

# **The Parish of New Brighton: St James with Emmanuel**

## **Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

### **Aim and Purpose**

The Parochial Church Council of St James with Emmanuel (the PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the Incumbent, the Reverend Heather Atkinson, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

### **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 family. When planning our activities, the PCC has considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, and in particular the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament. We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish family, through:

- Worship and prayer: learning about the Gospel, and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus,
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish and
- Mission and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is vital that we maintain the fabric of both the Churches. St James' Church is a grade 2 listed building which we have a legal obligation to maintain. It is also on the Heritage at Risk register.

### **Achievements and Performance**

#### **Worship and Prayer**

The PCC is keen to offer a range of services, not only on Sundays, but also during the week, that our community will find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling.

Week one: Holy Communion at 9.30 (Emmanuel) All Age Service at 11am (St James) Choral Evensong at 6.30pm (St James)

Week two: Morning Prayer at 9.30 (Emmanuel) Holy Communion at 11am (St James)  
Open Table Inclusive Communion at 4pm (Emmanuel)

Week three: BCP Holy Communion at 8am (St James) Holy Communion at 9.30 (Emmanuel)  
Holy Communion at 11am (St James)

Week four: Parade Service at 9.30am (Emmanuel) Holy Communion at 11am (St James)

If there is a fifth week in the month there is a 10am service which alternates between the two churches.

Unless stated, services are based on Common Worship: Open table which uses more inclusive liturgy started in April 2024.

In 2024 there were 153 parishioners on the Electoral Roll, 53 of whom live outside the parish.

The average Sunday attendance at 9.30am Service at Emmanuel on Sundays has increased to 34, with 18-22 at the Thursday services. There are 13-23 children who attend the monthly Parade Service, 39-53 adults. The number attending both churches increased significantly at Easter, Harvest and Christmas

Open Table usually has 13-18 attendees though more at the Pride Service.

The average Sunday attendance at the 11am Service at St James has increased to 45- 50. These numbers increased significantly at Easter, Harvest and Christmas. The average attendance at Choral Evensong is 30-40.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. There has been one baptism at St James, two funerals at each church, and five crematorium services. There have been no weddings during the year. There is an average of three children attending at St James and three at Emmanuel.

Those who are no longer able to come to Church are not forgotten. There is a team of pastoral visitors, and in addition, many receive Holy Communion in their own homes, taken by a team of Sarah Maxwell, Liz Cooper Clark and Ron Jones, together with Rev Heather. A monthly Holy Communion Service is also held in Lighthouse Lodge Care Home, averaging 15-18 communicants.

We continue to film most of our Sunday services for those unable to get to church. These are uploaded to our YouTube channel. Numbers fluctuate on a weekly basis and increase at special times of year. Choral Evensong is our most watched service, and subscription has also increased to the channel.

## **Diocesan Strategy**

The PCC had an away day on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2004 to discuss the new Diocesan Strategy which is still being developed in 2025. This looks at 'blessing 1.5 million lives, one life at a time'.

Rev. Heather introduced the Diocesan Vision, providing some background into how it was formulated, before discussing the strap line and the seven key points identified as being important to the people of the diocese.

The initiatives and undertakings of the last twelve months were celebrated with a breakfast and time of fellowship.

The morning continued to explore the sub themes from 'Together in Christ, Sharing Hope' in small groups.

### **Blessing 1.5 million lives, one life at a time**

Suggestions

- Look at publicity-social media/leaflet drop
- Local community need to see us as 'normal'
- Community wants to use the building but doesn't engage with worship:- How do we bridge the gap?
- The building layout is important
- 'spaces' are not an end in themselves – we need to refresh our message
- What did the disciples do-look to their example of going to the people
- Open the north porch at St James
- Have large/relevant poster which can be read from cars & buses on Victoria Road side.
- Welcome table/spaces after church for refreshments.
- How do we nurture newcomers?

### **Transformative loving service (in practice)**

Suggestions

- Repeat events/service which went well-e.g. RNLI/Guide dogs
- Develop worship following Good Friday crafts
- We do offer a variety of different services
- Establish a link person for groups-nurture new believers
- Emphasis should be on : to **proclaim the good news of the kingdom & to teach, baptise and nurture new believers.**

## **Engaged locally, working together in loving generosity**

### **Suggestions**

- We should be outward looking doing more perhaps with the deanery and the diocese
- Join with the community on some annual events-carol singing etc.
- Work with Seabank Road shops at Easter/ Christmas trail/treasure hunt?)
- Be careful not to proliferate services for different groups which may cause fragmentation of church community

Build on the links we already have: Wallasey Gardening Society, Composting works, Caring for God's Earth

- School curriculum links, Uniformed organisations, Coastal Committee/ New Brighteners/RNLI- (suicide prevention)
- Bridging the Wallasey gap/Churches Together, Remembrance Sunday Committee
- Food bank
- Heritage hub, Art exhibition space
- Newly formed Lighthouse Lodge.

### **Key messages/priorities from discussion**

1. To develop our use of social media
2. Explore how can we improve what we already do?
3. Strengthen relationship with shops on Seabank Road

The diocese mission strategy has developed four main areas which are being looked at. These are:-

- Growing our Missional Health - helping each worshipping community (of which parishes are a main constituent) grow in their personal discipleship to Jesus Christ, and their mission together in their local community
- Increasing our Missional Reach - helping each worshipping community to reach those key demographics in their local context who are not currently part of their worshipping community - in particular this is about helping us becoming younger and more diverse
- Planting new Missional Communities - helping each worshipping community to be inspired to plant one new worshipping community by 2030, and looking at specific strategic planting / collaborative mission opportunities
- Developing Missional Leadership - encouraging and supporting our existing leaders (ordained, licensed, employed, volunteers), and creating the pathways to ensure that we can grow, train and release more people into missional leadership.

## **Deanery Synod**

Two members of the PCC sit on the Wallasey Deanery Synod. In May 2024 Helen Harvey and Maureen Hennessey stepped down and were replaced by Sue Chadwick and Fred Asbury. Lesley Folkard replaced Fred later in the year when he went on vocational training.

Deanery synod provides the PCC with a link with the churches around us, and also with the Diocese as a whole. It also receives reports from the General Synod.

Wallasey Synod usually has three meetings every year each beginning with a time of worship.

Meetings in 2024 were held on -

- 8 February at Emmanuel
- 22<sup>nd</sup> May at St Thomas' Church Liscard
- 10th October at St Pauls Seacombe

At each Synod, Deanery news and prayer is an important item. Items for prayer are shared in groups of 4 or 5 and time is spent in prayer for some of these issues. These prayer needs are compiled into a list after

the Synod and distributed by email so that the ongoing needs of all the churches in the Deanery can be prayed. We usually have a speaker at each Synod and a small amount of business takes place.

The guest speaker at the February meeting was Fr Timothy Hupfield who discussed Healing as Mission and in October Rev Simon Chesters brought the Diocesan Vocations Team.

At the May meeting, Helen Harvey stepped down as lay chair and was replaced by Lynsey Lawrence from Christ Church Moreton.

## **Church Fabric**

### **St James:**

The purpose of this report is to describe the structural condition of the Church building, and to assess the state of the furnishings and embellishments.

The building is examined on a regular basis by the Churchwardens and occasionally by our architect. As far as can be established from these visual examinations, the main building remains sound, with no serious signs of settlement, there are however a number of deficiencies that have been noted in the recent mandatory quinquennial inspection. These will be addressed as part of the ongoing restoration of the building as funding becomes available.

The furnishings are generally well cared for by a dedicated group of helpers, and thanks are due to these people for all their hard work.

Following the stonework survey carried out in January 2024 by Halestone, work was carried out on the south transept rose window. This was a major exercise because the window surround actually supports the gable wall above it, and the transept roof, so the scaffolding had to be specially designed to act as a support during the works.

The general condition of the tracery of all the ornamental windows continues to give us concern. Work is urgently needed on the north transept lancet windows and the west windows in particular.

The parochial church council has sanctioned a small committee of people who understand the various grant approval processes, thus we are researching and making applications for a large grant. If this is forthcoming we will be able to carry out refurbishment of the plasterwork, upgrading of the gutters and downspouts, and many other projects that are being considered to improve the building, not just as a church, but also for the community outreach which we try to achieve.

General maintenance has been carried out during the year. Helen and I are grateful to Sue Chadwick and Rob Jones for their assistance in contacting and meeting tradespeople when necessary.

The fire appliances within the church have been serviced by Claughton Fire Protection of Birkenhead, and all portable electrical appliances are tested annually in accordance with the current regulations.

Our insurance for the building and contents remains underwritten by Ecclesiastical Insurance Group.

Following a meeting with representatives of the Chester Diocesan Advisory Committee we have, after many years of discussions with them, obtained permission to partially remove the paint that was applied during the refurbishment carried out in the 1980's. This paint, which was recommended at the time, was impervious, so the building could not breathe. This together with some badly designed guttering replacements has led to the flaking paintwork which has been noticeable for many years.

The walls in the toilet area have been stripped to allow them to dry out following major water damage caused by defective rainwater goods. (This was done in 2025)

A John Timms, Churchwarden

### **Emmanuel**

The church building fabric is generally in good shape and appears watertight at present.

The church silverware and 'ornaments' are checked annually against the inventory then being signed by the wardens and incumbent.

The main work completed during 2024:

1. Dual flush systems fitted to the toilets.
2. Removal of partition wall of the two toilets in the reception area to form one larger space for easier wheelchair access and baby changing facilities added, as there is now room for a pushchair.

My heartfelt thanks to those who have worked on the planters at the side of the church bringing nice colourful displays during each season.

The statutory annual inspections are being monitored:

- Heating systems and boilers serviced
- Electrical system inspection due this year
- Annual Portable Appliance Testing has been carried out
- Fire extinguishers serviced.

The garden and grounds of the church remain challenging but my thanks to Gordon for the work he has put in during the last year in managing the front garden.

The church architect carried out the Quinquennial inspection this year, the report is still awaited at time of writing. However, work that needs to be carried out is the pointing of the porch red brickwork.

A huge thanks to all who help in the smooth running of everyday church life, sidespersons, refreshment servers, those who clean and whole host of other work that often goes on in the background, you are all most valuable to the warden.

Some 'wishful' projects:

- Paint the inside of the church
- Renew the heating system in the hall
- Upgrade the heating system of church
- Manage the grounds

Colin Jones (church warden)

### **Mission and Evangelism**

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith.

Our monthly magazine now has a print run of some 200 copies and gives details of what is coming up, and reports on previous activities. We ask for contributions of £6 per year to cover the cost of this 20-page magazine which not only goes to subscribers but it is also left in more public locations.

It is important to go outside of the church as well as invite people into church. Examples of this are:

- Alpha course

- Hot cross bun give away with prayers on the street
- We are trying to be better in advertising
- Occasional Office and Special Services. More people attended Light up a Life this year. Guide Dogs for the blind have been asked to think about what they would like to do. RNLI, Remembrance at the Cenotaph. Rev Heather is chaplain to RNLI and RBL
- Monthly Home communion started at Lighthouse Lodge in 2024
- Youth Group continues monthly,
- Tots services at special times of year at Emmanuel
- Crafts at Christmas with Christmas Tree Service and Good Friday now has a small service following it. Rev Heather received a letter from one of the children attending this who had been touched by the service afterwards.
- We tried Messy Church at St James
- Testimonies encouraged and sharing faith stories.
- Interaction at New Brighton Pride with a service and Open Table services began. This has been a healing journey for some.
- Online community has grown from 175 to 209. Choral Evensong being our most popular.

### **Care AND Fellowship**

- Welcome Wednesdays at St James and Saturdays at Emmanuel help with community links and pastoral care.
- We have a Home Communion Team. Rev Heather is part of this but also has to be available for anyone in the wider parish and as Rural Dean for the other clergy and churches in vacancy.
- People in church are in pastoral groups.
- Funeral families are asked if they would like follow up.
- Foodbank and Bridging the Wallasey gap, Wirral Debt Advice.
- Electoral Roll
- The general pastoral care of everyone and prayers after the service.

### **Spirituality**

It has been said that we have more different kinds of services in the deanery. The only one we don't have is a contemporary and charismatic service.

### **Financial Review**

The contribution to the Diocesan 'Parish Share' – which helps towards the cost of stipends and housing costs for the clergy. So far, we have been able maintain our practice of giving 100% of the amount requested.

Whilst overall our financial position is still healthy, total expenditure exceeded income once again in 2024, and for the first time in many years it was necessary to subsidise the General Account from the Legacy Account. The essential restoration of the Rose Window involved major outlay from both the Restoration Account and the Legacy Account, but we are fortunate to have been able to draw on these reserves and for the income generated via a variety of fundraising both this year and in the past. On a more positive note we continue to be supported by a generous congregation who largely donate by standing order.

Looking at the accounts in more detail:

### **General Account**

This is our main account for both receiving income and paying bills. Whilst total expenditure appears to have remained relatively steady since 2023, it should be noted that the PCC took the difficult decision not to donate directly to charities in 2024 due to financial constraints, thus a comparable figure would show a rise of around £7,000 in expenditure on this account.

The areas of greatest expenditure are the parish share, which increased by over £3000, insurance for both buildings, and the cost of gas and electricity. Unfortunately, heating use at St James, both in the church and vestry areas, has seen a considerable increase pushing the overall total for such utilities (including Emmanuel) to nearly £15,000. These three items of expenditure together exceed £91,000 a figure in excess of givings.

One welcome change is that the new photocopier contract has resulted in lower bills for both general use and the production of the parish magazine.

Givings via standing order and the blue envelope scheme showed some increase, perhaps partly in response to the PCC's letter to the parish in October 2023. However, a decrease in weddings and funerals, partly due to the scaffolding and organ wrap at St James, led to a reduced income in PCC fees.

Last year for the first time I included an entry for 'digital givings' to reflect use of the QR code, donations through the website etc and it is pleasing to see an increase in giving via this method, although cash in any form is still the most efficient way to give.

The overall gap between income and expenditure in the General Account was around £20,000 and it was not possible to meet this entirely from reserves in the current account so a transfer from the legacy was necessary as mentioned above, and this should not be seen as 'income'.

#### **Fabric Reserve Account at Emmanuel**

2024 again saw higher than normal expenditure on this account due to the decision to create a fully accessible toilet in the coffee area. The work was mostly funded from a generous donation by the late Maureen Marlowe who returned to Emmanuel in the latter years of her life. Fundraising, in the form of Summer and Christmas fairs, produced nearly £2,500 for this account and it is now possible to support Emmanuel through online purchases and the easyfundraising platform.

#### **Repairs Account at St James**

Expenditure on this account was similar to 2023, and consisted mostly of routine maintenance and testing, together with frequent plumbing issues. The church received a small legacy and once again profits from the Green Fair were shared between the Repairs account at St James and the Fabric Renewal Account at Emmanuel. A number of donations were received this year and some fundraising in the form of 'Welcome Wednesdays', largely in order to finance a handrail to improve access to the vestry area, which it is hoped will soon be completed. Due to the overall lack of income, it was once again necessary to supplement this account from the Legacy Account by £5,000, and this will need to be repeated in 2025.

#### **St James Restoration Fund**

This is the final year that this fund has been managed by Trevor Thomas and we are very grateful for all his hard work and meticulous record keeping. Trevor reports:

After a period of a few years of little activity of work being carried out on the building, 2024 became a year of having to make urgent remedial repairs. It had been anticipated that the next phase of work would be carried out on the north side of the church in order to improve the drainage of rainwater from entering the building. However early in the year masonry began falling from the area around the west windows and also

the area surrounding the rose window on the south side of the church. A survey established that the priority was the poor state of the masonry on the south side rather than the west side. Shortly after the repairs commenced in August and upon removing the stained glass from the window the condition of the glass was found to be more precarious than had been anticipated. This has resulted in the completion date being extended by about one month. The parish were not able to obtain a grant from the Lottery fund as on previous occasions but were successful in obtaining two smaller grants totalling £19,900, details of which are shown in the accounts. Therefore, the majority of the monies used in order to finance the work carried out has had to come from our reserves in the Restoration Account, built up over years of fundraising, and it was also necessary to transfer £50,000 from the Legacy Account in order to meet the contract price. It's possible that a further smaller sum may be required to cover the extra work that was necessary for the glass repairs but the major payment for this phase is now complete.

There could be a further blow to our restoration efforts if the Government decides not to renew the scheme which allows the parish to recover VAT on the work carried out. This would increase the cost of all future restoration and repairs by 20%. The current scheme has been renewed for one year with some restrictions and is due to end in March 2026.

A final point to report is that we now receive donations from a variety of sources other than the traditional method of cash/cheques etc being handed over to the parish. New methods include QR codes which are found in the parish magazine and website, there is also a "CollecTin" located in St James which can be used to make donations via credit or debit card.

#### **Churchwarden's Legacy Account**

As usual there was little activity here other than the aforementioned transfers to other accounts. Whilst the cash element is now much reduced we have been able to hold on to our shares and these continue to provide a useful income. We continue to value this account as a reserve in case of unexpected outlay or if income continues to dwindle in the General Account.

#### **Vicar's Discretionary Fund for Youth**

Once again expenditure on this account has been shown as that relating to young church (Sunday School and Messy church) separately to youth work. There have been modest increases to both but the account is underpinned by an investment in shares which has risen to over £9,600 providing a good fund of money for any future activities planned for children and young people.

#### **Review of Resources**

The parish continues to find itself in the fortunate position of having sufficient funds for all foreseeable events. However the excess in expenditure over income on the General Account is of some concern. Whilst this is a relatively small proportion of overall income, we cannot sustain this indefinitely.

Looking at the balance of all of our accounts in total, there is a large excess of expenditure of £91,000 but this is due to phase 3a of restoration getting underway. With rising costs, and a relatively static congregation, the PCC will, as always, need to be prudent and is aware that there may be difficult times ahead. We remain extremely grateful for the continued generosity of parishioners.

#### **Reserves policy**

It is the policy of the PCC to keep a considerable sum in the unrestricted account as a cash balance to offset the many and varied needs of the two church buildings. This is usually at least six months unrestricted payments and is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. The cash balance of approximately £20,000 in the General Account at the end of 2024 together with nearly £35,000 on



deposit with CCLA in the Legacy Account just about conforms to this policy. However it will probably be necessary to liquidate some shares in 2025 if current trends continue.

The two restricted funds: Reserve Account at Emmanuel and Repairs Account at St James, exist to cover the costs of maintaining the physical buildings. Whilst the Reserve Account at Emmanuel holds ample funds for the coming year, the PCC is aware that the Repairs Account for St James now needs to be supplemented from other funds or fundraising. The parish is fortunate to have a legacy, largely invested with the CCLA, which provides investment income for the parish and is also available for larger projects, or to supplement maintenance when necessary.

Sally Giles      January 2025

## **Safeguarding**

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults). We have taken up the diocesan safeguarding dashboard, created a separate email address for safeguarding and we are in the process of ensuring that all members of the PCC are trained in basic and foundation safeguarding. Awareness of domestic violence has just been added to the portfolio of training required for the PCC. The team has helped with supporting two cases in 2024.

## **Report on the Electoral Roll of the Parish**

This year sees the full revision of the roll that takes place, by law, every six years. This relatively long period between full renewals of the roll often means that considerable changes occur in the period between them and this year is no exception. Based on the forms returned during the period of revision, which ended at the beginning of May, we now have **a total of 107 members** on roll at the two churches. I must thank the parish secretary for all her diligent work in ensuring that as many members as possible were contacted either by email or post so that their forms could be returned and their membership confirmed. I feel that there will still be some members who have not returned forms and I will briefly consider this as part of this report. It is still possible to rejoin the roll, but this will have to be completed at the next PCC Meeting.

You will notice that the membership is considerably lower than the figure of the last few years which varied between about 145 and 160. I will attempt to explain why this is the case. I said in my opening that considerable changes can occur between the full renewals. Changes of circumstances and addresses do not always reach the church and we often have to rely on word of mouth. Once again, the parish secretary works hard to keep me informed of such changes. Some are obvious, such as the passing of regular members, but many other changes, for example of address, are not discovered until a full revision. For many of the congregation, a move of address is made in order to be nearer to family or to go into some kind of care. If this is outside the parish and the person can no longer attend worship, they cannot be entered on the electoral roll. Similarly, those members who live reasonably locally, but still outside the parish, have to be able to attend church, so if transport becomes unavailable to them for any reason, they have to stop attending.

The lifestyle of people can change over this period as can their own personal faith. Members who do not feel that they can be church members either generally (because of a change in their beliefs) or do not attend church cannot be enrolled, Neither can those who would be prevented by regular employment or family commitments at the weekend. Again, these changes are not always reflected in the annual renewal

of the roll, especially if the member is not attending church. It is not until documentation is required that changes are noticed.

One particularly significant factor affecting our membership, and it affects the membership of almost every social and spiritual organisation in the land, is Covid-19. This developed less than a year after the last full revision of the roll in 2019 and affected the church quite badly. You will remember that we closed completely for a while, then had restricted entry and seating. Services were streamed. a practice which continues, and things took a long time to get back to full normality. Like many organisations, we found that we had lost members. People were less willing to congregate in large numbers and had found alternatives during lockdown which they found more acceptable or convenient, such as the streamed services.

All this goes to make our core roll smaller. We can estimate the numbers who have left the roll because of their passing, moving away or more personal reasons, but at first sight it does look to be quite a significant reduction. Hopefully some, whom we have not been able to contact, will rejoin, but it is encouraging that there are new members joining at both churches. Many of these newcomers are taking a part in the activities of the church and we hope they find fulfilment as full members. One factor, linked to the legal requirements of the electoral roll listing, is that we have at least five retired clergy worshipping with us at different times. They are not allowed to join the roll.

I hope that the present roll reflects the active membership of the church and all those members will take a full part in the work of Christ and his body, The Church. The next few years are going to be challenging and we need a committed and vibrant membership who will be able to take the decisions necessary to ensure the future of both our churches.

I apologise that I am not available at the meeting, due to holiday, but I am sure that the secretary can answer any general points about the roll. We work closely on the compilation of the roll and keeping it up to date. I am back later in the week and can sort out any problems then.

Stephen Cottam

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The Council comprises the Incumbent, the Churchwardens, a representative of the Readers who are coopted members, those elected to the Deanery Synod, and other members who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, by those on the Electoral Roll. Members of the congregation are always encouraged to join the Electoral Roll, and to consider standing for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance in the parish, and for all financial matters. The full PCC met six times during the year, The average level of attendance was 70%

Given its wide responsibilities, the PCC has several sub committees, each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life. These include Parish Development, Safeguarding , Eco Church, Buildings (BRICs and Inspire), Finance, and Youth Work. Each subcommittee reports to the full PCC, with the minutes of their meetings.

## **Administrative Information**

St James Church is situated on Albion Street New Brighton CH45 9LF, Emmanuel is situated on Seabank Road, New Brighton and both are part of the Deanery of Wallasey in the Diocese of Chester

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, and the Church Representation Rules 2022) and a Charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

**PCC members who have served from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 until the date this report was approved were:**

Rev Heather Atkinson.	Incumbent
Ron Jones	Reader Co-opted
Mike Collins	Reader Co-opted
Elizabeth Cooper Clark	Reader Co-opted
Sue Chadwick	Deanery Synod until 2026
Lesley Folkard	Deanery Synod until 2026

### **St James Church**

Helen Jones	Churchwarden
John Timms	Churchwarden

Allyson Brown	Until 2025
Angela Adams	Until 2026
Lynn Lloyd	Until 2026
Vanessa Martlew	Until 2026
Richard Wilberforce	Until 2027

### **Emmanuel Church**

Colin Jones	Churchwarden
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Vacant position

Carol Cliff Wilcock	Until 2025
George Merrill	Until 2025
Sally Giles	Until 2025
Ann Barlow	Until 2026
Chris Fryer	Until 2026
Sarah Merrill	Until 2027



# PARISH OF NEW BRIGHTON - ST JAMES WITH EMMANUEL

Income & Expenditure Accounts - Year ended 31 December 2024

2023		2024	
£	Expenditure	£	£
General Account			
64923 Parish Share		68169	
2583 Vicarage Council Tax & Water Charges		2734	
1353 Clergy Expenses inc Car Allowance		2022	
401 Wine, wafers, candles,		258	
10327 Heating, Lighting & Water		14698	
8227 Insurance Premiums		8736	
3579 Organist's fees		3293	
869 Refreshments /Cleaning Expenses		613	
1009 Photocopier rental and use (excl magazine)		186	
1298 Sundries		1173	
842 Magazine Costs		686	
1433 Vestry phone and internet		1383	
975 Music Worship Expenses		918	
6030 Contribution to Charities Account		100	
408 Website		42	
0 Alpha Course		396	
0 Contribution Vicars replacement phone		665	
0 Eco Church Silver Award plaques		192	
597 Vestry PC		0	
176 Renewal of white lines outside St James		0	
105,030		106,264	
Fabric Reserve Account @ Emmanuel			
3042 Bailey & Birch Ltd – fire alarms & PAT		608	
92 Claughton Fire Protection - Servicing		50	
210 Able Group drains		0	
150 Elmwood Boiler service		150	
0 Architect fees		360	
198 JABirch & Son Church Maintenance		0	
0 Elmwood toilet rebuild		6537	
0 Baby change		210	
80 Roof/structural Repairs		0	
117 Locksmiths		0	
820 Replacement shed		0	
456 Dual flushes on all toilets		0	
97 Pesto kill		387	
0 Furber gutters		264	
0 Proper Geeks reset		65	
49 Microphone repair /replacement		0	
5,311		8,631	
110,341		114,895	
Expenditure Carried Forward		3,487	10,035
		87,553	106,661

2023		2024	
£	Income	£	£
General Account			
52,238 Net Gift Aided Givings		55,817	
1,184 Direct Givings Schemes		833	
4,424 Other Givings		4,445	
56 Digital Givings		760	
14,710 Tax Recovery on Givings		15,161	
72,613		77,016	
1,697 PCC Fees		467	
Lettings:- Emmanuel	£ 3877		
4,163 Lettings:- St James	£411	4,288	
56 Interest		95	
943 Magazine sales and advertising		801	
2,294 Refreshment sales		1,559	
0 Transfer from legacy account		10,000	
0 Energy donations from Wirral Foodbank		2,400	
2,300 Warm spaces grant for heating		0	
84,066		96,626	
Fabric Reserve Account @ Emmanuel			
349 Donations		300	
2,187 Fund Raising		2,460	
599 Interest		700	
130 Ecclesiastical Insurance donation		0	
222 Eco Fair/Green Day Proceeds		229	
0 Easyfundraising website		78	
0 Legacy		5,000	
0 Tax Recovery		1,267	
3,487			
87,553			
Income Carried Forward			10,035



# PARISH OF NEW BRIGHTON - ST JAMES WITH EMMANUEL

Income & Expenditure Accounts - Year ended 31 December 2024 (Continued)

	2023 £	2024 £	2023 £	2024 £	Income £	2024 £
110,341 Expenditure Brought Forward		114,895	87,553	Income Carried Forward		106,661
<u>St James Restoration Fund</u>						
0 David Wells sheeting organ	1203		2,374	Gift Aid pledges		2,462
0 Ecclesiastical Additional Insurance Premium	516		2,720	Donations		2,916
22 Heritage Weekends expenses	0		1,125	Tax recovery		1,185
300 Gift for Guest Organist	0		4,910	Fund Raising		6,833
259 Concerts Expenses	115		1,151	(LPOW) VAT Recovery		23,492
130 Cream Tea Expenses	141		0	Garfield Weston Trust - Grant		15,000
21 Temporary License Fee	21		0	Transfer from legacy account		50,000
0 Mather & Ellis Contractor fees	115644		0	Benefact Trust Ltd - Grant		4,900
0 BTP Ltd Architects fee	14313		0	Miscellaneous		16
0 Hailstones Limited - Masonry Survey	3780					
0 Temporary Fencing	208					
732	135,941		12,280			106,804
<u>Repairs Account @ St James</u>						
123 General church maintenance	202		0	Donations		300
356 Bailey & Birch Ltd - Elec Repairs & Tests	786		149	Interest		144
1260 E Bound - Roof Alarm Servicing and parts	1308		51	Organ Use		0
286 Replacement dehumidifier	0		130	Ecclesiastical Insurance donation		0
450 Gardening and tree removal	80		222	Eco Fair/Green Day Proceeds		229
90 New signage	0		5,000	Transfer from legacy Account		5,000
1224 Organ Tuning	408		0	Projector Use		111
128 PAS Sound Engineering repairs	102		0	Legacy		500
80 Replacement projector screen	0		0	Fund Raising		95
78 M Lewis gas / plumbing	132					
50 Claughton Fire Protection - Servicing	109					
0 Reactive Plumbing - toilet issues	330					
0 DMB Window repair	275					
0 GCS Boiler service and thermostat issues	522					
0 Replacement garden shed	660					
0 Wirral Drainage toilet issues	180					
624 Furber Roofing	408					
4,749	5,502		5,552			6,379
<u>Charities Account</u>						
2584 The Church Overseas	928		1,262	Collections in Church		1,019
1196 Home Missions	2778		6,030	Transfer from General Account		100
5225 Secular Charities	974		1,713	Other Charitable Collections		3,561
9,005	4,680		9,005			4,680
124,827 Expenditure carried forward	261,018		114,390	Income carried forward		224,524



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	2023 £	2024 £	2023 £	Income brought forward	2024 £
2023 Expenditure					
124,827 Expenditure brought forward		261,018	114,390		224,524
<u>Churchwardens Legacy Account</u>			<u>Churchwardens Legacy Account</u>		
1745 GCS - C/Heating Service Contract St James	2301		10,802 Interest		12,967
5000 Transfer to St James Repairs Account	5000				
0 Transfer to SJRF	50000				
0 Transfer to General Account	10000				
		67,301	10,802		12,967
	6,745				
<u>Vicar's Discretionary Fund for Youth</u>			<u>Vicar's Discretionary Fund for Youth</u>		
299 Youth outings and resources	372		345 Interest		417
163 Messy Church / Sunday School resources	200		172 Christmas/Easter crafts		123
0 Books for Y6 Leavers NB Primary	145		50 Donations		0
			164 Fundraising Dec 2022		0
		717	731		540
	462				
0 Excess of Income Over Expenditure		0	6,111 Excess of Expenditure Over Income		91,005
	132,034	329,036	132,034		329,036



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PARISH OF NEW BRIGHTON - ST JAMES WITH EMMANUEL

Income &amp; Expenditure Accounts - Year ended 31 December 2024

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**PARISH OF NEW BRIGHTON - ST JAMES WITH EMMANUEL**  
**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2024**

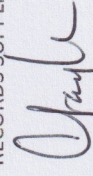
<u>Liabilities and Fund Balances</u>				<u>Assets</u>	
<u>2023</u>		<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
£		£		£	£
	<u>Fund Balances</u>				
	<u>Unrestricted:</u>				
19,711	General Account	106,264	10,073	152,000	Shares at Cost
239,558	Churchwardens Legacy Account	67,301	185,224	(Value as at 31/12/24 = £312,152.28)	
	<u>Restricted:</u>			110,209	Deposit Fund
10	Charities Account	4,680	10	100	Petty Cash Imprest
2,179	Repairs Account	5,502	3,056		Cash at Bank:
13,767	Fabric Reserve Account	8,631	15,171		
4,919	Vicars Discretionary Fund for Youth	540	4,742	98,904	Current Accounts
73,247	St James Restoration Fund	13,594	44,110		

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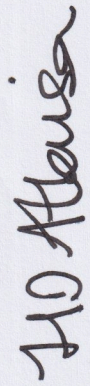
APPROVED BY THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH  
COUNCIL ON  
SIGNED ON ITS BEHALF BY  
REVEREND HEATHER ATKINSON (PCC CHAIRMAN)

S.C.GILES  
HON. TREASURER

I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE BALANCE  
SHEET AND ANNEXED INCOME AND  
EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS ARE IN  
AGREEMENT WITH THE BOOKS AND  
RECORDS SUPPLIED TO ME.

  
C. TAYLOR

H. ATKINSON





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