

## ***2024 - The Rector's Report***



*Thank you for the opportunity to share a few thoughts with you this evening. As in previous years, I have continued to reflect on parish life in term of our reaching **up**, reaching **in** and reaching **out**.*

### ***Worship and Prayer and our Spiritual Life (UP)***

Our worship life together is at the heart of all we do therefore I am thankful for everyone who is part of our worship team, lay and ordained, and how we have managed to maintain the rhythm of services and adapt while our associate priest Revd Stuart Hill was on long term sick leave due to ill health, which led to his retirement in November 2024. Stuart and his wife Karen remain in our prayers as they adjust to the next chapter in their lives.

During this time assistant curate Revd Jason Wratten has been a constant support and as we will hear later in this report, helped lay the foundations for much of our work with children, families and schools and we wish him well as he prepares to take on his new role at St. Alban's Cathedral as Minor Canon- Youth Chaplain.

At Petertide 2024 we also welcomed a second assistant curate in training to the parish with the arrival of Revd Andrew McAllister and his wife Lucy.

Hospital Chaplain Revd Craig Bently has continued to support and lead services as and when he is available - despite his heavy workload - and Canon Sheila Bamber has continued to give us a lot of her time in terms of Holiday Cover and sharing her many specialist skills.

Jacki Dunn has remained a constant support with funerals and corporate worship and Simon Robinson continues to offer his gift of preaching. Canon Margie at the Cathedral was hoping to visit us on a regular basis but that has not been possible due to her own health journey.

I would like to thank everyone who helps prepare our church buildings for services, prepare rotas, read lessons, write intercessions, and take an active role in services and especially Our Director of Music Fred Hemmer, organists Ethan Fuller and Ryan White (who stepped back from duties in 2024 when he took over the day-to-day management of a community pharmacy.) Thank you also to our occasional organists Freda Carney and Gordon Scott.

In July 2024 we said '*au revoir*' to our MEV Roman Demptos, and '*hello again*' to Laura Barber as she was able to stay with us for a second year from the September.

We have a number of memorable moments as part of our time spent in worship together not least two large services at Durham Cathedral in 2024. April 26<sup>th</sup> for the Wedding of Revd Jason and Revd Kayla and July 1<sup>st</sup> for Revd Andrew's Ordination as Deacon.

We continued to Livestream services in 2024, including morning prayer, and regular midweek and Sunday Services. Through Lent 2024 we offered 4 different spaces: Stations of the Cross; St. Peter's Prayer Group met weekly with 'Watch and Pray', St. Peter's hosted an ecumenical course with the movie '*Chocolat*' and at St. John's we had our first Alpha Group which under the leadership of Revd Jason, continued to meet well into the Summer and supported two candidates preparing for Baptism and Confirmation with Bishop Sarah that July.

There were also highlights in Holy Week and Easter including Stations of the Cross on the Scotch Estate on Good Friday organized by Barbara Bradley before attending the Last Hour at the Cross with its powerful liturgy, music, and silence led by Fred, Freda and Simon.

At Bedetide, Bishop Sarah led a Civic Service at St. Paul's to commemorate Bede at 1350 with local school children, community partners and the Mayor and Mayoress of South Tyneside. The Mayor returned for her Civic service in the August and South Tyneside Council continue to work alongside the parish at different points in the year.

By December 2024 our special Advent and Christmas Services in our churches were attended by around 2,600 people over and above our usual services (and 200 more visitors than the previous year), and that is not including our services held at local schools.

My personal highlights from Advent include Carols by Candlelight with school children, a Dementia Friendly Carol Service with South Tyneside Churches Together, Carols in the Car Park, Midnight Mass at St. Paul's and a stunning Christingle service at St. John's which saw one of our younger members of the Family Café – Charlotte – lead the Christingle alongside Revd Andrew – this was a really powerful message for the many children and families who attended and is a positive sign that children and young people are very much part of our church family too.

And while all of these things happened in a specific place, the Prayer Circle, supported by Lynn Armstrong, continued Mondays at 2 from wherever we were. Thank you Lynn for keeping this going. And I'm glad to say that all are welcome to attend our regular services.

Sadly, as in previous years, an increasing number of people on the electoral roll were unable to attend in person and received home communion, visits and phone calls throughout the year – we are grateful for everyone who shares in this ministry, and especially to Jacki Dunn for her dedication to our local residential care homes as well as her ministry as a Hospital Chaplain at South Tyneside which means she can often be the first able to respond with pastoral care.

There is also an ever-changing number of people who attend services occasionally or join in on line.

In terms of our opportunity to worship with children and young people, aside from seasonal visits to our churches for Easter, Christmas, Carols by Candlelight and curriculum visits, 2024 saw our team boosted with the arrival of Revd Andrew alongside Revd Jason as key contacts for schools and supporters to our Open the Book Team. Because we have prioritised time spent with schools, and worked consistently as a team since 2021, by the end of 2024 we saw our work in schools going deeper, the frequency of assemblies and visits increasing and more services taking place in church than in previous years.

Our dedicated 'Open the Book' team continue faithfully in Simonside School every month, and our volunteers really enjoy sharing the Bible stories with the children. They are always looking for new members and as I write, a new second school – Lord Blyton – are getting ready for their own Open the book Assemblies. So, thank you to Carol Cowan, Jacki Dunn and our Open

the Book Team. And thank you to everyone for keeping this area of our ministry in your prayers since I arrived in 2020.

In 2024 Messy Church became Family Café at St. John's on the first Sunday of the Month – attendance is steady but much lower than the number of families attending Messy Church for a number of reasons including families moving away. It is in one place every month now which is a positive and we have two families that usually attend every month, so a good start but we hope to see it develop this year.

To offer a wide variety of services across the four churches especially during the seasons of Advent/Christmas, Lent/Easter takes a tremendous effort and so thank you to everyone involved. As we meet at this APCM, April 2025, I am pleased to let you know that in consultation with Durham Diocese and having hosted a Wings for Worship course over Lent, LPM Jacki and MEV Laura were joined by 7 lay people from across all 4 churches who, having taken part in the training, and in consultation with our church wardens and PCC members, all 7 are ready to support and lead in our services. This Summer, we are planning to introduce a service of the word for 3 Sundays in the month that we see developing into being 100% Lay Led.

This is an exciting area of growth and one I hope we can all support, and get behind our new Lay Worship Leaders in the same way we have with people training with us on placement and Roman and Laura during their time as MEV's.

So, thank you to our new Lay Worship Leaders for recognising a call to this area of ministry – in leading and supporting our services: Lynn Armstrong, Laura Barber, Tony Bowdell, Barbara Bradley, Jacki Dunn, Judith Jackson, Lucy McAllister, Carol McKenzie and to Simon Robinson.

Our occasional offices of Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals were slightly lower than in 2023 than the previous year, 62 rather than 74. In 2024 while Jacki led many funerals for us at the beginning of the year, and continues to do so, we currently have 4 ministers taking funerals as a team. Our occasional offices were supported by wardens, vergers and volunteers: 29 baptisms. 4 weddings and 29 funerals.

### ***Nurture and Pastoral Care (IN)***

With 118 people on the electoral roll in 2024 and a widespread congregation across four churches it was important we have ways we could stay in touch. The weekly pew sheet, available in all churches, was also distributed as a PDF to around 200 email addresses each

week. At the heart of our communications and keeping everything moving is our Parish Administrator Leanne Reilly. We continue to give thanks for Leanne and her sense of calm as she supports wardens, officers, group organisers, hall rentals and ministers as well as continuing to keep our bookings for occasional offices running smoothly.

Throughout 2024, LPM Jacki Dunn continued to take a strong lead on pastoral care, visiting, home communion and hospital visiting supported by clergy and volunteers as she also continued in a voluntary capacity as a Lay Chaplain at South Tyneside Hospital and The Seaman's Mission and quietly supporting a number of local charities, and encouraging local business owners to be generous in their giving. At the time of writing in April 2025 it was wonderful to see the many decades of voluntary service that Jacki has freely given in the parish and in South Tyneside recognised as she received the Royal Maundy Money at Durham Cathedral from King Charles III on Maundy Thursday this year.

In terms of our social groups there have been one or two changes: Our Knit Group continued to meet in St. Peter's, but sadly the group came to an end by Christmas. Our thanks go to everyone who provided thousands of items over the years for good causes and the wider community from knitted angels to hats for merchant sailors, tiny hats for premature babies and blankets for older people. Thank you to everyone who has given their time volunteering with the Knit Group over the years.

The Men's Breakfast, at St. John's, continued to meet on the first Saturday of the month – a good space I am told - and something which is supported and people are keen to continue. At the time of writing – April 2025 – the 'Men's Breakfast' has evolved into the 'Men's Group' and plans are underway to meet for fish and chips at Shields ferry terminal. It's great that we have a men-only space like this so thank you to all concerned.

2024 was another bumper year for social events – great spaces where we could get together and raise funds for the parish at the same time including: line dancing, chocolate hampers, community coffee mornings, Summer Fayre, concerts with Frets on the Tyne, Compass Acapella, Jarrow Choral Society and Musica Johannis, clubbaccise, and many opportunities for home-made baking taking us up to the Christmas produce stall at the end of the year.

So, thank you to everyone who stepped in to create these wonderful social spaces – they are a great way for us to get together as well as welcome in our neighbours. It takes a great deal of effort so thank you to all who offered their time, talents and efforts making the arrangements,

selling tickets, baking cakes, making the produce, finding the raffle prizes, co-ordinating everyone else or making an effort to join in on the day and so on. Thank you for all you do.

### ***Mission, Evangelism and Outreach (OUT)***

By December 2024 a decision was taken by volunteers to rest the Coffee Stop after several years of welcoming people with young children and after serving countless bacon sandwiches and hot coffees. Thank you to everyone who has given their time volunteering with the Coffee Stop over the years.

In 2024 we were fortunate in that we were offered funding via South Tyneside Council to provide a number of craft sessions for well-being for members of the community through the Welcoming Places network of which our Place of Welcome drop-ins at St. Peter's, St. Simon's and St. John's were a part. Sessions were delivered by artists working with Cultural Spring and great conversations have taken place and friendships formed.

When it came to the school holidays, following a change in what we offered in 2023, we continued to provide free fun activities and food for families through the Places of Welcome - open for 2 hours at a time – rather than apply for the Governments HAF funding which require a minimum of 4-hour sessions, with all funding targeted at school age children only, and those meeting specific criteria.

By working through our Places of Welcome we continued to offer activities open to all the family including baby brothers and sisters, parents, grandparents and carers. Our Family Cooking with Let's Get Cooking remains one of our most popular activities and we are grateful for everyone who gets involved in this.

Once again, the volunteer team at St. Paul's, co-ordinated by Freda, welcomed in thousands of visitors across the year including school visits, pilgrims from near and far, local people looking for a quiet spot, visitors keen to explore the history and architecture, or looking for somewhere to pray. To open 7 days of the week for 10 months of the year is a huge commitment and speaks volumes of the care and dedication of all involved at St. Paul's, and all who volunteer from churches across Jarrow.

In 2024 the CMA Connect Project set up in partnership with Durham Diocese, Communities Together Durham and South Tyneside Churches Together supported by Lord Crewe's Charity managed day to day by Nikita Campbell and Sam Harrison completed its first year as standalone charity Money Advice South Tyneside. At the time of writing (April 2025) Nikita, Sam and volunteers have supported local households to manage and reduce a combined debt

of over £900,000 to date. Thank you to members of the PCC for your vision in supporting this project.

In Advent, we held our Third Christmas Tree Festival at St. Peter's and the small team worked alongside Revd Andrew, ably supported by the rest of the team and extra volunteers on the day. Dunn Street Choir entertained us on the night of the launch and Revd Andrew offered a 'pick your favourite Christmas Carol' session which was very popular indeed. We combined a Saturday Viewing with a Christmas Community Coffee Morning in St. Peter's Hall that weekend too.

With so many things going on in the parish, our website, social media and our pages on a Church Near You help us to spread the word in terms of community events as well as continually offer an invitation to come along to church services, Bible study groups and preparation for Baptism and Confirmation. During one assessment of how many people we may be reaching with the website, Facebook A Church Near You every month we found that combined 'hits' or visits were over 80,000 across 28 days.

Reaching out and helping people in need of support is a practical demonstration of our faith. The parish supported collections in kind for amongst others the local food banks, support the Children's Society through the distribution of home collection boxes and managed to maintain our mission giving at the end of the year.

### ***Final thoughts...***

As we arrive at this point in 2025, we began the year with a clear sense of call to be intentional about evangelism and sharing our faith.

It's good to see a few new faces in all of our churches, we have seen people grow through Alpha, while others are dropping in for a service more frequently, or feeling a stronger commitment.

Over Lent 2025 we built on the previous year and introduced 'The Prayer Course' led by Revd Andrew for Christians new to the faith or seeking to re-ignite their faith. We also introduced a Fresh Expression in three of our churches – 'SoulSpace' – created to help people seeking to connect with God but not necessarily attending a church service. It turned out to be a good space for the end of a busy Place of Welcome session too!

As a ministry team we continue to reflect as we prepare candidates for Baptism and Confirmation – and as we tend to the green shoots of growth that are popping up in different places.

My prayer is that having survived the after-effects of 2020/2021, we may just be beginning to thrive, and through sharing our gifts and talents, opening up our church buildings and services, offering a genuine hospitality, and opening our doors, we will grow as individuals, grow as a church and grow in our care to people across the wider community.

And the thing I have not mentioned is connected with the doors - in the opening of doors and hospitality – and that is our four church buildings. All of the above is taking place in our four sacred spaces, our four centres for mission, our four places of sanctuary and prayer.

Can I take this opportunity to thank our Church Wardens, Rita, Carol, Irene and Fred, Treasurer Diane, and PCC Members, who all gave so much of their time in 2024 to ensure our buildings were safe, accessible, beautiful, decorated, friendly and yet pointing towards the glory of God.

Much work has been carried out in recent years at St. Simon's and St. Peter's. We now move into a phase of conservation, re-ordering and net zero solutions for heating – especially at St. Paul's and St. John's. There is a group that meets about 6 times a year – the Buildings and Finance group – a sub-committee of the PCC really – this group is to be commended for their scrutiny and debate – their paying attention to the small print and the faculty applications, the estimates, works, delivery and funding as they go through the detail on behalf of the PCC - Can I just thank the core members of this group – and those supporting it as advisors – through 2024:

Rita Blakey, Barbara Bradley, Freda Carney, Carol Cowan, Fred Hemmer, Roy Jackson, Diane Jamieson, David Jamieson, Irene McConachie, Evelyn Rutherford, Gordon Scott, Revd Jason, Revd Andrew, and our architects Ian Ness and Michael Atkinson

And finally, last but by no means least, we must thank our parish wardens Rita Blakey, Carol Cowan, Fred Hemmer, Irene McConachie and deputy wardens Evelyn Rutherford and Roy Jackson, our Treasurer Diane Jamieson and PCC members, officers and advisors for managing funds, checking planning applications, organizing repairs, ensuring churches are open when they need to be, setting up the heating and thousands of other things through the year with such deep faith, a sense of humour, and good grace.



So, thank you to everyone who made so many things possible in 2024, all who hold our common parish life in prayer, and all who are so generous with their time, talents and resources.

May we continue to see God in all places and all faces in the months ahead, as we do our best to follow His call, together.

And just before I finish.... Can I say a huge thank you to Rita and her husband Ray as Rita steps back as St. Peter's Church Warden and Church Treasurer.

*Revd Lesley Jones, Rector of Jarrow and Simonside, April 2025*

**PARISH OF JARROW**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
for the  
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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**PARISH OF JARROW**  
**CHURCH INFORMATION**

<b>Charity Commission Registration Number</b>	1137304
<b>Rector</b>	Reverend L. Jones St Peter's House York Avenue Jarrow
<b>Bank</b>	Barclays Bank plc King Street South Shields
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## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

### To the PCC of the Parish of Jarrow

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 3 to 7, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and s.43 of the Charities Act 1993.

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

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

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

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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 accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met.

Signed

Mrs L Armstrong  
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Independent Examiner

3 February 2025

**Parish of Jarrow and Simonside**  
**Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2024**  
**Receipts and Payments Accounts**

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**Receipts**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Designated funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2,024	Total Funds 2023
<b>Voluntary receipts</b>						
Planned Giving						
Gift aid donations		2,729	-	-	2,729	2,844
Gift aid small donations		2,344	-	1,000	3,344	1,799
Parish giving		20,338	-	-	20,338	20,668
Income tax recovery		8,012	-	-	8,012	15,547
Open Plate collections		5,728	-	-	5,728	5,302
<b>Other voluntary receipts</b>						
Donations and appeals		4,352	-	890	5,242	5,636
Sundry donations		2,132	-	747	2,879	29,003
St Pauls donation box		2,411	-	-	2,411	2,305
Contactless donations		3,194	-	-	3,194	1,462
Legacies		-	-	3,589	3,589	-
		51,240	-	6,225	57,465	84,566
<b>Activities for generating funds</b>						
Fetes bazaars, other fund raising events		10,678	-	-	10,678	2,293
Church hall lettings etc		14,482	-	-	14,482	18,067
Trading income-lecturers		-	-	1,478	1,478	-
Royalties		-	-	-	-	-
		25,160	-	1,478	26,638	20,360
<b>Investment income</b>						
Dividends		-	-	-	-	-
Interest		1,647	-	14,675	16,322	10,624
		1,647	-	14,675	16,322	10,624
<b>Church activities</b>						
Fees		2,196	-	-	2,196	3,068
Refunds		270	-	-	270	-
School visits		-	-	-	-	1,163
Grants		-	-	17,399	17,399	41,748
Insurance claims		135	-	-	135	9,364
Amazon smile		-	-	-	-	65
Sundry receipts		68	-	-	68	10,055
		2,669	-	17,399	20,068	65,463
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>80,715</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>39,777</b>	<b>120,492</b>	<b>181,013</b>



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**Payments**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2,024	Total Funds 2023
<b>Church Activities</b>						
<b>Mission giving and donations</b>						
Missionary & charitable giving		-	-	-	-	-
Church overseas		-	-	500	500	500
Relief and development		-	-	-	-	-
Home missions & church societies		705	-	-	705	625
	<b>6</b>	705	-	500	1,205	1,125
<b>Activities : related to church work</b>						
Ministry : Parish share		13,750	-	-	13,750	37,350
Curate expenses		1,177	-	17	1,194	872
Assistant staff expenses		1,334	-	-	1,334	923
Visiting clergy		57	-	-	57	76
Clergy's house		1,875	-	-	1,875	1,178
Church running expenses	<b>5</b>	15,037	-	13,598	28,635	21,899
Church maintenance		9,048	-	10,883	19,931	41,429
Upkeep of church yard		-	-	-	-	29
Hall running expenses	<b>5</b>	3,321	-	-	3,321	3,291
Major repairs and decoration		-	-	27,732	27,732	135,089
Upkeep of church services		3,977	-	128	4,105	4,526
Parish magazine and books		-	-	-	-	-
Salaries		13,286	-	-	13,286	12,748
Sundry expenses		313	-	-	313	115
Parish training and mission		463	-	643	1,106	1,556
Education young people		16	-	318	334	479
Summer holiday club		-	-	-	-	3,274
Warm spaces		186	-	608	793	1,018
Gifts and bursary		-	-	50	50	305
Hospitality		-	-	423	423	-
Equipment purchased		510	-	1,608	2,117	1,068
		64,348	-	56,007	120,356	267,224
<b>Cost of generating funds</b>						
Trading expenditure-lecturers		-	-	1,217	1,217	223
Costs of fetes, bazaars etc		1,555	-	-	1,555	1,246
		1,555	-	1,217	2,772	1,469
<b>Church Management &amp; administration</b>						
Advertising printing and stationery		2,235	-	160	2,395	2,447
Telephone		1,902	-	-	1,902	1,565
Website		331	-	-	331	331
Subscriptions		1,462	-	-	1,462	1,168
Bank charges		777	-	-	777	546
Professional fees		600	-	1,380	1,980	11,038
		7,307	-	1,540	8,847	17,094
<b>Total payments</b>		73,915	-	59,264	133,179	286,912

Parish of Jarrow and Simonside  
Statement of Assets and Liabilities  
as at 31 December 2024

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	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2,024	Total Funds 2023
		£	£	£		
<b>Fixed Assets</b>						
Freehold land & buildings	2	230,959	-	-	230,959	230,959
Church Contents	2	509,996	-	-	509,996	509,996
<b>Current Assets</b>						
<b>Cash at Bank and in Hand</b>						
Bank Accounts		4,967	1	30,165	35,134	68,409
Cash in Hand		282	-	-	282	533
Investments		37,725		269,489	307,214	291,729
<b>Debtors</b>						
Agency collections		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Current Liabilities</b>						
Accruals and deferred income		-319	-	-	319	-5,675
<b>Total Net Assets</b>		783,610	1	299,654	1,083,265	1,095,951

Represented by

Fund movements		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2,024	Total Funds 2023
Assets and Liabilities b/fwd		776,809	1	319,141	1,095,951	1,201,850
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-
Surplus / (Deficit) of resources for year		6,800	-	-19,487	- 12,687	-105,899
Total surplus from resources	4	783,609	1	299,654	1,083,264	1,095,951

Approved by the Parish of Jarrow, and signed on its behalf by Reverend L. Jones

Rev'd L. Jones



**Parish of Jarrow and Simonside**  
**Notes to the financial Statements**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2024**

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**1 Accounting Policies**

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the receipts and payments basis.

**2 Fixed Assets for use by the PCC**

<b>Tangible Assets</b>	<b>Freehold Land and Buildings £</b>	<b>Church Contents £</b>	<b>Total 2023 £</b>
<b>Gross book value</b>			
at 1 January 2024	230,959	509,996	740,955
Additions	-	-	-
at 31 December 2024	<u>230,959</u>	<u>509,996</u>	<u>740,955</u>
<b>Net book value</b>			
at 31 December 2024	<u>230,959</u>	<u>509,996</u>	<u>740,955</u>
at 31 December 2023	<u>230,959</u>	<u>509,996</u>	<u>740,955</u>

The Freehold Land and Buildings comprise of St Paul's Cottage. The gross book value of the Freehold is based on the insurance value at 2013 and 2018.

**3 Fixed assets under £5,000 are written off in the year of purchase.**

**4 Movements in designated and restricted funds were:-**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Designated funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds 2024</b>	<b>Total Funds 2023</b>
Excess/-Deficit of receipts over payments	6,800	-	19,487	12,687	105,899
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Assets and liabilities brought forward	776,809	1	319,141	1,095,951	1,201,850
Assets and liabilities at 31 December 2024	<u>783,609</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>299,654</u>	<u>1,083,264</u>	<u>1,095,951</u>

**5 Analysis of Church running expenses**

	<b>St Peter's</b>	<b>St Paul's</b>	<b>St John's</b>	<b>St Simon's</b>	<b>Hall</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>
Insurance	2,165	5,998	1,366	2,587	-	12,116
Electricity	1,983	1,036	779	541	321	4,659
Gas	2,894	-	2,437	2,401	3,000	10,731
Water rates	236	-	780	547	-	1,563
Oil	-	3,132	-	-	-	3,132
	<u>7,277</u>	<u>10,166</u>	<u>5,360</u>	<u>6,076</u>	<u>3,321</u>	<u>32,202</u>

**6** Analysis on charitable donations given during the year

	<b>£</b> <b>2024</b>	<b>£</b> <b>2023</b>
Smile train	125	125
St Oswald Hospice	125	125
Mission to seafarers	125	125
Leprosy mission	125	125
Christian Aid	500	500
Al Shurooq School	125	125
Childrens society	80	-
	<u>1,205</u>	<u>1,125</u>

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

### To the PCC of the Parish of Jarrow

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 3 to 7, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and s.43 of the Charities Act 1993.

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

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

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

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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 accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met.

Signed

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Independent Examiner

3 February 2025