

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

THELWALL

ANNUAL REPORT

2024-2025



Important

Please bring this report with you to the Annual General Meeting

To be read before the meeting

Charity number 1135426

ALL SAINTS CHURCH THELWALL
ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING AND MEETING
TO ELECT CHURCHWARDENS
30th APRIL 2025

MEETING TO ELECT CHURCHWARDENS

1. Minutes of the last Meeting
2. Vote of thanks to the Churchwardens
3. Election of Churchwardens
4. Notice of the Archdeacons Visitation
5. AOB
6. Close of Meeting

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL MEETING

Minutes of the last Meeting

A.

To receive a report on changes to the Electoral Roll since the last Annual Meeting

To receive a report on the proceedings of the PCC and the activities
of the parish generally

To receive a report on the financial affairs of the Parish

To receive the independently examined accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31st December, 2024

To receive a report on the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the Church

To receive a report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod

B.

To elect Representatives to the Deanery Synod

To elect Representatives to the PCC

C.

To appoint an Independent Examiner

D.

Any matters of Parochial or general interest

Chairman's Report

Other Reports

E. Close of Meeting

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING TO ELECT CHURCH WARDENS

24th APRIL 2024

1. Minutes of Meeting of AGM 2023

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting in April 2023 was agreed,
Proposed: Pip Horne, Seconded: Jon Halliday

2. Minutes of Meeting held on 24th April 2024

2.1 Douglas welcomed everyone to the meeting. We opened the meeting with a hymn and short service.

3. Vote of thanks to Church Wardens

Julie and Jon have been a great team. Meetings held in the Little Manor. Lots of thoughts/business and fun at the meetings. There was a loud round of applause.

4. Election of Church Wardens

Julie French, Proposed: Kath Mellor, Seconded: Jean Fisher
Jon Halliday: Proposed: Elaine Whittaker, Seconded: Ray Fisher
Everyone was in favour.

As Julie had completed her six years, the Arch Deacon is happy to allow Julie to continue for a further year and for Jon to shadow for the year ahead. Jon is a quick learner/

5. Sidespeople

Sidespeople are appointed at the first PCC meeting after the APCM.

6. Notice of the Arch Deacons Visitation

The Archdeacons Visitation is 26th June at 7:30 pm at Great Budworth. Church Wardens have to attend.

7. AOB

None

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

24th APRIL 2024

1. Minutes of Meeting held at AGM 2024

These were accepted as a true record. Proposed: Jon Halliday, Seconded: Maggie Taylor

2. Report on the Electoral Roll since the last meeting

All people at this meeting must be on the Electoral Roll. A complete revision is required in 2025. The number on the electoral roll has increased by five during the year,

3. Report on the Financial Affairs

Whatever you have in your minutes accounts had been prepared by Chris Monks but we are waiting for the audited accounts from Walker Begley. Douglas thanked Chris for his hard work as Treasurer. The accounts look promising.

4. Election to the Deanery Synod

No election this year.

Our members are: Douglas Black, Kath Mellor, Mike Horne and Bob Powell.

5. Election of Representatives to the PCC

Caroline Johnstone as Safeguarding Officer Proposed: Julie French, Seconded: Jon Halliday
Ian Hardman – who attends 8am service. Proposed: Maggie Taylor, Seconded: Mike Taylor.

6. Appointment of Independent Examiner

Walker Begley have been asked.

7. Unseen Unsung Heroes

Julie spoke about Peter and Lynda. Frank had sent a report on the work they have done with Open the Book. It gives great links to the schools and Peter and Lynda also help with the Monday lunches along with other jobs within the church.

The meeting ended with a Hymn and the Grace

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

All Saints Church is situated in Thelwall. It is part of the Diocese of Chester within the Church of England. The correspondence address is the Vicarage, Bell Lane, Thelwall, Warrington, Cheshire.

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2011) and registered as a charity on 9th April 2010 with the Charity Commission (**Charity number 1135426**).

PCC members during 2024/2025 were as follows

Rev Douglas Black
Julie French (Churchwarden)
Jon Halliday (Churchwarden)
Pip Horne (Lay Reader)
Colin Horrabin (Lay Reader)

Deanery Synod Elected Members

Douglas Black
Kath Mellor
Bob Powell
Mike Horne
John Alexander

PCC Elected Members 2024

Caroline Johnstone (Safeguarding Officer)
Ingrid Halliday
Suzanne Hopkins
Anne Hague
Linda Hutchinson
James Gaffney
Nettie Norman
Ian Hardman

Church Architect

Tony Barton, RIBA
Donald Insall Architects, 5 Bridge Place, Chester

Bank

NatWest, Warrington Branch, 23 Sankey Street, Warrington, Cheshire, WA1 1XH

Independent Examiner

Walker Begley, Knutsford Road, Grappenhall

AIMS and PURPOSES

All Saints' Church, Thelwall Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Douglas Black, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also responsible for the Parish Hall on Bell Lane Thelwall.

Our mission statement is:-

Growing Up, in our faith by engaging with the bible, prayer & worship.

Growing Together, through team work, encouragement, fellowship & fun!

Growing Out, to our local and global community with practical service and generosity.

Growing More, by sharing our faith & drawing people into the life of the church.

We aim to fulfil this in all aspects of church life.

OBJECTIVES and ACTIVITIES

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at All Saints. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- worship and prayer;
- learning about the Gospel;
- developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus;
- providing pastoral care for people living in the parish;
- missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church and the Parish Hall.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE and MANAGEMENT

All Saints' Annual Parochial Meeting is held on the last Wednesday of April and it is at this meeting that church wardens and PCC members are elected. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules 2020. At All Saints the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our vicar), churchwardens, lay readers and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services/members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has appointed six permanent action groups, each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life:

- Worship (including Nurture and Prayer)
- Parish Hall
- Young People (ages birth to 18 years)
- Social Events and Communications
- Outreach
- Stewardship

Employment Matters 2025

Employment in Church of England parishes is now governed by the Safer Recruitment and People Management protocols. A number of our members have attended the safer recruitment training course, which enables them to be involved in the recruitment of employees and volunteers.

Even though we only have a few part time and occasional employees, we are still subject to all the demands of Employment Law, including the National Living Wage and contracts of employment for all employees. In some instances – like paid church choir directors and musicians – employment is also governed by Canon (church) Law. We are grateful (relieved!) that the Diocesan HR Advisor – Liz Geddes - is always on hand to advise us. Also, we must notify the HMRC on each occasion that payment is made to one of our employees. This includes single payments to vergers, organists & gravediggers, as well as the earnings of our part time employees. Pensions: at the moment, none of our employees are eligible for auto-enrolment on a pension scheme because their earnings are below the required threshold.

National Insurance: this becomes payable when our workers earn £242 per week (2025), which would be the case should we employ a new Director of Music on increased hours.

Safeguarding is an ever increasing responsibility for churches. 'Safer recruitment' requires vetting of anyone who works with children, young people and vulnerable adults. They must be screened, trained & appointed every 3 years.

Village Green

The 'Village Green' on Thelwall New Road (o/s Gigg Lane) is the property of the church (the diocese & PCC are joint trustees). The vicar and wardens are responsible for the oversight of the land, reporting to PCC when any issues arise. We are grateful to the Grappenhall & Thelwall Parish Council (G&TPC) for including the land in their local grounds maintenance programme, which means that they are paying for the grass to be cut. Every 5 years, we are required by our insurers to employ an arborist to inspect the land, especially the trees, and produce a report for our attention and action. One of the issues we need to keep a regular eye on is 'encroachment' - this is when adjacent home owners try to take our land by moving their boundaries. If we do not challenge the encroachment within ten years, ownership can be transferred to the encroacher.



Vicar's Report

This is my 23rd year as vicar of All Saints. My 'silver plate' anniversary (so I'm told)!

1. GROWING UP in our faith by engaging with the bible, prayer and worship. We continue to look for a new 'Director of Music' (a.k.a. Parish Music Outreach Worker) to work with adults and children in the church, community and primary schools. A revised job description was agreed by PCC and then advertised in 40 outlets and contacts. There was only one applicant but they were not suitable. The hunt continues. Meanwhile, I'm in awe of our musicians and singers for what they do with the music in our services. They're remarkable! Our Bible groups continue to meet for shared support and encouragement. We also continue to help people engage with prayer and Bible reading. Over the past couple of years, we've been using seasonal 'prayer project' leaflets, to complement the prayer cards we distribute at major festivals. The diocesan vision encourages all of us to "grow braver, fuller faith". In 2025, could you help someone to engage with the Bible, prayer and worship - to grow up in braver, fuller faith?

2. GROWING TOGETHER through teamwork, encouragement, fellowship and fun! The social events, outreach activities, the bonfire, fundraisers, and heritage events present us with great opportunities for teamwork, encouragement, fellowship and fun. As mentioned in previous years, social inclusion has become a significant objective for charitable funders as they seek to lessen isolation and mental health issues. Our applications for grants are often fruitful because we address the need for inclusion in a village with an ageing population. Also, research informs us that 'belonging' can lead to 'believing'. During 2025, could you invite someone to be involved in our 'growing together'? Encourage them to belong and they may just believe, too. The diocesan vision slogan is: "Together in Christ, sharing hope". Let's grow together and share hope.

3. GROWING OUT to our local and global community with practical service and generosity. Life is still economically, physically and emotionally tough for many people - locally and globally. Hence, I'm really heartened by the schemes and generosity that our church produces. Food and Friendship in church on Mondays is now an invaluable gathering for older folk. And, once more, we've seen marvellous responses to appeals for Christian Aid, Foodbank, Children's Society, Operation Christmas Child, FairTrade, Get Warrington Talking, Macmillan, Papyrus, Church Urban Fund and Prison Fellowship. The list expands year on year! As always, our planned appeals and projects are accompanied by excellent individual acts of compassion and kindness to people near and far. The diocesan vision encourages "transformative loving service" whilst "engaging locally, and working together in loving generosity". That's us!

4. GROWING MORE by sharing our faith and drawing people into the life of the church. Open the Book (OtB) is still taking assemblies in the local primary schools but not quite as frequently as previous years. The new head of the junior school is re-evaluating the school's priorities. But, as she becomes more familiar with what we have to offer we believe that she will see the benefit of OtB. Additionally, research continues to show the evolving effectiveness of one-to-one 'faith sharing' in leading people to faith and church. This is reflected in one of the priorities of the diocesan vision: "Reaching out and blessing the 1.5 million (in the diocese) one life at a time". Is there somebody outside the church that you could reach out and bless? Possibly invite them to a fun activity or a service? Moreover, the C of E's 'Everyday

Faith' campaign encourages Christians to share their faith in word and action during the week: at work, in the home, and through volunteering. It's about seeing our God given purpose in all we do.

The goal of all of the aforementioned is to do with developing and growing 'missionary disciples', which is the policy of the C of E, the diocese...and the New Testament!

During 2024-25, the PCC has spent some time engaging with 'eco church' – a church that seeks to care for creation and minimise our carbon footprint. We are following the recommendations provided by a Christian organisation called 'A Rocha'. They award bronze, silver and gold status to churches, depending on how many recommendations they enact.

Considerable meaningful ministry is continually carried out by so many people in our church, which makes it challenging to thank everyone individually. But particularly, I would like to say a big thank you to Julie and Jon (wardens), Ian (treasurer), Kath (secretary), Pip, Colin and Bob (Readers) and Caroline (trainee Reader), and all the action groups for continuing to seize mission opportunities with such vigour and fervour. And, as ever, I say to you all: 'thank you' and 'well done good and faithful servants'. Keep growing up, growing together, growing out and growing more

Safeguarding Report 2024/25 - Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) Caroline Johnstone

This year has been a tumultuous one for the national church in the area of safeguarding and it has brought into focus our very real need to put safeguarding in the spotlight and at the centre of all we do in the church. Safeguarding Sunday's service in November, gave us a great opportunity to share the work we at All Saints are doing to ensure that this is the case. We have welcomed the introduction of the Diocesan Safeguarding Dashboard which is an online tool to guide us in good practice as we implement our policy and procedures. It keeps us on track with review dates, provides template documents and links to national policy etc. The progress made in updating the dashboard is reported to the PCC at each meeting. We have detailed records of DBS checks and training for those working with children and vulnerable adults and keep those updated – indeed, the vast majority of them have just completed updated training. But, best of all, we, as a congregation, have really grasped the fact that we all have a responsibility for the safeguarding of each other or "keeping an eye out for each other" - Safeguarding is discussed, procedures clarified and from time-to-time concerns raised and dealt with, which are all indicators of a healthy approach to safeguarding. It is an area of our work which is on-going, we will never have an end point, but I thank you for recognising the need for all the safeguarding procedures that need to be in place and your willingness to engage with them, so that we, at All Saints, are doing all we can to ensure our church is a warm, welcoming, safe space for everyone.

Caroline Johnstone PSO

All Saints, Thelwall

Safeguarding Policy

Promoting a Safer Church

The following policy was agreed at the Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting held on *29th January 2025*:

In accordance with the Church of England Safeguarding Policy our church is committed to:


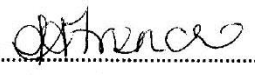
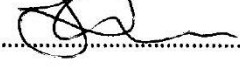
- Promoting a safer environment and culture.
- Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children, young people and vulnerable adults within the church.
- Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation.
- Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse and other affected persons.
- Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns or allegations of abuse and other affected persons.
- Responding to those that may pose a present risk to others.

The Parish will:

- Create a safe and caring place for all.
- Have a named Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) to work with the incumbent and the PCC to implement policy and procedures.
- Safely recruit, train and support all those with any responsibility for children, young people and adults to have the confidence and skills to recognise and respond to abuse.
- Ensure that there is appropriate insurance cover for all activities involving children and adults undertaken in the name of the parish.
- Display in church premises and on the Parish website the details of who to contact if there are safeguarding concerns or support needs.
- Listen to and take seriously all those who disclose abuse.
- Take steps to protect children and adults when a safeguarding concern of any kind arises, following House of Bishops guidance, including notifying the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (DSA) and statutory agencies immediately.
- Offer support to victims/survivors of abuse regardless of the type of abuse, when or where it occurred.
- Care for and monitor any member of the church community who may pose a risk to children and adults whilst maintaining appropriate confidentiality and the safety of all parties.
- Ensure that health & safety policy, procedures and risk assessments are in place and that these are reviewed annually.
- Ensure that all hirers of our buildings, whether church or parish hall, will adopt this policy as part of their hiring agreement or demonstrate that they have their own equivalent policy.
- Review the implementation of the Safeguarding Policy, Procedures and Practices at least annually.

Each person who works within this church community will agree to abide by this policy and the guidelines established by this church.

This church appoints Caroline Johnstone as the Parish Safeguarding Officer.

Incumbent  Churchwarden 
Churchwarden  Date 29/1/2025

The Parochial Church Council has also complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding & Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding and vulnerable adults).

PARISH REPORTS – Achievements and Performance

Electoral Roll Report – Jon Halliday

At the time of writing this on 9th April 2025, the Electoral Roll has been cleared in readiness for the 6 yearly Full Revision, as required by the Church of England, at this stage the current new roll contains a total of 128 members. The number of members prior to the start of the full revision was 237 and it is expected that the Electoral Roll will, as each member completes and returns an Electoral Roll form, return to a number representative of the previous years.

Based on the current new Electoral Roll, and its current 128 members, 85 live within the parish of Thelwall and 43 are outside. As this is a new roll all names were removed from the roll pending re-registration.

In line with the previous report and its plan to normalize the reporting period the report is written based on the declared numbers as at the 7th April 2025. The next declaration will be 7th April 2026 unless otherwise mandated.

I will be able to state the current numbers for the coming year at the Annual Meeting as 128 electoral roll members.

Historical Reports and Future Predictions

For transparency I have included numbers for the past few years are below and this does show a trending increase in Electoral Roll. As expected, as in previous years, a decrease in numbers due to the full revision has been exhibited however this will be adjusted in the next report to take into account late submissions.

Total at AGM in 2007 = 155 (Full Revision)
Total at AGM in 2008 = 175
Total at AGM in 2009 = 177
Total at AGM in 2010 = 184
Total at AGM in 2011 = 193
Total at AGM in 2012 = 199
Total at AGM in 2013 = 204 (Full Revision)
Total at AGM in 2014 = 221
Total at AGM in 2015 = 237
Total at AGM in 2016 = 248
Total at AGM in 2017 = 256
Total at AGM in 2018 = 264
Total at AGM in 2019 = 244 (Full Revision)
Total at AGM in 2020 = 246
Total at AGM in 2021 = 241
Total at AGM in 2022 = 237

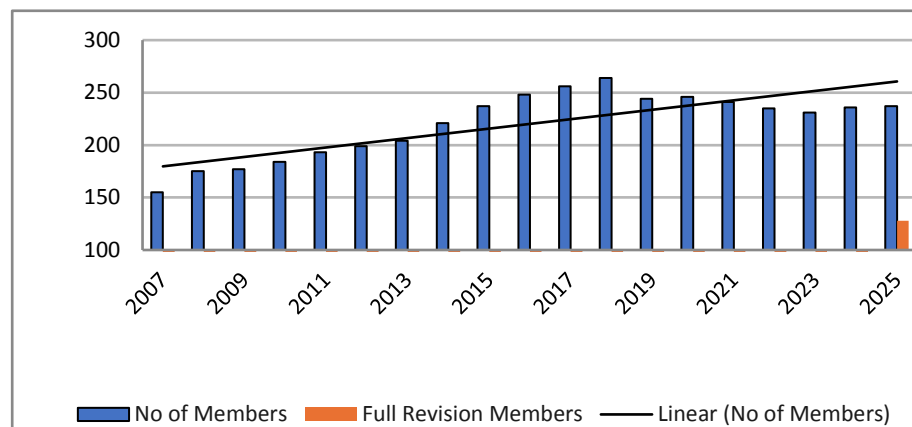


fig a. Visual representation of the electoral roll numbers declared at each AGM

Total at AGM in 2023 = 231	
Total at AGM in 2024 = 235	
Total at AGM in 2025 = 128 (Full Revision)	
Just prior to the Full Revision the number of members was 237	

It is anticipated, based on the historical statistics, that the number of members of the Electoral Roll will increase over time to come more in line with previous declarations.

As was previously reported Thelwall has continued to see a large number of property sales and is classed as a desirable area within the Warrington area and therefore is seeing an increase in the number of new families moving to the parish.

This change in demographics across the parish has resulted in the introduction of new families, lowering the average age in the parish, and an increase in population density (resulting from an increase in the average number of occupants within a home) and it is hoped we will continue to realise an increase in congregation members as some of these families look to attend a local church on a regular basis.



Jon Halliday

Electoral Roll Officer

Secretary's Report – Kath Mellor

The PCC meets six times a year to discuss Church life and our finances. At the first meeting Ian Hardman was elected as our new Treasurer. Ian has settled in great and reports about our finances at each meeting. Each meeting we discuss Safeguarding and there have been lots of changes and Caroline reports everything to the PCC. All members have done their Safeguarding training. We have discussed in full and each member gave their views on Prayers for Love and Faith. We have discussed in full the advertisement for the vacancy for a Parish Music Outreach Worker. We also agreed on the new portable alter and portable font which was left in a legacy from Viv Dockery. We are now in the process of looking at a new Audio visual system. The PCC agreed to become an Eco Church and Mike Horne is now at the helm of this project.

Deanery Synod Report 2024

At the March 2024 meeting, we welcomed Jon Pocock – the Diocesan Strategic Programme Director – who talked about the Diocesan Vision: “Together in Christ, sharing hope”. The main strapline of the vision is: “Reaching out to the 1.5 million people in the diocese one life at a time”. This will be achieved by:

- Growing Missional Health of parishes
- Increasing their Missional Reach
- Planting new Missional Communities
- Developing Missional Leadership

The July meeting of synod focussed on the Creamfield's initiative – a church presence at this electronic dance music festival in Daresbury on August Bank Holiday weekend. Two church marquees are planned at different locations on the site. In the past, festival goers have visited the tents for a listening ear and a prayer. Synod members were asked to donate packets of Jammie Dodgers, which will be handed out to those who come to the church tents seeking help. The feedback about the church presence has been positive and appreciated.

Much of the business at the October meeting was centred on solving the challenge of providing service cover for the many vacant parishes in the deanery: Daresbury, Walton, Grappenhall, Aston, Little Leigh and Lower Whitley. Also cover for St Mary's Lymm during Beverley Jameson's sick leave. Unfortunately, we don't have many retired priests to call upon, which means that some parishes will need to make other arrangements for services e.g. Morning Prayer led by Readers. In addition, the Archdeacon of Chester is on sabbatical until Christmas!

Report on the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the Church (Churchwardens)

As is usual for our church it has been another busy but productive year for us.

During the Summer and Autumn of 2024 we welcomed a number of guest speakers to the church and grew our church family with new members of the congregation and welcomed some new young members with a number of baptisms and celebrated the various weddings that took place. We continue to open the doors to our church to our surrounding community and beyond and hope that our Church can also become their Church.

This year also became my 2nd and Julie's 7th year as a Church Warden and she continued to guide me in the various responsibilities and obligations of being a Church Warden and has provided me with a great support and wealth of knowledge as I now prepare to pass the same knowledge on to our next incoming warden though I suspect she will never be far away.

The last winter saw a number of severe weather events ranging from severe rain to extremely low temperatures and I'm pleased to say that our Church fared well. Aside from a couple of small spots of water that had blown in through the roof vents there was no major issues with the roof or flooding thanks to the sump installed previously in the boiler room.

The winter also saw a lot of strong winds and this did result in one of the large trees to the rear of the graveyard becoming unsafe and required us to remove it. Thanks to Philip Young and the team at Countrywide the tree was removed quickly before further winds brought it down causing significant damage to the gravestones in its vicinity. Because of its position it did require specialist equipment and while the costs for this were not insignificant it was considerably lower than other companies that quoted almost double and were unable to attend immediately. I would like to take the opportunity to thank Philip and the Countrywide team for a prompt and professional response and ensuring costs were kept to a minimum. Additionally Philip has also ensured that all of the Church gutters have remained clear and this has contributed to ensuring that there have been no unexpected waterfalls or water features in and around the Church.

Whilst we highlighted the challenge we faced with the repairs to the Church main door these have not been completed. The costs for this repair are significantly higher than originally suggested or anticipated and are likely to cost us in excess of £10,000 to complete due to the complexity with the repair of the top hinge which will require the removal of significant stone work that forms the door arch. Whilst we did find a specialist to complete the work the costs are significant and we are currently exploring ways to fund this repair work.

An additional challenge we have faced over the last year is associated with the Church Audio Visual system. As some of you may be aware this system is over 30 years old and has long surpassed its viable lifespan and is standing to degrade in terms of both reliability and performance. Whilst we have continued to replace and upgrade elements of the system over time we are now at the point where a complete replacement of the major elements is required which includes a new sound desk, speakers, wiring and the replacement of projectors with

large fixed display equipment. A funder for this has been located and we have received several quotes from suppliers. This project is expected to commence this coming year and more information will be posted to the Church website at <https://allsaints.org.uk>

We continue to reach out to the people and schools within our parish with a large number of activities that continues to make our Church the centre of our community and we offer our heartfelt thanks to all involved the various members of the congregation and outreach groups that continue to represent and promote our Church within the community.

On behalf of Julie and myself, we wish you all a happy, healthy and peaceful year to come.

Worship Action Group (Action Group Chair, Douglas Black)

The brief of the WAGs is to develop worship, nurture and prayer in line with the church's mission statement: growing up, growing together, growing out, growing more.

Portable altar and font: the new portable altar and font are now in use. They give us flexibility and options. We are very grateful to Sarah Jayne and Martin Lovell for donating these two items in memory of Viv Dockery.

Prayer: we've had to adapt the prayer life of the church to fit congregants' busy lives. Our ideas have needed to be flexible and easy to use, so that they can be of use wherever people may be at the time:

- Every Harvest, Advent & Lent, we've been publishing Prayer Project leaflets with items for prayer and include seasonal prayers written by members of WAGs.
- At Easter & Christmas, we've been handing out prayer cards published by the Prayer Trust.
- Thy Kingdom Come – we engage with the Archbishops' Ascensiontide prayer initiative that involves praying for family, friends, neighbours & colleagues to come to faith.
- Summer Prayer Project – happens every 3 years for July/August. A folded card with the names of Thelwall streets organised into the days of the week.

Caroline Johnstone is now nearing the home strait of her Reader training. Caroline's licensing will take place on Saturday, 11th October 2025 at Chester Cathedral.

Daily Personal Bible Reflection: wherever possible, we try to encourage people to engage with some regular personal bible reflection. 'Our Daily Bread' is very popular, especially with our older folk. But there are many more resources 'out there', in physical and digital format.

Audio-visual: WAGs are pleased that the PCC is actively considering an upgrade to the audio-visual system in church. Improved sound and vision is important, especially in the chancel. Judith Biggin & Val Harper continue to encourage us to take into consideration those members who have visual and hearing challenges.

Choir, Music Group & Organ: our musicians, choir / music group are doing a great job. The growth in skill, involvement and numbers is really encouraging. The organ was tuned and serviced in the autumn by Jardine's of Manchester. Jardine's also amended the organ bench, making it much easier to climb onto.

Parish Music Outreach Worker: The post has been advertised in approx 40 places. No takers yet (apart from one candidate who was considered unsuitable). The PCC is now reworking the job description and advert to encourage applicants with varied musical abilities and backgrounds e.g. other musical instruments and skills (not necessarily piano/organ).

Parish Hall Action Group - Philip Young

In 2024 the hall has continued to focus on improving and maintaining the fabric of the building such that users get a better experience of it.

The main hall skirting boards, heaters and doors were painted. A new industrial floor cleaner and vacuum were purchased. The kitchen drainage was excavated and replaced. A fire alarm was installed with call points. A new music system was purchased and is available with a users' guide. A large drop down screen was installed on the stage for presentations. All the heaters in the hall have been thoroughly overhauled improving their efficiency significantly and in turn comfort of the hall users. The emergency lighting has been overhauled and is now maintained regularly.

Two years ago daffodils and tulips were planted and they are now flowering regularly adding to the hall's appeal. The work done on the septic tank four years ago is now paying dividends and working very efficiently and is isolated securely from vandalism. Finally all the hall regular maintenance has been put on a regular Maintenance schedule to move away from reactive maintenance to proactive maintenance.

The main story for the hall in 2025 is the up and coming refurbishment of the toilets at the hall. All the current installation will be removed and disposed of. The toilets will be replaced with modern cubicles and sanitary ware. The design will allow efficient cleaning and the rooms will be bright well-lit and much more appropriate for a modern hall open to a wide range of users in the 21st century.

The work commences on Monday 21st April and will take 6 weeks. There will always be two toilets with the disabled toilet doubling up as the cover for the one that is being refurbished ie: gents or ladies while work is ongoing. The work will cost £30,000 of which over £16,000 has been grant funded. For this we are grateful for the diligent work of Frank Whittaker, Richard Speed and Linda Hutchinson of the 200 club. The two trusts which have donated are The Garfield Weston Foundation and the Bernard Sunley foundation to whom we are extremely grateful.

On the user side Carolina has continued her excellent work bringing new ad hoc users to the hall.

The latest being a regular user during the week as an exercise class. After meeting the costs of the significant project purchases this year the hall still created a small surplus of approximately £5k which will be set aside for significant future cost of roof repairs/replacement and the hall floor wear and tare.

On the personnel side Dave Mellor supported by his wife Kath has done a great job of opening and shutting the hall including Christmas day! Jean and Ray manage the cleaning team who are in 6 out of every 7 days of the week. Glyn Jones does ad hoc repairs out of user hours and is a great support to the team.

For next year the roof, the hall floor and kitchen are all areas that will require plans to be drawn up.

Pastoral Care and Community Outreach

During 2024 there were 4 baptisms, 7 funerals at All Saints and 8 funerals at the crematorium only, 0 burials and 12 burials of ashes, and 2 weddings.

Baptism Preparation – A church member visits the family before the baptism to get to know the family and explain what's involved. This person is at the service and the baptised child is given a children's Bible as a baptism gift from the church.

Bereaved families are visited before and after the funeral by the vicar. We have a 'Memorial Service' of remembrance once a year, at all Saints-tide, to which all who have been bereaved during the last year are invited. Judith Biggin sends a card to bereaved families on the first anniversary of their loss.

Our Counselling Referral service has been able to help a good number of people again this year. We are very grateful to the Diocesan Counselling Service and the Lymm Sanctuary Hub for accepting our referrals.

Food Bank Donations are left at the church and then taken to the Warrington Distribution Point by a church member.

Harvest Gifts – the gifts of tinned and packet food are given to the Warrington Food Bank and the gifts of flowers are distributed to the sick, bereaved and elderly of the parish.

Outreach Action Group (Action Group Chair, Kath Mellor)

Our Lunch Group on a Monday has continued with around 20 coming each week. We have four teams and everyone who comes really enjoys their Mondays. Friendships have developed and the group are keeping in touch with each other. We have had two lunches this year with over 65 people attending both. The first lunch was a three course dinner and the second was a harvest buffet lunch.

We have held our Remembering the Loved Ones and most people bring a flower to the service. After the service refreshments are served.

We would love to see more people coming especially men on their own.

We continue to ensure the Church magazine is delivered to each home and are so grateful to all who deliver them each month.

At our Christmas Monday lunch Father Christmas attended and everyone received a gift.

If anyone knows of anyone who would like to come along please let me know 01925602475 or email kathlmellor@gmail.com and I will contact them.

The group would like a trip out so we will look into this and again this will be open to anyone in the village.

Next Christmas after the Carol Service we will serve mulled wine and mince pies.

The Children and Young People Action Group (Action Group Chair, Caroline Johnstone)

Praise and Play sessions are led by Janet Black and Elaine Whittaker with Liz Taylor and Nettie Norman. We continue to provide updates on our activities and advertise in the Parish News plus have a poster in the Parish Hall. Our numbers have remained steady this past year, varying from 3 to 7 children and have a mix of mums, grandparents and dads. We continue to follow our topics from a 4 year rolling programme, including the main Christian festivals, with amendments depending on the age mix of our little ones. We hold sessions twice a month on the first and third Thursday from 1.30-2.30pm. We also celebrate children's birthdays by sending cards and at a session if it's close to the birthday. We continue to advertise forthcoming family events and services that take place at the church and at the Parish Hall and some of our families have attended these.

Messy Church continues to thrive and we have seen a gradual increase in attendees to around 40 children and adults at each session. We hold a Messy Church once in each half term, usually on Sunday afternoon 3-5pm in the Parish Hall. We continue to have a strong team of volunteers to run activities and the catering. The children and their parents have six activities to do linked to the theme which can be a Biblical theme, Christian Festival or season of the church's year we then draw things together with a story, song, prayers and food related to the theme.

The team also leads the Harvest Festival talk with the children, helps with the Crib service and other services in church throughout the year.

Story Service - Story services are held in church, in the winter months, from 5 -6 pm – It has remained a relatively small group (we average 18 children and adults) so we now have the children stay as one group and we change the story teller. It has been lovely to see new families coming to these services. The theme for a service is based on a Christian value and we use a mixture of secular and Bible stories to develop on it. We

come together for a final Bible story, song and prayer. The children often come in their onesies and we finish with toast and hot chocolate.

Each July we hold our 'Celebration of our Children and Young People's Service' which is a great opportunity for the children and their families from all our groups to attend a 10am family service. The children all receive a book and last year Jack received a book of prayers for teenagers which he reads a prayer from, at Messy Church or Story Service. It's a lovely opportunity for everyone both young and old to see most of our church together in one place... a reminder that we are all part of God's big family, even though we worship him at different times, in different ways.

Open the Book

We have continued to visit the infant and junior schools to present Bible stories to the pupils and staff using Open The Book produced by The Bible Society. We tend to focus on New Testament stories to develop continuity because we are visiting the schools once each half term this year. The juniors also have an end of term assembly in church with an OTB story. The visits by our team of up to 10 parishioners are very well received and enjoyed by the schools and team members. Thank you to all who help and support this activity.

The Social and Communications Action Group

2024 was another busy and successful year in term of social events in our parish. These events are aimed at both fundraising and at engaging with the wider community within Thelwall, providing a witness to our church being very much alive and active in our village. Our motto is "all welcome".

During the year we organised five Coffee Mornings in All Saints after the Thursday morning services, raising funds for the following charities: MyAware, Transform Trade, Christian Aid, Creating Adventures and MacMillan Cancer Support. These Coffee Mornings raised over £1,800 and remain very popular, providing a wonderful social occasion for all who attend. On average, they attract between 60 and 70 attendees. We held a very enjoyable Quiz Night at the end of January with 70 quizzers attending for a really fun evening. Our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Saturday in March was blessed with glorious weather despite being early in the season and the input and attendance from the wider village community was a real blessing. Our annual Wine Tasting took place in May and although attendance was slightly down this year the event was really appreciated by those who came and it raised a lot of money for the church.

We began the second half of the year with a Parish BBQ Party, a new event which was free and aimed at bringing people together. Unfortunately, the weather was dreadful and perhaps the timing wasn't quite right so attendance was on the low side – but it was thoroughly enjoyed by those who came and we will try again this coming year. Bonfire Night (organised by a separate committee) went off with its usual bang and the Christmas Fayre was a rousing success, with a great mix of all the traditional favourite stalls and a sprinkling of new ones. We welcomed Warrington Male Voice Choir back for our now annual hosting of one of their Christmas concerts at the beginning of December. This is the start of Christmas for many people and it was very well attended despite terrible weather on the night. The sound under the arch in our church is glorious. Finally, members of SCAG joined with the All Saints musicians and other parishioners/villagers to sing carols in both our village pubs, raising money for the Children's Society.

In addition to the events which we organise ourselves, we have a fantastic working relationship with the family at Laskey Farm Gardens, supporting their participation in the National Garden Open Gardens Scheme by providing tea, cakes and manpower! This year funds were raised for both church and the Creating Adventures charity and we were also able to hold a Cream Tea there in aid of the Clatterbridge Cancer Charity. This link with such a popular venue is very much appreciated. One of our members also hosts a Book Club which meets in the community area at the back of church and which brings in non-church members.

The Parish News is edited by a member of SCAG and is distributed free ten months of the year to every house in Thelwall. It continues to be a much needed and appreciated tool for communications within the village, especially for those who are not online. The magazine is very much a Christian publication, with details of all our services and events as well as a Vicar's Article and list of people to contact within the church, but many local organisations and initiatives benefit too, including the Rose Queen, the Scouts Christmas Post, the Bridgewater Players, the WI and the Thelwall 1100 project and its legacy activities. We did encounter some difficulties regarding the printing of the Magazine during the year but have managed to find an alternative printer who is local which should help the distribution process. Our website is kept as up to date and relevant as it can be given our resources, along with our social media platforms.

New members of the group are always welcome. Please do get in touch with one of us if you would like to be involved in ensuring that the church remains at the heart of the village as a witness to our faith. Finally, a huge thank you to everyone who has supported any of our events in any way at all, from organising to advertising, baking to cooking, serving to attending. Your support is really appreciated and we look forward to welcoming you to our future events. Suggestions for new events are always welcome!

SCAG members: Malcolm, Anne, Judy, Trish, Pip, Mike, Di, Nettie, Joan and Suzi.

Fair Trade – Trish Powell

All Saints' is a fully registered Fairtrade church and Fairtrade tea and coffee are used whenever refreshments are served. We hold a Fairtrade stall in church after both morning services every 1st and 3rd Sunday as well as on other ad hoc occasions, including Thelwall's annual Rose Queen Festival and our Christmas Fayre. We held our annual and very well supported Fairtrade Coffee Morning on 7th March 2024, drawing in around 70 people and raising £470 for Transform Trade in addition to selling a lot of Fairtrade goods from our stall.

Fairtrade Fortnight changed nationally from its usual March slot to September in 2024 and our main Sunday morning service on 8th September was dedicated to Fairtrade to reflect this, highlighting the 30th anniversary of the Fairtrade mark. Four church members are also dedicated volunteers at Warrington's own Fairtrade shop, Fair 4 All.

Heritage Report – Maggie and Mike Taylor

All Saints' Church has continued to support the Thelwall 1100 Festival legacy projects and will be the recipient of a heritage plaque to be located on the railings alongside the lychgate.

Church land opposite Gig Lane was offered as a site for a T1100 Commemorative Installation. Representatives from the PCC and a T1100 working group explored various design options but further investigations regarding underground services, concerns about road safety and maintenance prompted a re-think. An alternative location is being explored with the Parish Hall Committee.

The T1100 Festival concludes with celebratory afternoon in the Parish Hall on Saturday 11th October and a special church service on 12th October 2025.

The church is also figuring in the 2025 Thelwall History Group programme with a lecture by Mike Taylor (February), a tour of the church and churchyard (June) and Mike Horne will be contributing to a talk on All Saints' Burial Ground Management System (July).

Choir and Musicians – Trish Powell

All Saints Thelwall is blessed with a group of extremely enthusiastic and dedicated musicians, both instrumentalists and singers, who faithfully lead the worship each week. In the absence of a Musical Director,

five of them (Elaine, Trish, Julia, Val and Helen) take it in turns to choose the hymns each month which leads to a good variety of music. Trish, Felicity and Julia share the organ/piano duties and Felicity, Julia and Elaine also play guitar when possible, not forgetting Helen on the tambourine. Trish also takes the choir practices most weeks.

We mostly choose hymns from Songs of Fellowship, mixing traditional familiar ones with the more modern ones we love and this past year we also introduced eight new songs. On Easter Sunday we sang the beautiful *Write Thy Name Upon My Heart* by American composer Sally De Ford and at the Christmas Carol Service we sang *Light Up The Future*, written and composed by a local lady, Barbara Maddock. Both pieces were much appreciated by the congregation. Members of the church choir and singers also led the singing of carols in the two village pubs in the run up to Christmas, raising money for the Children's Society.

There are a handful of Sundays during the year when no instrumentalists are available and Trish (pianist/organist) and Jon (IT guru) have, with the help of choir members, recorded a variety of hymns which can be played through our sound system. We now have a library of over 50 of these and will add more during the coming year. This means that there will be no services without music.

For many years it has proved quite a struggle to climb onto our organ stool, especially tricky when alternating between piano and organ playing during a service. Brought to a head by Trish's hip surgery, we asked Jardine Church Organs for help and thankfully they were able to adapt our organ stool without too much difficulty – they did a fantastic job. The end result means that the organists can easily slide onto the stool rather than having to perform gymnastics – and we were all left wondering why we had never tackled the issue before!

Finally, a huge thank you all those who contribute to the musical worship in our church in any way - it is very much appreciated.

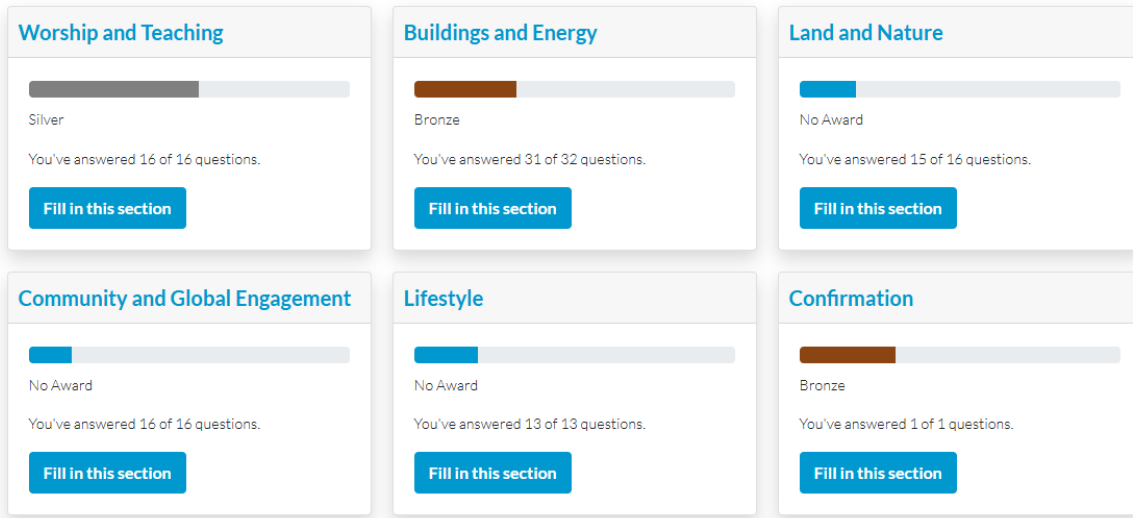
Eco Church – Mike Horne

In February 2020 General Synod set the Church of England an ambitious challenge: to reach net zero carbon across parish, cathedral, diocesan and school estates by 2030.

In order to achieve this, there is a target for 40% of local churches to be registered as Eco-Churches and 30% of local churches to achieve awarded standards, of which at least a third of these awards should be Silver or higher (= Silver Eco Dioceses standard) by 2026.

The principles are that Eco-Church should be Based in Theology – Treasuring God's Creation; Urgent, relevant and widely understood; Data-driven, focused and transparent, Embedded in all we do; Using less energy, and from cleaner sources; travelling sustainably; Offsetting only what we cannot reduce.

All Saints Church PCC decided that we should apply to become an Eco-Church starting in 2025, with a target to achieve Bronze status by the end of the year.



We have done a preliminary audit against the 2025 A Rocha criteria:

- a) Worship & Teaching we scored 170 out of 320 which qualifies us for Silver Award
- b) Buildings & Energy we scored 125 out of 390 which qualifies us for Bronze Award
- c) Land & Nature we scored 78 out of 443, which we need to improve to 110 to achieve Bronze.

This can be addressed by changing the way that we manage parts of the churchyard

We will be getting some bird boxes and bee hotels made by Thelwall Mens Shed, and we will be holding an "Environment Day" when we will encourage these to be set up by the whole community.

- d) Community & Local Engagement we scored 63 out of 470 which needs to improve to 115

This can be addressed by:

- a. Drawing up a plan / strategy to take action locally and/or nationally / globally, using the Parish News and Church Noticeboards to encourage participation.
- b. Encouraging local car sharing initiatives from pulpit and on website etc
- e) Lifestyle we scored 42 out of 209 which needs to rise to at least 53 and can be addressed by:
 - a. Drawing up a plan / strategy to promote ethical and environmentally aware consumption patterns by individuals and households, and encouraging the use of Fairtrade goods and materials
 - b. Encouraging us all to become "Climate Heroes" using this calculator: <https://climate-calculator.climatehero.org/>

Mission Support

During the year we gave grant support to the following charitable organisations direct from church funds: Church Urban Fund; Papyrus; Prison Fellowship and Get Warrington Talking. We are also giving financial support to Christ Church, an adjacent parish to ours.

The Prison Fellowship was our chosen charity for the 2024 Lent Appeal. Through this £388 was raised.

Myaware – a coffee morning in January raised £277.50

Transform Trade – funds were raised at a coffee morning in March

The Christian Aid, a May coffee morning in church raised £340.80

Creating Adventures – an August coffee morning was held in church

MacMillan Cancer Fund – funds were raised at a coffee morning in church

Samaritan's Purse was supported through the donation of 320 filled shoes boxes for Operation Christmas Child brought to our "Toy Service" in December.

SureStart was supported with the donation of 54 wrapped gifts given at the Christmas "Toy Service" and taken to SureStart, Halton where the charity distributed them to their local family centres.

The Children's Society is supported with donations at our Christingle service and carol singing at the local pubs. This raised £745 in total.

Warrington Food Bank – we have a collection point in church for donations of food etc. These are taken to the local centre by a volunteer. Food items donated at our Harvest Festival service also go to the food bank.

Ecumenical relationships

All Saints is a member of Lymm and District Churches Together (LDCT). We had our annual prayer breakfast at the end of the week of Christian Unity.

The Sanctuary Café is a Community Interest Company that began as an idea developed by CTLD and is supported by them. On April 5th we celebrated 16 years. We are always looking for volunteers to help and All Saints have over the years been a great support. Members of our church make cakes and cook hot-pots for us. We have a great book shop with lots of cards and gifts available. When in Lymm please call in and you will be made very welcome.

STEWARDSHIP ACTION GROUP (Action Group Chair Alison London)

We advise on matters referred to us by the PCC and seek to support the treasurer and church wardens. We also seek to encourage giving based on Biblical principles. A draft budget for the coming year is prepared and presented to the PCC for approval. This is based on estimated figures.

Encouraging Stewardship: Our church membership are of considerable importance as they provide the majority of our funding. Those who have committed to regular giving by envelopes or standing order have continued to support us. Unfortunately there has not been any increase in this giving while inflation has had a big impact on our expenditure. This has resulted in having to use savings to meet our outgoings. Our savings are now spent and we face the prospect of not being able to pay our parish share. At the annual Stewardship service we urged church members to continue to give as generously as possible. Increasing giving in line with inflation of 3.5% would be most helpful.

Volunteer help, particularly with fund raising events, has also helped significantly, although funds raised by events has not increased over the last year.

Details of the church bank account are available from myself or the treasurer for those who want to give by standing order or to make a one off donation. A QR code and card reader are available to use at services. We urge people who pay tax to sign a gift aid declaration. Standing order forms and gift aid declaration forms are available at the back of church. **If you are a tax payer please gift aid your donations, whether they are ongoing or just a one off.** We also encourage regular giving by standing order, but our stewardship secretary, Trish, can to give information on weekly envelopes if preferred.

Gas and electricity contracts: Our contracts were due for renewal at the end of 2024. With the help of Joan Boyle and Mike Horne we sourced and recommended new suppliers to the PCC.

Group membership: We have maintained contact by email in order to discuss stewardship issues and have meet together to continue discussions. Documents are shared between group members. We have 5 group members, Ian, Philip, Julie, Mike and myself. Chris the previous church treasurer has been replaced by Ian our current treasurer. Jean, who has been on the group since it started, retired from the group and we thank her for her longstanding commitment and support to the group. Mike joined the group to share his knowledge of gift aided giving but he has also given support to the group in other areas.

Finally I have decided to resign from the group. I was there when it was formed over 20 years ago and during that time I have worked with four church wardens and seven treasurers. It was a difficult decision to make but after much thought and prayer I believe it is the right one.

“Friends” (Jean Fisher)

There are currently 13 “Friends” whose support goes towards the church yard up keep. Last year we had new shelves made for the windows on the south side of the church. They were made by the Men’s Shed group and are a big improvement on the old ones. These shelves are used for festive services (Christmas, Easter, Harvest and Mothering Sunday).

FINANCIAL REVIEW (Treasurer)

As a whole we are currently not doing too well.

Main point to summarise are :

- Our financial commitments have increased
- Planned giving and collections at services have not increased and have not for a number of years.
- Income from social events have helped but generally remained the same.
- Parish Hall bookings and takings have increased.

As a result of the above we have a very small balance in the Church current account. At the end of last year we paid off the large sum that had built up for the Parish share and this resulted in us having such a low balance to start the year.

Planned giving is the Churches main source of income and this will be something that we will need to increase. The Stewardship team have distributed a letter to all Church members providing details of our current situation and provided details of ways to donate or increase donations. Mike Brewer has kindly offered to claim the gift aid on a quarterly basis rather than annually to help the current situation.

Other things that we need to be aware of:

The Church hall continues to be a success and helps increase overall funds but the Church remains constant relying heavily on the Parish Hall. Hopefully the letter sent out from the Stewardship team will help increase income to the Church and we should start to see the difference in the next two to three weeks.

The Parish share has increased and we continue to pay 100% of this but I am not sure with the current balance how long this will continue.

Our gas and electricity utilities providers have changed thanks to the help of Mike Horne and remain competitive with the current market.

INVESTMENT AND RESERVES POLICIES

Unfortunately, at this current time I am unable to provide any up to date information on these policies. The policies below are those reported in last year’s report.

RESERVES POLICY

We now have four reserves policies agreed by PCC. These cover both the church and the Parish Hall. Firstly they set aside a sum of money to enable the church / Parish Hall to continue should income dwindle. Secondly, they reserve monies for larger projects

1. Allocated reserves policy for the Church

"The Treasurer maintains sufficient funds (agreed as £20,000) in an agreed Investment Fund that would allow the church to continue to function financially for a period of 12-18 months assuming unchanged receipts and expenditure."

2. Allocated reserves policy for the Parish Hall

"The Treasurer maintains sufficient funds (£15,000), that would allow the PCC of All Saints Thelwall to continue to manage the Parish Hall for a period of 18 months assuming unchanged receipts and expenditure."

3. Unallocated reserves policy for the Parish Hall

A sum of £10,000 should be made available by the PCC of All Saints Thelwall as unallocated reserves for project requirements of the Parish Hall, identified by the Parish Hall Management Committee and agreed by the PCC of All Saints Thelwall.

4. Unallocated reserves policy for the Church

A sum of £15,000 should be made available by the PCC of All Saints Thelwall as unallocated reserves for larger long-term projects identified as a result of the Quinquennial Inspection.

It was proposed and agreed that the allocated amounts and policies should be reviewed by PCC every 3 years.

The 200 Club acts as a working reserve for the Parish Hall.

INVESTMENT POLICY

We invest the allocated reserves for Church and Parish Hall in COIF funds, a low risk investment that, hopefully, will give a better return than a savings account. Since these funds are unlikely to be required at short notice, the risk is acceptable. The unallocated reserves for the Parish Hall are also in COIF funds, the remainder are in savings or current accounts."

Profit and Loss

All Saints Church

For the year ended 31 December 2024

	2024	2023
Turnover		
200 Club	1,565.00	1,657.00
Church Car Park Restricted Fund (Received)	-	(13,317.95)
Collections at services (GASDS)	2,694.26	4,579.26
Donations received (Church)	3,698.86	5,510.93
Donations received (Parish Hall)	60.80	-
Fees weddings & funerals	10,120.62	16,072.75
Friends Member Donations	430.00	620.00
Income from Grants (non-recurring)	150.00	150.00
Income Tax recovered Gift Aid	11,724.69	10,983.52
Interest Income	5,330.83	3,134.00
Miscellaneous Church Receipts	105.00	532.95
Other User (Parish Hall)	14,154.50	10,108.75
Parish Magazine Sponsorship & Advertising	1,660.00	2,610.00
Planned giving by envelopes	8,454.60	8,697.71
Planned giving SO	41,511.40	41,873.80
Regular User (Parish Hall)	42,722.61	39,418.40
Social Committee Fundraising Events Income	23,471.44	29,769.41
Total Turnover	167,854.61	162,400.53
Cost of Sales		
Clergy & Staffing costs (Church)	903.28	3,371.60
Clergy Expenses	1,152.00	1,152.00
Cost of Services	923.20	748.03
Diocesan Parish Contribution	75,344.40	72,607.70
Total Cost of Sales	78,322.88	77,879.33
Gross Profit	89,531.73	84,521.20
Administrative Costs		
200 Club Prizes and Costs	565.89	579.75
Assigned fees	3,792.00	4,903.00
Church equipment purchases	6,164.08	-
Church, churchyard, vicarage - Repairs & Maintenance	1,515.16	918.31
Council tax	3,163.44	3,003.47
Deanery / LDCT	30.00	30.00
Hall Building Repair and Maintenance	3,948.70	1,048.44
Hall Cleaning materials	912.80	1,465.57
Hall Decoration	-	1,741.70
Hall Electrical/Plumbing Repair	5,405.25	1,180.24
Hall Electricity	2,662.97	1,657.13
Hall Fire Extinguishers	58.20	58.20
Hall Gas	2,820.00	1,820.62

	2024	2023
Hall Grounds Maintenance	1,502.00	3,463.42
Hall Insurance	1,691.76	1,645.49
Hall New Equipment	11,752.86	202.99
Hall Phone Internet	1,907.78	507.89
Hall Septic Tank	185.00	216.00
Hall Staff Costs	8,131.75	9,154.76
Hall Waste Collection	2,047.35	1,938.70
Hall Water	555.70	738.22
Insurance Church	3,403.60	3,438.55
Licence Costs	239.87	108.18
Lottery & copyright Licences	640.37	639.61
Miscellaneous expenses (Hall)	-	5,000.00
Mission giving (grants & donations)	2,945.00	2,755.00
Organ repairs/tuning	-	204.00
Outreach	407.40	519.17
Parish Magazine Printing	2,930.40	2,055.00
Post Phone Copying Stationery	209.79	465.90
Social Committee Events Costs	10,612.86	15,864.48
Utilities	4,826.86	5,580.32
Warm Places (Outgoings)	-	(1,305.99)
Youth groups & Sunday school	113.01	295.70
Total Administrative Costs	85,141.85	71,893.82
Operating Profit	4,389.88	12,627.38
Other Income		
Donations for other charities (In and Out)	19.10	161.40
Total Other Income	19.10	161.40
Profit on Ordinary Activities Before Taxation	4,408.98	12,788.78
Profit after Taxation	4,408.98	12,788.78

Balance Sheet

All Saints Church

As at 31 December 2024

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Current Assets

Cash at bank and in hand	
Church Business Reserve Account	0.91
Church Investment 116970001R	19,061.42
Friends of All Saints	2,609.25
Parish Hall 95day Savings Account	26,129.85
Parish Hall Investment C03049294-001	28,076.12
Parish Hall Running Account	36,095.98
Thelwall Church General Purpose	11,743.32
Thelwall Parish Hall Supporter	7,949.32
Total Cash at bank and in hand	131,666.17
Accounts Receivable	18,506.36
Total Current Assets	150,172.53

Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

Accounts Payable	6,549.09
Rounding	(0.30)
VAT	(126.11)
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6,422.68

Net Current Assets (Liabilities)

143,749.85

Total Assets less Current Liabilities

143,749.85

Net Assets

143,749.85

Capital and Reserves

Current Year Earnings	4,408.98
Retained Earnings	139,340.87
Total Capital and Reserves	143,749.85

Independent examiner's report of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of All Saints', Thelwall.

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of All Saints', Thelwall for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the *Charities Act 2011* ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under s. 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under s. 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

(1) Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or

(2) The accounts do not accord with those records; or

(3) The accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the *Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008* other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed



Name: Kevin Walker

Relevant professional qualification or body: FCA

Address: Walker Begley Limited, 207 Knutsford Road, Grappenhall, Warrington, WA4 2QL

Date: 27/06/2025