

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

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Elected Church Members

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

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, 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 improved during 2022 as we came through the worst of the coronavirus pandemic. Both church congregation and hall user numbers improved to nearer pre pandemic levels. Total income actually reduced from £88,262 in 2021 to £79,425 in 2022. The main reason was a one-off Grant received from DCMS Listed Places of Worship Scheme in 2021 for £15,399, when we claimed back VAT for the Window Restoration. Without this, income improved.

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.

The PCC was unable to meet its commitment to pay the full Parish Share of £69,667 to the Diocese of Chester and with their agreement paid £24,000. The PCC has been unable to pay the full Parish Share since 2014. By the end of 2022 this has resulted in a total shortfall of £88,427. 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 £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.

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.

As the end of December 2022, the PCC had funds of £63,023 of which £27,238 are restricted funds. At the end of 2022 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, 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.

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. 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 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 and Wirral Food Bank.

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

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 2022

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Receipts and Payments Account				
Receipts				
Voluntary Receipts				
Planned Giving	21,647	-	21,647	25,451
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>
Payments				
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>
Excess/Shortage of Receipts over Payments			6935	- 51,325
Bank Accounts as at 1 January 2022			56,088	
Bank Accounts as at 31 December 2022			<u>63,023</u>	
Statements of Assets and Liabilities				
			2022	2021
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>
Liabilities				
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
	27,378	8,135	8,275	27,238
Flower Fund	980	1,866	1,714	1,132
	28,358	10,001	9,989	28,370

4. Receipts and Payments Analysis

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
(a) Other Voluntary Receipts				
Legacies	-	-	-	1,479
<u>Donations</u>				
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) Activities for generating funds - receipts				
<u>Fund Raising Events</u>				
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>
(c) Receipts from Church Activities				
Fees (Weddings & Funerals)	5,225	-	5,225	3,581
	<u>5,225</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,225</u>	<u>3,581</u>
(d) Receipts from Investments				
Bank Interest	95	-	95	54
	<u>95</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>54</u>
(e) Other Receipts				
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 £
(f) Church Activities - Payments				
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 £
<u>Income</u>				
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
	<u>20,540</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,540</u>	<u>10,951</u>
<u>Other Income</u>				
Insurance Claim	-	1,630	1,630	1,380
WBC Grant	-	-	-	4,838
WBC Wirral Together Fund	-	459	459	-
	<u>20,540</u>	<u>2,089</u>	<u>22,629</u>	<u>17,169</u>

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Working account for the year ended 31 December 2022

<u>Payments</u>	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Café Caz	-	-	-	4,838
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
<u>Repair & Maintenance</u>				
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	-
<u>Sundry Expenses</u>				
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>
 Total Receipts			22,629	17,169
Total Payments			<u>16,771</u>	<u>16,376</u>
Surplus			<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



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