



The Team Parish of

St Luke in the City
Liverpool

Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council

For the year ended 31st December 2023



Clergy Report

Welcome to our Parish report which covers the year January to December 2023.

This year has been full of change in our Parish. In January our Team Rector Miranda was seconded to a part time role of Archdeacon of Liverpool and then in August took up the post full-time. We also said farewell to our Curate Louis in June who moved to Lancaster Priory. In September we had the joy of welcoming our Tsedaqah placement student Liam Higgins to the Parish and in November Rev'd Dr Anne Kazich was licensed to the Parish as an Associate Priest. Our PCC members have changed too with some long serving members stepping down, sadly passing away or simply changing roles and as a result new members have stepped in. We were delighted that James Fleming one of our Parish Wardens, has begun Reader Training and that St Brides and Open Table member, Beth Powell is now serving on a Ministry Experience Scheme at St Cuthbert's, Croxeth Park. Lilly Nelson, previously our student worker, will be completing her ordination training at Cranmer Hall, Durham in June and beginning a curacy at St Peter's Church, Formby.

In December 2022 the congregation of St Dunstan's met to discuss ways in which it could grow its numbers. It was agreed that 5 members would attend a church growth course. As a result in March 2023 we ran the Growing Good Lent course which other congregations were invited along to as well. The material, although interesting, was not easily transferable to our context. We continued to see lower numbers (than before the Pandemic) attending worship for our Sunday morning services however we have seen growth within Open Table. We have actively followed General Synod's discussions about prayers of blessing for same sex couples and have at times found the conversations to be hurtful and the results disappointing. However, as a Parish we have adopted a formal resolution to commit to using the Prayers of Love and Faith when they come into effect.

In response to some of challenges and opportunities we face as a Parish we called a Parish Away Day in May. Here we looked at the reality of our circumstances and explored options for the future. Those attending were invited to share their ideas and groups formed these ideas into actions. Coming out of that day was the desire of many to explore a Parish rhythm of prayer. Rose Green then began a prayer evening on Tuesday nights online which is now part of our regular pattern of worship. We started conversations about a small group to lead on pastoral care and although this has progressed getting the team trained and ensuring we comply with GDPR has resulted in the process taking longer than expected.

In the Deanery all Parish clergy were invited into the Engage Phase of Fit for Mission. For ten weeks clergy met to learn about FfM and attended a two day residential in order to make a decision about moving forward. The residential was inconclusive but decided further information and consultation with the laity was needed.

Within the life of our churches we've seen some encouraging developments. St Bride's began the year hosting the Living the Questions course which was a great success, the Taize service this year has developed a committed group of musicians from both our Parish and RC Church St Vincent de Paul. In August a group of folk travelled to Greenbelt festival and were inspired by the alternative worship, music and creativity there. Open Table has re-initiated its Agape meal, has been consulting with a church growth advisor about future developments, they also hosted an insightful retreat day based on the Life of Julian of Norwich and co-ordinated the annual Carol Service with over 150 attending. Fern Arthurs committed to leading the music group at St Bride's and has now become our Director of Music. On Thursday evenings Jackie Corcoran continues the music drop-in which has attracted a regular group of musicians.

St Dunstan's has provided a space of welcome for the folk coming to Micah's community market which works in partnership with Lauda. These Wednesday's are now host to a number of other local organisations such as the NHS Life Rooms, local midwives, NHS immunisation clinics and even Liverpool Philharmonic who have run drop-in music sessions since October. Lauda has continued to serve local Roma families through its advocacy work, teaching English and running two after school clubs at St Hugh's Primary School and Lawrence

Community Primary School as well as a lunchtime reading club at Archbishop Blanch Secondary School. Worship at St Dunstan's moved into the warmer Lady Chapel and the large wooden altar previously in the chancel was moved into the chapel to create an intimate and sacred space set aside for prayer.

St Michael's hosted some memorable joint services in 2023 including a water themed service for Miranda's last service there, harvesting food for Harvest festival, burning prayers and at the Nativity there was dressing-up and questionable acting skills on display! In September the Bible Course ran for 8 weeks which was a great springboard for discussion about the texts that so many of us wrestle with. Faiths4Change continued to breath life into St Michael's garden and collaborated with Black Lodge local brewery to create our own beer.

This year with a smaller team we had to make some decisions about what activities we would have to limit. We decided that both the Pumpkin Carving Party at St Michael's and St Bride's Christmas tree festival would not run but hope that in the future we can offer special events like this once again in the not so distant future. We did still work with Faiths4 Change to offer our two annual action-packed events; the Summer and Christmas Fair. At St Dunstan's we ensured that we would continue to host the annual Remembering Service which was a poignant time of quiet reflection. In November, after some months of proposing our need for a Rector, the Deanery Mission and Pastoral Committee agreed to put forward their recommendation to the Diocesan committee. This was approved with the agreement that for one day a week our Rector will also serve as Priest in Charge of St Margaret's of Antioch.

Financially, we ended the year in good health. The parish is paying its Parish Share and has committed to increasing our payments over the course of three years in line with our Deanery's financial plan. Our rentals have continued to contribute greatly to our income but with the increased prices of gas and electricity our bills have seen significant rises in 2023 and beyond. We are hugely grateful for all those whose faithful giving to the church ensures that we have a stable base of support with which to carry out our ministry. This enables us to continue making the church spaces available at no charge for the Foodbank, the community market and Roger Smalley's homeless meals project, for some of the community garden activities and for the Lauda project.

Looking ahead to 2024 we continue working towards filling our Rector vacancy, we are currently preparing the Parish Profile and other documents for the role and plan to advertise by May/June. We also eagerly anticipate the arrival of our new Curate Lu Skerratt-Love who will be ordained in June. We hope that as we move into new territory with Fit for Mission and adjust to new leadership we will deepen our roots, strengthen our body and branch out into the world bearing good fruits.

Laura Ferguson
Team Vicar

Reference and Administrative Information

The Parochial Church Council of the Team Parish of St Luke in the City is a registered charity, and its registered number is 1152031. Details of PCC members, who are the charity trustees, have to be provided to the Charity Commission.

The parish includes three churches: St Bride & St Saviour, located on Percy Street; St Dunstan on Earle Road, and St Michael in the City on Upper Pitt Street. The parish is part of the Diocese of Liverpool and its official correspondence address is: St Luke in the City Parish Office, St Bride's Church, Percy Street, Liverpool L8 7LT.

The following people served as members of the Parochial Church Council:

Team Rector	Miranda Threlfall-Holmes (until August 2023)
Team Vicar	Laura Ferguson
Curate	Louis Johnson (until June 2023)
SSM Priest	Sara Doyle Anne Kazich (November 2023)
Reader	Christopher Bartley
Reader in Training	James Fleming
Churchwardens	Christopher Bartley James Fleming
Deanery Synod representatives	Sue Say John Denno James Fleming Christopher Bartley
Elected Members	John Denno Sharon Ginley Rose Green Karen McCaldon Kath Pace Suzie Rotheram Sue Say Helen Stocker Mari-Anne Valkass (resigned August 2023) Emma Watson
Treasurer	Raymond Bissex
Co-Opted Members	Warren Hartley (in Autumn 2023)
Officer	Jackie Corcoran
PCC Secretary	Suzie Rotheram
Safeguarding Officers	Rose Green

	Sue Say
Recruitment Lead	Laura Ferguson

The licensed clergy and Reader are each ex-officio members of the PCC. The Team Rector is ex-officio Chair of the PCC and this defers to the Team Vicar when in Vacancy.

Bankers:	The Cooperative Bank PLC 1 Balloon Street, Manchester, M60 4EP
	Central Board of Finance of the Church of England 80 Cheapside London EC2V 6DZ
Independent Examiner	Mr. I Wright B.A. F.C.A. 15 Stretton Drive, Southport PR9 7DR
Legal Advisors:	Mr. H. Dellar 1, The Sanctuary, Westminster, Liverpool SW1P 3JT
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Estate Management:	PKPM Chartered Surveyors Suite 7, Church House, 1 Hanover Street, Liverpool, L1 3DN
Architects: (St Bride's, St Dunstan's and St Michael's)	Finlayson's Architects, Altrincham, Cheshire, WA15 9SY

Structure, Management and Governance

The St Luke in the City PCC is a body corporate and operates under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 and the Church Representation Rules.

The PCC business has a sub-committee, the Building Sub- Committee.

The function of the PCC is to enable and support mission, to foster communication and collaboration between the individual churches as appropriate and to provide a framework of accountability to the Diocese, Charity Commission and other legal bodies.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All church members are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Objectives and Activities

The general functions of the PCC are stated within section 2 of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956.

Our specific objectives in 2023 were to

1. Achieve a balanced budget and if possible end the year in profit
2. Deepen our links with and mission in our local communities
3. Develop our discipleship and pastoral care in order to rebuild and grow our congregations

Over the course of the year we have made some progress with these objectives, as outlined in the Clergy Report at the start of this document. Our finances have stabilised and we have increased our numbers of hirers across all our sites enabling us to move into the black and thus be in a much better position to pursue our mission. Our Parish links continue to develop, particularly at St Dunstan's where Lauda, our outreach to the Romanian Roma community has lead to a flurry of activity there.

The Electoral Roll

There are 67 people on the Electoral Roll of the parish:

44 - St Bride's
9 - St Dunstan's
14 - St Michael in the City

Public Worship

Our Sunday services continue with three weekly service with the exception of the last Sunday of the month being a joint service that rotates across the churches. Open Table meets twice monthly on the 1st and 3rd Sunday evening of the month with both services available on zoom.

At St Dunstan's we offered Eucharistic services weekly on Sunday at 10am. The midweek communion continued until August 2023 when repeated weeks of low of no attendance resulted in the decision to stop for the time being.

St Bride's Sunday morning 10am service numbers have fluctuated and although the main worship space has enabled the St Bride's tradition of discussion around tables, for the colder months we have moved from the main worship space into the Narthex. These services are Eucharistic twice or three times a month. On alternate months our Reader in Training co-ordinates a thoughtful and reflective Taize service at 6pm. Open Table continues to meet twice monthly with the first Sunday being Agape meal and the second Sunday being a Eucharist service. These services have been well-attended, particularly the 3rd Sunday service which often hosts notable church leaders and theologians.

St Michael's continues to meet at 11.15am with a regular pattern of alternating services of the word with Holy Communion. On the second Sunday each month St Michael's has a Godly Play service which is geared towards interactive worship and play. This service makes use of the new TV and sound system which gives the service a contemporary feel. We have enjoyed teaming up with Faiths for Change for our joint services at St Michael's which always have an eco theme, this year's featured themes have been water and fruits of the earth. Our Nativity Service was held here in 2023 and was a memorable occasion with lots of laughter.

Our midweek worship pattern has reduced as the Team Vicar is occupied with other duties - this is temporary as we aim to appoint new full-time team members. Rose Green our LLM has begun a weekly evening prayer group online on Tuesday evenings which has offered a gentle and reflective space. With more time and energy we would like to revisit our weekly worship pattern and hope to offer more online in 2024.

As for our occasional offices, we have had no weddings this year, 2 baptisms and 15 funerals. In the summer a group of about 12 of us travelled down to Kettering for Greenbelt Festival. We enjoyed four days of great talks, alternative worship, playing outside, hot days and cold nights and lots of late night camp chats.

Pastoral care and service to our community

St Bride's is home to a number of local charities and organisations including: Refugee Women Connect,

Narcotics Anonymous, Roger Smalley's Homeless Meals Project, the British Red Cross, two community choirs, Jackie Corcoran's community music group and our social justice anchor project, Micah Foodbank. Both the Parish currently offers informal support to individuals and there the early stages of a pastoral care group beginning. Open table offers support one-to-one and met with a consultant throughout 2023 to explore opportunities for growth and the potential to develop its own care team. There remains potential to offer more support during the Foodbank sessions but this may be revisited when volunteers are more readily available.

St Michael's is home to the Chinese Well-being group, Liverpool Rainbow Choir and Faith Clinic church. Our social justice anchor project Roots in the City continues to offer green space, therapeutic gardening and horticultural training for various groups. The Team Vicar now regularly attends the Tuesday drop-in group for local people. This group has also been attended by our Tsedaqah placement student.

St Dunstan's is home to Kumon language school, Pastor Shelley's church and Garden of Hope as well as the social justice anchor project Lauda. This outreach to the Roma community in the Parish has continued to grow with secondary and primary schools requesting Lauda run projects with them. Lauda now runs an after school club in St Hugh's primary school weekly in term time as well as at Lawrence Primary School - children love 'Lauda Bible Club' so much that there is a waiting list. Kindly volunteers for Lauda has at times been challenging and despite Lawrence Primary school club going well there were not enough volunteers to run the club and it has had to stop for the time being. Wednesday's at St Dunstan's have become a significant community hub with Roma women taking part in a language class, a clothes stall, refreshments and toast available and Micah's new weekly community market. Our work with Lauda has enabled us to strengthen relationships with Toxteth's Kuumba Imani centre and the Granby and Toxteth Development Trust, along with Archbishop Blanch School.

As a Parish we continue to take our safeguarding responsibilities seriously and are regularly reviewing our practices.

Our Church Buildings

With our buildings committee disbanding for a period of time building works have been a challenge to keep on top of at times. We have however appointed Finlayson's Architects and some work has progressed. We are currently waiting on the Diocese to approve our architecture firm so that the Quinquennial Inspections that are due can go ahead.

At St Dunstan's, although the organ sale had been agreed this has now been revoked due to unforeseen circumstances. The building has increasing issues with blocked drains which cause leaking throughout. Roofers have made remedial repairs but the drain clearance that is needed requires scaffolding to be installed which places the cost well into the tens of thousands. An option to clear the lower drains is currently being explored and may resolve some of the issues. The upkeep of the building has placed increasing pressure on the small congregation at St Dunstan's and needs careful consideration when planning for the future.

St Bride's continues to need roofing work as well as some external and internal repainting. Both of which we plan to address in the coming year once we re-establish the buildings committee.

After the preliminary investigations were carried out into the drains issue at St Michael's, United Utilities finally visited the site at the end of 2023. They suspect that collapsed drains at the end of the site next to the NCP car park may be reason for the flooding inside the church and the architects requested that we clear all the vegetation around the perimeter of the building. This is now complete and has revealed some large tree roots that may also be contributing to the flooding. In 2024 we hope that work can begin to repair the drains now that the surrounding area is accessible. The PCC approved up to £30,000 to replace the fencing around St Michael's but this process is yet to be carried out. The St Michael's flat is now vacant with the tenant leaving in August. There are some problems with ventilation and persistent mould. Until work can be carried out to remedy this the flat will remain empty.

Deanery, Diocese and the wider church and mission

This year we received grants from the Deanery Mission and Growth Fund for Lauda and our Tsedaqah placement intern. The team vicar and two PCC members were successfully voted onto the Deanery and Mission Pastoral Committee which has enabled our Parish to offer more support to the Deanery.

The Team Vicar attended all of the Fit for Mission engage stage meetings earlier in the year. Over the 10 weeks Deanery clergy explored what Fit for Mission could look like in our context. In June this group went away for a two day residential to decide whether they wanted to take the next steps and commit to Fit for Mission. All clergy agreed that they were not ready to do that and felt that the laity needed to be as informed as the clergy now were before any decisions could be made. A series of information evenings were planned for 2024 and the Diocese created a unique offer to our Deanery. This offer was that Toxteth and Wavertree would be given an additional year to explore what it could be like if we entered FfM and that after that year the Parishes could then make their final vote in March 2025.

We have also been thinking more about our activities and mission within the Parish. In January we began the Living the Questions monthly course which has had over 20 folk attending and has been a great opportunity to develop relationships and deepen faith. In March a survey was sent to all our newsletter subscribers asking for their opinions on church life. A Vision and Planning away day took place at the end of May. Some new activities came about as a result but maybe of the plans were limited by volunteer numbers and lack of leadership and oversight to see the actions through. We hope with a new Rector in 2024 we will be able to strategically think through which actions are achievable and how they can happen.

Ecumenical and Inter-faith relationships

We have continued to work with St Vincent de Paul Roman Catholic Parish. This year during the week of prayer for Christian Unity Miranda was visiting preacher there and Father Terry Madden preached and led discussion at St. Bride's church. We have continued our involvement with Kuumba Imani who led a faith walk in our local area. St Bride's was one of the host sites and over 50 people attended.

FINANCE OVERVIEW **(see full report below)**

The Performance of Investments

The PCC's funds are held in a Current Account with Co-operative Bank and in deposit funds with CCLA Investment Management in the Church of England's Finance Deposit Fund and the Church of England Global Equity Investment and Property funds. Investments saw a net gain of £7,950, the gain on the Global Equity Fund exceeding a further reduction on the Property Fund. The Investment Manager expects the Property Fund to start recovering in 2024. An investment with M&G Investments was transferred to the PCC during the year. This investment was sold at a loss of £3,422 and the proceeds of £41,323 included in debtors at the year end.

Reserves Policy

The trustees have established the level of operating reserves (that is those funds that are freely available) that the charity ought to have, which is roughly equal to six months general expenditure, £100,000. Reserves are needed to even out any short term funding gaps between spending and related income. We have also continued to invest the capital released from the sale of St Stephen's for income, holding this as an additional expendable reserve but with the aim of it providing a long term income stream. The PCC are content with the current level of reserves.

Income from lettings

Lettings income this year was a total of £56,817 which is a slight decrease compared on the £61,191 in 2022.

Giving to the church

Our second largest source of income is giving by the congregation. Planned giving in 2023 was £22,805 (down from 2022 which was £24,920, with an additional £4699 given as donations, in collections and other. These

gifts allowed us to reclaim £4803 tax from HMRC making the total giving-related income £32,307. In addition we received £17,500 from grants from external bodies.

Financial Risk

The Standing Committee closely monitored the evolving financial situation. Having finally turned around years of deficit budgets and now finding ourselves in profit. The PCC is committed to sustaining balanced budgets in 2024 and beyond. These years have shown that our income is very dependent on lettings and in 2023 a focus has been diversifying the mix of lettings income that we receive to increase our financial resilience. We will continue to promote the Parish Giving Scheme as it too will be an important part of our managing financial risk. All assets are insured and levels will be reviewed by our insurer Ecclesiastical.

Employees

The parish employed three part time staff: Jackie Corcoran as parish administrator, Vicky Clarke, cleaner at St Michael's and Megan Fleming cleaner at St Dunstan's and St Brides'. Leah Daly, Lauda leader was employed by Liverpool Parish Church and continues to be supervised and support by the Team Vicar in our Parish. Our payroll is managed by LCVS.

Risk Assessments

The PCC regularly monitors risk. Risk assessments are undertaken for all new or extraordinary undertakings.

Compliance with Law and Regulation

Our procedures are reviewed regularly and formally reported to the PCC.

Safeguarding

Sue Say and Rose Green continued as Safeguarding Officers with Laura Ferguson remaining as Lead Recruiter. Safeguarding is a standing item on the PCC agenda. The Team Parish of St Luke in the City takes its duty and obligation to protect all extremely seriously. We have adopted the national Church of England's procedures and guidelines. You can find out more about the national policies and procedures at www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding

If you have any safeguarding concerns or issues on a safeguarding matter then you can find useful contact information at www.liverpool.anglican.org/safeguarding.

Looking forward: Objectives and Activities

The general functions of the PCC are stated within section 2 of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956. As a parish we aim to be 'Living Life in Full Colour from the Still Centre of God'.

Our three priorities continue to be:

- Sustainability: developing our financial resilience and developing as Eco-Churches
- Locality: deepening our roots in our local parish communities
- Growth: in numbers in our churches, in spiritual depth, and in service to our communities

In addition, we aim to contribute to the Deanery Priorities which are

- Developing Discipleship
- Strengthening Churches
- Developing Lay Leaders

ADDITIONAL REPORTS

OPEN TABLE LIVERPOOL Annual Report

Warren Hartley, LGBTQIA+ Ministry Facilitator

Open Table Liverpool (OTL) is a Fresh Expression of Church and a ministry and congregation of St Luke in the City Team Parish led by our Local Missional Leader (LML), Mr Warren Hartley commissioned by the Bishop of Liverpool to this ministry. Open Table is for everyone but especially welcomes and affirms folk who are Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Queer/Questioning, Intersex & Asexual (LGBTQIA). Open Table gathers at St Bride's on the first and third Sunday of every month. The first Sunday is a bring and share agape meal including a time of informal worship sharing life, faith and food together. The third Sunday of the month is a service of Holy Communion except in December when it hosts the parish Carol Service.

Our Open Table community is a member of the Open Table Network (OTN). OTN is "a growing partnership of communities across England & Wales which genuinely welcome and affirm people who are LGBTQIA + our families, friends & anyone who wants to belong in an accepting, loving community."

2023 has been a great year for OTL as we've continued to grow, sharing life, community and worship together. One of the great joys has been the continued growth of the music group with new members joining all the time it has deeply enriched our worship. Numbers at services are around pre-covid numbers which is deeply encouraging. An average of 33 people attend all services with an average of 14 at Agape service and 55 at communion services.

Key events during 2023 included us celebrating our 15th Birthday. The service was led by the Revd Cate Jacobs, a former member of OTL who was ordained priest the week before our birthday. In July we again joined around 100 folk from churches across Merseyside including and St Luke in the City marching in the Liverpool Pride festival and hosting a community stall. We also again partnered with Liverpool Cathedral to host a post Pride festival service which was attended by 90 people.

Other highlights from the year included our two Quiet Days, firstly the Spirituality of Sexuality led by Fr Richard Sloan and later in the year on Julian of Norwich marking 650 years since her visions. Lectures given by Charlie Bell and Ellen Loudon. We also welcomed OTN Co-Chair Alex Clair Young for Trans Day of Remembrance. The Carol Service with the Liverpool Rainbow Chorus and our music group was a glorious way to round off the year with 190 people attending and raising the roof in song.

We are very grateful to the PCC, the Clergy and the Bishop of Liverpool who support the ecumenical nature of the OTL community consenting to using Canon B35 provision to allow ecumenical partners to preside which this year included provision for Roman Catholic Mass and a URC service. It is a real gift to be able to celebrate in this way.

To mark 15 years we've been undergoing a process of Community Development, reflecting on the past, valuing what is and dreaming about what the future will be. This process is well underway with excellent engagement from the OTL community. We are excited to see the spiritual and numerical growth and depth this process will bring out of the community.



Lauda Christmas brunch with the Liverpool Philharmonic performing.

After School Clubs

In 2023 the Lauda Project continued to flourish. In January we restarted our after school program in St Hugh's Catholic Primary School. The school called it "Lauda Bible Stories Club" and having already known many of these families, the sign up list filled up quite quickly! The club was open to all year 4 to 6 pupils in our first year and is now for year 3-6 with 34 children attending weekly. We have been enjoying a mix of children from different backgrounds, including our Roma families and many others. The club has apparently become the most popular after school club at the school and the feedback from the children has been so encouraging. The atmosphere has transformed from a frenetic feel at St Dunstan's to a now much more relaxed and engaging club, perhaps this is as a result of the behavioural expectations in the school environment. They love coming for the Bible story, craft and games outside and interacting with our amazing volunteers from the Tsedaqah Community (Derby Guerrier, Liverpool Parish Church Parish Assistant, and Albert Osei, Liverpool Cathedral Assistant), from St. Brides (Josh Kearney) and the three L's of Lauda- Laura, Louis and Leah (and now Liam Higgins (St. Bride's Intern) in place of Louis ;)).

In May of 2023 we started a second Lauda after school Kids Club at another school farther down the road, Lawrence Community Primary School where they asked us to run our club exclusively for their Roma families. We were able to run this club in partnership with volunteers, Lisa Aindow and Joyce Connolly from St. Bridget's Church on Lawrence Road and Kate Doogan from Scripture Union. In June, we had to say good bye to Louis as he moved on to his new church in Lancaster, so Derby kindly stepped in to help us at this club when he was available. We really enjoyed getting to know 24 new children and partnering with yet another amazing primary school and wonderful volunteers. This club ran successfully until the beginning of July when it wrapped up for the school year. Unfortunately our volunteers were not available in September so this club has been on hold until we can recruit more volunteers.

Community Market

Micah's community market at St. Dunstan's continued through 2023 every Wednesday, providing a natural gathering point for our Roma families and many others from the surrounding community. NHS LifeRooms continued to support our guests with health related workshops on breast health, concerns for pregnant mothers, information on child protective services and offering support and signposting. It has been wonderful to partner with Micah Food Bank's Staff Nicher Awan, Aaron Rossiter and Jayne Hennessey, and the volunteers from St. Dunstan's Church, Karen McCaldon and Phil Bishop, and also with Lavinia from Granby Toxteth Development Trust who supports us and the Roma community. Laura Ferguson and Liam Higgins have also offered tremendous support and keep us going. We make a great team together!

In November the NHS Life Rooms partnered with the Liverpool Philharmonic to run the first ever Community Music Course for Mental health and wellbeing in the Lady Chapel at St. Dunstan's during our community market. This was a fantastic success as many people from different backgrounds, including some from the Roma community, were able to participate and collaborate with professional musicians, sharing their favorite

music from their different countries of origin. In December we celebrated Christmas with our Roma Ladies and all the participants of this music course, with a lovely meal and concert.

We also continue to distribute donations of clothing and toys as we receive them at the community market and help people practically where we can. In September we received a large donation toys from the year 9 students at Archbishop Blanch Girls Secondary school across the road. The families were very happy to receive these lovely donations. We held onto to a few things until Christmas when we were able to give all of the children coming to our Lauda Bible Club a wrapped Christmas gift :)

In October we hosted a health event at St. Dunstan's set up by Central Liverpool Primary Care Network, where many different health and social services came to meet with families from around the community. This was great time and opportunity to invite many of the families we know back into the church for these important services and for the kids to enjoy some crafts and face painting.

Granby Toxteth Development Trust will soon start a new English course during our community markets and we really look forward to this and other courses that we can run together.

Archbishop Blanch Secondary School for Girls

In October, Leah, Laura and Liam started supporting the growing number of Roma girls at Archbishop Blanch through a lunch time reading group. We meet weekly with about 9 girls and one of their English Teachers to read and discuss the book and life. We have really enjoyed supporting the girls and the school in this way. Leah has also been able to support the school in a special project called "Mother Tongue Other Tongue" where students are encouraged to share a poem or song in their mother tongue or in a language they have been learning at a special event for their parents. It is a way to celebrate and support the students and their families as they share their home cultures and languages. Leah has been working with some of the Roma girls to help them be a part of this wonderful project.

Other Partnerships

We are so encouraged by the continued partnerships that sustain the work with do with Lauda. Our founding partner church, Liverpool Parish Church has been guiding us in forming a constitution for Lauda and advising us on other important administrative topics. Rector Crispin Pailing has been a great resource for us through this process. Also Tabitha Rao, their assistant priest supported Lauda, helping us with the after school club until she was appointed Team Vicar in Warrington. We also have been supported by Youth With A Mission volunteers, Michael Chesterman (USA) and Dan Hector (London). With them and our amazing Tsedaqah volunteers, the Lauda Project continues with joy and creativity.

Laura and Leah continue to lead the work together, planning and preparing for our activities and building and maintaining our partnerships. We are part of a growing network of educators, health and social care workers and schools all seeking to see the quality of life improving for Roma in Liverpool. Dr. Dan Allen of Liverpool Hope University has initiated a research project called Shukar Glasso (Beautiful Voice) with Lauda Project and other community groups and we look forward to being a part of this.

The Lauda Project continues to be presented with more and more opportunities for serving the Roma community in Liverpool. We pray for continued funding and volunteer support that make our work possible and we are so grateful to the Team Parish of St. Luke in the City for ultimately carrying this wonderful project!



Liam embracing the chaos of the kids craft table at the Community Health afternoon

ROOTS IN THE CITY Report
Annie Merry, Director of Faiths4Change

In the first week of the school spring term, we welcomed Year 5 students and their teachers from Holy Family School in nearby Toxteth. Year 5 began the term focusing on the practical application of Catholic social teaching / values. Their focus included what kinds of jobs people did, how their work supported the most vulnerable in communities and they came to the Roots Garden to learn about our work and purpose.

They learnt how to plant onion sets and garlic and planted all of ours to support our growing for the foodbank. By April 2023 – the garlic and onions were growing really well (photo right). We were harvesting a range of organic vegetables and herbs in February: leeks, radicchio, chard (slightly nibbled by the ‘Very Hungry Caterpillar’, spinach, cabbage & purple sprouting broccoli along with the first chives, thyme and sage (above).



In March 2023 (below) and still we harvested purple sprouting broccoli – the best year ever for this delicious over winter / spring brassica, along with substantial bunches of chives, chard, perpetual spinach, mizuna, mustard, claytonia and salad leaves. Our best March harvests since we began growing for the foodbank.



In June - July our beautiful garden began to be trashed in different ways from bean sticks ripped out, thrown and broken to plant food emptied, green house panes broken and many trays of seedlings in our greenhouse and polytunnel thrown to the floor. We've been in this community for nearly 6 years and bar the odd incursion and hoardings removed (which was a bonus), the garden has never been broken in any way before. We managed to rescue 30 lettuce plants and 24 bean plants, the rest had to be swept up and composted.

Learning from nature in the garden – we are undeterred although we've been upset, angry, puzzled and cautious about coming into the garden. Volunteers continued to show up and share their feelings about the vandalism “This is our sanctuary, we've created this space together – we will not give up”; “What if they keep coming back, how will we cope”. We put up a sign in the greenhouse asking them not to trash the garden as we're growing for the food bank. Neighbours we didn't know popped in to see if we are ok and share their concerns as well as their knowledge. We've gained a new supportive friend in Russ Wills, our Community Police Officer. The police put out a flyer to all houses, telling them what was happening and asking people to get in touch with us if they didn't want to talk to the police.



In July - August those vandalising our garden over 4 weeks, had temporarily moved into the community, and were moved out. One month on and the garden has returned to the peaceful sanctuary and amazing growing space we love to be. We've gained a new regular volunteer and a new greenhouse is on route courtesy of the policeman's uncle. Our French beans now have bean sticks again and are thriving. We're anticipating a delivery of manure from the police stables. The blackbird families, butterflies, bees, and grasshoppers continue to flourish in their garden home as do we temporary dwellers.

We've begun harvesting and freezing the fruits of the hedgerow that we planted 5 years ago - blackberries, haws, and rosehips. We'll be making jam with the Tuesday group in the autumn. The comfrey in the photo above has now been harvested and is brewing in water for our home-made plant food.

Last week we donated a big pot of garlic bulbs w/ a couple of the remaining onions in the harvest, along with lettuces, spinach, squash, a big pot of our first tomatoes of the summer, sage, mint and chives (below).

SAS funding provides a regular investment in our work, it continues to provide match funding for related food projects and inspired partnership opportunities, all are needed now more than ever. The grant pays for us to grow food for the parish Foodbank, which is so busy they have reduced the supplies in each food parcel given out. We've doubled the amount of fresh vegetables and herbs grown this year from ¼ tonne in 2021 to almost ½ tonne in 2022. Our vegetables and herbs are top quality, locally grown, food at its best - harvested in the morning, taken home in the afternoon.

Wellbeing for one. Our long-term volunteer - Caps - applied for asylum 7 years ago and has been volunteering with us since. The grant pays volunteer expenses - Caps has been living in Kirkby for over a year now. He has found a warm welcome and been developing his woodworking skills in our newest community garden in Stoneycroft - The Secret Garden. Caps comes most Wednesdays and has been instrumental in working with 3 other men to build an amazing shelter and eco loo on site under the guidance of our Creative Skills Coordinator, Emma. We continue to support Caps, our friend and volunteer, in his journey through the asylum process.



MICAH COMMUNITY MARKET at St Dunstan's Report

Karen McCaldon, Community Marker Leader & Warden at St Dunstan's

The Community Market is a branch of the Micah charity. Which is run in St Dunstons church every Wednesday 10.-11.30am. Visitors pay £1.50 and select up to 15 items to take home. We also provide tea/coffee and toast and a place to meet others and talk. Sometimes there is a second hand clothes rack. Guests, mainly women from the local Roma community make up over half of the clientele. There is an opportunity for them to join an English language programme and consult with a NHS health worker. About 30-40 people each week access the service. There is a lovely atmosphere. We now run this service ourselves on behalf of Micah and are always looking for volunteers to help us. The project has been running for almost 2 years now and has been a great success in supporting the local community.



TAIZE SERVICE Report

James Fleming, Reader in Training & Taize Service Planner

Throughout 2023 we have continued to offer monthly Taizé-style musical contemplative worship evening prayer services in partnership with our friends at St. Vincent de Paul's RC church in Chinatown. People do seem to still value the opportunity to come to a calm, tranquil space to pray, meditate and contemplate; and to experience the Lord's love and the Spirit's presence through the beauty of music.

We have offered services on a variety of themes, including new beginnings, Lent season, and Remembrance. We have also developed Taizé musical liturgies for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter. Although congregation figures dipped during the winter period, we have continued to pray for growth and have explored advertising opportunities with social media, Open Table and Emmanuel Theological College. This has led to a larger number of people and new people attending, with one family visiting us from Barrow-in-Furness! We have received some lovely feedback about these beautiful services, which have been described as sensitive, gentle, spiritual and friendly, while engaging people and encouraging communal worship.

SOUL FRIENDS

Sara Doyle, Soul Friends Group Leader & Associate Priest

There are now 2 SF groups at present - in Sara Doyles group there are 7 members who meet once a month at Kimos - this is a safe space to share and be together. Soul Friends is something that the Parish hopes to expand in the coming years. At the moment it is still discerning what shape these group will look like going into the future.

ST BRIDE'S COMMUNITY MUSIC Report

Jackie Corcoran ARCT, St Bride's Community Music Co-Ordinator

St Bride's Community Music runs on Thursday evenings. We are an inclusive group, welcoming folk who are returning to music practice and performance and music folk who are experienced. We are intergenerational and we have a friendly vibe going on. We continue to explore different genres of music, but lately have been exploring jazz more intently and our members really enjoy improvisation. We enjoyed our 'field trips' to the jazz workshops put on at Granby Winter Garden. We also take time during sessions to perform solo music that we are working on.

In December we hosted a festive party for our hire groups and enjoyed an evening of music with them. Amy Crane presented her piece 'Acceptance' and it has been a pleasure adding this to our repertoire. We hope to repeat the joy this year. The new drum set is being well used at our sessions as is the piano!

If you are interested in joining in with our group, just show up at St Bride's Church on a Thursday evening a bit past 7.30pm.

PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIAN NETWORK (PCN) Report

Lynn McAllister

PCN continues to meet on a monthly basis at St Brides on the last Wednesday of each month (except for August & December). The meetings last for 1 1/2 hours & begins at 12.15 pm. Around 8-10 people attend each month, some from St Brides & some from other churches/denominations. This year we finished reading 'Do I stay Christian?' by Brian McLaren & then went on to read & discuss 'Honest to God' by John Stott. Some of our group remembered the stir it caused when first published! Our current book The Upside Down Bible is quite different, in that the author writes about the responses to Jesus' parables, of those reading them for the first time. He focuses on the parables that are about money, sex & violence. It is quite eye-opening. Anybody is welcome to come to our meetings & if you are interested in coming along or would like more information I can be contacted at lynnmc@uwclub.net

TSEDAQAH INTERN Report

Liam Higgins

In September 2023 I joined St Luke in the City as a member of Tsedaqah House. I am From Richmond, Virginia in the USA. Attending Sunday morning services at all three churches, I enjoy helping and playing with the children and leading arts and crafts sessions supplementing the readings. I am always sure to be a second pair of hands to help and someone to listen when people need to talk.

I help out with the Roots in the City garden club, aiding leadership in the garden or craft projects as well as preparing the meal after our sessions. I volunteer with the Community Market at St. Dunstan's, often walking visitors through the process and explaining food different options. I volunteer with Lauda as well, helping at our new Reading Group with some of the Roma girls at Archbishop Blanch as well as with the afterschool program with the primary school students, usually leading the craft project for the week. At the Micah Food Bank I pack and distribute parcels of food to visitors.

I have a passion for history, so I prepared and led a five week Lent Course on Zoom about the 400 years between the Old and New Testament and how that knowledge recontextualizes the life and lessons of Jesus. We discussed the effect of empire and politics during Jesus' day and how that informed Jesus' teachings and values and also the cultural response those teachings brought. I look forward to leading more projects as I continue my work for the rest of my time in the parish.



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

		General	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
INCOME from:					
Donations	2	41,950	7,857	49,807	66,175
Charitable activities	3	1,481	419	1,900	1,136
Fundraising activities	4	56,405	412	56,817	61,211
Investments	5	36,120	866	36,986	27,682
Other	6	-	44,735	44,735	470
TOTAL INCOME		<u>135,956</u>	<u>54,289</u>	<u>190,245</u>	<u>156,674</u>
EXPENDITURE on:					
Charitable activities	7	131,999	18,181	150,180	133,784
Other	8	1,150	-	1,150	1,150
TOTAL EXPENDENDITURE		<u>133,149</u>	<u>18,181</u>	<u>151,330</u>	<u>134,934</u>
Net income before gains and losses on investments		2,807	36,108	38,915	21,740
Net gains/(losses) on investments		11,372	(3,422)	7,950	(59,126)
Net (expenditure)/income		<u>14,179</u>	<u>32,686</u>	<u>46,865</u>	<u>(37,386)</u>
Transfers between funds		(210)	210	-	-
NET MOVEMENTS IN FUNDS		<u>13,969</u>	<u>32,896</u>	<u>46,865</u>	<u>(37,386)</u>
Total funds brought forward		488,511	16,026	504,537	541,923
Total funds carried forward		<u>502,480</u>	<u>48,922</u>	<u>551,402</u>	<u>504,537</u>

BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST DECEMBER 2023

	Note	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	10	11,282	2,550
Investments	11	416,869	405,497
		<hr/> 428,151	<hr/> 408,047
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	12	46,606	558
Cash at bank and in hand	13	83,935	104,272
		<hr/> 130,541	<hr/> 104,830
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	14	7,290	8,340
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<hr/> 123,251	<hr/> 96,490
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<hr/> 551,402	<hr/> 504,537
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY	15		
General		91,472	89,029
Designated		411,008	399,482
Restricted		48,922	16,026
		<hr/> 551,402	<hr/> 504,537

Approved by the Parochial church Council on 18 March 2024 and signed on its behalf by

Rev Laura Ferguson



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1. Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014, and with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006.

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application for the general purposes of the charity. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the trustees are also unrestricted.

Restricted funds are funds subject to specific conditions imposed by the donors or through the terms of an appeal.

Transfers of funds are made to recognise the release of restricted funds or to meet expenditure not covered by restricted income.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the charity is held responsible in law. They do not include the financial statements of groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Income

Donations, legacies and other voluntary income

Voluntary income received by way of grants, donations and gifts is included in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which it is received by or on behalf of the charity. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received. Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the repayment is received. Funds raised by seasonal fairs, fundraising events and similar events are accounted for gross.

The charity received substantial amounts of voluntary help from its supporters, but no attempt is made to place a financial value on these services and they have not been included.

Rental income

Rental income from the letting of the charity's premises is recognised when the rental is due.

Income from investments

Dividends and interest are accounted for when due and payable. Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the PCC to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Tangible assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the financial statements in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the churches inventories, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2010 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements.

Equipment is depreciated on a straight-line basis over four years.

Investments

Investments are valued at initially at cost and subsequently at market value at the year end.

Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold. Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31st December.

Debtors

Amounts owed to the PCC at 31st December in respect of fees, rents, loans or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

Cash at bank and in hand

Short-term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England Funds or at the bank.

	General Fund £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
2 Donations				
Gift aid donations	18,922	1,570	20,492	23,770
Income tax recovered	4,464	339	4,803	6,966
Other planned giving	2,313	-	2,313	1,150
Collections	2,026	691	2,717	1,230
Donations	1,608	257	1,865	5,074
Grants	12,500	5,000	17,500	25,750
Other	117	-	117	2,235
	<u>41,950</u>	<u>7,857</u>	<u>49,807</u>	<u>66,175</u>



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

	General Fund £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
3 Charitable activities				
Fees	1,481	-	1,481	1,116
Events	-	419	419	20
	<u>1,481</u>	<u>419</u>	<u>1,900</u>	<u>1,136</u>
4 Fund raising				
Rent from lettings	56,284	-	56,284	61,191
Other	121	412	533	20
	<u>56,405</u>	<u>412</u>	<u>56,817</u>	<u>61,211</u>
5 Investments				
Dividends	16,531	866	17,397	16,485
Interest	1,922	-	1,922	709
Rent from land	17,667	-	17,667	10,488
	<u>36,120</u>	<u>866</u>	<u>36,986</u>	<u>27,682</u>
6 Other				
St Dunstan's Bequest	-	44,735	44,735	-
Insurance claim	-	-	-	470
	<u>-</u>	<u>44,735</u>	<u>44,735</u>	<u>470</u>
7 Charitable activities				
Missionary and charitable giving	1,031	14,044	15,075	12,000
Ministry				
Diocesan parish share	40,923		40,923	39,493
Salaries	18,193		18,193	11,190
Clergy housing costs	5,014		5,014	6,840
Clergy expenses	1,798		1,798	2,975
Other expenses	210		210	1,139
Church costs				
Council tax and water	733		733	520
Insurance	11,595		11,595	10,608
Heat and light	21,862		21,862	19,912
Maintenance	9,428		9,428	10,581
Churchyard	1,805		1,805	2,178
Security	1,248		1,248	1,248
Cleaning	6,301		6,301	6,149
Carried forward	<u>120,141</u>	<u>14,044</u>	<u>134,185</u>	<u>124,833</u>



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

	General Fund £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
7 Note continued				
Brought forward	120,141	14,044	134,185	124,833
Music	717	200	917	865
Upkeep of services	297	700	997	1,032
Events	193	818	1,011	1,082
Training and education	205	100	305	535
Telephone and website	3,647	144	3,791	3,401
Publicity	629		629	-
Depreciation	3,019	695	3,714	231
Administration	3,151	1,480	4,631	1,805
	<u>131,999</u>	<u>18,181</u>	<u>150,180</u>	<u>133,784</u>

8 Other	General Fund £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Legal and professional fees	<u>1,150</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,150</u>	<u>1,150</u>

Included in the above expenditure are the following payments

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Independent examiner's fees	150	150
Other fees paid to the independent examiner	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>150</u>	<u>150</u>

9 Paid employees		
Staff costs	2023 £	2022 £
Salaries	18,193	11,190
Employer's national insurance	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>18,193</u>	<u>11,190</u>

The average number of employees employed by the PCC during the year was 3 for 2023 and 2 for 2022.

The trustees received no remuneration during the year however expenses were reimbursed for services other than as trustees.

There is no trustee indemnity insurance.



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

10 Tangible assets

	2023	2022
	£	£
Cost at 1 st January 2023	20,419	17,638
Additions at cost	12,446	2,781
Cost at 31 st December 2023	<u>32,865</u>	<u>20,419</u>
Depreciation at 1 st January 2023	17,869	17,638
Charge for the year	3,714	231
Depreciation at 31 st December 2023	<u>21,583</u>	<u>17,869</u>
Net book value	<u>11,282</u>	<u>2,550</u>

11 Investments

The investments held at the year-end are either investments listed on a recognised Stock Exchange or investments in authorised investment trusts.

	2023	2022
	£	£
Market value at 1 st January 2023	405,497	464,623
Addition	44,735	-
(Disposal)	(41,313)	-
Gain/(loss) on revaluation	7,950	(59,126)
Market value at 31 st December 2023	<u>416,869</u>	<u>405,497</u>
Historical cost	<u>393,000</u>	<u>393,000</u>

12 Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	793	558
Other debtors	45,813	-
	<u>46,606</u>	<u>558</u>

13 Cash at bank and in hand

	2023	2022
	£	£
Short term deposits	62,904	59,382
Cash at bank and in hand	21,031	44,890
	<u>83,935</u>	<u>104,272</u>



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	<u>7,290</u>	<u>8,340</u>

15 Charity funds

Details of funds and movements during the CURRENT reporting period

	At 1 st January 2023	Income (inc. gains)	Expenditure (inc. losses)	Transfer of funds	At 31 st December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	89,029	137,636	(132,453)	(2,740)	91,472
Designated funds	399,482	11,442	(2,446)	2,530	411,008
	<u>488,511</u>	<u>149,078</u>	<u>(134,899)</u>	<u>(210)</u>	<u>502,480</u>
	At 1 st January 2023	Income (inc. gains)	Expenditure (inc. losses)	Transfer of funds	At 31 st December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds					
Open Table Network	-	-	-	-	-
St Dunstan's Bequest	2,233	45,601	(3,422)	-	44,412
Lauda	9,044	5,000	(14,044)	-	-
Taste of God	476	-	-	-	476
Baltic Mission	2,000	-	(695)	-	1,305
Choir	500	-	(500)	-	-
Open Table Liverpool	1,773	3,688	(2,942)	210	2,729
	<u>16,026</u>	<u>54,289</u>	<u>(21,603)</u>	<u>210</u>	<u>48,922</u>
Total funds	<u>504,537</u>	<u>203,367</u>	<u>(156,502)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>551,402</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

15 Charity funds

Details of funds and movements during the PREVIOUS reporting period

	At 1 st January 2022 £	Income (inc. gains) £	Expenditure (inc. losses) £	Transfer of funds £	At 31 st December 2022 £
Unrestricted funds					
St Luke in the City					
General	84,898	139,148	(125,017)	(10,000)	89,029
Designated funds	448,736	500	(59,754)	10,000	399,482
	<u>533,634</u>	<u>139,648</u>	<u>(184,771)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>488,511</u>
Restricted funds					
Open Table Network	15	269	(284)	-	-
St Dunstan's Bequest	-	2,233	-	-	2,233
Lauda	5,144	9,000	(5,100)	-	9,044
Tsedaqah	-	2,000	(2,000)	-	-
Taste of God	476	-	-	-	476
Baltic Mission	-	2,000	-	-	2,000
Choir	1,000	-	(500)	-	500
Open Table Liverpool	1,654	1,524	(1,405)	-	1,773
	<u>8,289</u>	<u>17,026</u>	<u>(9,289)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,026</u>
Total funds	<u>541,923</u>	<u>156,674</u>	<u>(194,060)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>504,537</u>

16 Fund details

Details of the various funds held by the PCC are as follows:

Name of fund	Description, nature and purposes of the fund
Unrestricted funds	
General fund	From 1 st January 2019 there is a one General Fund.
Designated funds	Included is an investment of £360,000 to provide income.
Restricted funds	Funds received for specific purposes.



Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St Luke-in-the-City, Liverpool, charity number 1152031, on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023, as set out the following pages: Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet and Notes.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent Examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the PCC 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 material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act
or the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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

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