing Committee				
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Treasurer	(Andrew Gibbons)	Andrea Jackson	Kathryn Fox	Peter Lyons
Stewardship Rep 1	Tim Goddard	Lesley Durosomo	Kath Crossley	Stella Crank
Stewardship Rep 2	Joy Fairbrother	VACANCY		Sam Bowerbank
Volunteer				Val Holden
Pastoral Action Team				
Pastoral Rep 1	Sheila Smith	Lesley Durosomo	Elaine Guest-Evans	VACANCY
Pastoral Rep 2	Catherine Lee			
Mission Action Team				
Mission Rep 1	Andrea Gibbons	Mandi Stott	Margaret Brockie	Nadia Osypanka
Mission Rep 2	Catherine Lee	Rob Tyler	Kath Crossley	Deborah Urmston

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Verger/Sacristan	Shelia Smith	Stephen Garner	Anne Cheetham	Margaret Burke
			Elaine Guest-Evans	
Noticeboard Rep	Joy Fairbrother	Sandra Bromley	Elisha Guest-Evans	Kerry Jones
Methodist Circuit Rep 1	Andrew Gibbons	NA	NA	NA
Methodist Circuit Rep 2	Shelia Smith	NA	NA	NA
Methodist Circuit Rep 3	Joy Fairbrother	NA	NA	NA
Methodist Youth Rep	Andrea Gibbons	NA	NA	NA
Gift Aid Sec	Stella Crank		CCPAS Lead Recruiter	Lesley Durosomo
Parish Safeguarding	Mandi Stott			

Electoral Roll Officer: Elaine Guest Evans

P. C.C. Treasurer: Lesley Durosomo

P. C. C. Secretary: Andrea Gibbons

Vice Chair: Stella Crank

(Team Clergy are ex-officio on the P.C.C. and the Teams above)

PCC REPORT

2021 was another exceptional year as we dealt with the limiting factors caused by the pandemic. Services were social distanced until August when rules were relaxed. It was good to return to face to face school assemblies, Junior Church and Messy Church.

The PCC met 5 times during 2021 to oversee the work of the action teams and to consider major issues within the parish.

Lesley Durosomo took over as our Parish Treasurer from Ross Pyle. The Parish was able to pay £13,770 towards the £27,540 Parish Share requested prior to the pandemic by the Diocese. This was again due to the loss of income per the Treasurer's Report from hall rental and giving. Our 2022 Parish Share assessment is £28,090.80

We continued our online broadcasting of our services and school assemblies via YouTube live for most of the year. We continued operating as a Farnworth and Kearsley Foodbank centre at St Georges on Mondays along with a Job Club and re-started our Mothers and Toddlers Group and Friendly Hour at St Catherine's.

St Michael's celebrated it's 170th anniversary in September with some special events.

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Two of our Wardens, Elaine Guest Evans and Mandi Stott stepped down and we thank both of them for their years of dedicated service to us in this Parish. We also said goodbye to Mike Lusty, our young adult trainee lay minister, who had worked alongside us for 8 months.

With the arrival of the new Area Dean, Simon Cook, we started to think about the plans to be part of "Mission Community 4" in the Deanery, including St Matthews Little Lever, the Farnworth and Kearsley Team and St Augustine's Tonge Moor.

In December we received an Archdeacon's visitation which we received a positive report from and Simon Cook and Keith Lewis presented at our PCC meeting on 14 March 2022.

STEWARDSHIP TEAM REPORT

Stewardship Team met 3 times in 2021 to oversee the finances of the parish and the fabric of our buildings.

Other areas of finance that we worked on included :

- continuing a refurb of St George's Church Hall and Kitchen in partnership with Third Space Bolton Work and Skills Project
- recovering Gift Aid claims.
- managing church rental bookings at St G and St C

MISSION TEAM REPORT

Mission Team met 1 time in 2021 to lead and envision the PCC on Mission Action Planning after preparation from 2019.

As a parish:

-We have partnered with Farnworth and Kearsley Foodbank and run a centre on Mondays at St G. We have also got Lottery Funding to run a Job Club along side this.

-We have registered as Eco churches with Arocha

-run the Alpha course for a number of new believers

In addition to the shared Parish plans, we hope to restart our mission activity according to each of our churches specific visions:

St Simons - re-opening after the pandemic and consolidating a viable congregation again after 18 months being closed due to the pandemic.

St Georges - hosts the St G centre of the Farnworth and Kearsley Foodbank on Mondays. Also running on this day is a St G Job Club and a group Teaching English. Grant Robbins has helped lead an outreach to the Flower Estate called Groundbreakers.

St Catherine's - Urban Outreach Summer Lunch Club at Church for children. Mother and Toddler Group and Friendly Hour on Tuesdays. And ministry to the two Thursday night congregations.

St Michael's - Curating our History -completed phase 1 of a project working with High School children to record interviews and stories with older people to capture

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our social heritage

-Country Church in a Town project planned to develop conservation in the churchyard and engage the community about Climate and the Environment. St M achieved a Silver Eco Church Award from Arocha

-We hope to restart in future Summer Concerts and World Cafe.

PASTORAL TEAM REPORT

Pastoral Team across the churches met informally with the Rector and OLM in 2021 to consider ways to follow up and care for people during the pandemic. The WhatsApp groups for the churches were very helpful to keep connected and the Prayer Chain for prayer support

We continued to pray for and visit the sick and the housebound, and where appropriate to take home communion.

Our Rector completed training for the Kentsugi Hope Mental Health Course for churches with a view to running it in 2022.

DEANERY SYNOD REPORT

Parish reps (Val Holden and Elaine Guest Evans) have been our Deanery Synod reps.

METHODIST CIRCUIT REPORT 2021 - Report not available

Ministers Revd D Garfield Revd P Brown Revd T Sibanda

SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS REPORT

Our Safeguarding Officer is Deb Lyons and Diocesan Church Safeguarding Training has been received for Safeguarding leads over the last 12 months. We are happy to note that no safeguarding issues have been brought to our attention this year. We have an up-to-date register of all of the people who need DBS checks and when they received their last training.

Seven Saints Treasurers Report 2021

See report from Lesley Durosomo PCC Treasurer.

Signed by

Team Rector: Rev. Mark Cowling

Date: 17 April 2022



Seven Saints, Bolton

Statement of Financial Activities

Financial Year: 2021

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Prior Year
Incoming Resources					
Donations & Legacies	46,990.27	3,520.00	0.00	50,510.27	33,675.89
Charitable Activities	16,630.25	8.47	0.00	16,638.72	24,739.81
Investments	219.90	0.00	0.00	219.90	211.98
Trading Activities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other	1,229.05	9,233.37	0.00	10,462.42	18,499.05
Total incoming resources	65,069.47	12,761.84	0.00	77,831.31	77,126.73
Resources Used					
Charitable Activities	52,770.35	0.00	0.00	52,770.35	38,336.65
Raising Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Activities	11,289.24	13,132.20	0.00	24,421.44	18,027.74
Support	492.80	6,779.99	0.00	7,272.79	2,610.00
Total resources used	64,552.39	19,912.19	0.00	84,464.58	58,974.39
Net Incoming / Outgoing Resources (before transfers)	517.08	-7,150.35	0.00	-6,633.27	18,152.34
Fund Transfers In	20,411.34	2,362.38	0.00	22,773.72	38,986.62
Fund Transfers Out	20,093.46	2,680.26	0.00	22,773.72	38,986.62
Net Incoming / Outgoing Resources (before gains/losses)	834.96	-7,468.23	0.00	-6,633.27	18,152.34
Investment Gains (or Losses)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Incoming / Outgoing Resources (before Asset Revaluation)	834.96	-7,468.23	0.00	-6,633.27	18,152.34
Asset Revaluation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Movement of Funds	834.96	-7,468.23	0.00	-6,633.27	18,152.34
Total Funds Brought Forward	45,066.58	69,609.89	0.00	114,676.47	96,524.13
Total Funds Carried Forward	45,901.54	62,141.66	0.00	108,043.20	114,676.47
Represented By					
Seven Saints (Unrestricted)	10,579.19	0.00	0.00	10,579.19	11,302.28
SSSJ (Unrestricted)	1,178.75	0.00	0.00	1,178.75	829.87
St. Catherines (Unrestricted)	1,823.94	0.00	0.00	1,823.94	1,290.41
St Georges Building Fund (Restricted)	0.00	11.25	0.00	11.25	2,413.79
St. Michaels (Unrestricted)	5,542.68	0.00	0.00	5,542.68	2,780.65
St. Georges with St.James (Unrestricted)	3,198.98	0.00	0.00	3,198.98	5,994.93
TMCP (St Catherines) (Restricted)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
St James Churchyard Account (Restricted)	0.00	26,385.94	0.00	26,385.94	26,621.51
St Georges with St J Designated (Designated)	6,650.19	0.00	0.00	6,650.19	7,142.99
St Michaels Churchyard Appeal (Restricted)	0.00	1,487.73	0.00	1,487.73	492.83
Grave Yard Maintenance (Designated)	10,660.45	0.00	0.00	10,660.45	10,441.74
Church Yard Legacy (Restricted)	0.00	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Insight - Football (Designated)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Prior Year
Seven Saints Toddler Group (Restricted)	0.00	541.14	0.00	541.14	1,200.00
St Michaels Organ Fund (Restricted)	0.00	4,668.09	0.00	4,668.09	4,634.72
St Michaels Renovation Designated (Designated)	5,308.04	0.00	0.00	5,308.04	5,308.04
Job Club (Restricted)	0.00	991.38	0.00	991.38	5,316.74
Heritage Project (Restricted)	0.00	866.30	0.00	866.30	8,930.30
Petty Cash (Unrestricted)	-24.33	0.00	0.00	-24.33	-24.33
Ground Breakers (Restricted)	0.00	2,117.44	0.00	2,117.44	0.00
Community Champions (Restricted)	0.00	2,810.01	0.00	2,810.01	0.00
Messy Church & Family Activities (Designated)	983.65	0.00	0.00	983.65	0.00
Staffing Support (Restricted)	0.00	2,262.38	0.00	2,262.38	0.00

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the PCC for the year ending 31st December 2021.

Respective responsibilities.

As the charity trustees of the PCC 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 PCC accounts, carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act, and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Basis of this report.

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Accounts

**THE DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER
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**THE PARISH OF SEVEN SAINTS
NEW BURY WITH GREAT LEVER**



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

for the year beginning 1st January 2020 and ending 31st December 2020

Ministers

Team Rector:

Rev. Mark Cowling
Seven Saints Rectory
130a Highfield Road,
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Associate Rector:

Vacant position

Team Ministers:

Rev. Alison Comber OLM
Rev. Tony Cowell OLM (left October 2020)

Methodist Link

Rev. Darren Garfield

Pentecostal Minister

Rev. Stephen Garner

Evangelism Project Officer

Sr. Dorothy Needham CA (retired Sept 2020)

Bank

The Co-operative Bank

Charity Registration Number: 1134133

Parish of Seven Saints, New Bury with Great Lever

The Parish is a single parish Team ministry covering the area of South Farnworth and Great Lever in Bolton; it is part of the Deanery of Bolton and the Diocese of Manchester. It came into being on October 10th 2011 by the joining of the former parishes of Five Saints and SS Simon and Jude’s. The population is approx. 31,000; and there are high levels of deprivation. The Parish is mainly residential with some large council estates and an industrial and commercial corridor along Manchester Road and the northern section of the parish.

There are 4 centres of worship in the Team. St Catherine’s Church in Highfield & Community Hall (Anglican/Methodist LEP) St George with St James Church and Hall - Plodder Lane St Michael with St Bartholomew Parish Church SS Simon and Jude’s School, Newport Road Great Lever

The Electoral Roll at the APCM in 2018 was 204

The average Weekly attendance* was –

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
166	141	151	168	225	54
71	60	71	113	157	16

over 16’s
Under 16’s

*taken from Statistics for Mission Report October figs

There are 4 church schools in the parish – St James CE Secondary Voluntary Aided, St James CE Primary Voluntary Controlled, St Michael’s CE Primary Voluntary Aided and SS Simon and Jude CE Primary Academy

Priorities:

Priority 1 - We will enhance the attractiveness of our worship communities – offering a range of distinctive congregations and communities (including traditional, modern and family friendly). We will welcome baptism, funeral and wedding families into our church families; and we will ensure that our welcome and activities genuinely show that “no-one is excluded”

Priority 2 - We seek to deepen the prayer and spiritual life of the parish, and ourselves. We will do this through our collective worship, through being involved in small groups and through our private prayer and study

Priority 3 - We will maintain and build on our work with children, young people, and young adults. We will resource Messy Church through the staffing transition and beyond. We will ensure that children are welcomed and included at all services, but at the same time we will have good quality alternative worship provision that focuses on children (while welcoming and including adults).

Priority 4 - We will improve the future viability of the parish through improving our finances and completing repairs and improvements to our buildings.

Mission Statement: Seven Saints Team aims to be a worshiping, growing and transforming Christian presence at the heart of our community.

This Vision will be the focus of all we do – it will inform how we plan our services and other events, how we use our resources (time, buildings, money), how we pray both collectively and individually, and how we engage with our neighbourhood and the wider world.

Web Site: www.sevensaints.org Facebook: www.facebook.com/SevenSaintsTeam Twitter: www.twitter.com/SevenSaintsTeam

SEVEN SAINTS CHURCH COUNCIL 2020

Seven Saints PCC & Meeting Membership 2019

Position	St Catherine's	St George's	St Michael's	SSSJ's
PCC				
Warden	Andrew Gibbons	Mandi Stott	Elaine Guest-Evans	Deb Lyons
Deputy Warden	Sheila Smith	Rob Tyler	Anne Cheetham	VACANCY
Synod	Andrew Gibbons		Elaine Guest-Evans	Val Holden
PCC Rep 1	Marion Caughey	Lesley Durosomo	Margaret Moulton	Sam Bowerbank
PCC Rep 2	Susan Stephens	Sandra Bromley	Helen Butler	Stella Crank
PCC Rep 3	Tim Goddard	VACANCY	Kath Crossley	VACANCY
PCC Rep 4	Andrea Gibbons			
Stewardship Team/Finance & Standing Committee				
Warden	Andrew Gibbons	Mandi Stott	Elaine Guest-Evans	Deb Lyons
Deputy Warden	Tim Goddard	Rob Tyler	Anne Cheetham	VACANCY
Treasurer	(Andrew Gibbons)	Andrea Jackson	Kathryn Fox	Peter Lyons
Stewardship Rep 1	Tim Goddard	Lesley Durosomo	Kath Crossley	Stella Crank
Stewardship Rep 2	Joy Fairbrother	VACANCY		Sam Bowerbank
Volunteer				Val Holden
Pastoral Action Team				
Pastoral Rep 1	Sheila Smith	Lesley Durosomo	Elaine Guest-Evans	VACANCY
Pastoral Rep 2	Catherine Lee			
Mission Action Team				
Mission Rep 1	Andrea Gibbons	Mandi Stott	Margaret Brockie	Nadia Osypanka
Mission Rep 2	Catherine Lee	Rob Tyler	Kath Crossley	Deborah Urmston
Verger/Sacristan	Shelia Smith	Stephen Garner	Anne Cheetham	Margaret Burke
			Elaine Guest-Evans	
Noticeboard Rep	Joy Fairbrother	Sandra Bromley	Elisha Guest-Evans	Kerry Jones
Methodist Circuit Rep 1	Andrew Gibbons	NA	NA	NA
Methodist Circuit Rep 2	Shelia Smith	NA	NA	NA
Methodist Circuit Rep 3	Joy Fairbrother	NA	NA	NA
Methodist Youth Rep	Andrea Gibbons	NA	NA	NA
Gift Aid Sec	Stella Crank		CCPAS Lead Recruiter	Lesley Durosomo
Parish Safeguarding	Mandi Stott			

Electoral Roll Officer: Elaine Guest Evans

P. C.C. Treasurer: Lesley Durosomo

P. C. C. Secretary: Andrea Gibbons

Vice Chair: Stella Crank

(Team Clergy are ex-officio on the P.C.C. and the Teams above)

PCC REPORT

2020 was an exceptional year as we dealt with the limiting factors caused by the pandemic. Perhaps the toughest aspect was closing down all our children's and youth work for the year.

The PCC met 2 times during 2020 to oversee the work of the action teams and to consider major issues within the parish.

Ross Pyle continued as Parish Treasurer. The Parish was only able to pay £10,000 towards the £27,000 Parish Share requested prior to the pandemic by the Diocese due to the loss of income per the Treasurer's Report from hall rental and giving.

We went online broadcasting our services via YouTube live as the pandemic meant we had to shut our churches for extended periods and also limit numbers attending for other periods of the year. We continued operating as a Farnworth and Kearsley Foodbank centre at St Georges on Mondays and added a Job Club.

We said goodbye to colleagues this year, as Sister Dorothy Needham retired and Revd Tony Cowell moved on. We thank both of them for their years of service to us in this Parish.

STEWARDSHIP TEAM REPORT

Stewardship Team met 2 times in 2020 to oversee the finances of the parish and the fabric of our buildings.

Other areas of finance that we worked on included :- starting a refurb of St George's Church Hall and Kitchen in partnership with Third Space Bolton Work and Skills Project; recovering Gift Aid claims.

MISSION TEAM REPORT

Mission Team met 1 time in 2020 to lead and envision the PCC on Mission Action Planning after preparation in 2019.

As a parish:

-We have partnered with Farnworth and Kearsley Foodbank and run a centre on Mondays at St G. We have also got Lottery Funding to run a Job Club along side this.

-We have become eco churches with Arocha.

In addition to the shared Parish plans, we hope to restart our mission activity according to each of our churches specific visions:

St Simons – connecting with SSSJ school and a community project in forthcoming community centre – something along the lines of the World Café.

St Georges – looking at further funding for other community activities. St James Primary Family Worship services launched monthly for school families.

St Catherine's – Urban Outreach Summer Lunch Club at Church for children. Mother and Toddler Group on Tuesdays. Ministry to the Thursday night congregation

St Michael's – Curating our History -funding received to start a project working with High School children to record interviews and stories with older people to capture our social heritage
-Country Church in a Town project planned to develop conservation in the churchyard and engage the community about Climate and the Environment
-We hope to restart in future Summer Concerts and World Cafe.

PASTORAL TEAM REPORT

Pastoral Team met informally 2020 to consider ways to follow up and care for people during the pandemic. Volunteers formed telephone teams and contacted people. The WhatsApp groups for the churches were very helpful to keep connected

We continued to pray for and visit the sick and the housebound, and where appropriate to take home communion.

Mark preached a series on Wellbeing with the aim of all members learning more about pastoral care and calling the church to engage more with offering pastoral care.

DEANERY SYNOD REPORT

Parish reps (Val Holden and Elaine Guest Evans) have been our Deanery Synod reps.

METHODIST CIRCUIT REPORT 2020 - Report not available

Ministers Revd D Garfield Revd P Brown Revd T Sibanda

SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS REPORT

Our Safeguarding Officer is Mandi Stott and Diocesan Church Safeguarding Training has been received for Safeguarding leads over the last 12 months. We are happy to note that no safeguarding issues have been brought to our attention this year. However, we continue to have a number of people need to renew their DBS checks and to complete the required on-line training and this is being led by Elaine Guest Evans in 2021.

Seven Saints Treasurers Report 2020

Seven Saints PCC Treasurers Report year ending 31 December 2020.

It would not be an understatement to say that 2020 was a challenging year on many levels not the least financially.

In 2019 we were able to pay our Parish Share in full whereas for 2020 we only paid 37% of our share equating to £10,000 – share for 2020 was £27,000. This amount of £10000 is the amount that we advised the Diocese at the beginning of lock down we would pay for the year unless we fully reopened which we did not, therefore we were able to pay the amount promised.

It is difficult to compare 2019 to 2020 as it was a very different year and in 2019, we received several large grants and a loan in respect of St Georges renovation.

Income for 2020 was £77126.73 – giving is down due to the extended closures and loss of some beloved church members. This includes several grants for special projects.

Expenditure for 2020 was £53,974 – the positive side of closure is that expenditure has been reduced i.e., utilities, service costs and with only one stipendiary clergy for the majority of the financial year this has reduced clergy costs.

The surplus on the year needs to be viewed in terms of funds still held for the special projects such as Job Club and the Heritage Fund.

Funds carried forward are £119676 (2019-£96524) again considering special projects, and restricted and designated funds leaving an unrestricted funds of £35980 over all of the churches NB this included designated funds of £22891 leaving truly unrestricted at £13089.

We should also note a liability of loan outstanding of £10k to MDBF and expenses for Sister Dorothy not paid totalling £4183.62 which we are repaying at £200 per month.

We continue to try to have funds restricted for the Graveyard at St James's released for use in the Parish totalling £26621.

Note to the accounts Accounting error in 2019 failed to show £24.33 of petty cash held by St Catherine's to resolve this a fund showing a debit balance of this amount is shown in the accounts – there is no petty cash held now and this is a correcting entry on a funds basis and does not impact Bank Account balances.

Gift Aid and Gift Aid Small Donation Scheme claimed from the HMRC is not included in the accounts as we use the Diocese Scheme Gift Aid Lite which means the amounts claimed are not processed via the Seven Saints Bank Accounts but are credited directly to the Parish Share Account at the Diocese. The amount of Gift Aid and GASDS claimed and credited to share payment for 2020 was £6330.43 (this amount is included in the £10k parish share payment made for the year.

It should be noted that the accounting system ExpensePlus started in 2019 is proving to be very helpful and we have seen the benefit of this system this year in delivering the accounts more efficiently. I would like to record the Parish thanks to all the Treasurers who work tirelessly to ensure the financial running of the Parish.

Lesley Durosomo PCC Treasurer.

Seven Saints Team Annual Report and Accounts 2020

Signed by

Team Rector: Rev. Mark Cowling

Date: 25 April 2021

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Cowling". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long vertical tail on the letter 'g'.

Seven Saints, Bolton

Statement of Financial Activities

Financial Year: 2020

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Previous year
Incoming Resources				
Donations & Legacies	32,364.18	1,311.71	33,675.89	91,487.38
Charitable Activities	24,653.25	86.56	24,739.81	69,442.31
Investments	211.98	0.00	211.98	129.30
Trading Activities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other	676.97	17,822.08	18,499.05	-14,853.48
Total incoming resources	57,906.38	19,220.35	77,126.73	146,205.51
Resources Used				
Charitable Activities	38,336.65	0.00	38,336.65	72,476.08
Raising Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Activities	8,324.39	9,703.35	18,027.74	71,928.85
Support	0.00	2,610.00	2,610.00	0.00
Total resources used	46,661.04	12,313.35	58,974.39	144,404.93
Net Incoming / Outgoing Resources (before transfers)	11,245.34	6,907.00	18,152.34	1,800.58
Fund Transfers In	38,027.51	959.11	38,986.62	51,800.74
Fund Transfers Out	38,986.62	0.00	38,986.62	51,800.74
Net Incoming / Outgoing Resources (before gains/losses)	10,286.23	7,866.11	18,152.34	1,800.58
Investment Gains (or Losses)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Incoming / Outgoing Resources (before Asset Revaluation)	10,286.23	7,866.11	18,152.34	1,800.58
Asset Revaluation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Movement of Funds	10,286.23	7,866.11	18,152.34	1,800.58
Total Funds Brought Forward	35,980.35	60,543.78	96,524.13	94,723.55
Total Funds Carried Forward	46,266.58	68,409.89	114,676.47	96,524.13
Represented By				
Seven Saints (Unrestricted)	12,502.28	0.00	12,502.28	2,135.19
SSSJ (Unrestricted)	829.87	0.00	829.87	891.90

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Previous year
St. Catherines (Unrestricted)	1,290.41	0.00	1,290.41	1,050.75
St Georges Building Fund (Restricted)	0.00	2,413.79	2,413.79	6,327.31
St. Michaels (Unrestricted)	2,780.65	0.00	2,780.65	2,851.54
St. Georges with St.James (Unrestricted)	5,994.93	0.00	5,994.93	6,225.58
TMCP (St Catherines) (Restricted)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
St James Churchyard Account (Restricted)	0.00	26,621.51	26,621.51	26,778.99
St Georges with St J Designated (Designated)	7,142.99	0.00	7,142.99	7,142.99
St Miachael's Churchyard Appeal (Restricted)	0.00	492.83	492.83	2,839.54
Grave Yard Maintenance (Designated)	10,441.74	0.00	10,441.74	9,838.18
Church Yard Legacy (Restricted)	0.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
SSSJ Insight (Designated)	0.00	0.00	0.00	536.18
Seven Saints Toddler Group (Restricted)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
St Michaels Organ Fund (Restricted)	0.00	4,634.72	4,634.72	4,597.94
St Michaels Renovation Designated (Designated)	5,308.04	0.00	5,308.04	5,308.04
Job Club (Restricted)	0.00	5,316.74	5,316.74	0.00
Heritage Project (Restricted)	0.00	8,930.30	8,930.30	0.00
Petty Cash (Unrestricted)	-24.33	0.00	-24.33	0.00

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20 October 2021

Mrs L Durosomo
Seven Saints Parish
22 Dale Brook Close
Little Lever
BOLTON
Greater Manchester
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Dear Mrs Durosomo

Seven Saints Parish

Please find enclosed the Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of Seven Saints for the year ended 31 December 2020.

We have also taken this opportunity to enclose a note of our fees for the work completed on your behalf for your usual kind attention.

If you should have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Assuring you of our very best attention.

Yours sincerely
For TOREVELL DENT LIMITED



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Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC

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Independent Examination and provision of an Independent
Examiner's Report for the year ended 31 December 2020;

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Fee	315.00
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Total Fee	£ 378.00

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