

# THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WALLASEY ST NICHOLAS WITH ALL SAINTS

England & Wales · Charity number 1155232

## Details

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Other names	PCC OF ST NICHOLAS WITH ALL SAINTS, WALLASEY
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2014-01-08
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

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## Activities

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**Objects:** PROMOTING IN THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH THE WHOLE MISSION OF THE CHURCH.

**Activities:** Regular public worship open to all. The provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation. Pastoral work, including visiting the sick and the bereaved. Teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups. Taking religious assemblies in school. Supporting other charities in the UK and overseas. Promotion of Christianity and the whole mission of the Church.

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Wirral

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£83,935	£83,761	-	-
2023-12-31	£88,346	£102,605	-	-
2022-12-31	£79,425	£72,490	-	-
2021-12-31	£88,262	£139,587	-	-
2020-12-31	£109,502	£79,404	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev JEFFREY JOSEPH STAPLES BA	Chair	2014-01-07
Barbara Hazel Smith		2015-04-19
Carolyne Ann Hankey		2020-09-16
Colin Hazlehurst		2014-01-07
Elizabeth Anne Phillips		2024-04-22
Elizabeth Brandwood		2020-09-16
Julia Frances Sayle		2020-09-16
Julie Dawn Piercy		2015-04-19
MISS JILL GOODWIN		2014-01-07
MRS GILL HAZLEHURST		2014-01-07
Mary Vanessa Gaskell		2015-04-19
Mr Ray Piercy		2016-04-04
Paul Cotton		2021-05-11

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# Accounts

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**The PCC of the Parish of St Nicholas with All Saints, Wallasey**  
**Registered Charity Number 1155232**  
**Financial Statements for the Year ended 31 December 2024**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b>Receipts and Payments Account</b>				
<b>Receipts</b>				
Voluntary Receipts				
Planned Giving	23,325	-	23,325	20,661
Collections	9,796	-	9,796	8,210
Income tax Recovered	1,262	-	1,262	5,631
	<u>34,383</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>34,383</u>	<u>34,502</u>
Other Voluntary Receipts (note 4a)	1,389	3,685	5,074	3,162
Activities for generating Funds (note 4b)	38,565	1,160	39,725	42,062
Receipts from Church Activities (note 4c)	3,068	-	3,068	2,833
Investment Income (note 4d)	885	-	885	872
Other Receipts (note 4e)	800	-	800	4,915
	<u>79,090</u>	<u>4,845</u>	<u>83,935</u>	<u>88,346</u>
<b>Payments</b>				
Church Activities				
Diocesan Parish Share	30,000	-	30,000	30,000
Other Payments (note 4f)	46,992	6,769	53,761	72,605
	<u>76,992</u>	<u>6,769</u>	<u>83,761</u>	<u>102,605</u>
<b>Excess/Shortage of Receipts over Payments</b>			<b>174</b>	<b>- 14,259</b>
Bank Accounts as at 1 January 2024			48,764	63,023
Bank Accounts as at 31 December 2024			<u>48,938</u>	<u>48,764</u>
<b>Statements of Assets and Liabilities</b>				
			<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Bank Current & Savings Accounts			48,938	48,764
	<u>32,994</u>	<u>15,944</u>	<u>48,938</u>	<u>48,764</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Sanctuary Window	6,395	7,725	14,120	-
	<u>6,395</u>	<u>7,725</u>	<u>14,120</u>	<u>-</u>

## The attached notes form part of these financial statements

Approved by the PCC on 10 March 2025 and signed on their behalf by  
Rev Jeff Staples (PCC Chairman) and Mr Colin Hazlehurst (PCC Treasurer).

*Jeff Staples*

*Mr Colin Hazlehurst*

### NOTES

- The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.
- Assets recognised but not valued in the statements of Assets and Liabilities :-  
St Nicholas Hall (also known as Harrison Hall) was donated to the parish in 1932 by members of the Harrison family as a memorial hall. It is currently insured for the sum of £6,650,000.
- At the start of 2024 Chester DBF made a request for a Parish Share of £75,344. The PCC made contributions totalling £30,000 towards this amount, which left a shortfall of £45,344. This has resulted in a total shortfall since 2014 of £375,528.
- PCC agreed to transfer Lent Lunches Donations £1570 to Psalm 23 Garden Project. Legacies Received £1,000 and at families request transferred to Psalm Garden Project.
- The movements in restricted funds during the year were:-

	Bal B/Fwd 01.01.24	Receipts	Payments	Bal C/Fwd 31.12.24
Donation - Sundries	283	1,000	375	908
Legacies	4,979	1,000	1,000	4,979
Lent Lunches	760	810	1,570	-
Psalm 23 Garden Project	3,055	3,445	4,568	1,932
WBC Grant - Hall Warm Space	-	1,000	600	400
WBC Grant - Wirral Together Fund	-	160	160	-
Window Fund	8,791	-	1,066	7,725
	<u>17,868</u>	<u>7,415</u>	<u>9,339</u>	<u>15,944</u>
Flower Fund	1,270	796	1,445	621
	<u>19,138</u>	<u>8,211</u>	<u>10,784</u>	<u>16,565</u>

#### 4. Receipts and Payments Analysis

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b>(a) Other Voluntary Receipts</b>				
Legacies	-	1,000	1,000	-
<u>Donations</u>				
Café Caz	-	-	-	100
Lent Lunches	-	810	810	760
Sundry Donations	1,389	1,875	3,264	2,302
	<u>1,389</u>	<u>3,685</u>	<u>5,074</u>	<u>3,162</u>
<b>(b) Activities for generating funds - receipts</b>				
<u>Fund Raising Events</u>				
Bowling Afternoon	150	-	150	200
Christmas Concert/Tree Festival	4,025	-	4,025	1,570
Coffee Morning	280	-	280	-
Easter Fair	300	-	300	-
Hymn Marathon	3,230	-	3,230	-
Panto - Snow White	-	-	-	4,161
Panto - The Grinch	816	-	816	5,344
Panto - Jack & the Bean Stalk	866	-	866	-
Quindingo	547	-	547	-
Santa Paws	-	-	-	1,000
	<u>10,214</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,214</u>	<u>12,275</u>
Parish Magazine	178	-	178	155
Church Hall	28,173	1,160	29,333	29,632
	<u>38,565</u>	<u>1,160</u>	<u>39,725</u>	<u>42,062</u>
<b>(c) Receipts from Church Activities</b>				
Fees (Weddings & Funerals)	3,068	-	3,068	2,833
	<u>3,068</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,068</u>	<u>2,833</u>
<b>(d) Receipts from Investments</b>				
Bank Interest	885	-	885	872
	<u>885</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>885</u>	<u>872</u>
<b>(e) Other Receipts</b>				
Donation - Bell Ringers	-	-	-	1,200
Grant - Guild of Church Ringers	-	-	-	250
Grant - DCMS Listed Places of Worship Scheme	-	-	-	3,065
WBC Polling Station Fee	800	-	800	400
	<u>800</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>800</u>	<u>4,915</u>

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	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b>(f) Church Activities - Payments</b>				
Bell Clapper	-	-	-	2,484
Carpet	-	-	-	3,050
Electric, Fire & Gas Service Tests	271	-	271	669
Lightning Protection	-	-	-	2,689
Organ & Piano Repair/Maintenance	478	-	478	2,127
Pew Runners	1,235	-	1,235	-
Psalm 23 Garden Project	-	4,568	4,568	-
Ramp Consultancy Fees	-	-	-	1,253
Sanctuary Window	-	1,066	1,066	-
Sundry Repair & Maintenance	58	-	58	210
Toilet Floor	-	-	-	1,365
Vestry Window	-	-	-	7,907
	<u>2,042</u>	<u>5,634</u>	<u>7,676</u>	<u>21,754</u>
Bank Charges	382	-	382	427
CCLI	385	-	385	366
Christmas Concert/Tree Festival	1,236	-	1,236	-
Church Christmas Tree & Lights	192	-	192	198
Church Desk	-	-	-	2,723
Church Hall	19,968	760	20,728	21,196
Church Running Expenses	13,104	-	13,104	12,354
Cost of Services	2,565	-	2,565	2,843
Defibrillator	-	-	-	1,320
Donation to Charity	-	-	-	50
Magazine	90	-	90	150
Panto Expenses	175	-	175	1,492
Photocopier	369	-	369	390
Printing & Stationery	174	375	549	765
Sundry Expenses	555	-	555	839
Vicarage Expenses	5,329	-	5,329	5,032
Kitchen Water Boiler	189	-	189	406
Webcam/Laptop & Web Domain	237	-	237	300
	<u>46,992</u>	<u>6,769</u>	<u>53,761</u>	<u>72,605</u>

**St Nicholas Hall & Function Suite, Wallasey**  
Known as Harrison Memorial Hall

**Appendix 1**

**Working account for the year ended 31 December 2024**

<u>Receipts</u>	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b><u>Income</u></b>				
Bloom Baby	1,920	-	1,920	1,504
Bloom Toddler	-	-	-	336
Craft Sewing Group	200	-	200	790
Dance Coutour	3,367	-	3,367	3,316
Karate Club	5,176	-	5,176	4,752
Keep Fit	5,668	-	5,668	4,444
Merseyside Yoga	280	-	280	280
Mini's Messy Play	-	-	-	736
Move It or Lose It	592	-	592	-
National Blood Service	650	-	650	550
Pavilion Choir	387	-	387	450
Pilates / C Williams	800	-	800	-
Pop Cats	-	-	-	972
Singme Merseyside	1,924	-	1,924	1,916
Strive Sport	1,326	-	1,326	1,820
Sundry Lettings	628	-	628	884
Tumble Tots	-	-	-	607
Walking Football	-	-	-	220
Wallasey Athletics	2,083	-	2,083	1,730
Wallasey Songbirds	974	-	974	906
Yoga - H Huszti	1,600	-	1,600	1,307
Zumba - L Whisker	598	-	598	-
	<u>28,173</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,173</u>	<u>27,520</u>
<b><u>Other Income</u></b>				
National Blood Service - Gate Post	-	-	-	2,112
WBC Wirral Together Fund	-	160	160	-
WBC Grant - Warm Space	-	1,000	1,000	-
	<u>28,173</u>	<u>1,160</u>	<u>29,333</u>	<u>29,632</u>

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Electricity	2,969	400	3,369	3,019
Gas	2,660	200	2,860	2,592
Insurance	2,825	-	2,825	2,538
Office Telephone	741	-	741	769
Water	412	-	412	503
Cleaner	2,344	-	2,344	2,238
Hall Secretary	400	-	400	400
<b><u>Repair &amp; Maintenance</u></b>				
Boiler Room Sump Pump	-	-	-	110
Corridor Ceiling Repair	790	-	790	-
Electrics/Lighting incl Emergency Lighting	630	-	630	1,528
Fire Doors Replaced	1,760	160	1,920	-
Fire Protection-Alarm/Fire Door/Smoke Detector	551	-	551	591
Gate Post Replacement	-	-	-	2,112
Grounds Maintenance	150	-	150	440
Hall Entrance Painted & Plaster Repaired	-	-	-	1,560
Kitchenette Painted & New Extractor Fan	-	-	-	850
Middle Hall Ceiling Repair	1,000	-	1,000	-
Main Hall Floor Repair	-	-	-	834
Piano Repair & Tuning	180	-	180	-
Roof and Gutter Repairs	1,520	-	1,520	-
Sundry Repairs including Cleaning Materials	288	-	288	387
<b><u>Sundry Expenses</u></b>				
Padlocks & Keys	109	-	109	204
PPL/PRS	330	-	330	209
Sundry Expenses	309	-	309	312
	<u>19,968</u>	<u>760</u>	<u>20,728</u>	<u>21,196</u>
<b>Total Receipts</b>			29,333	29,632
<b>Total Payments</b>			<u>20,728</u>	<u>21,196</u>
<b>Surplus</b>			<u>8,605</u>	<u>8,436</u>

# Independent Examiner's report to the PCC of St Nicholas with All Saints, Wallasey

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on the pages 1 to 6, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and s.43 of the Charities Act 1993 (the "Act").

## Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and s.43(2) of the Act does not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

## Basis of the report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given to me by the Charity Commission under s.43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church Guidance, 2006 Edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept in the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not prove all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

## Independents examiner's statement

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

- (1) which is to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act ; and
  - to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations 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.

Signed



Ann Waldron  
C/O HSBC UK Bank  
Runcorn  
Cheshire



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**Trustee's Annual Report**

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	Mrs Joyce Boggild	Hall Steward
<b>Elected Church Members</b>	Mr Paul Cotton Miss Jill Davies Mrs Vanessa Gaskell	
Retired 06.04.2025	Mrs Carol Grey Mrs Carol Hankey	Secretary
	Mr Colin M Hazlehurst	Treasurer
	Mrs Gillian Hazlehurst Mrs Elizabeth Phillips Mr Ray Piercy	
Resigned 06.04.2025	Mrs Jennifer Rowan Mrs Julia Sayle Mrs Barbara Smith	
<b>Independent Examiner</b>	Miss Ann Waldron	



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### **Objectives and Activities**

The Primary object of the PCC is the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrine and practices of the Church of England. The PCC of St Nicholas with All Saints has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical.

There have been no changes in the objectives since the last annual report.

### **Organisational Structure and Decision Making**

The PCC strives to promote its aims through bi-monthly meetings, with the APCM normally held in April.

Standing Committee – This is the only committee required by law. It consists of the Vicar, 2 x Churchwardens, Secretary and Treasurer. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. There is no formal training offered to members of the PCC but guidance can be and is provided by colleagues and the Diocese as required. Currently there is only one sub-committee, whose memberships consist of PCC members, as follows:

1. Events Committee organise fund raising activities.

### **Quorum for meetings**

For a Meeting to take valid decisions, one third of the members must be present and voting.

All members of the PCC give of their time freely and no remuneration was paid in the year.

The PCC will also endeavour to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, the health, safety, and welfare of all members of the congregation, contractors, visitors, and others who may visit the church, its surrounding grounds and any associated buildings.

### **Financial Review**

Church finances remained static during 2024, with the opening and closing balance on bank account almost unaltered.

Church congregation attendance has improved but church hall users declining. Total income over 2024 fell from £88,346 to £83,935. This was mainly due to Gift Aid not claimed for tax year 2023/2024, less fund raising and very little other receipts (DCMS Grant of £3,065 received 2023). General Collections taken across all services improved again for a third year from



£8,210 to £9,796. Overall total Giving across all channels is rising. Other voluntary receipts rose as we received one legacy of £1,000 and general donations were up compared to the previous year. Income from fund-raising events reduced from £12,275 to £10,214. However, it was difficult to compete with 2023 which includes income from two pantomimes in one year (which is our largest fund-raising event). The Church Hall had another successful year with rental income rising from £27,520 to £28,173 and a surplus of receipts over expenses of £8,605. The number of weddings and funerals remain low, with income of £3,068 a sharp decline from the past. Bank interest received increased from £872 to £885 reflecting higher interest rates.

The PCC was unable to meet its commitment to pay the full Parish Share of £75,344 to the Diocese of Chester and with their agreement we paid £30,000. The PCC has been unable to pay the full Parish Share since 2014. By the end of 2024 this has resulted in a total shortfall of £375,528. It is the commitment of the PCC to reduce the deficit when finances sufficiently improve, unless otherwise agreed by Diocese of Chester.

Total expenditure, excluding Parish Share, reduced from £72,605 to £53,761 in 2024, after a number of one-off repairs and maintenance issues were completed in 2023. Parish Share is still significantly below The Diocese of Chester expectation. Church running costs and Vicarage expenses remained relatively similar to previous years. The only big project we have taken on is the Psalm 23 Garden, costing £4,568 so far, which will see a new garden and seating area in the church grounds. The total expenditure for Church Hall reduced from £21,196 to £20,728. The largest expense was replacing one of the fire doors at a cost of £1,920. The surplus of church hall income over expenditure increased from £8,436 to £8,605 in 2024. There are currently no ongoing concerns at the hall

The PCC own the church hall, known locally as Harrison Memorial Hall, which was donated to the parish in 1932 following fund raising by parishioners. The building and contents are currently insured for the sum of £6,650,000.

At the end of December 2024, the PCC had funds of £48,938 of which £15,944 are restricted funds. At the end of 2024 all the funds are readily available in our Bank Accounts.

### **Reserves Policy**

It is the policy of this church to hold in reserve £15,000, to cover three months running costs of the church and hall, and cover emergency work. The funds are not currently held as restricted.

The Reserve is to be taken as a target to be held and not a minimum which must be held. Necessary expenditure may take reserve below the target level (the reserve is held against the possibility of necessary expenditure). When below target, the PCC will take steps to rebuild reserve. The policy is reviewed annually by the Standing Committee.



## **Activities**

The activities set out below reflect the PCC's aims: promoting Christian religious activities, both for the general public and those more closely associated with the church; making available a building and place, where religious worship and the other services the church offers can take place; and the making of grants and donations to charities and organisations.

## **Religious activities**

Public worship is on each Sunday

- BCP Holy Communion Service at 9am.
- Range of services including Holy Communion, Morning Prayer, Prayers for Healing and a Family Service known as LAF (Learn about Faith) at 10pm.

On the other days throughout the year

- Holy Communion Service at 10.30am every Wednesday.
- Additionally, there are services in Holy Week and Festival Days.

## **Maintaining a listed church building**

The last Quinquennial inspection was undertaken in May 2022 by Mark Pearce of Kepczyk Pearce Sanderson Architects & Surveyors. Executive Summary of Condition:

St Nicholas Church Wallasey architecturally is a particularly fine building despite being only Grade II Listed.

It is in an extremely exposed location adjacent to the Irish Sea on the Wirral Peninsula. This exposed location has resulted in extensive erosion of the external masonry. During the last quinquennial one of the liturgical south aisle windows were blown in during a storm and was rebuilt. The south transept window has also been rebuilt due to fears that it may also collapse. The north transept window is also of concern as are the stability of the clerestory and tower windows. In addition to this, the church has also suffered from the theft of lead to parapet gutters and downpipes in the past. Parapet gutters have been relined with bituminous felt and downpipes have been replaced with poor quality aluminium alternatives. The roofs and cast-iron gutters are holding at the present time however, a high-level inspection is recommended to further assess these issues with a view to putting in place a phased approach to attend them. As part of this work debris should be removed from all gutters and slipped / cracked / missing slates refixed / replaced.

The PCC will undertake the recommendations on a phased approach to external fabric repairs to masonry, roofs, guttering and windows. However, all recommended urgent works that required immediate attention have been completed.

## **Pastoral responsibilities**

The pastoral work of visiting the sick, elderly, and bereaved, and of care for the congregation is undertaken by the Vicar and other members of the congregation. This work is overseen by the vicar.



### **Teaching of the Christian faith**

Teaching and interpretation of the Christian faith is conducted in various ways. All Sunday and Wednesday services include a sermon. Regular Bible studies are held and open to all who wish to attend.

### **Safeguarding**

The PCC has adopted its Safeguarding Policy in June 2019, a copy of which is available on the church public website [www.stnicholaswallasey.co.uk](http://www.stnicholaswallasey.co.uk). The required training has been completed by all PCC members. The Safeguarding Officer works with other groups and church hall users to ensure compliance.

### **Children and young people**

Children and young families are an important part of the worshipping community and provision is made for a Family Service at 10am on the first Sunday of the month. Further children's work is through seasonal children's Craft Days.

### **Support for local community**

The church collects and distributes items for the needy, including Charles Thompson Mission, The Arc, Forum Housing (food donations) and Radio City annual Mission Christmas toy appeal.

### **Maintaining the PCC's Aims and Financial Position for 2023**

There has been encouraging signs of improvement in some of our sources of income. However, the financial situation remains tight with marginal increases in income and rising costs. The pressure to pay a full Parish Share to the Diocese of Chester remains. The PCC is confident that our finances will improve albeit slowly and the improvement in church attendance is encouraging. The PCC will be looking to improve and promote the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical in the parish next year.

Signed

Rev Jeff Staples, Vicar

Mr Colin Hazlehurst, Treasurer



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### **Religious activities**

Public worship is on each Sunday

- BCP Holy Communion Service at 9am.
- Range of services including Holy Communion, Morning Prayer, and Prayers for Healing at 10pm.

On the other days throughout the year

- Holy Communion Service at 10.30am every Wednesday.
- Additionally, there are services in Holy Week and Festival Days.

### **Maintaining a listed church building**

The last Quinquennial inspection was undertaken in May 2022 by Mark Pearce of Kepczyk Pearce Sanderson Architects & Surveyors. Executive Summary of Condition:

St Nicholas Church Wallasey architecturally is a particularly fine building despite being only Grade II Listed.

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The PCC will undertake the recommendations on a phased approach to external fabric repairs to masonry, roofs, guttering and windows. However, all recommended urgent works that required immediate attention have been completed.

### **Pastoral responsibilities**

The pastoral work of visiting the sick, elderly, and bereaved, and of care for the congregation is undertaken by the Vicar and other members of the congregation. This work is overseen by the vicar.

### **Teaching of the Christian faith**

Teaching and interpretation of the Christian faith is conducted in various ways. All Sunday and Wednesday services include a sermon. Regular Bible studies are held and open to all who wish to attend.

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The PCC has adopted its Safeguarding Policy in June 2019, a copy of which is available on the church public website [www.stnicholaswallasey.co.uk](http://www.stnicholaswallasey.co.uk). The required training has been completed by all PCC members. The Safeguarding Officer works with other groups and church hall users to ensure compliance.

### **Children and young people**

Children and young families are an important part of the worshipping community and provision is made for a Family Service at 10am on the first Sunday of the month. Further children's work is through seasonal children's Craft Days.

### **Support for local community**

The church collects and distributes items for the needy, including Charles Thompson Mission, The Arc and Forum Housing.

### **Maintaining the PCC's Aims and Financial Position for 2023**

There has been encouraging signs of improvement in some of our sources of income. However, the financial situation remains tight with marginal increases in income and rising costs. The pressure to pay a full Parish Share to the Diocese of Chester remains. The PCC is confident that our finances will improve albeit slowly and the improvement in church attendance and increased hall usage is encouraging. The PCC will be looking to improve and promote the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical in the parish next year.

Signed

Rev Jeff Staples, Vicar

Mr Colin Hazlehurst, Treasurer



**The PCC of the Parish of St Nicholas with All Saints, Wallasey**  
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**Financial Statements for the Year ended 31 December 2023**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<b>Receipts and Payments Account</b>				
<b>Receipts</b>				
Voluntary Receipts				
Planned Giving	20,661	-	20,661	21,647
Collections	8,210	-	8,210	7,219
Income tax Recovered	5,631	-	5,631	6,740
	<u>34,502</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>34,502</u>	<u>35,606</u>
Other Voluntary Receipts (note 4a)	1,402	1,760	3,162	5,885
Activities for generating Funds (note 4b)	39,950	2,112	42,062	30,523
Receipts from Church Activities (note 4c)	2,833		2,833	5,225
Investment Income (note 4d)	872		872	95
Other Receipts (note 4e)	3,465	1,450	4,915	2,091
	<u>83,024</u>	<u>5,322</u>	<u>88,346</u>	<u>79,425</u>
<b>Payments</b>				
Church Activities				
Diocesan Parish Share	30,000	-	30,000	24,000
Other Payments (note 4f)	57,912	14,693	72,605	48,490
	<u>87,912</u>	<u>14,693</u>	<u>102,605</u>	<u>72,490</u>
<b>Excess/Shortage of Receipts over Payments</b>			<b>- 14,259</b>	<b>6,935</b>
Bank Accounts as at 1 January 2023			63,023	
Bank Accounts as at 31 December 2023			<u>48,764</u>	
<b>Statements of Assets and Liabilities</b>				
			<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Bank Current & Savings Accounts	30,897	17,867	48,764	63,023
	<u>30,897</u>	<u>17,867</u>	<u>48,764</u>	<u>63,023</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

## The attached notes form part of these financial statements

Approved by the PCC on 11 March 2024 and signed on their behalf by  
Rev Jeff Staples (PCC Chairman) and Mr Colin Hazlehurst (PCC Treasurer).

*Jeff Staples*

*Mr Colin Hazlehurst*

### NOTES

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

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St Nicholas Hall (also known as Harrison Hall) was donated to the parish in 1932 by members of the Harrison family as a memorial hall. It is currently insured for the sum of £6,650,000.

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4. The movements in restricted funds during the year were:-

	Bal B/Fwd 01.01.2023	Receipts	Payments	Bal C/Fwd 31.12.2023
CBF Grant	254	-	254	-
Donation - Bell Ringers	-	1,200	1,200	-
Donation - Sundries	1,000	1,000	1,717	283
Grant - Guild of Church Ringers	-	250	250	-
Legacies	4,979	-	-	4,979
Lent Lunches	-	760	-	760
Psalm 23 Garden Project	3,055	-	-	3,055
Window Fund	17,950	-	9,160	8,790
	<u>27,238</u>	<u>3,210</u>	<u>12,581</u>	<u>17,867</u>
Flower Fund	1,132	1,285	1,147	1,270
	<u>28,370</u>	<u>4,495</u>	<u>13,728</u>	<u>19,137</u>

#### 4. Receipts and Payments Analysis

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<b>(a) Other Voluntary Receipts</b>				
Legacies	-	-	-	-
<b><u>Donations</u></b>				
Café Caz	100	-	100	200
Lent Lunches	-	760	760	780
Walking Football	-	-	-	110
Sundry Donations	1,302	1,000	2,302	4,795
	<u>1,402</u>	<u>1,760</u>	<u>3,162</u>	<u>5,885</u>
<b>(b) Activities for generating funds - receipts</b>				
<b><u>Fund Raising Events</u></b>				
Bowling Afternoon	200	-	200	153
Christmas Concert/Tree Festival	1,570	-	1,570	3,354
Coin Jar	-	-	-	200
Hymn Marathon	-	-	-	2,760
Panto - Snow White	4,161	-	4,161	77
Panto - The Grinch	5,344	-	5,344	325
Poppy Cascade	-	-	-	117
Santa Paws	1,000	-	1,000	760
	<u>12,275</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,275</u>	<u>7,746</u>
Parish Magazine	155	-	155	148
Church Hall	27,520	2,112	29,632	22,629
	<u>39,950</u>	<u>2,112</u>	<u>42,062</u>	<u>30,523</u>
<b>(c) Receipts from Church Activities</b>				
Fees (Weddings & Funerals)	2,833	-	2,833	5,225
	<u>2,833</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,833</u>	<u>5,225</u>
<b>(d) Receipts from Investments</b>				
Bank Interest	872	-	872	95
	<u>872</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>872</u>	<u>95</u>
<b>(e) Other Receipts</b>				
Donation - Bell Ringers	-	1,200	1200	-
Grant - Guild of Church Ringers	-	250	250	-
Grant - CDBF Energy	-	-	-	986
Grant - CoE Church Building Council	-	-	-	500
Grant - DCMS Listed Places of Worship Scheme	3,065	-	3,065	-
United Utilities Water Rebate / Vicarage	-	-	-	5
WBC Grant Garden Project	-	-	-	200
WBC Polling Station Fee	400	-	400	400
	<u>3,465</u>	<u>1,450</u>	<u>4,915</u>	<u>2,091</u>

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<b>(f) Church Activities - Payments</b>				
Bell Clapper	1,034	1,450	2,484	-
Carpet	3,050	-	3,050	-
Electric, Fire & Gas Service Tests	669	-	669	167
Kitchen Water Heater/Dispenser & Tap	-	-	-	582
Lightning Protection	2,689	-	2,689	354
Organ & Piano Repair/Maintenance	630	1,497	2,127	380
Ramp Consultancy Fees	-	1,253	1,253	1,509
Roof & Gutter Repairs	-	-	-	1,440
Sundry Repair & Maintenance	210	-	210	61
Toilet Floor	1,365	-	1,365	-
Vestry Window	-	7,907	7,907	1,740
Window Perspex Covers	-	-	-	1,182
Window Restoration/Fees	-	-	-	2,131
	<u>9,647</u>	<u>12,107</u>	<u>21,754</u>	<u>9,546</u>
Bank Charges	427	-	427	235
CCLI	366	-	366	667
Church Christmas Tree & Lights	198	-	198	1,020
Church Desk	2,723	-	2,723	-
Church Hall	19,084	2,112	21,196	16,771
Church Running Expenses	12,354	-	12,354	11,132
Cost of Services	2,843	-	2,843	2,502
Defibrillator	1,320	-	1,320	-
Donation to Charity	50	-	50	-
Hand Sanitiser Dispenser & PPE	-	-	-	29
Magazine	150	-	150	98
Panto Expenses	1,492	-	1,492	-
Photocopier	390	-	390	468
Printing & Stationery	765	-	765	592
Sundry Expenses	619	220	839	381
Vicarage Expenses	5,032	-	5,032	4,926
Kitchen Water Boiler	406	-	406	-
Webcam/Laptop & Web Domain	46	254	300	123
	<u>57,912</u>	<u>14,693</u>	<u>72,605</u>	<u>48,490</u>

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**Appendix 1**

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<u>Receipts</u>	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<b><u>Income</u></b>				
Bloom Baby	1,504	-	1,504	-
Bloom Toddler	336	-	336	-
Craft Sewing Group	790	-	790	-
Dance Coutour	3,316	-	3,316	4,480
Karate Club	4,752	-	4,752	2,316
Keep Fit	4,444	-	4,444	-
Merseyside Yoga	280	-	280	240
Mini's Messy Play	736	-	736	1,132
National Blood Service	550	-	550	660
Pavilion Choir	450	-	450	444
Pop Cats	972	-	972	830
Singme Merseyside	1,916	-	1,916	2,056
Strive Sport	1,820	-	1,820	1,121
Sundry Lettings	884	-	884	968
Tumble Tots	607	-	607	1,721
Walking Football	220	-	220	421
Wallasey Athletics	1,730	-	1,730	2,037
Wallasey Songbirds	906	-	906	612
Yoga - L Dunning	-	-	-	336
Yoga - H Huszti	1,307	-	1,307	1,166
	27,520	-	27,520	20,540
<b><u>Other Income</u></b>				
Insurance Claim	-	-	-	1,630
National Blood Service - Gate Post	-	2,112	2,112	-
WBC Wirral Together Fund	-	-	-	459
	27,520	2,112	29,632	22,629

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Gas	2,592	-	2,592	2,148
Insurance	2,538	-	2,538	2,312
Office Telephone	769	-	769	892
Water	503	-	503	1,011
Cleaner	2,238	-	2,238	2,020
Hall Secretary	400	-	400	300
<b><u>Repair &amp; Maintenance</u></b>				
Boiler Room Sump Pump	110	-	110	-
Electrics/Lighting incl Emergency Lighting	1,528	-	1,528	960
Fire Protection-Alarm/Fire Door/Smoke Detector	591	-	591	554
Gate Post Replacement	-	2,112	2,112	-
Grounds Maintenance	440	-	440	310
Hall Entrance Painted & Plaster Repaired	1,560	-	1,560	-
Kitchenette Painted & New Extractor Fan	850	-	850	-
Main Hall Floor Repair	834	-	834	-
Skip Hire	-	-	-	252
Sundry Repairs including Cleaning Materials	387	-	387	227
Toilet Floor Repair	-	-	-	1,858
Water Heater Replacement	-	-	-	200
<b><u>Sundry Expenses</u></b>				
Padlocks & Keys	204	-	204	-
PPL/PRS	209	-	209	1,112
Sundry Expenses	312	-	312	246
	<u>19,084</u>	<u>2,112</u>	<u>21,196</u>	<u>16,771</u>
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<b>Surplus</b>			<u>8,436</u>	<u>5,858</u>

## **Independent Examiner's report to the PCC of St Nicholas with All Saints, Wallasey**

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on the pages 1 to 6, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and s.43 of the Charities Act 1993 (the "Act").

### **Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner**

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and s.43(2) of the Act does not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

### **Basis of the report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given to me by the Charity Commission under s.43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church Guidance, 2006 Edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept in the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not prove all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

### **Independents examiner's statement**

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

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  - to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations 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.

Signed



Ann Waldron  
C/O HSBC UK Bank  
Runcorn  
Cheshire



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# Accounts

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**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WALLASEY ST NICHOLAS WITH ALL SAINTS**

Also known as PCC OF ST NICHOLAS WITH ALL SAINTS, WALLASEY

**Charity Number – 1155232**

**Trustee's Annual Report**

<b>Principal Office</b>	The Vicarage 22a Groveland Road Wallasey Merseyside CH45 8JY	
<b>Trustees</b>	<b>PCC Members</b>	
<b>Benefice</b>	Rev. Jeffrey J Staples	Vicar in Charge
<b>Ex-Officio members</b>	Mrs Elizabeth Brandwood	Warden (Deanery Synod Representative)
	Mrs Julie Piercy	Warden
Retired 12.03.2023	Mrs Jean M Warley	Verger
	Mrs Joyce Boggild	Deanery Synod Representative/Hall Steward
<b>Elected Church Members</b>	Miss Jill Davies	
	Mrs Vanessa Gaskell	
	Mrs Carol Grey	
	Mrs Carol Hankey	Secretary
	Mr Colin M Hazlehurst	Treasurer
	Mrs Gillian Hazlehurst	
Retired 12.03.2023	Mrs Tracey Lightfoot	
Resigned 17.09.2023	Ms Elizabeth Murphy	
	Mr Ray Piercy	
Appointed 12.03.2023	Mrs Jennifer Rowen	
	Mrs Julia Sayle	
	Mrs Barbara Smith	
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Other voluntary receipts fell as we received no legacies and general donations were down compared to the previous year. General Collections taken across all services improved from £3,156 to £7,219 as attendance in church improved. Overall total Giving across all channels has now stabilised. The number of weddings and funerals continued to improve, and fees increased from £3,581 to £5,225. We also made progress with additional fund-raising events, which saw income rise from £2,140 to £7,746. The Church Hall saw existing users return to business as usual and a couple of new ones which resulted in a significant recovery of income from £10,951 to £20,540. The hall surplus increased to £5,858 compared to £793 the previous year.

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Total expenditure, excluding Parish Share, reduced from £126,582 to £48,490 in 2022, although this was exclusively due to the cost of the restored stained-glass window which was £86,911 in 2021. Parish Share increased from £13,005 to £24,000, although this is still significantly below The Diocese of Chester expectation. Church running costs and Vicarage Expenses remained similar to previous years. The total expenditure for Church Hall was also similar to previous year £16,771 in 2022 from £16,376 in 2021, with no concerns. The surplus of church hall income over expenditure increased from £793 to £5,858 in 2022.

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### **Maintaining the PCC's Aims and Financial Position for 2021**

Our main sources of income continue to come under pressure from the aftermath of the pandemic and the 'cost of living crisis'. The financial situation remains tight with static income and rising costs. The pressure to pay a full Parish Share to the Diocese of Chester remains. The PCC is confident that our finances will improve albeit slowly and the return to normal usage of the church hall is encouraging. The PCC will be looking to start several initiatives to continue to promote the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical in the parish next year.

Signed

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<b>Receipts and Payments Account</b>				
<b>Receipts</b>				
Voluntary Receipts				
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Collections	7,219	-	7,219	3,156
Income tax Recovered	6,740	-	6,740	8,115
	<u>35,606</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>35,606</u>	<u>36,722</u>
Other Voluntary Receipts (note 4a)	2,355	3,530	5,885	7,965
Activities for generating Funds (note 4b)	28,109	2,414	30,523	21,609
Receipts from Church Activities (note 4c)	5,225	-	5,225	3,581
Investment Income (note 4d)	95	-	95	54
Other Receipts (note 4e)	400	1,691	2,091	18,331
	<u>71,790</u>	<u>7,635</u>	<u>79,425</u>	<u>88,262</u>
<b>Payments</b>				
Church Activities				
Diocesan Parish Share	24,000	-	24,000	13,005
Other Payments (note 4f)	40,715	7,775	48,490	126,582
	<u>64,715</u>	<u>7,775</u>	<u>72,490</u>	<u>139,587</u>
<b>Excess/Shortage of Receipts over Payments</b>			6935	- 51,325
Bank Accounts as at 1 January 2022			56,088	
Bank Accounts as at 31 December 2022			<u>63,023</u>	
<b>Statements of Assets and Liabilities</b>			<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Bank Current & Savings Accounts				
	35,785	27,238	63,023	56,088
	<u>35,785</u>	<u>27,238</u>	<u>63,023</u>	<u>56,088</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Church Window Protector	-	-	-	1,182
PPL/PRS Hall Licence	-	-	-	849
Repair to Vestry Window	-	6,163	6,163	-
Ramp Design Consultant Fees	-	1,253	1,253	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>7,416</u>	<u>7,416</u>	<u>2,031</u>

## The attached notes form part of these financial statements

Approved by the PCC on 31st January 2023 and signed on their behalf by  
Rev Jeff Staples (PCC Chairman) and Mr Colin Hazlehurst (PCC Treasurer).



### NOTES

1. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.
2. Assets recognised but not valued in the statements of Assets and Liabilities :-  
St Nicholas Hall (also known as Harrison Hall) was donated to the parish in 1932 by members of the Harrison family as a memorial hall. It is currently insured for the sum of £6,650,000.
3. At the start of 2021 Chester DBF made a request for a Parish Share of £69,667. The PCC made contributions totalling £24,000 towards this amount, which left a shortfall of £45,667. This has resulted in a total shortfall since 2014 of £288,427.
4. The Grant of £500 received through the Church Building Council was specifically for the window and has been transferred to the Window Fund.
5. The movements in restricted funds during the year were:-

	Bal B/Fwd 01.01.2022	Receipts	Payments	Bal C/Fwd 31.12.2022
CBF Grant	377	-	123	254
CDBF Energy Grant	-	986	986	-
Donation	-	1,000	-	1,000
Grant - Church Building Council	-	500	500	-
Insurance Claims	932	1,630	2,562	-
Legacies	4,979	-	-	4,979
Psalm 23 Garden Project	-	3,055	-	3,055
United Utilities (Vicarage)	-	5	5	-
WBC Wirral Together Fund	-	459	459	-
Window Fund	21,090	500	3,640	17,950
	<u>27,378</u>	<u>8,135</u>	<u>8,275</u>	<u>27,238</u>
Flower Fund	980	1,866	1,714	1,132
	<u>28,358</u>	<u>10,001</u>	<u>9,989</u>	<u>28,370</u>

#### 4. Receipts and Payments Analysis

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
<b>(a) Other Voluntary Receipts</b>				
Legacies	-	-	-	1,479
<b><u>Donations</u></b>				
Café Caz	200	-	200	-
Lent Lunches	-	780	780	-
Walking Football	110	-	110	-
Sundry Donations	2,045	2,750	4,795	6,486
	<u>2,355</u>	<u>3,530</u>	<u>5,885</u>	<u>7,965</u>
<b>(b) Activities for generating funds - receipts</b>				
<b><u>Fund Raising Events</u></b>				
Bowling Afternoon	153	-	153	-
Café Caz	-	-	-	500
Christmas Concert/Tree Festival	3,354	-	3,354	1,640
Coin Jar	200	-	200	-
Hymn Marathon	2,760	-	2,760	-
Panto	77	-	77	-
Poole & Parkstone Grammar School Choir	-	325	325	-
Poppy Cascade	117	-	117	-
Santa Paws	760	-	760	-
	<u>7,421</u>	<u>325</u>	<u>7,746</u>	<u>2,140</u>
Parish Magazine	148	-	148	125
Church Hall	20,540	2,089	22,629	17,169
	<u>28,109</u>	<u>2,414</u>	<u>30,523</u>	<u>19,434</u>
<b>(c) Receipts from Church Activities</b>				
Fees (Weddings & Funerals)	5,225	-	5,225	3,581
	<u>5,225</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,225</u>	<u>3,581</u>
<b>(d) Receipts from Investments</b>				
Bank Interest	95	-	95	54
	<u>95</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>54</u>
<b>(e) Other Receipts</b>				
Grant - CDBF Energy	-	986	986	-
Grant - CoE Church Building Council	-	500	500	2,000
Grant - DCMS Listed Places of Worship Scheme	-	-	-	15,399
Insurance Claim (Window Perspex Covers)	-	-	-	932
United Utilities Water Rebate / Vicarage	-	5	5	-
WBC Grant Garden Project	-	200	200	-
WBC Polling Station Fee	400	-	400	-
	<u>400</u>	<u>1,691</u>	<u>2,091</u>	<u>18,331</u>

#### 4. Receipts and Payments Analysis

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
<b>(f) Church Activities - Payments</b>				
Fire Protection & Gas Annual Tests	167	-	167	397
Lighting	-	-	-	184
Lightning Protection	354	-	354	-
Organ & Piano Repair/Maintenance	380	-	380	120
Ramp Consultancy Fees	-	1,509	1,509	-
Roof & Gutter Repairs	1,440	-	1,440	-
Sundry Repair & Maintenance	61	-	61	197
Kitchen Water Heater/Dispenser & Tap	582	-	582	-
Vestry Window	1,740	-	1,740	-
Window Perspex Covers	250	932	1,182	-
Window Restoration/Fees	-	2,131	2,131	86,911
	<u>4,974</u>	<u>4,572</u>	<u>9,546</u>	<u>87,809</u>
Bank Charges	235	-	235	-
CCLI	667	-	667	-
Church Christmas Tree & Lights	1,020	-	1,020	216
Church Hall	14,682	2,089	16,771	16,376
Church Running Expenses	10,146	986	11,132	11,220
Cost of Services	2,502	-	2,502	2,622
Giving Station	-	-	-	359
Hand Sanitiser Dispenser & PPE	29	-	29	49
Magazine	98	-	98	136
Photocopier	468	-	468	535
Printing & Stationery	592	-	592	865
Sundry Expenses	381	-	381	271
Vicarage Expenses	4,921	5	4,926	5,164
Webcam/Laptop & SIM Card	-	123	123	960
	<u>40,715</u>	<u>7,775</u>	<u>48,490</u>	<u>126,582</u>

## St Nicholas Hall & Function Suite, Wallasey

### Appendix 1

#### Working account for the year ended 31 December 2022

<u>Receipts</u>	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
<b><u>Income</u></b>				
Dance Coutour	4,480	-	4,480	3,881
Karate Club	2,316	-	2,316	1,083
Merseyside Yoga	240	-	240	120
Mini's Messy Play	1,132	-	1,132	-
National Blood Service	660	-	660	660
Pavilion Choir	444	-	444	240
Pop Cats	830	-	830	84
Singme Merseyside	2,056	-	2,056	880
Spanish Tots	-	-	-	452
Strive Sport	1,121	-	1,121	-
Sundry Lettings	968	-	968	37
Tumble Tots	1,721	-	1,721	1,418
Walking Football	421	-	421	200
Wallasey Athletics	2,037	-	2,037	1,147
Wallasey Songbirds	612	-	612	-
Yoga - L Dunning	336	-	336	266
Yoga - H Huszti	1,166	-	1,166	483
	20,540	-	20,540	10,951
<b><u>Other Income</u></b>				
Insurance Claim	-	1,630	1,630	1,380
WBC Grant	-	-	-	4,838
WBC Wirral Together Fund	-	459	459	-
	20,540	2,089	22,629	17,169

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Electricity	2,160	209	2,369	2,246
Gas	1,898	250	2,148	1,195
Insurance	2,312	-	2,312	2,212
Office Telephone	892	-	892	811
Water	1,011	-	1,011	629
Cleaner	2,020	-	2,020	1,180
Hall Secretary	300	-	300	200
<b><u>Repair &amp; Maintenance</u></b>				
Corridor Floor Repairs	-	-	-	1,630
Electrics/Lighting incl Emergency Lighting	960	-	960	-
External Signs	-	-	-	304
Fire Protection-Alarm/Fire Door/Smoke Detector	554	-	554	448
General Repairs including Cleaning Materials	114	-	114	148
Grounds Maintenance	310	-	310	340
Skip Hire	252	-	252	-
Sundry Repairs	113	-	113	-
Toilet Floor Repair	228	1,630	1,858	-
Toilet Sink Repair	-	-	-	114
Water Heater Replacement	200	-	200	-
<b><u>Sundry Expenses</u></b>				
PPL/PRS	1,112	-	1,112	-
Sundry Expenses	246	-	246	81
	<u>14,682</u>	<u>2,089</u>	<u>16,771</u>	<u>16,376</u>
<b>Total Receipts</b>			22,629	17,169
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<b>Surplus</b>			<u>5,858</u>	<u>793</u>

## Independent Examiner's report to the PCC of St Nicholas with All Saints, Wallasey

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on the pages 1 to 6, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and s.43 of the Charities Act 1993 (the "Act").

### Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and s.43(2) of the Act does not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

### Basis of the report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given to me by the Charity Commission under s.43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church Guidance, 2006 Edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept in the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not prove all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

### Independents examiner's statement

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

(1) which I to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act ; and

- to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations have not been met; or
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(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed



Ann Waldron  
C/O HSBC UK Bank  
Runcorn  
Cheshire



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# Accounts

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Also known as PCC OF ST NICHOLAS WITH ALL SAINTS, WALLASEY

Charity Number – 1155232

Trustee's Annual Report

Principal Office	The Vicarage 22a Groveland Road Wallasey Merseyside CH45 8JY	
Trustees	PCC Members	
Benefice	Rev. Jeffrey J Staples	Vicar in Charge
Ex-Officio members	Mrs Julie Piercy	Warden
Appointed 03.04.2022	Mrs Elizabeth Brandwood	Warden (Deanery Synod Representative)
Retired 03.04.2022	Mrs Patricia Dodd	Warden
Retired 14.08.2022	Mrs Louise Jones	Reader
	Mrs Jean M Warley	Verger
	Mrs Joyce Boggild	Deanery Synod Representative/Hall Steward
Elected Church Members	Miss Jill Davies Mrs Vanessa Gaskell Mrs Carol Grey Mrs Carol Hankey Mr Colin M Hazlehurst Mrs Gillian Hazlehurst	Secretary Treasurer
Retired 03.04.2022	Mr David Hudson Mrs Tracey Lightfoot	
Appointed 03.04.2022	Ms Elizabeth Murphy Mr Ray Piercy Mrs Julia Sayle Mrs Barbara Smith	
Independent Examiner	Miss Ann Waldron	

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The Primary object of the PCC is the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrine and practices of the Church of England. The PCC of St Nicholas with All Saints has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical.

There have been no changes in the objectives since the last annual report.

### **Organisational Structure and Decision Making**

The PCC strives to promote its aims through bi-monthly meetings, with the APMC normally held in April. Standing Committee – This is the only committee required by law. It consists of the Vicar, Churchwardens, Secretary, Verger, Hall Steward and Treasurer. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. There is no formal training offered to members of the PCC but guidance can be and is provided by colleagues and the Diocese as required. Currently there is only one sub-committee, whose memberships consist of PCC members, as follows:

1. Events Committee organise fund raising activities.

### **Quorum for meetings**

For a Meeting to take valid decisions, one third of the members must be present and voting. All members of the PCC give of their time freely and no remuneration was paid in the year.

The PCC will also endeavour to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, the health, safety, and welfare of all members of the congregation, contractors, visitors, and others who may visit the church, its surrounding grounds and any associated buildings.

## Financial Review

The coronavirus pandemic continued to cause massive disruption to finances in 2021. The church remained open but under continued social distancing measures and the Hall remained closed for most groups a large part of the year. Total income reduced from £109,502 in 2020 to £88,262 in 2021. The main reason was due to a fall of legacies income by £35,375. Income tax recovered also fell in 2021 as the previous year included two years Income tax recovered, so we received £8,115 rather than the untypical £16,476 the year before. Most of our congregation has continued to pay their Planned Giving by bank transfer and open plate cash collections have fallen further this year to £3,156. Total Giving across all channels continued to fall, which is a worrying sign, particularly when Sunday Worship Services continued every week throughout 2021. Although members of the congregation have reduced compared to pre pandemic levels, by the end of 2021 they have returned to a new normal. The number of weddings and funerals improved, and fees increased from £1,616 to £3,581. We were also able to undertake a couple of fund-raising events which raised £4,315 compared with £1,111 the year before.

As previously mentioned, the Church Hall was significantly disrupted for the first six months of the year. Social distancing measures and restrictions brought about by the coronavirus pandemic made it impossible for many of our hall users to operate. Income of £16,376 was comparable to previous year of £15,506. The hall had a slight surplus of £793 compared to a loss of £6,839 the previous year.

The PCC was unable to meet its commitment to pay the full Parish Share of £68,301 to the Diocese of Chester and with their agreement paid £13,005. The PCC has been unable to pay the full Parish Share since 2014. By the end of 2021 this has resulted in a total shortfall of £242,760. It is the commitment of the PCC to reduce the deficit when finances sufficiently improve, unless otherwise agreed by Diocese of Chester.

Total expenditure, excluding Parish Share, increased from £45,404 to £126,582. The increase was due to the completion costs of the restoration work for the stained-glass window of 86,911. Similarly, to the previous couple of years, the Church running costs remained the same as 2020 and 2019. The vicarage costs were higher at the new vicarage due to delays setting up the council tax, which meant some of the cost that should have fallen due in 2020 was paid in 2021, otherwise it would have been similar. The total expenditure for Church Hall reduced from £15,506 to £11,538, when you strip out expenditure of £4,838 to set up Café Caz, which was covered by a Grant from the local council.

The PCC own the church hall, known locally as Harrison Memorial Hall, which was donated to the parish in 1932 following fund raising by parishioners. The building is currently insured for the sum of £5,200,000.

As the end of December 2021, the PCC had funds of £56,088 of which £27,682 are restricted funds. At the end of 2021, all the funds are readily available in either Bank Accounts or CBF Deposit Fund.

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## Maintaining a listed church building

The last Quinquennial inspection was undertaken in November 2016 by Mark Pearce of Lloyd Evan Pritchard. The report has found that there is significant refurbishment of the stonework and roof stabling" (The) exposed location has resulted in extensive erosion of the external masonry. The erosion of masonry is so severe it has exposed the brick wall core in localised areas and the stability of sections of window tracery and the stone crosses to the north and south transepts are now questionable ..... Given these observations the PCC are strongly advised to undertake a phased approach to external fabric repairs to masonry, roofs, gutters and windows. It should be noted however that although the Church building now requires considerable investment on its external fabric it is obviously well cared for by its congregation as the interior of the building is exceptionally well presented." (Taken from the Executive Summary of Condition, p1). The south transept window was in a serious state of repair caused by wind erosion of the masonry. The full restoration of the south transept window was completed in September 2021. The next Quinquennial inspection of the church buildings was due 2021, but will now be completed in 2022 by KEP CZYK PEARCE SANDERSON Architects & Surveyors.

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**Children and young people**

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**Support for local community**

The church collects and distributes items for the needy, including Charles Thompson Mission, The Arc, Forum Housing, St John's Hospice and Wirral Food Bank.

**Maintaining the PCC's Aims and Financial Position for 2021**

Our main sources of income continued to take a hit with the pandemic closing many sources of income. The financial situation remains tighter than ever given falling income and rising costs. The restoration of the stained-glass window is complete but the pressure to pay a full Parish Share to the Diocese of Chester remains. The PCC is confident that our finances will improve albeit slowly for both the church and hall. The PCC will be looking to start several initiatives to continue to promote the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical in the parish next year.

Signed

Rev Jeff Staples, Vicar

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<b>Receipts and Payments Account</b>				
<b>Receipts</b>				
Voluntary Receipts				
Regular Giving				
Planned Giving	25,451	-	25,451	29,074
Collections	3,156	-	3,156	3,450
Income tax Recovered	8,115	-	8,115	16,476
	<u>36,722</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36,722</u>	<u>49,000</u>
Other Voluntary Receipts (note 4a)	2,345	5,620	7,965	46,709
Activities for generating Funds (note 4b)	15,391	6,218	21,609	9,874
Receipts from Church Activities (note 4c)	3,581	-	3,581	1,616
Investment Income (note 4d)	54	-	54	303
Other Receipts (note 4e)	-	18,331	18,331	2,000
	<u>58,093</u>	<u>30,169</u>	<u>88,262</u>	<u>109,502</u>
<b>Payments</b>				
Church Activities				
Diocesan Parish Share	13,005	-	13,005	34,000
Other Payments (note 4f)	31,830	94,752	126,582	45,404
	<u>44,835</u>	<u>94,752</u>	<u>139,587</u>	<u>79,404</u>
<b>Excess/Shortage of Receipts over Payments</b>			- 51,325	<b>30,098</b>
Bank Accounts as at 1 January 2021			107,413	77,315
Bank Accounts as at 31 December 2021			<u>56,088</u>	<u>107,413</u>
<b>Statements of Assets and Liabilities</b>				
Petty Cash at St Nicholas Hall	-	-	-	20
Bank Current & Savings Accounts	28,406	27,682	56,088	57,393
CBF Deposit Fund	-	-	-	50,000
	<u>28,406</u>	<u>27,682</u>	<u>56,088</u>	<u>107,413</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Church Window Protector	250	932	1,182	-
PPL/PRS Hall Licence	849	-	849	-
	<u>1,099</u>	<u>932</u>	<u>2,031</u>	<u>-</u>

## The attached notes form part of these financial statements

Approved by the PCC on 8th March 2022 and signed on their behalf by  
Rev Jeff Staples (PCC Chairman) and Mr Colin Hazlehurst (PCC Treasurer).



### NOTES

1. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.
2. Assets recognised but not valued in the statements of Assets and Liabilities :-  
St Nicholas Hall (also known as Harrison Hall) was donated to the parish in 1932 by members of the Harrison family as a memorial hall. It is currently insured for the sum of £5,200,000.
3. At the start of 2021 Chester DBF made a request for a Parish Share of £68,301. The PCC made contributions totalling £13,005 towards this amount, which left a shortfall of £55,296. This has resulted in a total shortfall since 2014 of £242,760.
4. The Grants of £15,399 received through the DCMS - Listed Places of Worship Scheme and £2,000 from Church of England Church Building Council, have been transferred to the Window Fund.
5. The movement in restricted funds during the year were:-

	Bal B/Fwd 01.01.2021	Receipts	Payments	Bal C/Fwd 31.12.2021
CBF Grant	2,000	-	1,623	377
DCMS - Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme	-	15,399	15,399	-
Grant - Church Building Council	-	2,000	2,000	-
Insurance Claims	-	2,312	1,380	932
Legacies	3,500	1,479	-	4,979
WBC COVID Grant - Road to Recovery	-	4,838	4,838	-
Window Fund	86,461	21,540	86,911	21,090
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	91,961	47,568	112,151	27,378
Flower Fund	1,112	855	987	980
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	93,073	48,423	113,138	28,358

#### 4. Receipts and Payments Analysis

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
<b>(a) Other Voluntary Receipts</b>				
Legacies	-	1,479	1,479	36,854
<b>Donations</b>				
Christmas/Lent lunches	-	-	-	215
Ladies Fellowship	-	-	-	658
Louise's Afternoon Tea	-	-	-	280
Men's Breakfast	-	-	-	85
Tea & Chat	-	-	-	90
Sundry Donations	2,345	4,141	6,486	8,527
	<u>2,345</u>	<u>5,620</u>	<u>7,965</u>	<u>46,709</u>
<b>(b) Activities for generating funds - receipts</b>				
<b>Fund Raising Events</b>				
Café Caz	500	-	500	-
Christmas Concert	1,640	-	1,640	-
Coin Jar	-	-	-	411
Duck Race	-	-	-	700
Hymn Marathon	2,175	-	2,175	-
	<u>4,315</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,315</u>	<u>1,111</u>
Parish Magazine	125	-	125	96
Church Hall	10,951	6,218	17,169	8,667
	<u>15,391</u>	<u>6,218</u>	<u>21,609</u>	<u>9,874</u>
<b>(c) Receipts from Church Activities</b>				
Fees (Weddings & Funerals)	3,581	-	3,581	1,616
	<u>3,581</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,581</u>	<u>1,616</u>
<b>(d) Receipts from Investments</b>				
Bank & CBF Deposit Fund Interest	54	-	54	303
	<u>54</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>303</u>
<b>(e) Other Receipts</b>				
Grant - Chester Board of Finance	-	-	-	2,000
Grant - CoE Church Building Council	-	2,000	2,000	-
Grant - DCMS Listed Places of Worship Scheme	-	15,399	15,399	-
Insurance Claim	-	932	932	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>18,331</u>	<u>18,331</u>	<u>2,000</u>

#### 4. Receipts and Payments Analysis

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
<b>(f) Church Activities - Payments</b>				
Boiler Pump Replacement	-	-	-	2,316
Fire Protection & Gas Annual Tests	397	-	397	348
Lighting	184	-	184	426
Organ & Piano Repair/Maintenance	120	-	120	520
Roof & Gutter Repairs	-	-	-	1,188
Sundry Repair & Maintenance	197	-	197	56
Kitchen Water Heater/Dispenser & Tap	-	-	-	1,055
Window Restoration/Fees	-	86,911	86,911	4,360
	898	86,911	87,809	10,269
Church Christmas Tree & Lights	216	-	216	242
Church Hall	9,854	6,522	16,376	15,506
Church Running Expenses	11,220	-	11,220	11,167
Cost of Services	2,622	-	2,622	2,384
Giving Station	-	359	359	-
Hand Sanitiser Dispenser & PPE	49	-	49	227
Magazine	136	-	136	180
Photocopier	535	-	535	358
Printing & Stationery	865	-	865	927
Sundry Expenses	271	-	271	250
Vicarage Expenses	5,164	-	5,164	3,894
Webcam/Laptop & SIM Card	-	960	960	-
	31,830	94,752	126,582	45,404

## St Nicholas Hall & Function Suite, Wallasey

### Appendix 1

#### Working account for the year ended 31 December 2021

<u>Receipts</u>	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
<b><u>Income</u></b>				
Bridal Fayre	-	-	-	150
Caledonian Society	-	-	-	595
Dance Coutour	3,881	-	3,881	1,242
Karate Club	1,083	-	1,083	-
Merseyside Yoga	120	-	120	-
Mini Magoos	-	-	-	624
Monday Circle	-	-	-	224
National Blood Service	660	-	660	410
Pavilion Choir	240	-	240	-
Pop Cats	84	-	84	168
Singme Merseyside	880	-	880	675
Spanish Tots	452	-	452	-
Stage One 2000	-	-	-	901
Sundry Lettings	37	-	37	645
Tea Dance	-	-	-	607
Tumble Tots	1,418	-	1,418	-
Walking Football	200	-	200	-
Wallasey Athletics	1,147	-	1,147	1,597
Yoga - L Dunning	266	-	266	224
Yoga - H Huszti	483	-	483	-
Zumba	-	-	-	405
	10,951	-	10,951	8,467
<b><u>Other Income</u></b>				
Insurance Claim	-	1,380	1,380	-
WBC COVID Road to Recovery Fund Grant	-	4,838	4,838	-
Donation	-	-	-	200
	10,951	6,218	17,169	8,667

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### Appendix 1

#### Working account for the year ended 31 December 2021

<u>Payments</u>	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Café Caz	-	4,838	4,838	-
Electricity	2,246	-	2,246	2,234
Gas	1,195	-	1,195	1,942
Insurance	2,212	-	2,212	2,146
Office Telephone	811	-	811	793
Water	629	-	629	495
Cleaner	1,180	-	1,180	960
Hall Secretary	200	-	200	350
<u>Repair &amp; Maintenance</u>				-
Corridor Floor Repairs	250	1,380	1,630	-
Electrics & Lighting incl Emergency Lighting	-	-	-	-
External Signs	-	304	304	-
Fire Protection-Alarm/Fire Door/Smoke Detector	448	-	448	418
General Repairs including Cleaning Materials	148	-	148	129
Gents Toilet Water Pipe Repair	-	-	-	822
Grounds Maintenance	340	-	340	-
North Hall Floor Repair	-	-	-	2,016
Roof Repairs	-	-	-	1,272
Stage Ceiling Repair	-	-	-	1,326
Toilet Sink Repair	114	-	114	
Water Heater Replacement	-	-	-	565
<u>Sundry Expenses</u>				
Sundry Expenses	81	-	81	38
	<u>9,854</u>	<u>6,522</u>	<u>16,376</u>	<u>15,506</u>
<b>Total Receipts</b>			17,169	8,667
<b>Total Payments</b>			<u>16,376</u>	<u>15,506</u>
<b>Surplus/Shortfall</b>			<u><b>793</b></u>	<u><b>6,839</b></u>

## Independent Examiner's report to the PCC of St Nicholas with All Saints, Wallasey

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on the pages 1 to 6, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and s.43 of the Charities Act 1993 (the "Act").

### Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and s.43(2) of the Act does not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

### Basis of the report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given to me by the Charity Commission under s.43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church Guidance, 2006 Edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept in the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not prove all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

### Independents examiner's statement

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

(1) which I to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act ; and

- to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations have not been met; or
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(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed



Ann Waldron  
C/O HSBC UK Bank  
Ellesmere Port  
Cheshire



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# Accounts

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**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WALLASEY  
ST NICHOLAS WITH ALL SAINTS**

Also known as PCC OF ST NICHOLAS WITH ALL SAINTS, WALLASEY

Charity Number – 1155232

Trustee's Annual Report.

Principal Office	The Vicarage 22a Groveland Road Wallasey Merseyside CH45 8JY	
Trustees	PCC Members	
Benefice	Rev. Jeffrey J Staples	Vicar in Charge
Ex-Officio members	Mrs Patricia Dodd Mrs Julie Percy Mrs Louise Jones Mrs Jean M Warley Mrs Joyce Boggild Mrs Elizabeth Brandwood	Warden Warden Reader Vergar Deanery Synod Representative/Hall Steward Deanery Synod Representative
Elected Church Members	Mrs Vanessa Gaskell Miss Jill Davies Mrs Sylvia Gartland Mrs Carol Grey Mrs Carol Hankey Mr Colin M Hazlehurst Mrs Gillian Hazlehurst Mr David Hudson Mrs Tracey Lightfoot Mr Ray Percy Mrs Julia Sayle Mrs Barbara Smith	Secretary Treasurer
Retired	02.05.2021	
Appointed	16.09.2020	
Independent Examiner	Miss Ann Waldron	

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP 2005. The financial statements have been prepared under the Receipts and Payments basis. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

**Objectives and Activities**

The Primary object of the PCC is the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrine and practices of the Church of England. The PCC of St Nicholas with All Saints has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

There have been no changes in the objectives since the last annual report.

## Organisational Structure and Decision Making

The PCC strives to promote its aims through bi-monthly meetings, with the APCM normally held in April.

**Standing Committee** – This is the only committee required by law. It consists of the Vicar, Churchwardens, Secretary, Verger, Hall Steward and Treasurer. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All church

attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. There is no formal training offered to members of the PCC but guidance can be and is provided by colleagues and the

Diocese as required. Currently there is only one sub-committee, whose memberships consist of PCC members, as follows:

1. Events Committee organise fund raising activities.

## Quorum for meetings

For a Meeting to take valid decisions, one third of the members must be present and voting.

All members of the PCC give of their time freely and no remuneration was paid in the year.

The PCC will also endeavour to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, the health, safety and welfare of all members of the congregation, contractors, visitors and others who may visit the church, its surrounding grounds and any associated buildings.

## Financial Review

During a large part of 2020, after the coronavirus pandemic struck, the church and hall were closed and both a long way from normal at the year end. Total income increased from £104,183 in 2019 to £109,502 in 2020, mainly due to two events. Firstly, there was a large increase in legacies up by £35,354 and secondly income tax recovered increased by £10,837. Income tax recovered is now on track having received two tax years, 2018/2019 and 2019/2020. Many of our congregation switched to paying their Panning Giving by bank transfer and have continued to do so once the church re-opened as opposed to paying by cash during the service. Consequently, Planned Giving increased from £26,504 to £29,074 and Collections fell from £12,267 to £3,450. However, the considerable fall in Collections was also due to the lack of services, both Sunday Worship and special Services. The congregation has reduced during the year, with many not willing to return while coronavirus restrictions are in place. Weddings and funerals were unable to take place resulting in fees falling from £2,417 to £1,616. The only fund raising was at the start of year before lockdown measures, raising £1,111 compared to £12,493 the year before.

As previously mentioned, the Church Hall was closed for a large part of the year. Social distancing measures and restrictions brought on by the coronavirus made it was impossible for many of our hall users to operate. Income was therefore decimated compared to the previous year of £28,396 to £8,667 this year. The hall had a shortfall of income over expenses of £6,839 compared to a surplus of £8,863 in 2019.

The PCC was unable to meet its commitment to pay the full Parish Share of £67,624 to the Diocese of Chester and with their agreement paid £34,000. The PCC has been unable to pay the full Parish Share since 2014. By the end of 2020 this has resulted in a total shortfall of £187,464. It is the commitment of the PCC to reduce the deficit when finances sufficiently improve, unless otherwise agreed by Diocese of Chester.

Total expenditure, excluding Parish Share, reduced from £58,598 to £45,404. The restoration work for the stained-glass window is due to be completed in 2021, when the bulk of the costs will be paid. During 2020 expenditure on the window was £4,360 (fees) compared to £13,705 the previous year (most of the cost was to remove the glass and board up the window). Church running costs remained the same as 2019, as insurance and heating costs (gas) unaffected by pandemic. Vicarage costs lower, as vicar moved into new vicarage during 2020 and there were delays setting up council tax and water, which resulted in some of the expenditure paid in 2021. Total expenditure for Church Hall reduced by £3,927 to £15,506. This included one off costs for work completed in 2019 on North Hall floor repair, roof repairs and stage ceiling repairs totalling £4,614 and paid in 2020.

The PCC own the church hall, known locally as Harrison Memorial Hall, which was donated to the parish in 1932 following fund raising by parishioners. The building is currently insured for the sum of £5,200,000.

As the end of December 2020, the PCC had funds of £107,413 of which £91,961 were restricted funds (£86,461 held in the 'Window Fund). All the funds are readily available in either Bank Accounts or CBF Deposit Fund.

### Reserves Policy

It is the policy of this church to hold in reserve £15,000, to cover three months running costs of the church and hall, and cover emergency work. The funds are not currently held as restricted. The Reserve is to be taken as a target to be held and not a minimum which must be held. Necessary expenditure may take reserve below the target level (the reserve is held against the possibility of necessary expenditure). When below target, the PCC will take steps to rebuild reserve. The policy is reviewed annually by the Standing Committee.

### Activities

The activities set out below reflect the PCC's aims: promoting Christian religious activities, both for the general public and those more closely associated with the church; making available a building and place where religious worship and the other services the church offers can take place; and the making of grants and donations to charities and organisations.

### Religious activities

Public worship is on each Sunday

- BCP Holy Communion Service at 9am.
- Range of services including Holy Communion, Morning Prayer, and Prayers for Healing at 10pm.
- Range of services including Holy Communion, Evening Prayer, and Prayers for Healing at 6pm.

On the other days throughout the year

- Holy Communion Service at 10.30am every Wednesday.
- Additionally, there are services in Holy Week and Festival Days.

### Maintaining a listed church building

The last Quinquennial inspection was undertaken in November 2016 by Mark Pearce of Lloyd Evan Pritchard. The report has found that there is significant refurbishment of the stone work and roof staining" (The) exposed location has resulted in extensive erosion of the external masonry. The erosion of masonry is so severe it has exposed the brick wall core in localised areas and the stability of sections of window tracery and the stone crosses to the north and south transepts are now questionable ..... Given these observations the PCC are strongly advised to undertake a phased approach to external fabric repairs to masonry, roofs, guttering and windows starting with the tower which is in most urgent need of attention. It should be noted however that although the Church building now requires considerable investment on its external fabric it is obviously well cared for by its congregation as the interior of the building is exceptionally well presented." (Taken from

the Executive Summary of Condition, p1). The next Quinquennial Inspection of the church buildings is due 2021.

The South Transept window was in a serious state of repair caused by wind erosion of the masonry. An Interim Faculty approved by Diocese of Chester in 2019 led to removal of the stained-glass window and the window boarded up. During November 2020 the Specification for Window Repairs was raised by Kępczyk Pearce Sanderson Architects. A Faculty application will follow in due course to the Diocese of Chester for approval and three quotes are to be sourced. Once approved work should then start on restoring the window in Spring 2021.

The PCC are working closely with the Architect to put forward an application for Heritage Lottery Funding to promote the Church's historical and heritage value in the local community.

#### **Pastoral responsibilities**

The pastoral work of visiting the sick, elderly, and bereaved, and of care for the congregation is undertaken by the Vicar, Reader and others members of the congregation. This work is overseen by the vicar.

#### **Teaching of the Christian faith**

Teaching and interpretation of the Christian faith is conducted in various ways. All Sunday and Wednesday services include a sermon. Regular Bible studies are held and open to all who wish to attend.

#### **Safeguarding**

The PCC has adopted its Safeguarding Policy in June 2019, a copy of which is available on the church public website [www.stnicholaswallasey.co.uk](http://www.stnicholaswallasey.co.uk). The required training was completed by all PCC members during the year. The Safeguarding Officer is working with other groups and church hall users to ensure compliance.

#### **Children and young people**

Under normal times children and young families are an important part of the worshipping community and provision is made for a Family Service at 10am on the third Sunday of the month, including a youth choir. Further children's work is through seasonal children's Craft Days in the church hall. The Vicar also regularly takes assembly at the local primary school.

#### **Support for local community**

The church collects and distributes items for the needy, including Charles Thompson Mission, The Arc, Forum Housing and St John's Hospice.

#### **Maintaining the PCC's Aims and Financial Position for 2020**

Our main sources of income have taken a hit this year with the pandemic closing many sources of income. The financial situation remains tighter than ever given the cost to restore our stained-glass window and the shortfall in the contribution of Parish Share to the Diocese of Chester. The PCC is confident that our finances will improve albeit slowly, as the congregation return to church and our hall users return. The PCC will be looking to start a number of initiatives to continue to promote the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical in the parish next year.

Signed

Rev Jeff Staples, Vicar

Mr Colin Hazlehurst, Treasurer

The PCC of the Parish of St Nicholas with All Saints, Wallasey  
Registered Charity Number 1155232  
Financial Statements for the Year ended 31 December 2020

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
	2020	2020	2019	2019
	Total	Total	Total	Total
<b>Receipts and Payments Account</b>				
<b>Receipts</b>				
Voluntary Receipts	29,074	-	26,504	26,504
Regular Giving	3,450	-	12,267	12,267
Planned Giving	16,476	-	5,639	5,639
Collections	49,000	-	44,410	44,410
Income tax Recovered	685	46,024	10,728	10,728
Other Voluntary Receipts (note 4a)	8,763	1,111	41,311	41,311
Activities for generating Funds (note 4b)	1,616	-	2,417	2,417
Receipts from Church Activities (note 4c)	303	-	400	400
Investment Income (note 4d)	-	2,000	4,917	4,917
Other Receipts (note 4e)	60,367	49,135	104,183	104,183
<b>Payments</b>				
Church Activities	34,000	-	39,500	39,500
Diocesan Parish Share	41,044	4,360	58,598	58,598
Other Payments (note 4f)	75,044	4,360	98,098	98,098
<b>Excess/Shortage of Receipts over Payments</b>				
Bank Accounts as at 1 January 2020	77,315	77,315	71,230	71,230
Bank Accounts as at 31 December 2020	107,413	107,413	77,315	77,315
<b>Statements of Assets and Liabilities</b>				
Petty Cash at St Nicholas Hall	20	-	20	20
Bank Current & Savings Accounts	15,432	41,961	27,295	27,295
CBF Deposit Fund	-	50,000	50,000	50,000
<b>Liabilities</b>				
	15,452	91,961	77,315	77,315

**The attached notes form part of these financial statements**

Approved by the PCC on 12th April 2021 and signed on their behalf by  
 Rev Jeff Staples (PCC Chairman) and Mr Colin Hazlehurst (PCC Treasurer).

*Colin Hazlehurst*      *Jeff Staples*

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4. Donations and Fund Raising that were specifically for the Window Fund are shown

as restricted funds and have been transferred to the Window Fund. The PCC agreed that £33,354 of Legacies received should also be transferred to the Window Fund. See below.

5. The movement in restricted funds during the year were:-

	Bal B/Fwd 01.01.2020	Receipts	Payments	Bal C/Fwd 31.12.2020
Donations	-	9,170	9,170	-
Fund Raising	-	1,111	1,111	-
Legacies	-	36,854	33,354	3,500
CBF Grant	-	2,000	-	2,000
Window Fund	47,186	43,635	4,360	86,461
Flower Fund	47,186	92,770	47,995	91,961
	861	880	629	1,112
	48,047	93,650	48,624	93,073

#### 4. Receipts and Payments Analysis

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total
	£	£	£
	Fund 2020	Fund 2019	Total 2019
<b>(a) Other Voluntary Receipts</b>			
Legacy	-	36,854	1,500
<b>Donations</b>			
Christmas/Lent lunches	215	215	-
Ladies Fellowship	-	658	-
Louise's Afternoon Tea	-	280	-
Men's Breakfast	85	85	86
Tea & Chat	90	90	-
Sundry Donations	295	8,232	9,142
	685	46,024	10,728
<b>(b) Activities for generating funds - receipts</b>			
Bingo/Quiz & Bizz Evenings	-	-	378
Cascade of Poppies	-	-	208
Christmas Concert	-	-	1,980
Christmas Tree Festival	-	-	771
Coin Jar	-	411	-
Duck Race	-	700	-
Harvest Fun Night	-	-	1,308
Heritage Open Day	-	-	110
Hymn Marathon	-	-	2,923
Pantomime	-	-	3,648
Santa Paws	-	-	1,167
	-	1,111	12,493
Parish Magazine	96	96	422
Church Hall	8,667	8,667	28,396
	8,763	1,111	41,311
<b>(c) Receipts from Church Activities</b>			
Fees	1,616	-	2,417
	1,616	-	2,417
<b>(d) Receipts from Investments</b>			
Bank & GBF Deposit Fund Interest	303	-	400
	303	-	400
<b>(e) Other Receipts</b>			
BT Sport - Use of Church	-	-	383
Grant - All Churches Trust	-	-	2,250
Grant - Chester Board of Finance	-	2,000	-
VAT Refund - Listed Places of Worship	-	-	2284
	-	2,000	4,917

4. Receipts and Payments Analysis		(f) Church Activities - Payments			
	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total	Total	
	£	£	£	£	2019
					2020
					Total
Boiler Pump Replacement	2,316	-	2,316	-	-
Fire Protection & Gas Annual Tests	348	-	348	348	247
Lighting	426	-	426	426	-
Organ & Piano Repair/Maintenance	520	-	520	520	730
Roof & Gutter Repairs	1,188	-	1,188	1,188	-
Sundry Repair & Maintenance	56	-	56	56	120
Vestry Carpet	-	-	-	-	480
Kitchen Water Heater/Dispenser & Tap	1,055	-	1,055	1,055	-
Window Restoration/Fees	-	4,360	4,360	4,360	13,705
<b>Charitable Giving</b>	5,909	4,360	10,269	15,282	
Children's Society	-	-	-	-	230
Royal British Legion	-	-	-	-	50
Church Christmas Tree & Lights	242	-	242	242	280
Christmas Tree Festival	-	-	-	-	326
Church Hall	15,506	-	15,506	19,433	
Church Running Expenses	11,167	-	11,167	11,441	
Cost of Services	2,384	-	2,384	2,896	
Hand Sanitiser Dispenser & PPE	227	-	227	-	-
Magazine	180	-	180	475	
Vicarage Expenses	3,894	-	3,894	4,789	
Panto Expenses	-	-	-	102	
Printing & Stationery	1,285	-	1,285	2,232	
Radio Microphone	-	-	-	276	
Sundry Expenses	250	-	250	851	
	41,044	4,360	45,404	58,598	

St Nicholas Hall & Function Suite, Wallasey

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Working account for the year ended 31 December 2020

	Receipts			Income		
	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
	2020	2020	2019	2020	2020	2019
Bridal Fayre	150	-	435	150	-	435
Caledonian Society	595	-	1,018	595	-	1,018
Chelsea Yoga	-	-	540	-	-	540
Dance Contour	1,242	-	7,665	1,242	-	7,665
Fitness Club	-	-	675	-	-	675
H&T Production	-	-	1,046	-	-	1,046
Medequip Assistive Technology	-	-	133	-	-	133
Mini Magoos	624	-	1,248	624	-	1,248
Monday Circle	224	-	825	224	-	825
National Blood Service	410	-	620	410	-	620
Pavilion Choir	-	-	358	-	-	358
Pop Cats	168	-	1,301	168	-	1,301
Singme Merseyside	675	-	1,955	675	-	1,955
Stage One 2000	901	-	1,285	901	-	1,285
Sundry Lettings	645	-	1,968	645	-	1,968
Tea Dance	607	-	3,270	607	-	3,270
Wallasey Athletics	1,597	-	1,695	1,597	-	1,695
Wallasey Musical Theatre	-	-	873	-	-	873
Yoga	224	-	108	224	-	108
Zumba	405	-	1,078	405	-	1,078
Zumba Gold	-	-	300	-	-	300
<b>Other Income</b>	<b>8,467</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28,396</b>	<b>8,467</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28,396</b>
<b>Donation</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	<b>8,667</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28,396</b>	<b>8,667</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28,396</b>

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Working account for the year ended 31 December 2020

	Payments	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2020	Total 2019
Electricity	2,234	-	-	2,234	2,758
Gas	1,942	-	-	1,942	2,894
Insurance	2,146	-	-	2,146	2,095
Office Telephone	793	-	-	793	770
Water	495	-	-	495	915
Cleaner	960	-	-	960	2,020
Hall Secretary	350	-	-	350	1,450
<b>Repair &amp; Maintenance</b>					
Cleaning Gutters/Drains	-	-	-	-	296
Cleaning Cooker & Extractor	-	-	-	-	546
Electric Radiator	-	-	-	-	315
Electrics & Lighting incl Emergency Lighting	-	-	-	-	1,391
External Paintwork Windows & Railings.	-	-	-	-	1,028
Fire Protection-Alarm/Fire Door/Smoke Detector	418	-	-	418	1,085
General Repairs including Cleaning Materials	129	-	-	129	528
Gents Toilet Water Pipe Repair	822	-	-	822	-
North Hall Floor Repair	2,016	-	-	2,016	-
Roof Repairs	1,272	-	-	1,272	-
Stage Ceiling Repair	1,326	-	-	1,326	-
Water Heater Replacement	565	-	-	565	-
<b>Sundry Expenses</b>					
P.P.L. & P.R.S. Licence	-	-	-	-	662
Sundry Expenses	38	-	-	38	315
Water Boiler	-	-	-	-	365
<b>Total Receipts</b>					
	15,506	-	-	15,506	28,396
<b>Total Payments</b>					
	15,506	-	-	15,506	19,433
<b>Surplus/Shortfall</b>					
				6,839	8,963

## Independent Examiner's report to the PCC of St Nicholas with All Saints, Wallasey

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on the pages 1 to 6, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ("the Regulations") and s.43 of the Charities Act 1993 (the "Act").

### Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and s.43(2) of the Act does not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

### Basis of the report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given to me by the Charity Commission under s.43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church Guidance, 2006 Edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept in the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not prove all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

### Independents examiner's statement

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

- (1) which is to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
- to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations 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.

Signed



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