

# **Annual Report 2024**

The **Parish Church Council (PCC)** of the Parish of St Paul, Kersal Moor (No. S06564) is responsible for two worship centres: **St Paul's Church**, Moor Lane, Kersal M7 3WX and **St Andrew's Church**, Woodward Road, Carr Clough M25 9TY, for St Paul's Churchyard and a parish-owned building, **Rainsough Community Centre**, Prestwich M25 9XR.

At 31 December 2024 the parish **Electoral Roll** stood at 120 (*112 in 2023*). St Paul's roll stands at 107 and St Andrew's at 13. At St Paul's 11 names were added and 7 removed (4 deaths, 2 removals, 1 changed churches). At St Andrew's 4 names have been added and none removed.

The Parish is **governed** by its **PCC**, which meets bi-monthly. The Leadership Team (clergy, churchwardens, Readers and ALMs, meets in the alternate month for planning and day-to-day management. Three essential management groups (buildings, finance, Worship Planning) meet 3 times a year; the responsibilities of SPACE (St Paul's Ancient Churchyard Environment group) were this year subsumed into the buildings group. All three report direct to the PCC. The clergy team meet fortnightly, and with colleagues in the Mission Community monthly. The pastoral care team meet weekly on Zoom. The clergy team was joined in January by Revd Andy Smith as associate priest. Andy brings much to the team as he has a calling to work with young people and minister to new people.

**PCC membership** from APCM 2024 comprised 18 members: 5 ex-officio plus 2 officers, 2 churchwardens, 3 Deanery Synod (one also churchwarden), 7 lay representatives.

Ex-officio Revd Daniel Mullaney (Chair); Revd Mike Dyson (Associate Minister, SSM); Revd Hilary Shedlock (Associate Minister, SSM); Revd Andy Smith (Associate Priest, SSM); Anne Rockley (Reader/Sunday School leader)

Deanery reps: Christine Reid (Safeguarding Officer), Anthea Darlington, Davina Heyhoe

Lay representatives: David Martin (Parish Churchwarden), Anthea Darlington (Parish Churchwarden), Tracy Kehoe (Lay Vice Chair and Parish Treasurer), Eileen Booth (ALM and PCC Secretary), Sue Bell, Sian Crosby, Jean Dyson, Tony Grimshaw, Lorraine Quinn, Beverley Robinson, Peter Thomas.

**Parish leadership**: provided by a collaborative Leadership Team of Minister Revd Daniel Mullaney, Associate Minister Revd Mike Dyson, Associate Minister Revd Hilary Shedlock, Associate Priest Revd Andy Smith, Reader Emeritus/Churchwarden Anthea Darlington, Reader Anne Rockley, ALM/PCC Secretary Eileen Booth, Churchwarden David Martin, plus Tracy Kehoe (Lay Vice Chair PCC) as required. Our structured approach to collaborative leadership again enabled us to continue to provide the parish with appropriate leadership and management through the year despite the continued unresolved Rector situation.

**Warden team**: at the APCM 2024 the two Churchwardens appointed, **David Martin** and **Anthea Darlington** were given a parish-wide remit to take care of the fabric of the parish buildings and the conduct of services. They are supported at St Paul's by Roy Darwin, Tony Grimshaw and Steve Bell, and at St Andrew's by Philip Shedlock. The Parish Treasurer (Tracy Kehoe) is assisted by Church Treasurers Robert Hambelton (St Paul's) and Revd Hilary Shedlock (St Andrew's).

**Staff Team**: in 2024 this has comprised the Leadership Team (see above) who have assisted the PCC in the running of the parish, plus a team of 33 additional people including the following: the warden team; lay assistants; Sunday School helpers; those who provide music and projection and read and lead intercessions in order to facilitate worship; and the

refreshment/sales/flower team. We are fortunate to have so many people actively involved in the work of the parish.

**Worship Leaders:** in 2024 worship has been led regularly by all 4 clergy, plus Reader Anne Rockley and both Readers Emeritus, Anthea Darlington, and Heather Martin with St Paul's Churchwarden David Martin. Revd Mike has a particular responsibility for Wednesday services and Revd Andy for monthly All-Age Worship. During 2024 the team was supplemented by Revd Avis Gordon and Revd Canon Noel Proctor. Evening Prayers on Wednesday livestreamed on Facebook by Revd Hilary to a regular audience of 7-10 people.

**Fresh Expressions:** the parish has collaborated with members of Grace Communion International (which meets weekly in St Andrew's) to provide **Messy Church** at St Andrew's, meeting on the first Saturday of the month. A friendship and outreach group, **Time Out**, has met fortnightly at St Paul's on alternate Tuesday afternoons, averaging 25-30 people.

**Role and Functions of the PCC:** the PCC exercises oversight, providing formal structures to facilitate planning, policy-making and general parish management. It helps the church to grow through promoting good practice, supporting positive change, encouraging fresh expressions, interpreting and applying diocesan policy and promoting shared values. It seeks to promote the mission of the Church in the following ways: by living out our **Mission Statement aims to 'KNOW God through Jesus, GROW in faith and SHOW God's love in our community'** and by working through the parish **Mission Action Plan** to sustain this vision and that of the Diocesan vision of 'Church for a Different World.' It aims to sustain and grow our congregations in all respects and reach out to the wider community.

The PCC operates 4 subgroups to support its various roles: **Standing Committee** to make urgent decisions in between bi-monthly meetings (one clergy person, both Churchwardens, PCC secretary, lay chair); **Worship Planning Group** to oversee and develop worship in all aspects at both churches; **buildings group** to oversee repairs, maintenance and capital expenditure at all 3 buildings; and **finance group** to manage expenditure. These latter 2 meet on the same evening to ensure seamless management across both areas.

**Main activities** by which the parish met its goals in 2024 were as follows:

- **services in both churches** every Sunday plus Wednesday mornings at St Paul's; series of joint summer services based on the Letter of James at both churches
- Monday and Tuesday **morning prayers** via Zoom and evening prayers livestreamed on Facebook by Revd Hilary every Wednesday
- fortnightly **Newsletter** with news, events, prayers and reflections via email to 150+ individuals, plus 3 seasonal magazines
- **parish-wide pastoral system** through phone-calls, emails, texts and a prayer chain to keep in touch with everyone with Zoom meeting every Monday to discuss priorities
- **Alpha course** at St Paul's on 10 Thursdays in Jan-March followed by **Life Explored**
- **Bible study groups** including seasonal courses for Advent and Lent running all year with a summer focus on James alongside the services
- **Bereavement Journey course** at St Andrew's for the recently and not-so-recently bereaved led by Revd Hilary
- young people's work through **Sunday School** and **Messy Church** (St Andrew's)
- **assemblies** at St Paul's primary school where Anthea Darlington (Chair of Governors) provides a weekly religious assembly and she and Revd Daniel take regular whole-school assemblies
- **school services** in St Paul's church plus visits by St Paul's School to St Paul's and Butterstile school to St Andrew's (contact re-established this year)
- **Wednesday coffee morning and stall** at St Paul's providing a social event for the wider community and raising money for church funds
- **'Time Out' group** in St Paul's Social Area: community focus

- **Lightbulb Drop-in** at St Andrew's with involvement from local organisations
- **parish residential weekend** at Thornleigh 20-23 September
- regular **uniformed organisations** 10<sup>th</sup> Prestwich Guides, Brownies and Rainbows at St Andrew's, 19<sup>th</sup> Prestwich Scouts at RCC
- a range of **community groups** meeting at both churches (see outside users below)
- **care home support** with bi-monthly and seasonal services at Holt House Salvation Army care home and visits by Revd Mike to Broughton House
- **social media** (Facebook pages for parish, for parishioners and for Messy Church)

**Rainsough Community Centre** is owned by the parish and managed by means of a Service Level Agreement with its principal user, 19<sup>th</sup> Prestwich Scout Group, and hired to other user groups.

**Outreach and Christian service:** regular support to St James Higher Broughton's Food Pantry which feeds and supports more than 150 people each week. The response from the parish has been overwhelming. In November over 100 Christmas shoeboxes were filled and sent to Eastern Europe; fundraising for Christian Aid took place at a service for Christian Aid week, and the Macmillan Coffee Morning was held in September. Our meeting groups at both churches are registered officially as Warm Spaces and Places of Welcome for the whole community, and as social events for older people with Age Friendly Salford/Bury. St Paul's facilitates Community Payback operating under the Justice Service to provide activities for up to 20 people serving community sentences by maintaining the churchyard.

**Statistics for Mission 2024:** Average **Sunday Attendance** figure at **St Paul's** of **56** people, comprising 46 adults and 10 children on a usual Sunday (*58 last year*), and **16**, comprising 14 adults and 2 children at **St Andrew's** (*11 last year*). This gives a total of **72** attenders on average on Sundays (*69 last year*). Wednesday attendance averaged **42** (*40 in 2023*). We have sustained the growth which took place during 2023 and hope to build on it in 2025. Attendance at the services on **Easter Day** was **85** at St Paul's (*75 in 2023*) and **15** at St Andrew's (*12 in 2023*). Attendance during **Advent and Christmas** was as follows: Family Songs of Praise Carols at St Andrew's: **72** (*70 in 2023*); St Paul's School Carol Service: 178 (*137 in 2023*); Nativity at St Paul's: 74 (*69 in 2023*); Lessons and Carols at St Paul's: 54 (*57 in 2022*); Christingle at St Paul's: 111 (*78 in 2023*); Christmas Eve Midnight Communion at St Paul's: 66 (*48 in 2023*); Christmas Day: 40 (*39 in 2022*). Almost all **Christmas and Easter attendances were up on 2023**, some quite significantly. Parish Occasional Offices: 2 weddings, 2 baptisms, 7 funerals in church, 5 funerals at crematoria, 4 ashes burials.

**Outside users in 2024:** at St Andrew's, the toddler group, Ladies Keep Fit, the brownies and guides and PALS club for children in the school holidays. At St Paul's, Salford Symphony Orchestra (weekly rehearsal plus 2 concerts), and 2 groups of musicians (rehearsing and teaching weekly) plus parties and social events.

**Safety and Safeguarding:** all risks are managed by means of full risk assessments at both churches and regular review of Health and Safety (H & S Officer, Anthea Darlington); clear Safeguarding Policies underpin good practice (Safeguarding Officer, Chris Reid).

### Parish losses

During 2024 we lost the following significant church members:

**Marion Garrod**, our longest-serving church member; former Sunday School leader at St Aidan's; organizer of St Paul's Christmas Fair; flower organizer at St Paul's; stalwart of Wednesday coffee morning. She is much missed.

**Marjorie Smith**, mother of Andy and mother-in-law of Debs, who joined St Paul's on moving to Salford and faithfully attended on Sundays and Wednesdays

**Jean Latimer**, for many years resident of Moorside Road who after the fire donated with her husband Jim the refurbished baptistery screen at the main entrance to the Social Area. Jean and Jim attended every Sunday until his death and her ill health prevented it.

## Individual Church Reports

### St Paul's

The year began on a sad note at St Paul's with the funeral of Keith Woods, husband of Beryl who runs the Wednesday stall. Among the more notable services this year were the following: **Revd Andy Smith's licensing** to the parish at a morning service on 28 January led by the Bishop of Bolton; well-attended **Easter** services at both churches; Deanery **Confirmation service** on 9 June with 7 candidates from St Paul's; **Presentation Sunday** on 7 July with Anne Rockley, Sunday School leader, making the presentations before her move to Scotland; a service led by the new **Area Dean, Donna Williams**, on 21 July; baptism of **Leon Disley**, Kath Disley's grandson at St Paul's on 11 August; and a joint **Service of Remembrance** on 10 November with the brownies and rainbows. We were pleased to host four services in church for **St Paul's School** during the year- Easter, school leavers, harvest and Christmas, attended by pupils, staff, parents, governors and friends. During August the **Book of James** was explored in sermons at joint services hosted by both churches, followed by a group study of the letter at St Paul's. Our **choir** continued to sing at special services, most notably at our Service of Lessons and Carols. They also sang at **Holt House** for our Christmas service and at Brook Court. Numbers of attenders at Sunday services remained steady and increased slightly at Wednesday services.

The **Wednesday morning coffee morning** numbers continued to grow, providing fellowship and refreshments and raising **£2536** during the year, over £500 more than last year, through donations for coffee and revenue from the fancy goods stall. **Congratulations** and thanks to everyone involved, especially Pam, Beryl, Val, Rita, Dureen, Sue and Jacqui.

Our friendship/outreach group, **Time Out**, met fortnightly all year. We enjoyed quizzes, discussion and refreshments as well as entertainment from Pam and Paul, slideshows of both local and historic interest and talks from a range of visitors. Later in the year over 100 shoeboxes were filled and a great Christmas lunch (thanks to Pam and Paul) enjoyed by all. External users: Spring and Autumn **concerts by Salford Symphony Orchestra** were held in church with record attendances. Local musicians met regularly in the building, a group to rehearse and a violinist to teach music. We continued to host parties and meetings for local groups, and were delighted to host Bury and Rossendale **Deanery Synod** on 5 September.

### St Andrew's

The Sunday morning congregation is small but faithful, averaging 14 adults and 2 children per week. This is an increase on 2023. **Judith Walsh** stepped down as churchwarden at the APCM and we held a popular 'Songs of Praise' afternoon to thank her. Please pray as we seek to find someone based at St Andrew's to replace Judith in this important role. We continued to host a number of **community groups**: the Wednesday Toddler Group, Rainbows, Brownies and Guides and the Ladies Keep Fit group. During the Easter, Summer and Christmas Holidays we hosted a children's holiday club run by PALs. Also Bury Adult Education, Bury Housing and the National Childbirth Trust have held courses during the year. We also enjoy working with the Grace Communion International (GCI), who meet on Sunday afternoon at St Andrews and run **Messy Church** with us: we thank them for their support to the **Lightbulb Drop-in**, which ran on Wednesday afternoons from January to May. There is plenty of support from organisations such as Six Town Housing Association (STH), Bury Council (BMBC) and GCI, as well as members of our congregations. The Drop in



is registered as a Warm Space and a Place of Welcome. The hope was to develop a space where people can come along for a chat over a brew and for advice and perhaps provide activities, but there was not much take up from the local residents. In May we hosted the **Mission Community Ascension Day** service. On the church's **70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in October** we had a wonderful afternoon celebrating, starting with worship with a talk from Revd Alan Saunders, then a buffet lunch followed by entertainment by the Brownies, Guides and Rainbows and the Alobele family, who sang beautifully for us. Photos of our dear departed sisters in Christ Gladys Robins and Kath Disley were hung in church. The highlight of Christmas at St Andrews was the **Parish Candlelit Carol service**. Once again, the church was filled with parishioners and families from the wider community. St Paul's Choir sang beautifully, and the service was enjoyed by everyone.

## Individual Reports

### A.Clergy Reports

Revd Daniel writes:

2024 was a year of growing deeper as a community, while seeking to reach out to the communities around us. I was greatly encouraged by the Alpha Course that Anne Rockley, Revd Andy Smith, Alan Pendry and I ran at St Paul's between January and March. Members of the church who wanted to learn more about their faith came, as well as a number of people who either did not attend the services regularly or had no previous link with the church. I would like to thank Anne, Andy and Alan for their hard work. We followed Alpha by running the Life Explored course, which doubled up as a Confirmation course for those who were confirmed in June. Bringing a number of congregation members to Confirmation (and Reception into the Church of England) was another highlight of the year for me. It was great to be able to invite Rt Revd Matthew Porter, Bishop of Bolton, for that event. The Baptism of Reeve Bell in July was another notable moment of celebration.

Although generally, readings and themes for services have followed the lectionary, we again alternated the services between St Andrew's and St Paul's over the summer to study the letter of James. Although this was well received by those who attended, it was noted that the lack of service continuity caused confusion for newer members of the church, so we will explore other options in 2025. We then studied the letter of James in Tuesday evening Bible study groups between September and December. I enjoyed being involved in the various Christmas services and note that these were well attended, especially Christingle and the Midnight Communion.

I enjoyed seeing encouraging signs of growth at St Andrew's during 2024, although with the end of Judith's lengthy term as Church Warden at St Andrew's, lay leadership at the church became increasingly challenging to maintain through 2024. I would very much like to thank our church wardens elected at the 2024 APCM, David Martin and Anthea Darlington, who have worked very hard to do much unseen work in keeping both churches running through the year. The formation of an ad hoc group of assistant wardens has also helped greatly with making this possible, and I further thank all who have been involved.

I took a number of funerals through the year, notably for Jean Latimer and Joan Savvides, who had been members of the congregation. Both funerals were a good opportunity for church members to come together to remember and celebrate their lives and I enjoyed working with the families to make this possible.

Further afield, I maintained links across our Mission Community, supporting such events as the Seven Churches Walk and the Walk of Witness run together with Churches Together in Prestwich and Kersal. We also started praying monthly together as a Mission Community, which I hosted on Zoom. These events were active throughout 2024, despite the departure of Fr Shaun Conlon, our Mission Community leader, in September.

Revd Hilary writes:

My focus in 2024 has been mainly on St Andrew's, taking services, and along with my husband Phil, we have taken on the day to day running of St Andrew's building.

I am involved with Messy Church and organised the Lightbulb Drop-In.

Here are some of the main things I have been involved in in 2024:

It was a solemn privilege to preside at the funeral of Marion Garrod and be part of the funeral for Marjorie Smith. I also presided at a funeral for one member of the wider community.

I was honoured to baptise Leon Disley, Kath's grandson in August.

In the autumn I led the Bereavement Journey along with Jean Dyson and Tracy Beattie, which was very well received.

Thank you for your support in 2024. I am looking forward to seeing where God is leading us to in 2025.

Revd Mike writes:

Our clergy team has now grown to four, with Revd Andy Smith now firmly established, in addition to Daniel, Hilary and myself. I find this a wonderful way for each of us to play to our respective strengths. My main focus continues to be on the Wednesday morning service.

Once again, I wish to express my thanks to the Coffee Morning Team run by Rita, Dureen and Jacqui, with others in support, and the many people who assist in the service itself, reading the Bible, taking intercessions and providing music, etc. The prayer corner is in regular use after the services, and I welcome others who are now joining in this important activity. Many thanks to all who help to make Wednesday mornings such a joy.

Our links with Broughton House continue to develop. The weekly visits by residents to our Wednesday morning service and coffee morning continued in the early part of the year, and even after the minibus was required elsewhere, our dear friend Peter Belcher has continued to join us by taxi most weeks. In addition, towards the end of the year, fortnightly communion services restarted in the Broughton House Mess Room, usually attracting around ten residents and several members of staff. There was also a special Christmas Morning Service in the atrium, with a beautiful Christmas tree providing seasonal decoration. I was joined by my wife Jean and daughter Chantelle for a festive singalong of Christmas carols interspersed with readings and prayers.

**B. Finance Report**

Tracy Kehoe, Parish Treasurer

The parish ended the year with a surplus of £2,347. Total income for the year was £96,899 which is an increase of £2,057 against 2023. This amount includes an insurance claim of £2170. Expenditure was £94,552. Expenditure decreased in 2024 against 2023. This is due to the large boiler expenditure in 2023.

The majority of the parish's expenditure was taken up by the Parish Share, £36,500 which the parish paid in full. Neither church was able to tithe income in 2024. The parish reserves currently held are £127,332, of which £95,681 is unrestricted.

The accounts have not yet been examined and could be subject to change.

David Sanford has agreed to be the **independent examiner** for 2024.

**C. Fabric Report** David Martin, Churchwarden

After replacing the heating boilers in 2023, our non-routine expenditure at **St Paul's** was modest in 2024. We were lucky to suffer only minor damage in the January storms – to the roof of the vestry area – and the cost of the repairs was met by Ecclesiastical Insurance. Under the Listed Places of Worship Scheme, we were able to reclaim the VAT that we had paid on the boiler installation, but most of this has been spent on mandatory electrical testing and subsequent remedial work, and on necessary tree felling and pruning during the year. Our churchyard has many mature trees and we must expect considerable expenditure in the coming years. We have replaced the two screens in the Worship Area with much bigger ones to make it easier for people to read the service information. The heating system has

enabled us to be comfortable in the worship area, but the fan on one of the heaters in the social area failed in early December: quotations are due for probable replacement of both social area heaters and the possible replacement of the "blanket" heater inside the main door (which has been out of action for some time).

In May our appointed architect carried out a comprehensive inspection of the building on behalf of Manchester Diocese – the **Quinquennial Inspection**. The report we then received indicated that several jobs would need to be done, listing them in order of priority. An action plan has been drawn up which will take some time and considerable funds to fully implement. Meanwhile, a group of volunteers has been working through some of the jobs that can be done by us.

Early in the year **Community Payback** started a programme of maintenance in the churchyard, working roughly once a week. Church members continue to maintain the garden and the grass immediately surrounding the church.

During 2024 the back room at **St Andrew's** was redecorated and the lights were replaced, thanks to a contribution from the 6 Town Housing Community Fund.

In response to vandalism of the windows and issues of safeguarding of building users after dark, it was decided to install external lighting. The cost has been met with a grant from ParkLife and a donation. (*The lighting was installed early in 2025.*)

#### **D. Safeguarding** Christine Reid (Safeguarding Officer)

Safeguarding is an integral part of all that happens at St Paul's Kersal and St Andrew's Carr Clough. It is an agenda item on all PCC meetings and Leadership meetings. As Safeguarding Lead I regularly have meetings with the Revd Daniel Mullaney. I try to speak to the congregation on various occasions during the year about aspects of safeguarding. Work has been done with the children in the parish and this will be repeated.

My thanks need to be recorded for the strong links with the Manchester Safeguarding Diocesan team and Thirty-one: Eight. This is the national organisation who do the DBS checks and training. Both of the above are available for help and support.

As required by the Manchester Diocese any new members of the PCC are given DBS checks and training is offered. New workers for Sunday School are processed through Safer Recruitment.

During the year 2024 no incidents were recorded.

Regular reminders are given that the Clergy, members of the PCC, myself as Safeguarding Lead are responsible for all areas of Safeguarding. Members of the Congregation are encouraged to be aware of the need to be vigilant at all times and if they have concerns to discuss these with myself and the clergy.

#### **E. Children and Young People**

##### **Sunday School** Revd Andy Smith (Sunday School Leader)

2024 was another successful year in the area of Sunday school. Here are some of the main items. Peter Thomas and Sian Crosby led the teenage group in turns, normally every two weeks, and junior school meeting every week, with Anne Rockley leading, Duncan Crosby, and Rev Andy Smith in support with Anna Mullaney facilitating the crèche.

We began trialling having teenagers and junior school spending the first part of each Sunday School session together, before splitting off into age-appropriate groups.

We discussed Safeguarding in our Sunday schools on Safeguarding Sunday. Also, "Big shout out" for Chris Reid (Safeguarding Officer) for support, advice, keeping us all safe, and up to speed with new items.

Christmas events involving the young people were particularly successful. Elijah Crosby wrote the Christmas nativity which his parents, Sian and Duncan, both Sunday School helpers, produced. They also organised the Christingle Service with Lorraine Quinn, which many new families attended, resulting in an increase on numbers attending last year.

The teenagers have been involved with a variety of different areas of the Sunday service, feeding back what they have learnt in Sunday school that week.

Thanks also to the Leadership team for their support and prayers. The children are always valued and included within the life of the church family and we are so blessed to have so many young members who attend church.

We never know how many children are going to turn up on the day: some weeks one or two, then the next week 10 or more, so preparation and delivery are both challenging. Our main challenge for 2025 is with a larger team working on a flexible rota, to carry on teaching and showing the love of Jesus in a meaningful, exciting, and accessible way so our younger members want to come to church on a Sunday.

Finally, a very big thanks to Anne Rockley, for all her hard work, dedication and enthusiasm spreading the Good News of Jesus. She leaves us here at St Paul's with big shoes to fill.

### **Messy Church**    Revd Hilary Shedlock

This year was the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Messy Church. We have continued to work with GCI, delivering Messy Church on the first Saturday of each month. We provide some of crafts and activities and the celebration, GCI also provide crafts, the delicious meals and welcome the families. Numbers have steadily increased, and we are now getting about 14 children plus their carers each time (which is an increase of 4 from 2023) and we are pleased to see that some families are attending regularly.

### **F. Worship Planning**    Anthea Darlington, Chair

This group of people met three times in 2024 (January, April, October) and discussed the following: service planning and evaluation, including Easter, Christmas and other special services; working with the Mission Community; policies for baptism, confirmation and ACE; provision of music and improvements to the sound system at St Paul's; feedback from the congregations, which is sought on a regular basis. All those who lead and preach are involved in this group, plus our music facilitators and providers and those involved with young people and prayer.

### **G. Deanery Synod**    Revd Mike Dyson

Following a time when we were expected to attend both Salford and Leigh Deanery and Bury and Rossendale Deanery, the situation has been resolved. We are still technically involved with both, but our focus is firmly with the latter, since we are in the Mission Community for Prestwich and Kersal. Our Diocese has been working hard on a number of fronts, such as finance, a green strategy and ways of linking with and encouraging new members for parishes and safeguarding, and Deanery Synod has reflected these topics and several others and enabled us as parishes to discuss how these impact on our own situation.

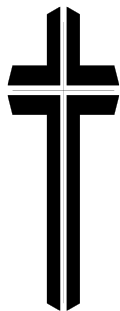
**H. Mission Community**    Revd Shaun Conlon, leader of the Prestwich and Kersal Mission Community, left the area to take up a new post in September 2024 and has not as yet been replaced. However clergy have continued to meet regularly to discuss matters of mutual interest. A Seven Churches Walk took place in June involving people from all the churches in the partnership. Representatives of St Paul's, St Andrew's, St Margaret's, St George's and St Gabriel's and occasionally St Mary's have met for Morning Prayers via Zoom on the first Tuesday of the month.

Signed:

Revd Daniel Mullaney, Chair, PCC .....

Eileen Booth, Secretary, PCC ..... April 2025





# *The Parish of St. Paul, Kersal and St. Andrew, Carr Cloug*

## PARISH FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

### RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

#### Receipts

##### Voluntary Receipts

##### Regular Giving

##### Receipts from Donors

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Planned giving	41 226	0	0	41 226	37 431
Collections other than giving	2 505	0	0	2 505	4 186
Income Tax recovered	10 984	0	0	10 984	8 974
	54 714	0	0	54 714	50 591
Other Voluntary receipts (note 5a)	12 191	32	2 691	14 913	14 122
Activities for generating funds (note 5b)	23 611	0	0	23 611	25 570
Receipts from Church Activities (note 5c)	1 488	0	0	1 488	4 414
Investment Income (note 5d)	10	0	0	10	136
Insurance claims	2 160	0	0	2 160	0
	94 175	32	2 691	96 897	94 832

#### Expenditure

##### Church activities

Diocesan parish share	36 500	0	0	36 500	30 785
* Other Payments	56 935	0	1 105	58 040	81 114
	93 435	0	1 105	94 540	111 899

#### Excess (Deficit)

	740	32	1 585	2 357	-(17 067)
Transfers between funds	0			0	-(0)
	740	32	1 585	2 357	-(17 067)

Bank current and deposit accounts 1st Jan.

Bank current and deposit accounts 31st Dec.

	94 951	21 418	8 616	124 985	142 052
	95 691	21 450	10 202	127 342	124 985

### STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

#### Cash Funds

Nat West Bank Current Account	0			0	0
Barclays Current	49 319		5 860	55 179	52 624
Cash	1 315			1 315	943
Barclays Churchyard	0		0	0	0
Standard life investment	0			0	0
Shared Interest Account	10 350			10 350	10 330
Petty Cash	349			349	349
	61 334	0	5 860	67 194	87 159
				67 194	

### STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

#### Cash Funds

Bank current account	18 864	12 150	2 161	33 174	34 018
Bank savings account					
Cheque not cashed	-(100)			-(100)	-(100)
Cash	55			55	55
	18 819	12 150	2 161	33 129	33 973

### STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

#### Cash Funds

Co op Bank	15 538	6 807	2 181	24 526	24 264
CCLA investment account	0	2 493		2 493	2 493
	15 538	9 300	2 181	27 019	26 756

### TOTAL ASSETS OF PARISH

ST PAULS	61 334	0	5 860	67 194	87 159
ST ANDREWS	18 819	12 150	2 161	33 129	33 973
PCC	15 538	9 300	2 181	27 019	26 756
TOTAL	95 691	21 450	10 202	127 342	147 889

#### Discrepancies

-(0)	0	0	0
------	---	---	---

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Parochial Church Council of St. Paul's Church, Kersal and St. Andrew's Church, Carr Clough**

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The members of the Parochial Church Council (who are the trustees of the Charity) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Parochial Church Council considers that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility:

- to examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act);
- and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

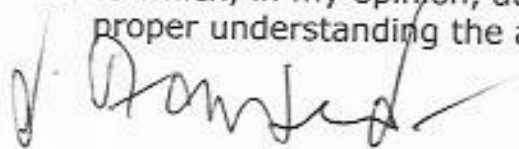
### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - to keep the accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting records of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding the accounts to be reached.



David Stanford,  
4 Wrigley Avenue, Swinton, Manchester, M27 4FT

6<sup>th</sup> December 2025