

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 2023 and ending 31st December 2023

Ministers

Team Rector:

Vacant Position

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 (now left the Parish)

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.

AT the beginning of 2023 there were 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 – a tragic fire at SSSJ School has resulted in the closure of the church in scholl jow relocated to worship with St Georges

The Electoral Roll at the APCM in 2022 was 120

The average Weekly attendance* was

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over 16's

Under 16's

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
141	151	168	225	54	140	135	88
60	71	113	157	16	100	101	35

*taken from Statistics for Mission Report October figs

There are 4 church schools in the parish – St James CE Secondary Part of the Bishop Fraser Trust, 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 pray both collectively and individually, and how we engage with our neighbourhood and the wider world.

Seven Saints Team Annual Report and Accounts 2023

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 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

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
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	4,672.91	0.00	4,672.91	4,668.56
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)	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
St George with St J Energy Grant (Restricted)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	812.93
St Catherines Energy Grant (Restricted)	0.00	452.01	0.00	452.01	1,024.73
St Catherine's Building Fund (Designated)	111.50	0.00	0.00	111.50	0.00
SSSJ Insurance Claim (Designated)	7,143.00	0.00	0.00	7,143.00	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 2023.

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.

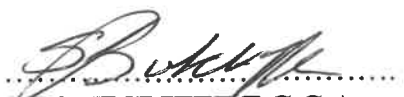
The examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken 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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Date 26 April 2024