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Annual Report for 2024

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Minutes of the 2024 APCM

Present Jude Asekameh, John Booth, Sarah Gura, Pete Haslam, Sarah Immanuel, Faith Martins-Monye, Paul Monk, MaryAnne Oduntan, Megan Patrick, Sharon Trotman-Green, Sarah Wilding.

Apologies Rebecca Burbridge, Tom Edmondson, Margaret Haslam, Jo Monk, and Mary Monk.

As Vicar and chair of the Parochial Church Council (PCC), Paul Monk opened the meeting with prayer. He then reminded us that our primary purpose is to love God and to spread God's love in our community: everything we do must be with that motivation and with that goal in mind.

Vicar's introduction

Now, I spend quite a lot of my time compiling grant forms. For example, we need a new roof which will cost a king's ransom. On every form there's always a section that asks something like, 'What is your organisation for?' It's a good question and, like all good questions, I struggle to articulate a short, pithy answer because it requires a series of interconnected thoughts. I generally don't use my own prose but, instead, I prefer Jesus' answer to the same question. I say we exist to love God and to serve our neighbour. It's a good answer in many ways: God likes it because it comes from Jesus. Grant awarders like it too—they must do because they give often us money, but I like it because it is conceptually so very, very simple. It focuses the mind on the task ahead of being the church that God wants.

It may be conceptually simple, but the answer is horrendously difficult in practice because the landscape is changing so fast. Our church is unrecognisable from five years ago, let alone the 113 since it first opened ... and it's nearly two millennia since Jesus spoke that simple definition. Everything has changed including our town, country, clothing, newspapers, and technology. Our entire culture has changed. It's therefore a huge comfort to know that we follow a God who is the same yesterday, today, and for ever. Whatever else may change, we still serve a God of intense love who cares for us, yearns for us to know Him, and wants us to follow Him. The same God demands the same things of us that He has always done, from personal commitment, through holiness of life, to telling us to share the Good News: the very last thing He ever said was, 'Go out into all the whole world and make disciples ...'

But there's a problem: God and His promises may be fixed marker posts but the means to these ends change because they involve people in a real, ever-changing world. It's how we love our neighbours as ourselves when loving ourselves means things these neighbours do not want (or we don't); how do we invite them to worship when we cannot agree on basic questions such as 'What is music?' and 'What is everyday English?'; it includes new ways of sharing the Gospel but also new ways of sinning. In short, it involves a huge series of paradoxes, and to hold on to both ends of a paradox at the same time requires a way of living as disciples that is supernatural; living as a Christian requires God. The only way to please God is to know God and live in God ... if you like, it's looking at others through the lens of God Himself. The way to live as God wants is therefore through prayer.

Scripture says that God is the same yesterday, today, and forever, but if even language itself is changing, how can the answer be 'prayer'? Simple – because when I say 'through prayer' I don't mean talking to God all the time (because it often becomes talking *at* God); but is rather, a responding to God, learning to know the sensation of God being close, anticipating and answering, and in every way discerning what He wants. It's a giving of self to God.

Let's move on. We need our church to grow in numbers—the answer is to pray. We need our church to grow in spiritual depth—the answer is to pray. We need to find the money to stop the place deteriorating, pay staff, afford our bills and the 1001 other expenses of faith—the answer is to pray.

I have simplified the situation to make it sound manageable and, in one sense, of course, I have *oversimplified* it, but not by much. The oversimplification occurred when I said we must pray. In fact, we must *be* the prayer this church and area needs and, to that end, we must learn to pray—which is a lifelong task and not easy.

One more thought and I'll move on: a hero of mine once said that the purpose of a church is to teach its members how to pray. Taking Jesus' definition that started this short talk suggests that to love God as He desires involves prayer and to love neighbour as self also involves prayer. In proportion that we pray, we learn to know God and follow God and, in every way, acquire godliness. And don't forget there are more ways to pray than people willing to be godly.

As a church, we have many things to celebrate: the numbers of those worshipping here have increased in both our two services and in the Bible study. The community project is growing strongly. Income has improved. Our reputation locally and across the Diocese continues to grow. But there are negatives: we are still far too small and the Diocese which sponsors us is in crisis. Yet again, I must tell this meeting that the building itself is distracting us from our core purpose of godliness: we need to replace the roof above the church end of the Centre (hence

the grant forms I opened with). I want to find the funds to appoint a youth worker ... and I will get that money (but it will involve yet more grant forms). But Clarksfield and Oldham are not kind to Christianity, so we need to navigate different ways forward, you—all of you together—and me.

As I draw to a close, I want to thank a great many people. I want to thank those who have led any part of any service during 2023. I want to thank those who have helped cleaning and serving during 2023. I want to thank those who have looked after congregational members in 2023. I want to thank those who have helped with administration and preparation in 2023. I want to thank those who have donated time and energy, money and themselves in 2023. And I want to thank those who have given their time, inspired, and in any way, been Christlike in 2023. Now over to you: we now do the business of electing officers and decide therefore to set the agenda for the year ahead. But at the forefront of those decisions, please remember to ask, 'What are we *for*?' Jesus says we are here to love God and to love neighbour.

Annual Parochial Meeting 2024

Election of Church Wardens There is only one candidate. Pete Haslam was proposed by Gareth Farnon-Jones and seconded by John Booth. On vote, Pete was accepted unanimously as the Church warden.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2024

Last year's minutes John Booth proposed that the meeting accept the minutes of last year's meeting and Pete Haslam seconded. On vote, the meeting accepted them unanimously.

Annual Report for 2023 The meeting read through the Annual Report for 2023. Paul highlighted the following:

The Church roof will now cost between about £450,000 and £600,000, depending on whether the work is done in one large, single project or three separate phases. Paul pointed out that net-zero is big on the agenda. The church roof will have insulation and solar panels to power the freezers in the food pantry. These features

will enhance the temperature within the church. Paul is trying to source grants to fund the whole new roof.

We looked at the fall in church attendance again since 2016 and Paul highlighted two main causes: (1) Brexit—several regular members left after the Brexit vote to return to their countries of origin, as they could no longer exercise their right to freedom of movement in the UK. (2) The Pandemic, from which church attendance is slowly recovering. The numbers are noticeably increasing but they still need to go up so that the church is not in a vulnerable position.

Election of officers

Sidespeople We do not currently require sidespeople.

Deanery Synod We do not currently have a representative, and nobody is willing to stand.

PCC elections There are 4 vacancies and 3 were filled, as follows:

Sarah Immanuel was proposed by John Booth and seconded by Peter Haslam.

Sharon Trotman-Green was proposed by Pete Haslam and seconded by Sarah Wilding.

Jude Asekameh was proposed by John Booth and seconded by MaryAnne Oduntan.

Child Protection Policy Paul read out the church's Child Protection Policy in full. No one wanted to amend any part.

Constitution There is no need to make changes to our constitution this year.

Accounts The accounts have been audited by Kim Barton and approved previously by the PCC. Copies were made available for everyone. The accounts were proposed by Pete Haslam and seconded by John Booth.

On vote, they were approved unanimously.

Any other business

1. John asked if Paul is receiving any help from the Diocese yet in the matter of providing extra assistance to relieve his inordinate workload. Paul was emphatic that while the Diocese say they understand the problems in our Mission Community, no tangible help whatsoever is being offered. John asked that, since no written response had been received to the letter the Church sent on this important subject (as recorded in the 2023 minutes), the Diocese be invited to supply one for our attention.

2. John Booth asked about the proposed idea for a central administration hub to support the Mission Community. Paul's response was that none of the other churches, except Waterhead, are willing to commit funds at a time when they cannot afford their own Parish Share. In fact, we were the only church that paid its Parish Share in full during 2023.

3. John asked about the suggested new charity to underpin the community project. Paul's reply: in context, the Charity Commission did not accept our application; their response was heavily technical and somewhat pedantic. The situation is changing fast—for example, St Barnabas is helping Waterhead in its setting up of a Youth Hub in their Parish Centre. Given this complexity and speed of change, we have been advised not to submit any further applications until it seems clearer what is happening 'on the ground'; planning requires stability.

There were no other items suggested under 'Any other businesses. The meeting ended with prayers at 11:30 am.



**The greater the darkness grows around us here
below, the more we must open our hearts to the light
from above.**

Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (as inspired by Golgotha)

Parish Reports

Report from the Administrator

As you all already know Paul's final service was on the 27th of October 2024 and he was licensed as the Vicar of the Good Shephard Ashton by the Bishop of Middleton on 21st November 2024, and I know we would all like to wish Paul and his family all our best wishes for their future in Ashton.



Pauls last service at Waterhead



Paul's Licensing in Ashton

Photos by Matthew Heaton

We are now officially in interregnum and the process of finding a new Vicar is underway. Please pray for our PCC members of this Church and our sister Church of Holy Trinity as they begin the process of putting together our Parish Profile which will hopefully attract a new Vicar who can carry on the good work that Paul has done and guide our Church into the future.

Vicky Heaton Administrator (April 2025)

Report from the Church Wardens

We welcome those who are new to the Church and joined us during 2024, and hope you feel comfortable at St Barnabas. Please speak with me or Lucie if you want to get more involved and contribute to the life of the Church.

In all Anglican Churches, the wardens bear the prime responsibility for the well-being of the Church, both as an organisation seeking to sponsor the ushering in of the Kingdom, and for the fabric of the building.

Unfortunately, the building is clearly in a superior state of disrepair than at the start of last year'. This is mostly due the fact the church roof needs replacing and although we had finances to start the work situations beyond our control means that is no longer the case.

We had many tasks to address in 2024 such as building work, improving our core finances to afford our commitments, and sponsor outreach and other work within our deprived community, so we would like to thank all those members of St Barnabas' congregation who have lavished support on me as warden during 2024 and I hope I can continue to rely on your support in 2025. My thanks go to the team that lead each week's services at the Church: the PCC members, readers and intercession leaders, and those who brew. Please notice how the Church always looks clean and tidy every Sunday so many thanks to all who work to maintain this high standard of presentation.

As Warden I continue to pray for you all, and we very much look forward to seeing you in church again soon.

Peter Haslam: Warden (April 2025)

Report from the PCC Secretary

Jo Monk was our secretary up to October 2024, as Paul's wife, she resigned in October and was replaced by John Booth who was co-opted on to the council.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) convened in 2024 through the video-conferencing computer programme Zoom. The APCM occurred in the nave of the Church.

I have sought to publish the minutes from all our meetings as soon after each meeting as practicable. *Jo Monk/John Booth: PCC Secretary April 2025)*

Report from the Community Worker

It has been a positive and eventful year for **Barnabas Thrive!**, and the success we've achieved is a true testament to the dedication and teamwork of our incredible community members, volunteers, and partners. Each of you has played a vital role in supporting our projects, and I'm proud to share the meaningful achievements and growth we've experienced over the past year.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to making this year's transitions smooth and impactful. One of our proudest moments was being honoured with **The King's Award for Voluntary Service**—a remarkable recognition of the collective effort and spirit behind this project.

Food Thrive!

Our food co-operative continues to grow and serve the community in a meaningful and responsive way. Alongside our regular food sources such as **Fareshare**, **One Stop**, and **Greggs**, we have expanded our offering by purchasing staple items like tea, coffee, and sugar—firm favourites that are always in demand.

We've also joined a scheme called **Neighbourly**, which allows us to collect surplus food from **Sainsbury's** and **Aldi**. This partnership has significantly boosted the range and quantity of food available in our pantry, helping us meet the increasing needs of the community.

Client numbers continue to rise, a clear reflection of the ongoing **cost-of-living crisis**, which is affecting many of our service users—even those in employment. The growing number of referrals further highlights the increasing reliance on food projects like ours to help households stay afloat.

The impact of **Food Thrive!** is not only visible in the numbers but is deeply felt by the individuals and families we support. Clients regularly share their gratitude and appreciation, expressing how much the service means to them during these challenging times.

Women Thrive!

This year, **Women Thrive!** has made significant strides in empowering women across our community. Through a combination of workshops, skill-building programmes, and networking opportunities, we've seen a remarkable boost in

participants' confidence, self-reliance, and sense of purpose. A strong and supportive community network has emerged, nurturing the growth of women entrepreneurs and leaders.

Several women involved in the project have gone on to launch their own businesses, lead independent groups, or return to paid employment. Others have engaged in voluntary work—both within **Women Thrive!** and in wider community settings—further expanding their skills and networks.

We are especially proud to have extended our reach into the **South Asian community** with the launch of a new women's coffee morning. This group has provided space for connection and cultural exchange, while also enabling our existing members to gain experience and confidence as **peer mentors**.

We provided women only access to Zumba exercise classes which was well received.

In addition, we have built strong partnerships with local organisations and are particularly proud of the **community research project** we undertook in collaboration with the **University of Manchester**, which added depth and value to our work while amplifying the voices of women in our community.

Holiday Thrive!

This year, **Holiday Thrive!** delivered joyful and engaging family sessions during both the Easter and summer school holidays, creating much-needed opportunities for connection, learning, and fun. Funded through the government's **Holiday Activities and Food (HAF)** programme, we were able to offer enriching activities for children in receipt of free school meals and their families.

The sessions provided a warm and inclusive environment, welcoming families from across the community. Each day began with a healthy breakfast and included a hot lunch, ensuring that children were well-nourished and ready to participate fully. The programme not only allowed children to make new friends and explore new skills through play and creative learning but also gave parents a chance to bond with their children in a safe, supportive space.

The positive impact of **Holiday Thrive!** was evident in the heartfelt feedback we received from parents, who consistently expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to connect with their children, enjoy quality time, and access a space that felt both welcoming and supportive.

Teen Thrive! has continued to play a vital role in supporting the holistic development of young people in our community. Through a combination of **mentorship, volunteering opportunities, and engaging leisure activities**, the project has created a nurturing environment where teenagers can grow in confidence, build life skills, and feel a sense of purpose.

The programme has provided a valuable platform for personal growth and empowerment, enabling young people to explore their potential, form positive relationships, and take an active role in shaping their future. Many of the teens have embraced the chance to volunteer and support their peers, demonstrating leadership and a strong sense of responsibility.

The ongoing positive engagement of our young participants is a clear sign of **Teen Thrive!**'s success in fostering resilience, self-belief, and community spirit among the next generation.

As I reflect on the past year, **Barnabas Thrive!** stands as a powerful example of the transformative impact that community-led initiatives can have. The progress and success across our programmes—**Women Thrive!**, **Food Thrive!**, **Holiday Thrive!**, and **Teen Thrive!**—highlight the effectiveness of focused, compassionate responses to the unique needs of our community.

These achievements would not have been possible without the dedication, passion, and collaboration of our community members, volunteers, and partners. I offer my heartfelt thanks to everyone who has contributed their time, energy, and support throughout this journey.

Looking ahead, I remain deeply committed to advancing the well-being and prosperity of our community. Through continued innovation and strong partnerships, we will keep working to empower lives, strengthen connections, and build a resilient and thriving future—together.

MaryAnne Oduntan: Community Worker (April 2025)

Report from the Property Committee

In terms of building work, 2024 was a quiet year with no major projects undertaken.

By law, the fabric of an Anglican Church is inspected by a nominated architect. The most recent inspection occurred in November 2018, when the architect found several small problems (all of which have long been addressed). But the architect also noted how the Church needs a new roof, for which the likely cost is colossal so this will have to be done in phases.

Phase 1, South slope of the Nave including mission community office is going to cost £164,000. We managed to obtain all the funds for this phase through several different grants and the work was due to start in the spring of 2025. Unfortunately, the largest grant of £100,000, which was being provided by Valencia was

withdrawn as they were closing the grant stream, and we were unable to complete the work to their new time-table so the work has had to be put on hold whilst we look for alternative funding.

Vicky Heaton and Peter Haslam: Treasurer and Warden (April 2025)

Report from the Diocese and Deanery

At the **Diocesan** level

Emerging strategy for the Diocese of Manchester has rolled out.

This has four key areas:

Developing missional leaders

Parish renewal

Growing younger

Church planting and revitalisation

At the **Deanery** level

The Deanery Synod convened three times. Bishop Mark and Helena Platts attended to brief the synod on the emerging strategy.

At the **Mission Community** level

There are currently no stipendry Clergy in the mission community. All churches are now in interregnum. The mission community are relying on PTO and BLT cover for the celebration of Eucharist.

Lucie Reilly (April 2024)

Ecology report

At the General Synod in summer 2023, the Church of England committed to 'net zero' by 2030. St Barnabas commits to working toward that goal and also recognises that we will find that goal exceptionally difficult to attain.

Toward that goal, we replaced the lights in the Main Hall, 'long ltore', and outside the Team Office in 2023. Accordingly, there are now no non-LED lights in the entire building whatsoever: all are eco-friendly.

The plans for replacing the roof include substantial insulation and solar panels on the west-south-west roof.

Vicky Heaton, Lucie Reilly and Peter Haslam: Treasurer and Warden (April 2025)

News concerning other church members

MaryAnn and her Women Thrive project won a prestigious award this year, the Kings Award for Voluntary Service

Vicky Heaton: Treasurer (April 2025)

Community reports

The accuracy of some of the statistics below is unlikely to be high but, nevertheless, they well illustrate our daily challenges and our social context.

We obtain our statistics from the following sources:

1. Data collected and analysed by the PCC and members of the Church.
2. The Church of England data (recently processed from the 2021 Census).
3. The Church Urban Fund.
4. Oldham Council via its monthly e-compendium.

Background

The Parish of Clarksfield appears multi-racial, with a composition that is changing fast, but at a rate that has decreased significantly. Statistically, the ethnic composition looks somewhat low at 54%: in fact, the two principal ethnic groups have a Pakistani heritage (ca. 66%) or a Roma heritage (ca. 18–25%), meaning the remainder of parishioners (ca. 10%) represents a much smaller number of people to represent other ethnic groups.

Socio-economic context

As a Christian Church, we exist to fulfil the first commandment and love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. To that end, we attend and sponsor services of Christian worship. We interpret the second half of the Great Commandment—that we must love our neighbour—as God's telling us to improve the life chances of everyone in this part of Oldham.

The so-called indices of multiple deprivation (IMD) describe relative affluence or deprivation. These IMD bring together 7 statistical domains: employment; income; health and disability; education; crime; housing and services; and living environment. The resulting IMD are a relative measure that is used to compare geographical areas; they are not a direct measure of deprivation. Other measures, such as child poverty or working-age poverty, are necessary when developing a fuller understanding of an area.

The most recent indices of multiple deprivation were published early in 2024 and are based on the 2021 Census and are the most up-to-date available. The 2021 Census data demonstrate that Oldham is the most deprived borough in Greater

Manchester. Its data show that in our part of Oldham, 77.7% of households have some form of deprivation (the figure for the whole of Oldham is 59.1%; and is 51.7% for England as a whole). Statistics from the *Joseph Rowntree Foundation* in its report 'UK Poverty 24' show that 44% of all Oldham children under 16 live in poverty, which is the third-highest level in England after Birmingham (at 46%) and Sandwell and Manchester (at 45%).

The Covid pandemic accentuated the need for us to 'love our neighbour'. For example, the *Institute of Fiscal Studies* suggests those hardest hits by Covid will be women, younger workers, and workers on low incomes. Before the pandemic, these groups were over-represented in the economy of east Oldham (ONS: 09-04-2020). And data (released a year ago in February 2022 by the House of Commons Library) shows that in our parliamentary constituency, and across all age groups, the unemployment rate has risen by 43% since the start of the first lockdown; nationally, the rate has gone down.

Using these data from the 2021 census, it is possible to rank our church against all English parishes in order of the deprivation they demonstrate. They suggest our Parish officially ranks 256 out of 12,239; stated otherwise, we are in the most deprived 2.1% of all Anglican parishes in England. This result implies an improvement since statistics were last published in 2019, which then said we were in the most deprived 1.7% of all English parishes. This ranking yields a *comparative* measure rather than anything *absolute*, and all informed opinion suggests that the area bounded within Clarksfield Parish has deteriorated very significantly since the Pandemic; stated otherwise, possibly more worryingly, other areas have worsened further and faster than has Clarksfield.

It is unwise to summarise the disparity in life experience across a densely populated parish by using a single datum for deprivation. It also complicates our task of tackling and addressing need and makes it more difficult when seeking external sources of funding such as grants.

Data concerning local super-output areas (LSOA) are better able to describe conditions on a micro-community level. The parish traverses four LSOAs. The Parish Centre is located within LSOA E01005450. The indices of multiple deprivation from the 2021 Census indicate it is in the most deprived 1.2% LSOAs in all England—a big improvement. The neediest is to the north of the Parish (LSOA E01005448) and is in the most deprived 0.83% of all LSOAs. It is the 0.44% most deprived in terms of crime; 0.23% in terms of income deprivation; 1.1% in terms of employment; 1.4% in terms of health and disability. All the data used to compile this paragraph are available via the site:

<https://www.arcgis.com/home/webmap/viewer.html?webmap=67bce0ed36dd4ee0af7a16bc079aa09a&extent=-0.4317,51.313,0.1986,51.5945>.

Community work report

The Gospel imperative demands that we seek to establish the Kingdom of God on earth as it is in Heaven.

Our Church is continually devising and resourcing projects to meet the needs of local people. We also offer the use of the Hall to projects that offer help which complements our own projects and that seek to address local needs. Incidentally, this aspect also generates income for both Church funds and renovation work.

The community project has grown strongly as we seek to address growing local needs. The community project had four principal strands:

1. Women Thrive! is a self-help group that seeks to empower local women.
2. Holiday Thrive! seeks to offset some of the effects of 'holiday hunger'.
3. Teen Thrive! helps people, especially younger people, with mental-health issues.
4. Food Thrive! is our food co-operative. The number of clients (including dependents) each week often reaches 180 and has twice topped 200. We distribute up to a ton of food each week.

The statistics appearing in the pages above amply illustrate why this part of Oldham so desperately needs our kind of community project.

All these projects are funded by a wide array of grants (see page 26).

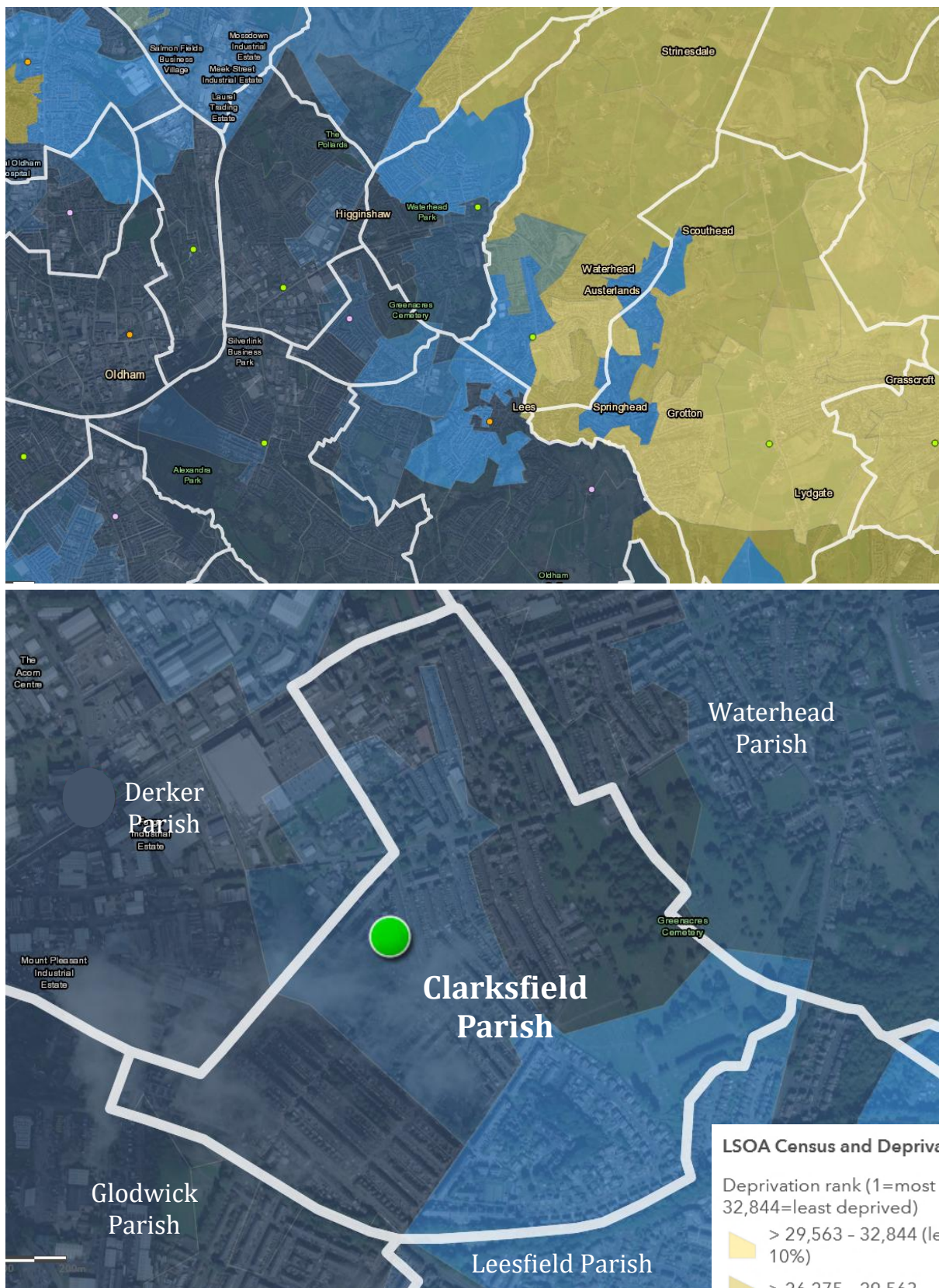


Figure 1 The Parish of Clarksfield: the location of the Church is indicated by a large, central green circle. The figure also shows the indices of multiple deprivation, as indicated by colour (the key appears right). Most areas of the parish lie within the most deprived 20% in England; only the Yorkdale estate is less deprived.

Church life

Regular services

Table 1 contains a bland summary of average attendances at services; data for previous years appear for comparative purposes. The line labelled ‘All Sunday services’ gives a weighted average of all our Sunday services. The lower entries help unpack this headline number.

		2024		2023		2022	
	No.	A	C	A	C	A	A
Sunday services							
All Sunday services	52	22	7	27	3	17	3
Eucharistic	39	22	7	27	3	17	3
non-Eucharistic	13	20	5	20	2	18	2
Thursday services							
Morning services of Holy Communion	48	5	0	5	0	5	0
FAB! Praise	18	3	-	4	—	—	—

Table 1 Average adult attendances through the week (all events).
The data do not include home communicants and nursing homes.
Key: A = adult and C = children.

In 2024, the number of adults attending Sunday worship varied between the extremes of 10 and 27, and the number of children varied between 0 and 10. The Sunday averages were 22 adults and 7 children. In 2024 a few adult members were unable to attend worship owing to health and disability. Members who died or moved away explain the difference.

Figure 2 shows the average number of adults attending services during the census month of October during the period 2000–2024. One obvious trend is the steep decline before the Covid pandemic, which has clearly reversed somewhat. Attendance in the period 2015–2020 reflects changes in the ethnic composition around the Church, owing to both immigration into Britain and emigration as a direct result of Brexit, etc.

An increasing feature before the pandemic was lay participation. During most of the pandemic period, only members with a formal licence led services owing to insurance requirements.

There were no events shared with *Churches Together in East Oldham*.

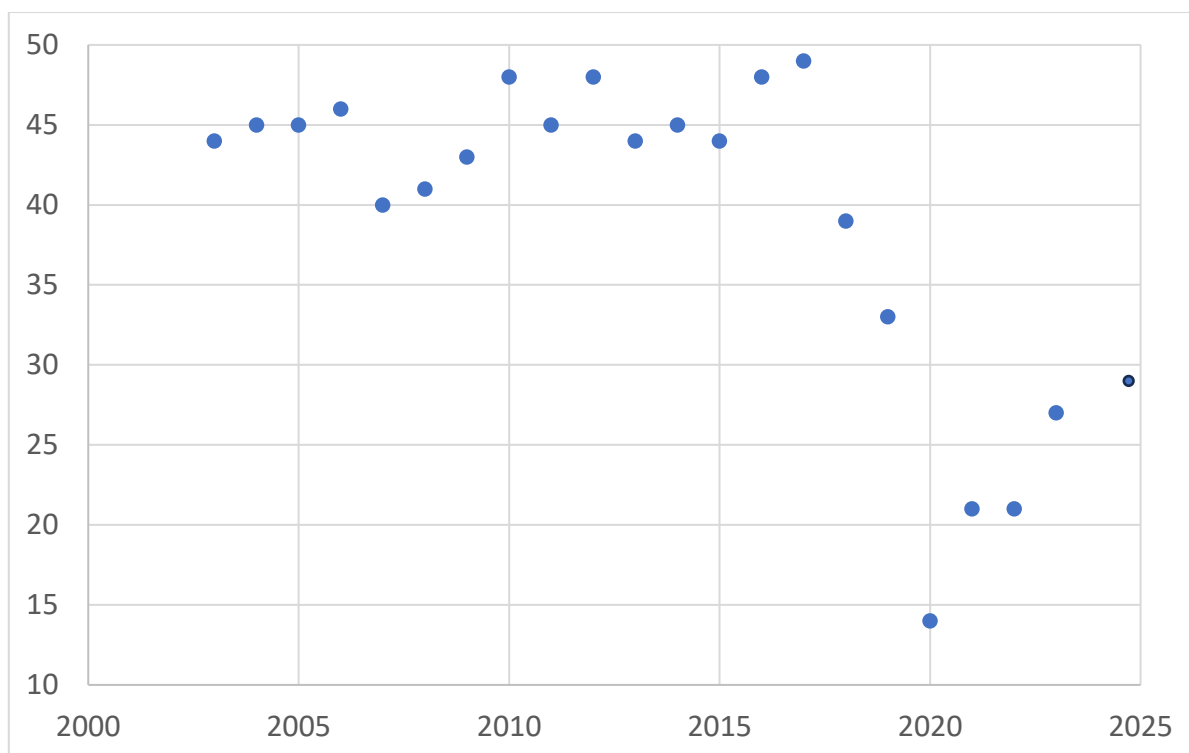


Figure 2 Average adult attendances during the census month of October: these data include both Sunday and mid-week services.

The numbers do not include members who would normally attend but were ill, those receiving communion 'by extension' at their home, or members in a nursing home.

Virtual services

Each week the church publishes service transcripts in .pdf format, for printing or viewing on-screen. <https://www.medlockhead.co.uk/resources/index.htm>.

The church magazine is also available on-line and can be viewed via the page, <https://www.medlockhead.co.uk/magazines/index.htm>.

Other services: church year and occasional offices

We celebrated many additional services within the liturgical year such as Ash Wednesday, the whole of Holy Week and Easter, Trinity and Pentecost, Harvest, Advent and Christmas. We joined our sister Church of Waterhead for All Souls, Christingles and for Midnight Mass, and Waterhead joined us for Christmas Day.

Youth-work Reports

School liaison

There are no Church of England schools in the parish and, since the Covid pandemic, work with local schools has not been extensive:

Report from the safeguarding Officer

The Parochial Church Council insists that anyone who works with young people or vulnerable adults must have an enhanced DBS certification, that all workers with children undertake on-line training, and all have been advised of the procedures they should adopt if concerns of any kind arise. In this, the Church is following secular law and is acting within the regulations of the Church of England and the Diocese of Manchester. All our policies reiterate these requirements and are displayed prominently at the back of the church nave.

If anyone has safeguarding concerns about any child, they should first contact me as the church's Child Protection Officer. All the necessary contact details are listed at the back of the church and on-line. The Local Authority Child Protection Officer can also be contacted for advice if required. Please contact the Police in an emergency.

Our principal children's work during 2024 entailed the holiday clubs funded by the Department of Education for deprived communities in which 'holiday hunger' is a major problem. Such activities may be labelled 'Holiday Activities Fund' (HAF).

Within the purview of the above regulations, there were no child-protection issues during the year.

MaryAnne Oduntan: Child-protection Officer (April 2025)

Report from the Sunday school

The Sunday school has not reconvened since the first lockdowns in 2020 owing to a lack of leaders.

Church diary

PCC programme for 2025

Most PCC meetings may convene via Zoom.

Monday 27 January Monday 24 March
July TBC September TBC

May TBC
November TBC

Liturgical programme for 2025

Weds 5 March	Ash Wednesday	Ashing and Eucharist
Sunday 13 April	Palm Sunday	Eucharist
Monday 14 April	Holy Monday	Compline
Tuesday 15 April	Holy Tuesday	Compline
Weds 16 April	Holy Wednesday	Compline
Thursday 17 April	Maundy Thursday	Eucharist (followed by vigil)
Friday 18 April	Good Friday	Non-Eucharistic service
Sunday 20 April	Easter Day	Eucharist
	Confirmation service for our Mission Community	
Sunday 14 Sept	Harvest Festival	
Sunday 2 Nov	Commemoration of the Faithful Departed	
Sunday 9 Nov	Remembrance Sunday	Non-Eucharistic service
TBC	Carol Service	
Wednesday 24 Dec	Christingle service	at Waterhead Church
Wednesday 24 Dec	Midnight Mass	at Waterhead Church
Thursday 25 Dec	Christmas Day	at St Barnabas' Church

Vicky Heaton (April 2025)

Liturgical events in 2024



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Service in preparation for the observance of a holy Lent

Ash Wednesday

Eucharist and ashing

Wednesday 14 February, at 10:00 pm

barnabas-oldham.co.uk



SAINT Barnabas CLARKSFIELD

Maundy Thursday

Thursday 28 March at 7:00 pm

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SAINT Barnabas CLARKSFIELD

Easter Sunday

A joy-filled service for Easter

Sunday 9 April at 9:30 am

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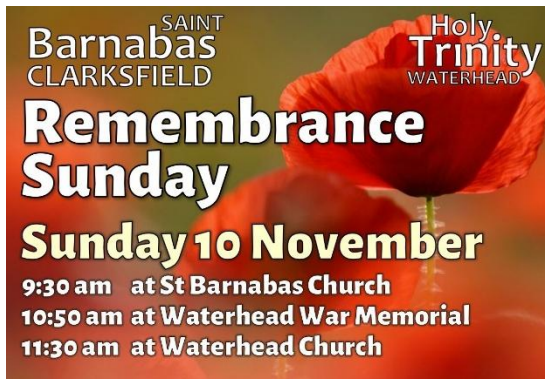
SAINT Barnabas CLARKSFIELD

Good Friday

Friday 29 March

Service for all the family, at 9:30 am

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SAINT Barnabas CLARKSFIELD

Holy Trinity WATERHEAD

Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 10 November

9:30 am at St Barnabas Church

10:50 am at Waterhead War Memorial

11:30 am at Waterhead Church



Holy Trinity WATERHEAD

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

Sunday 3 November at 4:00 pm

holytrinitywaterhead.co.uk



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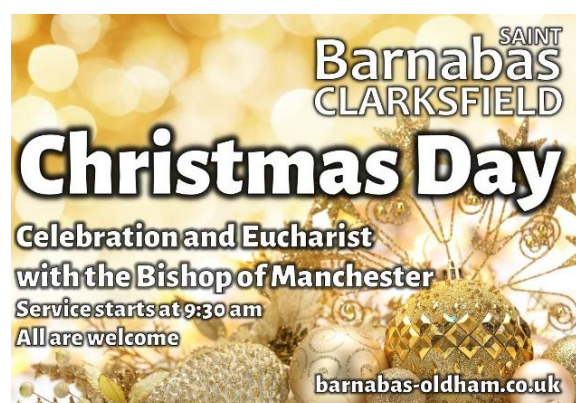
SAINT Barnabas CLARKSFIELD

CAROL SERVICE

With Tame Valley Brass

Sunday 15 December at 6:00pm

All are welcome



SAINT Barnabas CLARKSFIELD

Christmas Day

Celebration and Eucharist with the Bishop of Manchester

Service starts at 9:30 am

All are welcome

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Social events in 2024



Financial Reports

Treasurer's report

The accounts attached to this Annual Report offer a detailed description of the Church finances and its trading condition. These paragraphs represent a summary.

The Church paid its full Parish Share in 2024: it paid £9,450.00 and also paid off the balance of its loan to the Diocese of £2,814.93, which was taken out in 2018 to pay for emergency building work.

In summary, Church funds continue to be under great pressure, making achievement of its missionary and charitable aims a challenge.

The Church accommodates many funds. Their year-end balances are:

General Fund	£9,359	
Community Fund	£26,648	
Building Fund	£23,805	
Youth club	£15	(which has not resumed after the pandemic)
Women Thrive!	£4,838	
Holiday Thrive!	£0.00	
Teen Thrive!	£809	

The total income for 2024 was £119,523, which is down on 2023 (£152,084). Overall costs over the year were £119,973 (down from £121,999 in 2023). The net balance for 2024 was a negative balance of £451 which is worse than 2023 which was a positive balance of £30,085. Most of this difference relates to less grants sourced as priority was given to the roof repairs and Paul leaving.

General fund

The general fund is the church's only unrestricted account. It pays for heat and light, water and cleaning costs, insurance, and routine maintenance. It also pays the Parish Share. At the end of the financial year, the general fund had increased to £9,359 from £8,392. This increase is only very slight, but the magnitude is too small for comfort: for example, the Diocese of Manchester recommends that it is large enough to pay 6–9 months of bills.

Restricted Funds

Building Fund In 2024, the building fund financed the cost of improvements security by replacing the doors and completing the work to the 'long store'.

Community Fund Our Community Project runs programmes that include *Food Thrive!*, *Holiday Thrive!*, *Teen Thrive!*, and *Women Thrive!* The project is busy, for example giving food to as many as 250 local people a week (including dependants).

Grants received in 2024

The church was awarded 8 grants during 2024 totalling £40,651. Table 3 cites them in decreasing order of magnitude. This amount is smaller than in 2023, during which year the church received £95,966. These grants helped cover the costs of building (capital) works, and elements within the community project.

It needs to be appreciated that some grant income was awarded in 2023 but received in 2024. That is how grants operate, particularly those awarded over several years.

National Lottery	£17,795	South Roof
Council for Social Action	£7,500	
Oldham MBC	£5,800	HAF Summer Holiday club
Action Together	£3,000	Household support fund
OMBC	£2,266	Defibrillator
Oldham Council	£2,000	HAF sessions (Easter 2024)
Prince of Wales Trust	£1,500	
Action Together	£ 790	Washing Machine

£40,651

Table 3 The grants awarded and received by the Church during 2024. In most cases, the paperwork needed when applying for these grants was compiled in 2024; the rest were compiled in 2023.

The Parochial Church Council is extremely grateful to these funders for putting their trust in the Church. It is hoped that subsequent grants will enable yet further improvements to the building. A superior building means less maintenance and more projects that help more local people. It also enhances our potential for higher rental income.

Glossary

Accounting period An organisation's accounts are compiled after the end of a week, month, or year. Without qualification, the phrase means the same as a 'financial year'.

Accounts A way of 'giving an account' of what has happened financially. The accounts can cover any period, although most organisations have to produce both monthly and annual accounts. The accounts are compiled to help give a full and clear picture of the transactions during the preceding 'accounting period' year and its financial position at the end of it.

Accrual A form of accounting based on the concept that any money earned by an organisation must be matched with the costs that were incurred to generate that income, and that both are considered during the same accounting period.

Anglican Adjective meaning 'the Church of England'.

Archdeacon The priest in charge of the legal aspects for a large administrative area within a Diocese. In particular, the Archdeacon oversees aspects of property law, the employment and appointment of clergy, and discipline.

Area Dean The priest in charge of an administrative area of a Diocese.

Asset(s) In the accounts, quantifiable or tangible item(s) owned by the charity.

Banns A legal prerequisite for a person to get married in an Anglican church. The word comes from a mediaeval term meaning 'boundary'.

Bishop The head of a Diocese. The bishop is always ordained, so is a priest.

Capital A project involving building work or purchasing of equipment.

Chair The person who oversees the progress of a meeting. Often called a 'chairman', which is itself an abbreviation of 'chair's mandate'.

Church Warden A non-ordained member of a Parish Council with responsibility for the fabric of the church. Wardens are elected at the APCM. Those eligible to vote in an election for a Warden include both the members of a church and those who live within the geographical confines of its parish.

Core cost Regular expenditure, for example on salary, rent, insurance, heating and light, and not a one-off purchase or building project.

Diocese A autonomous administrative district within the Church of England.

Financial year The period over which a year-long 'accounting period' extends. In the Church of England, the financial year starts on 1 January and concludes on 31 December.

Faculty The Anglican form of planning permission which grants permission to proceed with building work, or other scheme.

Fund A component part of an account. For example, the general fund could comprise a flower fund, refreshment fund, maintenance fund, and so on.

General fund The church's main financial account. It is usually unrestricted.

Grant A gift of money to support an organisation or an activity. Grants are generally regarded as 'restricted' income.

Lay Reader A person authorised by an Anglican Diocese to lead and preach at a service held in a parish church.

Overheads The word generally means some or all the fixed costs that need to be met no matter how much or how little of an activity is undertaken, such as rent, heat, light, Council Tax, core staff.

Parish A geographical area overseen by a Church Council.

Parish Share The amount of money payable to the Diocese of Manchester. It helps pay clergy salary and associated costs. In older documentation, this debt is called the 'Parish Quota' or merely 'Quota'.

Parochial Relating to a parish, its area, or business.

Project A series of inter-related activities or programmes. For example, a children's project can comprise fundraising, organisation of volunteers, craftwork, and so on.

Quoracy, quorum, quorate Quoracy describes the rules that define a minimum number or proportion of people who attend a meeting: the decisions of a meeting that operates outside its quoracy is not legally binding. Those people, when assembled, are the 'quorum', and meetings attended by that number (or more) are 'quorate'.

Reader (see 'Lay Reader')

Reserves A word used in accounting meaning 'savings'. If they can be spent on anything the organisation does, they are called free (or 'unrestricted') reserves. If they can only be spent on something in particular, they are 'restricted'.

Restricted Money that has been given to a charity for a particular purpose or project.

Sidespeople Members of a church (authorised by the APCM) to assist the Church Wardens as they oversee the running of a church and its services.

Statutory Adjective meaning deriving from the state, hence the Government, rather than business or VCFSE sectors. The term is usually qualified by words such as 'activity' or 'sector'.

Trustee A person who takes responsibility for managing money or assets that have been set aside for the benefit of others. The members of the PCC are trustees and most are elected.

Unrestricted Money that has *not* been set aside by the trustees of the charity, or a grant-awarding body, for a particular purpose. Unrestricted funds can be used on any of the charity's activities.

Warden (see 'Church Warden')

ALM Accredited Lay Minister. A church member is taught and licensed to help lead an aspect of a church service.

APCM Annual Parochial Church Meeting. This once-a-year meeting always occurs in April, and is the occasion at which representatives are elected to run a PCC.

DAC The Diocesan Advisory Committee. The DAC oversees the planning of Faculties in the Church of England.

HAF Holidays Activities Fund. Grant-based fund for delivering 'holiday-hunger' clubs during the main school holidays.

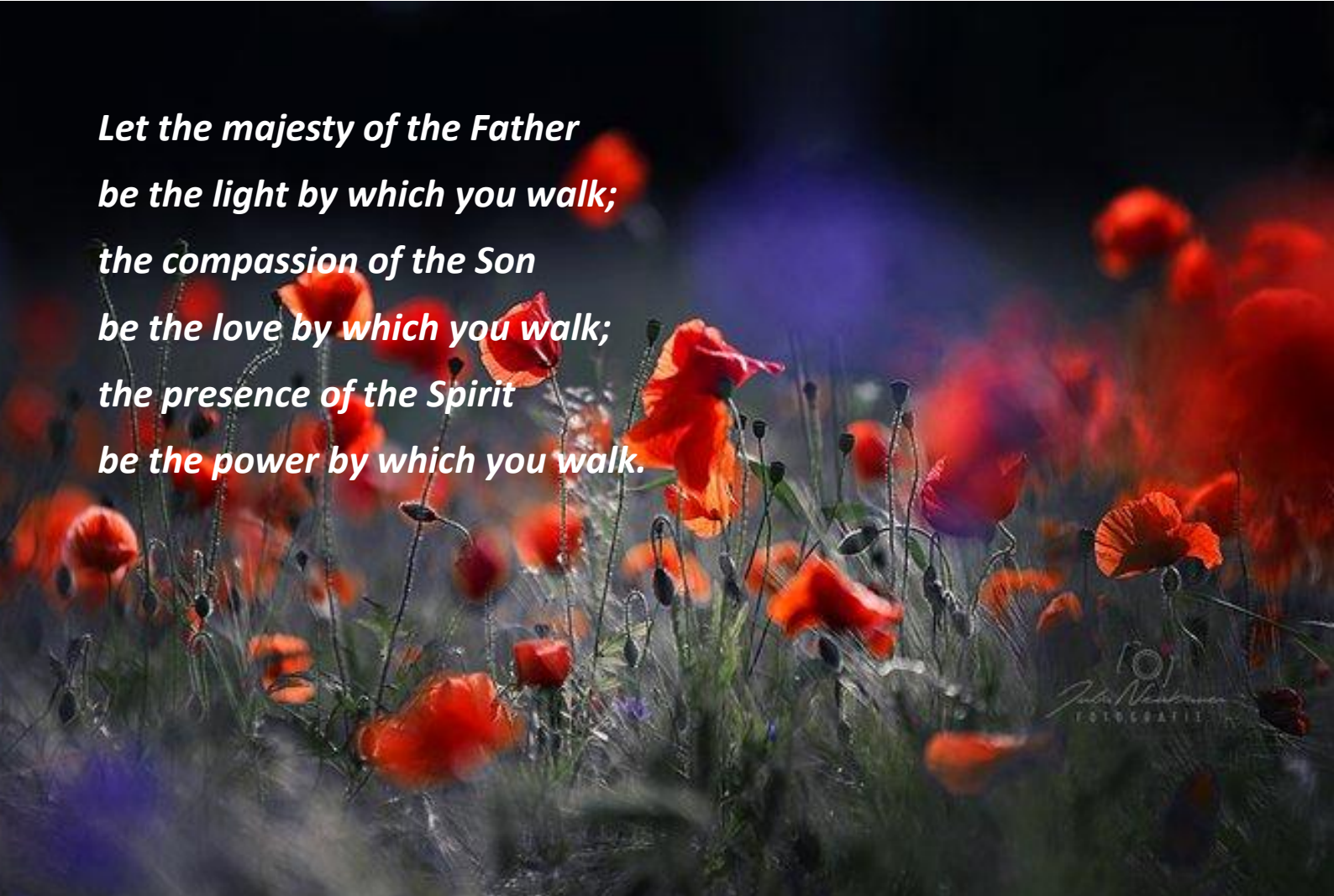
IMD Indices of multiple deprivation. A weighted average of (usually) seven statistical databases used to help define rankings of deprivation. The initials are often followed by a number, indicating the last relevant ranking or accumulation of data. For example, IMD-19 were the data computed in 2019.

LSOA Local super-output area. An acronym used in statistics to refer to an area comprising about 40–60 postcodes and a population of about 2000 houses.

p.a. Per annum = per year.

PCC Parochial Church Council. The PCC is a group of people who oversee the running of an Anglican Parish, with a remit comprising the fabric of a church building, the services of worship that occur within it, and all the financial transactions that oversight requires.

VCFSE Voluntary, charity, faith, social enterprise. The acronym seeks to distinguish an activity or group from either the statutory sector (so led by the Government) or the business sector.



*Let the majesty of the Father
be the light by which you walk;
the compassion of the Son
be the love by which you walk;
the presence of the Spirit
be the power by which you walk.*

The Parish of Clarksfield and Waterhead, Oldham

The benefice of Clarksfield (St Barnabas) and Waterhead (Holy Trinity) is in the Deanery of Ashton and Oldham, the Episcopal Area of Middleton, and the Diocese of Manchester.

Ministry Team in 2024

Vicar	In Interregnum
Assistant Curate (in part)	Post Vacant
Lay Readers	Pete Haslam Lucie Reilly

Parochial Church Council for 2024

Church Wardens	Mr Pete Haslam
Church Secretary	Mr John Booth
Church Treasurer	Mrs Vicky Heaton
Deanery Synod Reps.	Position vacant
Elected Members	Mr Tom Edmondson (in part) Mrs Vicky Heaton (in part) Mrs Megan Patrick (in part)

Other Church officers

Administrator	Ms Sarah Gura/ Mrs Vicky Heaton (part time)
Child-protection Officer	MaryAnne Oduntan
Electoral roll officer	Mr Pete Haslam
Treasurer	Mrs Vicky Heaton
Gift-aid Secretary	Mrs Vicky Heaton

Parish Information

Benefice	St Barnabas, Clarksfield and Holy Trinity, Waterhead, both in Oldham.
Bank	The <i>Co-operative Bank</i> , Spindles Square, Oldham.
Insurance	The Church, PCC and property are insured with <i>Ecclesiastical PLC</i> .
Fees	The list of Diocesan fees are displayed in the Church porch and vestry.
Parish Share	The Parish Share for 2024 was £9,450, which was paid in full.

Charity Registration Number: 1147033

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
PARISH OF ST BARNABAS, CLARKSFIELD , OLDHAM
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND
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For the year ended 31st December 2024

ST BARNABAS CHURCH, CLARKSFIELD

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**REPORT TO THE MEMBERS ON THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE
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CLARKESFIELD, OLDHAM**

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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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or

2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

ST BARNABAS CHURCH, CLARKSFIELD
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2024

	Restricted Funds							TOTAL	TOTAL
	General Fund	Community Fund	Youth Club Fund	Building Fund	Thrive Women Fund	Thrive Youth Fund	Thrive Holiday Fund	31/12/2024	31/12/2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS									
Collections	9,774	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,774	6,983
Income Tax Recoverable	2,231	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,231	3,835
Hall Rents	16,896	-	-	-	-	-	-	16,896	29,103
Church Services	332	-	-	-	-	-	-	332	780
Printing	2,557	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,557	2,218
Magazines and Adverts	184	-	-	-	-	-	-	184	325
Tea Money	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Candle Money/Postcards	65	-	-	-	-	-	-	65	56
Charitable Donations	151	-	-	-	-	-	-	151	60
General Donations	882	-	-	-	-	-	-	882	610
Holy Trinity	1,760	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,760	1,920
Grants	-	11,267	-	18,585	32,007	-	8,180	70,039	98,354
Food Donations	5,289	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,289	7,770
Legacy	400	-	-	-	-	-	-	400	-
Use of Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	5	30
Hardship Fund	4,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,000	-
Miscellaneous	4,957	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,957	23
	49,479	11,267	-	18,585	32,007	5	8,180	119,523	152,084
PAYMENTS									
Vicars Expenses	1,116	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,116	3,086
Parish Share	8,731	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,731	12,100
Church/Hall Utilities	10,959	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,959	7,049
Rent/Utilities	-	-	-	-	3,400	-	1,135	4,535	11,100
Architect Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,980
Administration Salary	5,933	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,933	5,705
Administration Expenses	258	-	-	-	-	-	-	258	-
Community Workers Salary	-	-	-	-	25,740	-	-	25,740	21,360
Community Workers Expenses	-	-	-	-	260	-	1,550	1,810	3,455
Pantry Expenses	-	250	-	-	-	-	-	250	208
Hall Maintenance	1,546	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,546	2,403
Hall Lettings Refunds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50
Hall Telephone	680	-	-	-	-	-	-	680	423
Building Work	-	-	-	19,005	-	-	-	19,005	25,283
Church/Hall Insurance	3,975	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,975	3,959
Cleaning	1,270	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,270	1,697
Printing and Stationery	379	-	-	-	-	-	-	379	273
Defibrillator	-	833	-	-	-	-	-	833	-
Other	229	-	-	104	-	-	-	333	-
Repair Costs	-	637	-	-	-	-	-	637	-
Holiday Club Costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,640
Professional fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	398
evouchers	-	2,000	-	-	-	-	-	2,000	-
Admin for Fareshare	7,769	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,769	7,413
Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Petty Cash Float	300	-	-	-	-	-	-	300	-
OPAG	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,267	6,267	-
Valencia Fund Repayment	-	-	-	10,000	-	-	-	10,000	-
Hardship Payments	-	280	-	-	-	-	-	280	-
	48,512	4,000	-	29,109	29,400	-	8,952	119,973	121,998
NET RECEIPTS (PAYMENTS)	967	7,266	-	10,524	2,607	5	772	451	30,086
Transfer between funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	967	7,266	-	10,524	2,607	5	772	451	30,086
FUND BALANCES									
BALANCE 1 JANUARY 2024	8,392	19,382	15	34,330	2,231	804	772	65,925	85,839
BALANCE 30st December 2024	9,359	26,648	15	23,805	4,838	809	-	65,474	65,925
	-	0.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

ST BARNABAS CHURCH, CLARKSFIELD
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING DEC 2024

	31/12/2024	31/12/2023
	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS		
Bank balances		
Coop - Church account	34,245	67,396
Coop - Youth Club account	247	247
Coop Bank - community..606	16,462	462
Coop Bank - community..596	14,012	127
Natwest current account number 2	123	123
Natwest Business Reserve Account	301	301
Natwest Youth Club Business Reserve Account	84	84
	<u>65,474</u>	<u>68,740</u>
Diocese Loan Balance	0	(2,815)
	<u>65,474</u>	<u>65,925</u>

FUND BALANCES

	£	£
Restricted funds:		
Community Fund (including Food Thrive!)	26,648	19,382
Building Fund	23,805	34,330
Youth Club Fund	15	15
Women Thrive! Fund	4,838	2,231
Teen Thrive! Fund	809	804
Holiday! Thrive	0	772
Total restricted funds	<u>56,115</u>	<u>57,534</u>
General Fund	9,359	8,392
	<u>65,474</u>	<u>65,925</u>
	0	0

ST BARNABAS CHURCH, CLARKSFIELD
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

1 Accounting Basis

The Financial Statements have been prepared on a receipts and payment basis in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations.

2 Funds

Restricted funds; Any Church income received in trust or endowment which is subject to restrictions on the use to which the funds may be used are separately identified in these financial statements. The balance as at the end of the year represents the cumulative difference between the restrictive income received and the expenditure for approved purposes. There are six current funds; The Youth Club Fund, The Building Fund, The Community Fund, Thrive Women, Thrive Youth and Thrive Holiday.

Unrestricted funds; The General fund represents the total of income and expenditure on all non restricted activities.

	2024		2023		
INCOME	UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED	UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED	
Tax efficient planned giving	2,129		4,005		SO, Gift Aid envelopes
2 - Other planned giving	2,652		204		non gift aid env
3 - Collections at services	4,993		494		plate
4 - All other giving and voluntary receipts, including Special Appeals (recurring and one-off)	151			30	gift day charity donations
6 - Gift Aid recovered	2,231		2,950		
7 - Legacies received (capital value)	400		3,835		
8 - Grants (include recurring and one-off)	4,000	70,039	0	98,354	
TOTAL					
Activities for Generating Funds					
9 - Gross income from fundraising activities	2,557	5	2,218	0	photocopying + fundraising
Income from Investments					
10 - Dividends, interest, income from property etc.	0	0	0	0	
Church Activities					
11 - Statutory fees retained by the PCC (weddings, funerals etc)	332		780		
12 - Gross income from trading (e.g. hall lettings, magazine, bookstall). NOT fundraising. Other incoming resources	22,435		37,271		candle money, rents, magazine etc
13 - Any other income/ receipts not already listed	7,599		1,943		
TOTAL INCOME	49,479	70,044	53,700	98,384	
EXPENDITURE		119,523		152,084	
Costs of generating income					
17 - Fund-raising activities (costs and payments)					
Church Activities					
18 - Mission giving and donations	122	4,000	0		
19 - Diocesan parish share contribution	8,731		12,100		
20 - Salaries, wages and honoraria	13,702	32,007	13,118	21,360	
21 - Clergy and staff expenses	1,375	1,810	6,980	3,455	
Church expenses					
22 - Church expenses: Mission and evangelism costs	0		230		
23 - Church running expenses	13,623	4,639	10,705	11,100	
24 - Church utility bills (gas, electricity, water, oil)	10,959		7,049		
25 - Cost of trading					
Major capital expenditure					
27 - Major repairs to the church building		29,005		35,902.66	
28 - Major repairs to church hall or other PCC property, including redecoration					
28 - Major repairs to church hall or other PCC property, including redecoration		0		0	
29 - New building work to the church, church hall, clergy housing, or other PCC property					
SUB-TOTAL for Church activities & expenses	48,512	71,461	50,181	71,817	
		119,973		121,999	
26 - Governance Costs (examination or audit					
99 - Other outgoing resources					
CHECK		0.00			


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MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS

REGISTERED CHARITY NAME	THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST BARNABAS,, CLARKSFIELD, OLDHAM
CHARITY NUMBER	1147033
REGISTERED OFFICE	St Barnabas Church Arundel Street Oldham OL4 1NL
TRUSTEES	<i>Current Trustees</i> Revd Dr Paul Monk (Chair) Peter Haslam Victoria Heaton (in part) Jo Monk (Secretary) Revd Denise Owen (In part) Lucie Reilly
TREASURER	Vicky Heaton
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Name: KIMBERLY BARTON Address: 21, COUPLAND CLOSE OLDHAM OL4 2TQ Signed:  Date 6/4/2025
BANKERS	The Co-Operative Bank Oldham OL1

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2024

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RECEIPTS									
Collections	9,774	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,774	6,983
Income Tax Recoverable	2,231	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,231	3,835
Hall Rents	16,896	-	-	-	-	-	-	16,896	29,103
Church Services	332	-	-	-	-	-	-	332	780
Printing	2,557	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,557	2,218
Magazines and Adverts	184	-	-	-	-	-	-	184	325
Tea Money	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Candle Money/Postcards	65	-	-	-	-	-	-	65	56
Charitable Donations	151	-	-	-	-	-	-	151	60
General Donations	882	-	-	-	-	-	-	882	610
Holy Trinity	1,760	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,760	1,920
Grants	-	11,267	-	18,585	32,007	-	8,180	70,039	98,354
Food Donations	5,289	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,289	7,770
Legacy	400	-	-	-	-	-	-	400	-
Use of Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	5	30
Hardship Fund	4,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,000	-
Miscellaneous	4,957	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,957	23
	49,479	11,267	-	18,585	32,007	5	8,180	119,523	152,084
PAYMENTS									
Vicars Expenses	1,116	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,116	3,086
Parish Share	8,731	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,731	12,100
Church/Hall Utilities	10,959	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,959	7,049
Rent/Utilities	-	-	-	-	3,400	-	1,135	4,535	11,100
Architect Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,980
Administration Salary	5,933	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,933	5,705
Administration Expenses	258	-	-	-	-	-	-	258	-
Community Workers Salary	-	-	-	-	25,740	-	-	25,740	21,360
Community Workers Expenses	-	-	-	-	260	-	1,550	1,810	3,455
Pantry Expenses	-	250	-	-	-	-	-	250	208
Hall Maintenance	1,546	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,546	2,403
Hall Lettings Refunds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50
Hall Telephone	680	-	-	-	-	-	-	680	423
Building Work	-	-	-	19,005	-	-	-	19,005	25,283
Church/Hall Insurance	3,975	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,975	3,959
Cleaning	1,270	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,270	1,697
Printing and Stationery	379	-	-	-	-	-	-	379	273
Defibrillator	-	833	-	-	-	-	-	833	-
Other	229	-	-	104	-	-	-	333	-
Repair Costs	-	637	-	-	-	-	-	637	-
Holiday Club Costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,640
Professional fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	398
evouchers	-	2,000	-	-	-	-	-	2,000	-
Admin for Fareshare	7,769	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,769	7,413
Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Petty Cash Float	300	-	-	-	-	-	-	300	-
OPAG	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,267	6,267	-
Valencia Fund Repayment	-	-	-	10,000	-	-	-	10,000	-
Hardship Payments	-	280	-	-	-	-	-	280	-
	48,512	4,000	-	29,109	29,400	-	8,952	119,973	121,998
NET RECEIPTS (PAYMENTS)	967	7,266	-	10,524	2,607	5	772	451	30,086
Transfer between funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	967	7,266	-	10,524	2,607	5	772	451	30,086
FUND BALANCES									
BALANCE 1 JANUARY 2024	8,392	19,382	15	34,330	2,231	804	772	65,925	35,839
BALANCE 30st December 2024	9,359	26,648	15	23,805	4,838	809	-	65,474	65,925
	0.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

ST BARNABAS CHURCH, CLARKSFIELD
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING DEC 2024

	31/12/2024	31/12/2023
	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS		
Bank balances		
Coop - Church account	34,245	67,396
Coop - Youth Club account	247	247
Coop Bank - community..606	16,462	462
Coop Bank - community..596	14,012	127
Natwest current account number 2	123	123
Natwest Business Reserve Account	301	301
Natwest Youth Club Business Reserve Account	84	84
	<u>65,474</u>	<u>68,740</u>
Diocese Loan Balance	0	(2,815)
	<u>65,474</u>	<u>65,925</u>

FUND BALANCES

	£	£
Restricted funds:		
Community Fund (including Food Thrive!)	26,648	19,382
Building Fund	23,805	34,330
Youth Club Fund	15	15
Women Thrive! Fund	4,838	2,231
Teen Thrive! Fund	809	804
Holiday! Thrive	0	772
Total restricted funds	<u>56,115</u>	<u>57,534</u>
General Fund	9,359	8,392
	<u>65,474</u>	<u>65,925</u>
	0	0

ST BARNABAS CHURCH, CLARKSFIELD
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

1 Accounting Basis

The Financial Statements have been prepared on a receipts and payment basis in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations.

2 Funds

Restricted funds; Any Church income received in trust or endowment which is subject to restrictions on the use to which the funds may be used are separately identified in these financial statements. The balance as at the end of the year represents the cumulative difference between the restrictive income received and the expenditure for approved purposes. There are six current funds; The Youth Club Fund, The Building Fund, The Community Fund, Thrive Women, Thrive Youth and Thrive Holiday.

Unrestricted funds; The General fund represents the total of income and expenditure on all non restricted activities.

INCOME	2024		2023		
	UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED	UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED	
Tax efficient planned giving	2,129		4,005		SO, Gift Aid envelopes
2 - Other planned giving	2,652		204		non gift aid env
3 - Collections at services	410		494		plate
4 - All other giving and voluntary receipts, including Special Appeals (recurring and one-off)	4,734		2,950	30	gift day charity donations
6 - Gift Aid recovered	2,231		3,835		
7 - Legacies received (capital value)	400		0		
8 - Grants (Include recurring and one-off)	4,000	70,039	0	98,354	
TOTAL					
Activities for Generating Funds					
9 - Gross Income from fundraising activities	2,557	5	2,218	0	photocopying + fundraising
Income from Investments					
10 - Dividends, interest, income from property etc.	0	0	0	0	
Church Activities					
11 - Statutory fees retained by the PCC (weddings, funerals etc)	332		780		
12 - Gross Income from trading (e.g. hall lettings, magazine, bookstall). NOT fundraising. Other Incoming resources	22,435		37,271		candle money, rents, magazine etc
13 - Any other income/ receipts not already listed	7,599		1,943		
TOTAL INCOME	49,479	70,044	53,700	98,384	
EXPENDITURE					
Costs of generating income		119,523		152,084	
17 - Fund-raising activities (costs and payments)					
Church Activities					
18 - Mission giving and donations	122	4,000	0		
19 - Diocesan parish share contribution	8,731		12,100		
20 - Salaries, wages and honoraria	13,702	32,007	13,118	21,360	
21 - Clergy and staff expenses	1,375	1,810	6,980	3,455	
Church expenses					
22 - Church expenses: Mission and evangelism costs	0		230		
23 - Church running expenses	13,623	4,639	10,705	11,100	
24 - Church utility bills (gas, electricity, water, oil)	10,959		7,049		
25 - Cost of trading					
Major capital expenditure					
27 - Major repairs to the church building		29,005		35,902.66	
28 - Major repairs to church hall or other PCC property, including redecoration					
28 - Major repairs to church hall or other PCC property, including redecoration		0		0	
29 - New building work to the church, church hall, clergy housing, or other PCC property					
SUB-TOTAL for Church activities & expenses	48,512	71,461	50,181	71,817	
		11,997.3		12,199.9	
26 - Governance Costs (examination or audit					
99 - Other outgoing resources		(451)		30,085.41	
CHECK		0.00			