

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 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	

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2005 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

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.

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.
- 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 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 KPCZYK PEARCE SANDERSON Architects & Surveyors.

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 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. 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

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.

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

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 2021

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Receipts and Payments Account				
Receipts				
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>
Payments				
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>
Excess/Shortage of Receipts over Payments			- 51,325	30,098
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>
Statements of Assets and Liabilities				
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>
Liabilities				
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
	91,961	47,568	112,151	27,378
Flower Fund	1,112	855	987	980
	93,073	48,423	113,138	28,358

4. Receipts and Payments Analysis

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
(a) Other Voluntary Receipts				
Legacies	-	1,479	1,479	36,854
<u>Donations</u>				
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) Activities for generating funds - receipts				
<u>Fund Raising Events</u>				
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>
(c) Receipts from Church Activities				
Fees (Weddings & Funerals)	3,581	-	3,581	1,616
	<u>3,581</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,581</u>	<u>1,616</u>
(d) Receipts from Investments				
Bank & CBF Deposit Fund Interest	54	-	54	303
	<u>54</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>303</u>
(e) Other Receipts				
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

(f) Church Activities - Payments

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
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 £
<u>Income</u>				
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
	<u>10,951</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,951</u>	<u>8,467</u>
<u>Other Income</u>				
Insurance Claim	-	1,380	1,380	-
WBC COVID Road to Recovery Fund Grant	-	4,838	4,838	-
Donation	-	-	-	200
	<u>10,951</u>	<u>6,218</u>	<u>17,169</u>	<u>8,667</u>

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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 & 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>
Total Receipts			17,169	8,667
Total Payments			<u>16,376</u>	<u>15,506</u>
Surplus/Shortfall			<u>793</u>	<u>6,839</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 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
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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



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