

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 £
Receipts and Payments Account				
Receipts				
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>
Payments				
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>
Excess/Shortage of Receipts over Payments			174	- 14,259
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>
Statements of Assets and Liabilities			2024	2023
Bank Current & Savings Accounts			48,938	48,764
	<u>32,994</u>	<u>15,944</u>	<u>48,938</u>	<u>48,764</u>
Liabilities				
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

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.
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 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.
4. 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.
4. 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 £
(a) Other Voluntary Receipts				
Legacies	-	1,000	1,000	-
Donations				
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) Activities for generating funds - receipts				
Fund Raising Events				
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>
(c) Receipts from Church Activities				
Fees (Weddings & Funerals)	3,068	-	3,068	2,833
	<u>3,068</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,068</u>	<u>2,833</u>
(d) Receipts from Investments				
Bank Interest	885	-	885	872
	<u>885</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>885</u>	<u>872</u>
(e) Other Receipts				
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>

4. Receipts and Payments Analysis

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
(f) Church Activities - Payments				
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 £
<u>Income</u>				
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>
<u>Other Income</u>				
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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<u>Payments</u>	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
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
<u>Repair & Maintenance</u>				
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
<u>Sundry Expenses</u>				
Padlocks & Keys	109	-	109	204
PPL/PRS	330	-	330	209
Sundry Expenses	309	-	309	312
	19,968	760	20,728	21,196
Total Receipts			29,333	29,632
Total Payments			20,728	21,196
Surplus			8,605	8,436

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

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 Elizabeth Brandwood	Warden & Deanery Synod Representative
	Mrs Julie Piercy	Warden
	Mrs Joyce Boggild	Hall Steward
Elected Church Members	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	
Resigned 06.04.2025	Mr Ray Piercy	
	Mrs Jennifer Rowan	
	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 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. 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

