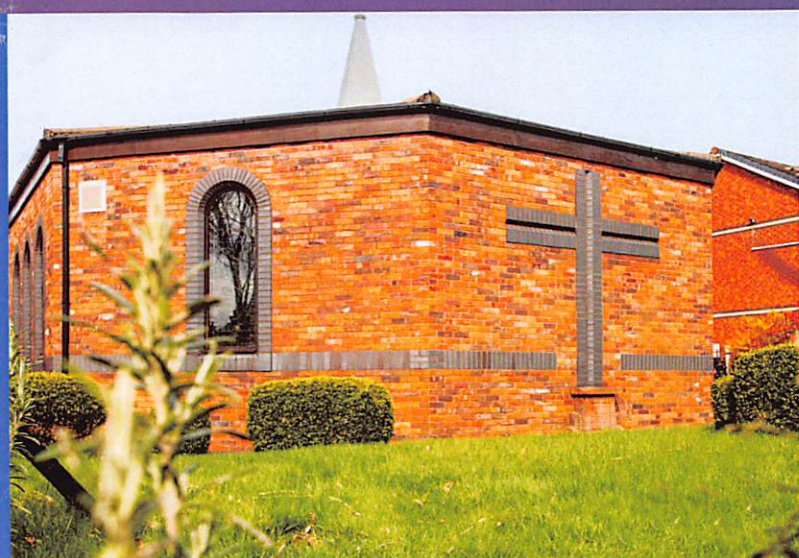




# ANNUAL REPORT 2023

## Parish of Pendleton and Claremont



**Holy Angels' Church Claremont**



**St Thomas' Church Pendleton**



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## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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The Parish of Pendleton and Claremont is part of the Diocese of Manchester within the Church of England. The benefice is united with the Parish of Lower Kersal and the Parish of Weaste, Seedley and Langworthy to form the Salford All Saints Team Ministry.

The correspondence address is 51 Seedley Park Road, Salford M6 5NX

The registered charity number is 1165386

### The Parish has two churches:

St Thomas' Church	Holy Angels' Church
Ford Lane	Moorfield Road
Pendleton	Irlams o'th Height
Salford	Salford
M6 6PE	M6 7EY

PCC members who have served at any time from 1 January 2023 until the date this report was approved are:

### Ex officio members

Team Rector:	Position vacant
Assistant curate:	Position vacant
Wardens:	Mr Lee Craven MBE Ms Christine Tabbbron
Deanery Synod:	Ms Hilary Thomas
Deanery Synod:	Mrs Rowena Platt
Diocesan Synod:	Mrs Emma Turton
Treasurer:	Mrs Maria Jorysz

### Elected members

Mr Arnold Allcock  
Mrs Audrey Allcock  
Ms Joy Bach  
Mrs Irene Booth  
Dr Arabella Hamilton (Lay Chair)  
Ms Laura Hardy  
Mrs Joan Howard  
Mr John McKenna  
Mr Michael Marland  
Mrs Rowena Platt (Deanery Synod Representative)  
Miss Kathleen Roberts – resigned on 27 April 2023  
Ms Anne Robinson (Secretary)  
Ms Karen Schofield  
Mrs Christina Yates

## TRUSTEES' REPORT

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### AIM AND PURPOSES

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#### Mission Statement

*Worshipping God, nurturing disciples, loving and serving in Christ's name*

#### Vision statement

*To be a thriving church where everyone has the opportunity to grow in faith, hope and love, and to be known for our care and Christ-like service*

Pendleton and Claremont Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility with the Team Rector, when appointed, of promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of St Thomas' Church, Pendleton, and Holy Angels' Church, Claremont.

### OBJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

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The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our churches and to serving the parish community of Pendleton and Claremont. Our services aim to put faith into practice through Word and Sacrament, music and prayer. Our church halls are available for hire by the wider community and it is the vision of the PCC that our churches should be vibrant community spaces.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- worship and prayer; learning about the gospel; developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord
- provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- missionary and outreach work

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the churches and their facilities.

### ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

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#### Worship and prayer

The eucharist is celebrated at St Thomas' Church on a Sunday morning and Wednesday lunchtime and at Holy Angels' Church weekly on Tuesdays.

In February 2023 the Team Rector took up the post of incumbent at Oldham Parish Church, leaving the parish in vacancy. As yet no appointment to the post of Team Rector has been made; the services are being covered by retired and visiting clergy.

#### Deanery of Salford & Leigh

Following the Diocesan Transformation Agenda, the parish sits within the recently formed larger deanery of Salford and Leigh, supported by the Area Dean, the Rev'd Colin Pearson. In addition, the Diocese created Mission Communities across each Deanery and in 2021 the Salford All Saints Team was nominated to Mission Community 4 along with other parishes in the Salford area to create a community of 13 churches. Evangelistic and outreach work is being undertaken within the mission community.

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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### ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (CONTINUED)

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#### Friends of St Thomas's Church, Pendleton (FOST)

FOST was formally launched in 2021. The aims of the group are:

- to preserve, promote and publicise the history and heritage of St. Thomas's Church.
- to make available, and promote usage of, the spaces and facilities at St Thomas's for the benefit of the wider community.
- to promote activities and events at St Thomas's which will then enhance the wellbeing of the wider community.

#### St Thomas' Church Hall

Use of the hall remains limited, with a decline in the rental income in 2023 relative to 2022. However, St. Thomas' community hosts the Manchester City Mission (MCM) in the hall on Mondays and Thursdays to enable their work in the Pendleton community. MCM provide a food sharing centre for which St. Thomas' house and store their supplies in a stock room and four freezers in the hall, and provide administrative space and open access to the organisers.

The hall is also used on Wednesdays as a drop-in centre for asylum seekers and refugees who wish to seek assistance from our support worker or attend the bible study classes after the eucharist and lunch.

These activities are not fund raisers but fund users.

#### Holy Angels' Community Hall

The Community Hall has increased its lettings after the effect of the pandemic, and the rental income has continued to rise year on year.

#### Paddock Community Group

In 2023, The Paddock Community Group constituted as a separate group with aims to:

1. create a safe and welcoming green space at the paddock, where people can meet regularly and engage in activities to support their physical and emotional health and general well-being;
2. raise awareness of the natural world, environmental issues, and human impact on nature and work to improve our local environment;
3. further develop the paddock area: maintaining the land, extending planting, and hosting events for the people of Irlams o'th' Height and the wider Salford community;
4. promote equality and equality of opportunities for all.

The group meets twice a month to maintain and develop the paddock area at the rear of the church and also the gardens around Holy Angels' Church. They have hosted several events to raise awareness and funds, including an Open Day, Harvest Festival and Christmas Celebration, donating to Water Aid, Salford Loaves and Fishes, ABCD ( a charity supporting children with disabilities in Palestine) and Holy Angels' Church.

#### Pastoral care

In the absence of a Team Rector and incumbent, the congregation does its best to continue the pastoral ministry of the churches, supporting vulnerable people and those in need.

#### Mission and evangelism

The PCC is committed to the 5 Marks of Mission adopted by the Lambeth Conference in 1988 and the General Synod of the Church of England in 1996:

- To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
- To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
- To respond to human need by loving service
- To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth

We seek to embed these principles in our Mission Action Plan (MAP). In August 2021, we began a Future Strategy Process in preparation for a formal Union of Parishes (so that the Salford All Saints Team Ministry will become the Parish of Salford All Saints). This has received approval from the Diocese of Manchester, but the process has been put on hold until the appointment of a Team Rector.

## Ecumenical relationships

The Life International Church uses Holy Angels' church on Sunday mornings. As yet, interaction between the two churches is limited. St Thomas's Church has been used on a few occasions by Eritrean church communities, which has led to positive relationships.

Churches on the Height, a group consisting of Holy Angels, St. John's Pendlebury, St. Luke's RC, The Height Methodist Church and Elim, continues its joint activities. These include a quiz night, carol singing to raise money for CAFOD and Christian Aid, Christmas cards distributed locally with all church services displayed, a visit to Wardley Hall, home of the RC Bishop of Salford, and Lenten lunches.

## Financial review

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £75,585 (2022: £80,496), of which £33,601 (2022: £36,225) was unrestricted voluntary donations, and a further £7,795 (2022: £8,593) was tax recoverable through the government's gift aid scheme. The remaining unrestricted income comprises grant income of £660 (2022: £2,500), fund-raising income of £5,194 (2022: £5,869), investment income of £3,215 (2022: £1,250) and income from church activities of £25,120 (2022: £26,059).

Overall unrestricted income has decreased by £5,000 over the prior year. This is mainly due to a reduction in voluntary giving, but also the reduction in the energy grant from the diocese.

Restricted income amounted to £8,441 (2022: £25,588) plus tax recoverable of £924 (2022: £4,558). The decrease relative to the prior year is due to an appeal in 2022 for the purchase of a new audio visual system, which raised income of £13,203 plus tax recoverable of £3,301. Major sources of income in 2023 include £1,867 of payments from Team parishes to the central Team fund (2022: £3,275); donations to the Short fund of £1,375 including tax receivable (2022: £3,916); donations to charity appeals £3,055 (2022: £4,318).

The PCC's wider missionary objectives involved the donation of £3,084 (2022: £4,320) to selected overseas and UK charities. Other expenditure amounted to £81,239 (2022: £89,466). The main reason for the lower expenditure is the reduction in clergy expenses due to the vacancy, and the parish share detailed below.

A significant element of the expenditure is the payment of the parish share of £35,455 (2022: £39,500) to the Diocese of Manchester. The allocation of the parish share is based on congregation size and income profile.

The net movement in the unrestricted funds shows a surplus of £2,448 (2022: deficit £3,289). This is the aggregation (after fund transfers) of a surplus of £524 (2022: deficit £3,020) for St Thomas' Church (after recognising a gain on investments of £1,773 (2022: loss £2,509)); a deficit for Holy Angels' Church of £1,523 (2022: £866); a surplus on Holy Angels' Hall of £3,535 (2022: £829); and a total deficit on the other minor accounts of £88.

The parish recognises that, although it has reported a small surplus, this is largely due to the gains on investments. Initiatives are therefore being considered for increasing voluntary giving, rental income and fund raising, together with introducing efficiencies on expenditure.

The net movement in the restricted funds shows a surplus of £115 (2022: £17,210). The restricted funds include the appeal fund for the installation of an audio-visual system at St Thomas' Church, the central team accounts (this fund receives contributions from the parishes in the Team from which central Team costs are met, primarily clergy expenses and housing costs), the Short Fund (the purpose of which is to support refugees and asylum seekers, and others in need of financial support), the Charity Fund (which receives contributions for specific charitable appeals and distributes accordingly), the Fabric Fund (the purpose of which is to finance major repairs to the church buildings), and the Flower Funds.

The appeal fund raised its income in 2022 and retains a balance of £15,997, following some expenditure in 2023. The project was completed early in 2024, reducing the appeal fund balance to zero.

The Short Fund reported an excess income of £1,375, largely due to a donation of £1,000 received towards the end of the year from the Friends of St Thomas'.

The Team Fund has a deficit of just £4 for the year and retains an accumulated balance of £2,311 remains. Team parish contributions were reduced, but so too was expenditure on clergy due to the current vacancy.

No income was received by the Fabric Fund but expenditure of £799 was incurred, reducing the fund balance to £10,200.

The Charity Fund distributes the donations received during each year to give a zero position. The Flower Fund of St Thomas' Church reported a surplus of £61 and Holy Angels' Church a deficit of £69.

The Parish has net assets of £119,498 (2022: £116,936), of which £23,341 (2022: £21,405) is investments and £96,646 (2022: £104,125) is cash in the bank and in hand. This is represented by unrestricted funds of £82,601 (2022: £80,153) and restricted funds of £36,897 (2022: £36,782).

## Reserves policy

The PCC's policy is to maintain a balance on free reserves (unrestricted funds represented by net current assets) which equates to at least six months' unrestricted payments. This is equivalent to £36,773. This is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. The total free reserves at 31 December 2023 were £62,084.

The balance on restricted funds at the year-end was £34,073 (excluding £2,824 of investments). This is mainly represented by the balance on the Fabric Fund of £10,200, the Short Fund of £5,249 and the Appeal Fund of £15,997.

In order for sufficient funds to be available for any future major repairs to the church buildings, the PCC's policy is to retain its remaining free reserves of £25,311 for any such eventuality.

## Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is. In particular, we want to mention our churchwardens Lee Craven MBE and Christine Tabbron, who have worked so tirelessly on behalf of the PCC, in particular during the on-going vacancy.

## Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a Registered Charity.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. For Pendleton and Claremont the membership of the PCC consists of the Team Rector, the churchwardens, the Vice Chair, the Secretary, the Treasurer and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services/members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the electoral roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. New members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

# INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PENDLETON AND CLAREMONT (THE PCC)

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I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2023.

## Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the PCC's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

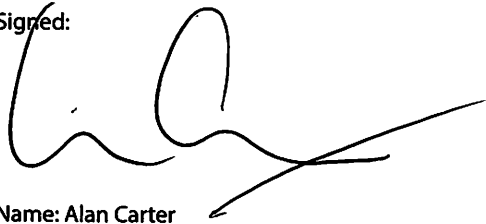
## Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed:



Name: Alan Carter

Professional qualification: ACMA CGMA

Date: May 2024

## PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PENDLETON & CLAREMONT

### Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<b>Income</b>					
Voluntary income	2(a)	42,056	8,846	50,903	77,464
Activities for generating funds	2(b)	5,194	519	5,713	5,869
Income from investments	2(c)	3,215	-	3,215	1,250
Church activities	2(d)	25,120	-	25,120	26,059
<b>Total income</b>		<b>75,585</b>	<b>9,365</b>	<b>84,950</b>	<b>110,641</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Church activities	3(a)	72,202	10,609	82,811	92,424
Raising funds	3(b)	1,343	169	1,512	1,362
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>73,545</b>	<b>10,778</b>	<b>84,323</b>	<b>93,786</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(loss)</b>		<b>2,040</b>	<b>(1,412)</b>	<b>627</b>	<b>16,856</b>
Net gain/(loss) on investments		1,773	162	1,935	(2,935)
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>3,813</b>	<b>(1,250)</b>	<b>2,563</b>	<b>13,921</b>
Transfers between funds		(1,365)	1,365	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>2,448</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>2,563</b>	<b>13,921</b>
Total funds brought forward		80,153	36,782	116,936	103,015
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>82,601</b>	<b>36,897</b>	<b>119,498</b>	<b>116,936</b>



The Parochial Church Council of Pendleton and Claremont  
Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

## Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Investments	5	23,341	21,405
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors and prepayments	6	1,841	2,288
Short-term deposits		71,860	71,167
Cash at bank and in hand		24,786	32,958
		98,486	106,413
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	7	(2,329)	(10,833)
<b>Net current assets</b>		96,158	95,530
<b>Total net assets</b>		119,498	116,936
<b>Parish funds</b>			
Unrestricted		82,601	80,153
Restricted		36,897	36,782
		119,498	116,936

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 17 April 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Dr Arabella Hamilton (PCC Lay Chair)

## Cashflow Statement for the year ended 31 December 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	(10,694)	24,271
Cashflows from investing activities		
Dividends and interest	3,215	1,250
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period	(7,479)	25,521
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	104,125	78,604
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December	96,646	104,125
Net expenditure before investment gains	627	16,856
Adjustments for:		
Dividends and interest	(3,215)	(1,250)
Decrease in debtors	447	514
(Decrease)/Increase in creditors	(8,554)	8,151
Net cash (used in)/ provided by operating activities	(10,694)	24,271
Analysis of cash and cash equivalents		
Deposit accounts	71,860	71,167
Current accounts	23,971	32,570
Cash in hand	815	388
	96,646	104,125

## Notes to the Financial Statements

2	Income	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
2(a)	<b>Voluntary income</b>				
	<b>Planned giving</b>				
	Gift aid donations	26,303	-	26,303	28,134
	Tax recoverable	6,576	-	6,576	7,035
	Other	815	-	815	802
	<b>Collections</b>				
	Open plate	1,686	-	1,686	2,556
	Tax recoverable	426	-	426	642
	<b>Grants</b>				
	Team parishes	-	1,867	1,867	3,275
	Energy grant	660	-	660	2,500
	<b>Donations, appeals, etc</b>				
	Tax recoverable	4,797	6,056	10,853	27,046
		794	924	1,717	5,474
		<u>42,056</u>	<u>8,846</u>	<u>50,903</u>	<u>77,464</u>
2(b)	<b>Activities for generating funds</b>				
	Social events	644	415	1,059	542
	Christmas fair	1,095		1,095	1,754
	Summer fair	1,257		1,257	886
	Raffles and lottery	2,089		2,089	2,267
	Other	110	104	214	419
		<u>5,194</u>	<u>519</u>	<u>5,713</u>	<u>5,869</u>
2(c)	<b>Income from investments</b>				
	Dividends	-	-	-	-
	Bank interest	3,215	-	3,215	1,250
		<u>3,215</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,215</u>	<u>1,250</u>
2(d)	<b>Income from church activities</b>				
	Fees for weddings and funerals	5,170		5,170	9,709
	Rental income	19,330		19,330	15,700
	Other	620		620	650
		<u>25,120</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,120</u>	<u>26,059</u>
	<b>Total income</b>	<u>75,585</u>	<u>9,365</u>	<u>84,950</u>	<u>110,641</u>

## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

3 Expenditure	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<b>3(a) Church activities</b>				
Missionary and charitable giving				
Overseas	-	3,044	3,044	3,946
Home	29	11	40	374
	29	3,055	3,084	4,320
Ministry Diocesan parish share	35,455	-	35,455	39,500
Other ministry costs	3,072	4,508	7,580	18,977
Church running and maintenance	23,363	1,919	25,282	19,458
Major repairs	-	799	799	784
Church yard upkeep	-	-	-	320
Church hall running costs	8,777	-	8,777	7,931
Printing and stationery	1,506	328	1,834	1,135
	72,202	10,609	82,811	92,424
<b>3(b) Raising funds</b>				
Social events	204	94	-	-
Fund raising events	1,103	75	1,178	1,362
	1,343	169	1,178	1,362
<b>Total resources expended</b>	73,545	10,778	83,989	93,786
			2023 £	2022 £
<b>4 Staff costs</b>				
Wages and salaries			2,415	2,450

During the year the PCC employed a caretaker (part-time) but no payments were large enough to attract social security costs.

### Payments to PCC members

A small immaterial portion of the expenses paid to the Team Rector in the early part of the year may have related to his services as chairman of the PCC.

No other payment or expenses were paid to any other PCC member, persons closely connected to them or related parties.



## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

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<b>5</b>	<b>Fixed assets</b>		
	Investments		
	Market value at 1 January 2023	21,405.35	
	Net gain	1,935.46	
	Market value at 31 December 2023	<u>23,340.81</u>	
	Unrestricted funds	20,516.73	
	Restricted funds	2,824.08	
		<u>23,340.81</u>	
		2023	2022
		£	£
<b>6</b>	<b>Current assets</b>		
	Debtors		
	Tax recoverable	1,273	1,870
	Prepayments and accrued income	142	26
	Other debtors	426	392
		<u>1,841</u>	<u>2,288</u>
		2023	2022
		£	£
<b>7</b>	<b>Liabilities</b>		
	Amounts falling due in one year		
	Accruals and deferred income	946	1,800
	Other creditors	1,383	9,083
		<u>2,329</u>	<u>10,883</u>

## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

### 8 Funds

The restricted funds comprise the following.

#### St Thomas' investments

A proportion of the St Thomas' investments are restricted.

#### All Saints Team

Each parish within the team contributes an amount in proportion to its parish share. The funds are used to finance clergy and other central team expenses. The income and expenditure are accounted for as a restricted fund within the accounts of Pendleton and Claremont PCC.

#### Short Fund

Donations and other income are received into this account for the purpose of supporting refugees and asylum seekers, and others requiring financial support.

#### Charity Fund

Targeted appeals and specific fund-raising income is recorded in the Charity Fund from which the associated payments are made.

#### Fabric Fund

The purpose of the fabric fund reserves is to finance any major repair to the church buildings.

#### Flower Funds of St Thomas' and Holy Angels' Churches

Donations are received into these funds for the purchase of flowers to display within the church buildings.

#### Appeal fund

Funds were raised during 2022 for the purchase of a new PA system at St Thomas' Church. The system was installed in March 2024.

### 9 Summary of fund movements

#### Unrestricted funds

	St Thomas' General Fund £	Holy Angels' General Fund £	Holy Angels' Hall Fund £	St Thomas' Refreshment Fund £	Holy Angels' Refreshment Fund £	Total £
Balance at 1 January 2023	61,324	11,140	7,588	82	19	80,153
Incoming resources	45,039	17,911	12,095	478	63	75,585
Resources expended	(45,357)	(18,900)	(8,560)	(653)	(75)	(73,545)
Investment gain	1,773					1,773
Transfers	(931)	(533)		99		(1,365)
Balance at 31 December 2023	61,848	9,617	11,123	7	6	82,601

#### Restricted funds

	St Thomas' Investments £	All Saints Team £	Short Fund £	Charity Fund £	Fabric Fund £	Appeal Fund £	St Thomas' Flower Fund £	Holy Angels' Flower Fund £	Total £
Balance at 1 January 2023	2,719	2,316	3,565	-	10,999	16,915	76	192	36,782
Incoming resources	-	1,973	1,894	3,055	-	1,000	1,373	70	9,365
Resources expended	-	(3,577)	(211)	(3,055)	(799)	(1,919)	(1,078)	(139)	(10,778)
Investment gain	162	-							162
Transfers	-	1,600				-	235		1,365
Balance at 31 December 2023	2,881	2,311	5,249	-	10,200	15,997	137	123	36,897

### 10 Summary of assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £
Investments	20,517	2,824	23,341
Current assets	64,413	34,073	98,486
Liabilities	(2,329)	-	(2,329)
	82,601	36,897	119,498

## MISSIONARY AND CHARITABLE GIVING

	Overseas £	Home £	Total £
<b>From unrestricted reserves</b>			
A Rocha	-	29	29
<b>From appeals or fund raising</b>			
WaterAid	162	-	162
Christian Aid	1,655	-	1,655
DEC Earthquake	439	-	439
ABCD Bethlehem	788	-	788
British Legion	-	11	11
	<b>3,044</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3,055</b>
<b>Total giving</b>	<b>3,044</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>3,084</b>

## ST THOMAS' GENERAL FUND: INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS TO 31 DECEMBER 2023

Income	2023	2022	
	£	£	£
<b>Donations with gift aid declaration</b>			
Regular giving by direct transfer	19,255	18,485	
Regular giving by envelope	1,078	1,555	
Other donations	<u>1,047</u>	<u>3,022</u>	
	21,380	23,062	
Tax recovered	<u>5,345</u>	<u>5,767</u>	
		26,725	28,828
<b>Donations without gift aid declaration</b>			
Regular giving by envelope	572	859	
Regular giving by direct transfer	815	792	
Collection plate	890	842	
Occasional offices	319	948	
One-off donations	<u>1,192</u>	<u>896</u>	
	3,788	4,337	
Tax recovered (GASDS)	<u>751</u>	<u>712</u>	
		4,539	5,049
<b>Fund raising and events</b>			
100 Club	229	292	
Summer fair	1,210	886	
Christmas fair	1,048	1,560	
Brass band concert	173	136	
Spanish evening	-	156	
Jubilee party	-	58	
Harvest supper	-	78	
Pancake party	231	-	
Tax Recovered	<u>110</u>	<u>113</u>	
		3,000	3,280
<b>Other income</b>			
PCC fees for occasional offices	3,819	8,851	
Less: paid to Diocese	<u>(1,611)</u>	<u>(5,823)</u>	
	2,208	3,028	
Rental income	3,440	4,165	
Energy grant (second tranche)	330	1,250	
Votive candle stand	17	16	
Bank interest	2,778	1,073	
Tower donations	23	83	
Other income	<u>33</u>	<u>88</u>	
	<u>8,829</u>	<u>9,704</u>	
	<u>43,093</u>	<u>46,861</u>	
<b>Expenditure</b>			
<b>Central payments</b>			
All Saints Team	1,067	3,360	
Parish Share	<u>23,455</u>	<u>27,440</u>	
		24,522	30,800
<b>Church services</b>			
John Mark	842	933	
Publications	168	462	
Organist's honorarium	125	200	
Music costs	127	753	
Copyright licence	329	265	
Organ costs	1,056	-	
Children's resources	29	36	
Costs of special services	<u>51</u>	<u>254</u>	
		2,728	2,904
<b>Utilities and insurance</b>			
Energy	6,075	4,551	
Insurance	6,538	5,770	
Water	448	340	
Hygiene supplies	<u>229</u>	<u>248</u>	
		13,290	10,910
<b>Repairs and maintenance</b>			
Minor repairs	264	69	
Boiler repairs	260	220	
Equipment purchases	93	93	
Hall/meeting room	216	-	
Lightning conductor servicing	-	144	
Fire servicing	299	474	
Lock repairs	<u>312</u>	<u>-</u>	
		1,444	1,000
<b>Office costs</b>			
Telephone	699	715	
Postage and stationary	11	-	
Photocopier	<u>1,495</u>	<u>242</u>	
		2,205	957
Other costs		<u>289</u>	<u>1,214</u>
		<u>44,478</u>	<u>47,784</u>
<b>Operating deficit for the period</b>		<u>(1,385)</u>	<u>(924)</u>



## St Thomas' General Fund: Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
<b>Investments</b>		
CCLA	20,460	18,687
Church House	2,881	2,719
	<u>23,341</u>	<u>21,405</u>
<b>Debtors</b>		
Tax recoverable	833	1,199
Other debtors	307	92
Accrued income	-	26
	<u>1,140</u>	<u>1,317</u>
<b>Cash</b>		
Fabric fund - CCLA	2,208	1,409
Deposit account - CCLA	36,775	36,775
Church House deposits	8,627	8,370
Current account - Santander	(3,832)	(4,845)
Current account - Co-op	(2,287)	1,108
Cash in hand	548	101
	<u>42,039</u>	<u>42,917</u>
	43,179	44,234
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Amount owed to DBF	229	490
Other creditors	877	1,007
Accruals	562	-
Deferred income	124	100
	<u>(1,791)</u>	<u>(1,597)</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>	<u>41,388</u>	<u>42,637</u>
<b>Net assets</b>	<u>64,728</u>	<u>64,042</u>
<b>Funds at 1 January 2023</b>	64,042	67,038
Deficit for the period	(1,385)	(924)
Gain/(Loss) on investments	1,935	(2,935)
Transfer from Wednesday fund		261
Transfer from flower fund	235	152
Transfer (to)/from refreshment fund	(99)	450
<b>Funds at 31 December 2023</b>	<u>64,728</u>	<u>64,042</u>

## ST THOMAS' SHORT FUND

### Income and Expenditure Account for the twelve months to 31 December 2023

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>				
Donations		1,300		3,732
Tax recovery on donations		75		183
Wednesday lunches		415		-
Tax recovery		104		-
		<u>1,894</u>		<u>3,916</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Hardship support	117		218	
Training	-		250	
Activities	-		705	
Wednesday lunches	<u>94</u>		<u>58</u>	
		(211)		(1,232)
<b>Surplus</b>		<u>1,683</u>		<u>2,683</u>

### Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
<b>Debtors</b>		
Tax recoverable	-	63
<b>Cash</b>		
St Thomas' current account	<u>5,249</u>	<u>3,502</u>
	5,249	3,565
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accruals	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	5,249	3,565
<b>Balance in the Short Fund at 1 January 2023</b>	3,565.45	882.08
Surplus for the year	1,683.10	2,683.37
<b>Balance in the Short Fund at 31 December 2023</b>	<u>5,248.55</u>	<u>3,565.45</u>

## ST THOMAS' FABRIC FUND

### Income and Expenditure Account for the twelve months to 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Income	-	-
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Repair to roof to remove leak	-	450
Dry rot works	184	334
Repair of leaking roof	614	-
	<u>(799)</u>	<u>(784)</u>
Deficit for the year	<u>(799)</u>	<u>(784)</u>

### Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
<b>Cash</b>		
Fabric fund - CCLA	10,200	10,999
	<u>10,200</u>	<u>10,999</u>
<b>Funds at 1 January 2023</b>	10,999	11,783
Deficit for the year	(799)	(784)
<b>Funds at 31 December 2023</b>	<u>10,200</u>	<u>10,999</u>

## ST THOMAS' APPEAL FUND

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### Income and Expenditure Account for the twelve months to 31 December 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Income</b>		
Donations	1,000	13,615
Tax recovery on donations	-	3,301
VAT recovery	-	-
	<u>1,000</u>	<u>16,915</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Frame TV	(1,919)	
	<u>(919)</u>	<u>16,915</u>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the year</b>		
	<u>(919)</u>	<u>16,915</u>

### Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Cash</b>		
Bank Account	15,997	16,915
	<u>15,997</u>	<u>16,915</u>
<b>Funds at 1 January 2023</b>	16,915	-
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the year</b>	(929)	16,915
<b>Funds at 31 December 2023</b>	<u>15,997</u>	<u>16,915</u>



## ST THOMAS' FLOWER FUND

### Income and Expenditure Account for the twelve months to 31 December 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Income</b>		
Donations	1,138	768
Tax Recovery	235	152
	<u>1,373</u>	<u>920</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Purchase of flowers	1,078	784
	<u>1,078</u>	<u>784</u>
<b>Surplus for the year</b>	<u>295</u>	<u>135</u>

### St Thomas' Flower Fund: Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Tax recoverable	56	26
Cash in hand	137	76
	<u>193</u>	<u>102</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
St Thomas' general fund	(56)	(26)
	<u>(56)</u>	<u>(26)</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<u>137</u>	<u>76</u>
<b>Funds at 1 January 2023</b>	76	93
Surplus for the year	295	135
Transfer to St Thomas' general fund	(235)	(152)
<b>Funds at 31 December 2023</b>	<u>137</u>	<u>76</u>

## ST THOMAS' REFRESHMENT FUND

### Income and Expenditure Account for the twelve months to 31 December 2023

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>				
Donations		383		320
Tax recovery on donations		96		80
		<u>478</u>		<u>399</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Tea, Coffee, biscuits	178		75	
Hot water boiler repair	<u>475</u>		<u>-</u>	
		653		75
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the year</b>		<u>(174)</u>		<u>324</u>

### Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
<b>Cash</b>		
Tax recoverable	7	11
St Thomas' current account	<u>-</u>	<u>71</u>
	<u>7</u>	<u>82</u>
<b>Balance in the Short Fund at 1 January 2023</b>	82	208
<b>Surplus/Deficit for the year</b>	(174)	324
<b>Transfer from/(to) St Thomas' general fund</b>	99	(450)
<b>Balance in the Short Fund at 31 December 2023</b>	<u>7</u>	<u>82</u>

## ALL SAINTS TEAM

### Income and Expenditure Account for the year to 31 December 2023

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>				
<b>Parishes</b>				
Pendleton and Claremont	1,600		4,800	
St Luke's	667		2,000	
St Aidan's	1,200		1,275	
Emmanuel	-		-	
		3,467		8,075
<b>Voluntary giving</b>				
Donations	85		479	
Tax recovered	21		120	
		106		599
		3,573		8,674
<b>Expenditure</b>				
<b>Clergy</b>				
Council tax	1,110		2,634	
Water	477		669	
Expenses	1,573		5,527	
Resources	14		151	
		3,174		8,981
<b>Administrative costs</b>				
Photocopying	312		893	
Other expenses	16		-	
		328		893
<b>Activities</b>				
Whit walk	75		-	
Christmas trees and cards	-		-	
		75		-
		3,577		9,875
<b>Deficit for the year</b>		(4)		(1,201)

### Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
<b>Debtors</b>		
Gift aid receivable	-	71
<b>Cash</b>		
Cash at bank	2,572	2,445
	2,572	2,516
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Owing for clergy expenses	260.00	200
Photocopying	-	-
	(260)	(200)
<b>Net assets</b>	2,311	2,316
<b>Funds at 1 January 2023</b>	2,316	3,516
(Deficit)/surplus for the year	(4)	(1,201)
<b>Funds at 31 December 2023</b>	(2,311)	2,316

## HOLY ANGELS' GENERAL FUND: INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS TO 31 DECEMBER 2023

Income	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Voluntary giving</b>				
Regular giving by direct transfer	4,780		5,430	
Collection	1,325		2,721	
Other donations	360		105	
	<u>6,465</u>		<u>8,256</u>	
Tax recovered	1,604		2,034	
		8,068		10,290
<b>Fund raising</b>				
Lottery	1,860		1,975	
Paddock event	-		250	
		1,860		2,225
<b>Other income</b>				
PCC fees for occasional offices	1,351		858	
Rent	4,125		2,775	
Income for painting the railings	1,500		-	
Energy grant	-		1,250	
Write back of PAYE provision	-		462	
Bank interest	436		177	
Other	570		-	
		<u>7,982</u>		<u>5,522</u>
		<u>17,911</u>		<u>18,038</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
<b>Central payments</b>				
Contribution to Parish share	12,00		12,060	
Team share	533		1,440	
Fees to DBF	408		426	
		12,941		13,926
<b>Church supplies</b>				
Church supplies	206		651	
Flowers	-		30	
Hygiene and cleaning supplies	18		271	
		225		952
<b>Services</b>				
Utilities	1,489		1,448	
Insurance	491		446	
		1,980		1,894
<b>Repairs and maintenance</b>				
Grass cutting	335		320.00	
Maintenance	2,117		1,084	
Grounds maintenance	762		-	
		3,214		1,404
<b>Costs of raising funds</b>				
Lottery		1,009		998
<b>Other costs</b>				
Charity payments	29		29	
Sundry	36		2	
		<u>64</u>		<u>30</u>
		<u>19,433</u>		<u>19,203</u>
<b>Deficit for the year</b>		<u>(1,523)</u>		<u>(1,166)</u>



## HOLY ANGELS': GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Debtors</b>		
Tax recoverable	376	500
Energy prepayment	43	0
Refreshment fund		300
	<u>419</u>	<u>800</u>
<b>Cash</b>		
Deposit account - CCLA	3,201	6,025
Current account	6,273	6,099
Elim account	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>9,475</u>	<u>12,124</u>
	9,894	12,924
<b>Creditors</b>		
Amount outstanding for Lotto	277	161
Deferred income		1,500
Other creditors		124
Accruals	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	(277)	(1,785)
<b>Net assets</b>	<u>9,617</u>	<u>11,140</u>
<b>Funds at 1 January 2023</b>	11,140	12,005
Deficit on General Fund	(1,523)	(1,166)
Transfer from refreshment fund		300
<b>Funds at 31 August 2023</b>	<u>9,617</u>	<u>11,140</u>

## HOLY ANGELS' HALL FUND

### Income and Expenditure Account for the twelve months to 31 December 2023

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>				
Rental income		11,765		8,760
Energy grant		330		
		<u>12,095</u>		
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Caretaker	2,415		2,250	
Utilities	4,247		1,667	
Insurance	491		447	
Maintenance	1,408		3,411	
Grounds	-		156	
		<u>8,560</u>		<u>7,931</u>
<b>Surplus for the year</b>		<u>3,535</u>		<u>829</u>

### Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
<b>Debtors</b>		
Rental due	175	-
Energy prepayment	99	-
<b>Cash at bank</b>		
Deposit account - Holy Angels'	10,848	7,588
	<u>11,123</u>	<u>7,588</u>
<b>Funds at 1 January 2023</b>	7,588	6,759
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	<u>3,535</u>	<u>829</u>
<b>Funds at 31 December 2023</b>	<u>11,123</u>	<u>7,588</u>

## HOLY ANGELS' FLOWER FUND

### Income and Expenditure Account for the twelve months to 31 December 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Income</b>		
Donations	70	202
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Purchase of flowers	139	195
<b>Surplus for the year</b>	<u>(69)</u>	<u>7</u>

### Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Cash</b>		
Cash in hand	123	192
<b>Funds at 1 January 2023</b>	<u>192</u>	<u>155</u>
Surplus for the year	(69)	7
Transfer from Refreshment Fund	-	30
<b>Funds at 31 December 2023</b>	<u>123</u>	<u>192</u>

## HOLY ANGELS' REFRESHMENT FUND

### Income and Expenditure Account for the twelve months to 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
<b>Income</b>		
Donations	63	152.40
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Tea, coffee, etc	50	66
Candles	0	44
Special occasions	25	107
	(75)	(217)
<b>Surplus for the year</b>	<b>(13)</b>	<b>34</b>

### Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
<b>Cash</b>		
Cash in hand	6	19
<b>Funds at 1 January 2023</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>315</b>
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	(13)	34
Transfer to General Fund		(300)
Transfer to Flower Fund		(30)
<b>Funds at 31 December 2023</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>19</b>

## Church Wardens' Report

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### St. Thomas' Church

It is now over a year since we went to enjoy Fr. Daniel's licensing in his new church in Oldham; therefore it is over a year that the All Saints Team has had no Team Rector. It has been a massive learning experience for us in dealing with the legalities of wedding, baptism and funeral bookings in addition to other forms of church legal requirements and statistics. It was also a year in which to welcome Revd. Jo Jarrett to the team, her main focus being to support and build the parish of St Luke's, Weaste.

It's been a great relief to have the faithful, loving and regular support from clergy in covering services at both churches. Our worship has therefore not been disrupted and unusually in an interregnum the numbers in our congregations have remained steady both on Sundays and for the mid week services. This has been a great pleasure.

We have been happy to see St Thomas' used for the food pantry organised by Manchester City Mission each Monday and Thursday. They help the local community with food and personal support. Thankfully the building has also been hired out on a regular basis to other groups and churches which has brought in a small income.

We have enjoyed all the usual fund raising and social events with various degrees of economic success but fun all round. From pancakes to Harvest Suppers, quizzes to University band concerts, Christmas and summer fairs.

The fabric of St Thomas' is generally in good order, especially considering the age of the building, although like any building there is always something needing attention, for example, the plaster in the hall needs some work and draught excluders need to be fitted. Finally, after a torturous process, we are finally able to enjoy a new sound and visual system in church due to many kind donors and an extremely generous anonymous gift.

The DAC ( Diocesan Advisory Committee ) which overlooks any projects or work that is needed in the church, at long last gave permission not only for the sound/AV system but also for the placement of the miners bench, which is unfortunately still waiting to be signed off by the Chancellor. We are also still waiting for permission for a handrail to be attached to the lectern and for railings around the earth works in the garden.

It is with regret we record the loss of Barbara Knight, Sheila Robinson, Stella Bailey, Eddie Crossley and George Walker. Our thanks go to them for their years of faithful worship and support and to their families we offer our condolences and prayers.

Revd. David Thomas, or as Bishop Frank called him, "Our beloved David" left us in December. In the seventies he was the vicar at St. Thomas and was responsible for the alterations to the building giving us the bathrooms on one side of the building and an excellent kitchen and hall on the other side. Since returning to Salford and to St. Thomas, David was an ever ready listener with a special generosity of spirit and thoughtfulness and was an action taker and worked tirelessly for many years in support of Christian Aid. He applied the same energy in working with the immigrant section of our congregation to help in any way he could. After Fr. Daniel moved on to Oldham we were extremely grateful for all David's assistance in covering services. He was such a selflessly dependable rock who was still working for us in his last days.

We still have close links to St George's Primary School where Joy Bach is now Chair of Governors after taking on the role following the retirement of Rowena Platt and we hope that, weather permitting, we may be able to see more of the children and their choir in our services.

J Club ( Jesus Club ) for our younger members of the congregation, is growing well and establishing itself nicely. It is such fun to see and hear what our young people have made and learned but especially to hear them read their prayers.

Our four ALM's (Authorised Lay Ministers) have 3 year licenses which come to an end in September. With the full support of the PCC, Karen, Emma, Lee and Christine have been recommended to continue for another 3 years.

Our heartfelt thanks go to all those who work so hard behind the scenes, there are many people involved, and also to all our generous clergy who support the wardens and our liturgies.

**Christine Tabbron and Lee Craven MBE, Church Wardens**

## Gift Aid Report – St Thomas' Church

Gift aid is a government scheme to enable charities to reclaim tax on their donations. The Manchester Diocese has a central scheme for administering gift aid behalf of parishes, with a web-based option to which we subscribe. This enables all donations to be entered online and allows claims for tax recovery to be submitted each month, rather than on a quarterly basis.

As treasurer as well as gift aid secretary, I have continued to find the system highly efficient, both in terms of my processing time and for cashflow. The donations are entered on a weekly basis and as soon as possible after the month-end an electronic claim is submitted to the team at Church House. The tax recovered is usually credited to our bank account within a week of lodging the claim.

For those who are not tax payers, or have not signed a gift aid declaration, or those who give anonymously, we are still able to claim through the gift aid on small donations scheme (GASDS). This is restricted to donations made in cash and individually no greater than £30. However, towards the end of the year HMRC issued a concession to allow this to be extended to donations made through the Give-a-Little scheme, even though payments are not cash. I was able to backdate the claim to the time that we installed the system, leading to a tax reclaim of £222. The GASDS scheme has an annual limit of £8,000 for total donations. Therefore, if you are a taxpayer, I encourage you to sign a gift aid declaration if at all possible, please. An analysis of the tax recovered in 2023 is given below.

Gift Aid Declarations	£	GASDS	£
Planned giving (weekly/monthly)	5,083.25	Planned giving (weekly/monthly)	143.00
One-off donations	282.84	Church plate	222.38
Charity donations	406.25	Funerals, Weddings, Baptisms	73.68
Flower donations	179.50	One-off donations	73.33
Fund-raising events	28.47	Give-a-little	222.00
Short fund donations	75.00	Tea and Coffee donations	93.17
	<u>6,055.31</u>	Charity donations	186.63
		Flower donations	67.62
		Fund-raising events	58.81
		Short fund donations	103.78
		Votive candle stand	4.27
			<u>1,248.62</u>

The total tax recovered is £7,303.93. This is a significant addition to the total income for the year and therefore crucial to the finances of the church.

**Maria Jorysz, Gift Aid Secretary**

## Gift Aid - Holy Angels' Church

Our Gift Aid receipt this year has reduced to £1,727.25 as the amount of giving has reduced further but as always has been a welcome addition.

We fully appreciate the generosity of all those who give what they can afford financially or by giving their time and skills or hospitality on a regular basis. A particular thank you to Joy Bach this year as our point of contact with the diocese and the Parish profile in the absence of and search for a new vicar and for keeping groups and fundraising together.

**Julie Wright, Gift Aid Secretary**

## 100 Club – St Thomas' Church

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There were a total of 44 members in the 100 Club in 2023, which unfortunately was again a slight decrease on the previous year, the trend over the past few years.

43 members joined for the full year with each member paying £1.00 per month; £12 for the year and one member joined for 11 months, paying £11. Therefore, a grand total of £527.00 was raised.

There were 11 prizes at £25 per month with a special prize of £40 for December. Therefore, the total prize money paid out was £315 leaving a balance of £212 plus donations to be paid into church funds. The winners for 2023 were:

- January: Julian Dingle
- February: Maria Jorysz
- March: Julian Dingle
- April: Marion Madden
- May: Hilary Thomas
- June: Pam Bright
- July: Cliff Platt
- August: Alice Schofield
- September: Laurence Shepherd
- October: Nichola Deas
- November: Mike Marland
- December: Laura Platt

Thank you to all members for participating in the 100 Club, which enables us to make a contribution to the upkeep of our wonderful church. New members are always welcome and for existing members, please consider taking an additional number.

**Anne Robinson, Secretary, St Thomas' Church**

## Wednesday Lotto – Holy Angels' Church

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Thank you to the members who have remained loyal during the year. More smiling faces on receipt of winning payments.

Once again church has benefitted financially, the details can be seen in the accounts section of the report.

New members are welcome, please contact me if you would like to join.

**Julie Wright, Treasurer, Holy Angels**

## Electoral Roll Report

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Dear Friends

On the 31st December 2022 there were 94 names on the Electoral Roll. During the year of 2023, one person requested to be removed from the Electoral Roll: Mathew Cooper

Sadly, four of our dear friends passed away and their names were removed from the Electoral Roll:

- Anne Royle
- Barbara Knight
- Jack White
- Stella Bailey

*May they all rest in peace*

One new member was added to the Roll: Susan Deborah Gleave

Therefore, on the 31st December 2023 there were 89 names on the Electoral Roll.

**John McKenna, Electoral Roll Officer**

## DCC Report – Holy Angels'

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The DCC continued to meet regularly during 2023.

Our faithful congregation has continued to meet week by week. Thanks to the hard work of Chris Tabbrown and the late Rev'd David Thomas, we have welcomed a variety of clergy from the local area to lead our Tuesday Eucharist service and this has been invigorating for our worship. We are especially grateful that we were able to hold a Christmas Carol service and Christmas Eve service because clergy stepped in at a very busy time of year and it was heartening to see a busy church at both events.

Mike Marland continued in the role of temporary vergers and has ensured that our church is set up for each Tuesday service and when we have any funerals or special events. We have continued to be well served by our Treasurer, Julie Wright, and thank her for her clear and concise reports and thanks to all our DCC members for their attention and support. We also thank our honorary organist, Mr Bev Kitchen, without whom our Tuesday services would be immeasurably poorer; our sides persons, Irene Booth, Joan Howard, Pat Hamer and Pamela Bright for their support during services; all those who read or lead prayers and Mrs Ann Kitchen for organising refreshments each week.

The New Life International Church, who meet to worship in our church on Sundays, has continued to grow, including hosting several special events. We have had several enquiries from other churches but have not felt it appropriate to engage with other churches at this moment in time.

We hosted a Lenten lunch for 'Churches on the Heights' in April as part of a series of short services and discussions during Lent and several members of the congregation attended lunches at St John's, St Luke's RC and Height Methodist.

We were able to have the exterior railings and window frames painted, thanks largely to a generous donation from the late Lillian Ellis but we took the opportunity to have other essential maintenance work done. The building continues to be well maintained, including electrical work, roof and fascia work.

We created a 'Parish Profile' as part of the process to appoint a new Rector to the All Saints team; so far, the diocese has been unsuccessful in attracting anyone to the post and we are anxious that the process and the role are reviewed and a different way ahead considered.

We supported Worsley Rotary club's 'Wrap Up UK Winter Coat Collection' and received a letter of thanks for our contribution toward the 1840 coats they collected.

The death of the Rev'd David Thomas in December was a sad loss for us as a community. In retirement, David began to worship at Holy Angels more frequently and his wise guidance, enthusiasm and intellect will be greatly missed. Unexpectedly, he led his last communion service at Holy Angels; one Tuesday morning in October, when the visiting clergy had not arrived, David determinedly donned his robes once more and led our service, sitting when he needed to, guiding us in our worship and enabling us to share the Eucharist and celebrate the love of Christ. He was a very special man, and we will continue to hold his wife, Hilary, and their loving family in our prayers.

### Community Hall

Evening classes are well established although some classes reduced their sessions in the winter. The Hall continues to be popular for children's parties and family celebrations at weekends and we are grateful for the time our Hall Manager, Julie Wright, devotes to the running of the Hall and Bet Hilditch, who liaises with group leaders and ensures the Hall is well maintained. Maintenance issues are identified quickly thanks to the vigilance of Julie and we also thank her husband, Phil Wright, for all he does to maintain the Community Hall. Income from the Hall continues to support the Church. The rise in costs for utilities has been a particular challenge and will continue to be for the foreseeable future.

### Paddock

The Paddock Community Group became a separately constituted group with its own constitution and bank account, and therefore were able to register with Salford CVS. The PCG meets regularly to tend to the paddock area and church grounds which, as well as providing fellowship, saves money as we only use professional gardening services for hedge and lawn cutting. Sadly, we had to withdraw from the Tiny Forest project, having failed to get the support of the diocese. The Paddock Community Group hosted several events; the first was an Open day to share the work of the Group with local people and the second a very successful Harvest event which raised around £450 for the charity 'abcd' that supports children with disabilities in Palestine and we donated 12 large bags of food to Salford Loaves and Fishes. In December, we hosted our second Christmas in the Paddock event, which was attended by over 40 people who enjoyed hot food and lots of Christmas singing. Thanks again to Kitty for the music and to everyone who supported the event by providing hot food and drinks, created items for the craft and cake stalls and helped to decorate the hall. We donated £240 to church funds.

**Joy Bach, Interregnum Focal Leader**



## Safeguarding Report for Pendleton and Lower Kersal

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Our safeguarding policy is on display at St Thomas', Holy Angel's and St Aidan's. This is re-signed each year. The safeguarding church posters are also displayed at all 3 churches. The full policy is available at the diocesan website and mini handbooks are available.

There were no concerns raised at Holy Angel's or St Aidan's in the last year.

There were two concerns shared at St Thomas', neither of which needed action but protocols were followed. In the coming year our ALMs will need to complete safeguarding training and renew their DBS. The only other people needing DBS are those whose roles require it.

**Rowena Platt**

## J-Club – St Thomas' Church

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J-Club (the J being for Jesus) was launched at the beginning of November 2023. The children start the service in church with their parents/carers and at the end of the first hymn the priest blesses them as they leave to continue their church service in the hall. They return during the Peace, to enable them to participate in the Eucharist.

There is a team of 5 who lead and support the children during J-Club: Joy, Laura, Emma, Miriam and Hilary – although not all will be involved every week. We share the theme of the Gospel reading for that day and encourage the children to think about what it means for all of us. We often sing – which is especially good when Joy plays her ukulele! – and pray. The children are offered a variety of different activities linked with the theme, including craft work, colouring, doing word searches, etc. – and they have a snack!

At the end of the service the priest invites the children to the front of church, when the congregation hears what J-Club have been doing that day and then one of the children leads everyone in a prayer.

Currently we have between 3-6 children who join us fairly regularly, but at times the number is higher with visiting children. At Christmas all the children are given a gift, often a book, from the church.

As we have been considering this report, team members have highlighted that the children develop confidence through listening, participating, sharing, as well as gaining an understanding of the Christian message. It has become increasingly clear that the children know that they are valued members of the congregation – and that is very special. We hope we might have a J-Club noticeboard in the hall, so that the children's work can be displayed for everyone to enjoy.

A real blessing has been the way in which the congregation expressed such pleasure that we would again have a children's group in church on Sundays and the way in which it is clear they really appreciate hearing about what J-Club has done each week. That means so much to the children – as well as the leaders.

**The J-Club Team**

## Organist & Choirmaster – St Thomas' Church

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During the year the organ was regularly serviced and tuned in the Spring and Autumn. The instrument is in excellent condition and we are fortunate to possess such a fine instrument. Lawrence Shepherd deputised occasionally when required earlier in the year. Since the pandemic there has not been a choir as such, but the former members who now sit in the congregation sing the hymns beautifully.

**Arnold Allcock, Organist & Choirmaster**

## Events Group – St Thomas' Church

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- 29th July Summer Fair
- 21st October Bingo and Food
- 19th November Sunday Lunch
- 2nd December Christmas Fair
- 6th December Salford University Band Concert

**Audrey Allcock**

## Flower Fund – St Thomas' Church

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Thank you to all who have donated monies in memory of loved ones to the flower fund.

Also a big thank you to Mike Marland for the beautiful floral arrangements he has done during the past 12 months for me.

**Christina Yates**

## Flower Fund - Holy Angels' Church

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Thank you to Mike Marland for the floral and other decorations in church on special occasions and for good management of the funds.

Members of the congregation are most welcome to make donations for special occasions and in memory of loved ones.

**Julie Wright**

## Fairtrade in Pendleton & Claremont

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The beginning of 2023 was a very challenging time for Fairtraders across the country, as Traidcraft, the Christian company which had supplied a wide range of Fairtrade food and crafts for 40 years announced that it was going into administration. Unfortunately this led to many people, including those within churches, thinking this meant the end of Fairtrade. It didn't! Fairtraders across the country were determined to ensure that the work continued, knowing how crucial it was for the producers, for whom Fairtrade meant that they received a fair price for their goods as well as that very important Premium – a sum of money which is provided to Fairtrade co-operatives to benefit their community, enhance their production etc.

In March a group of Fairtraders from across Greater Manchester met at Holy Angels Church hall in order to start supporting each other to source Fairtrade goods from other retailers. Information was shared, support given and within weeks there were 25 Fairtraders on the contact list. This meant that it was possible to not only keep the stall going at St Thomas' each week, but also to develop it by buying goods, especially crafts, from new outlets. There are still some items which can't be provided at the moment – in particular the Fairtrade biscuits which used to be very popular, as well as the sweets, but we are hopeful that situation may change in the future.

It has, in fact, been a very encouraging year for the Fairtrade stall at St Thomas', which has continued to run every Sunday morning after the service with very few exceptions. The support for the stall has been very good and encouraging. We had a successful stall at both the summer and Christmas fairs – which are always great opportunities to promote Fairtrade to a much wider audience.

It would be really positive if there was a greater recognition, not only in our churches but within the wider Christian community, that buying Fairtrade food and crafts is intrinsically linked with our Christian discipleship and the decisions we all have to make about our lifestyle. It also links in very clearly with our commitment to being an Eco Church as Fairtrade is an important part of this. We are all increasingly aware of the devastating impact the climate emergency is having on our world and especially those communities in which Fairtrade producers live, meaning that their livelihoods and the lives of their children and young people are being severely impacted by this. How we choose to spend our money and whether we make a conscious decision to buy Fairtrade wherever possible has a real and positive impact on their lives.

As a sign of our parish's commitment to Fairtrade it was agreed by the PCC that we should register as a Fairtrade parish with the Fairtrade Foundation. Previously the churches had been recognised as Fairtrade churches by a diocesan scheme, which is no longer in existence, and it makes more sense to be formally registered with the national body. The new certificates will be presented in our churches in the near future.

Thank you so much to everyone who has supported the work of Fairtrade producers throughout this year – it is really encouraging. My heartfelt thanks, too, to Rowena and Debs for regularly helping to set up the stall on Sunday mornings and to Rowena for running it when I am away. It is a real bonus to be joined by Miriam each Sunday – although that is really information for the next year's APCM!

I would also ask that our commitment to being a Fairtrade Church is re-affirmed at this APCM.

**Hilary Thomas**

## Christian Aid

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Our support for Christian Aid continues to be an important part of our church life and ministry. In 2023 the focus of Christian Aid Week was on work by Christian Aid's partners on the ground in Malawi, working with women farmers like Jen and Esther. Their challenge was to be able to farm crops which could survive the uncertainty of weather patterns caused by the climate crisis. Research had led to identifying the pigeon pea as a sustainable crop; it has various uses, including being turned into flour. In this way women like Esther and Jen were able to provide food and education for their children and grandchildren and support their adult children to have a career.

In Christian Aid Week we were very fortunate to hear from Ruth Platt, who works for Christian Aid, as our preacher. Ruth not only talked about Malawi but also about her experience working primarily with partners in Ukraine supporting people through the horrors of the war there.

The Salford Christian Aid group decided not to undertake house to house collections again this year, but various fundraising efforts took place, both by individuals being sponsored for different activities, by the envelopes distributed in our churches and through the annual Christian Aid Coffee Morning run by the Height Methodist Church.

It was really encouraging that within our team we raised £1,155.25 in envelope donations and Gift Aid – which was an increase on the previous year. This included donations from our Christian Aid Week Brunch.

In addition members of our congregation volunteered to join the Christian Aid bucket collection at Tesco in February. As this coincided with the terrible earthquakes in Turkey and Syria the decision was made that the money should be sent to the emergency appeal and there was a very generous response from the shoppers.

We also took part in a very enjoyable and successful quiz night at St Luke's RC Church Hall, in aid of Christian Aid and CAFOD, as well as joining in with the carol singing at Aldi for Christian Aid.

Climate change continues, rightly, to be a central focus of Christian Aid's work. Christian Aid, along with other aid agencies, is acutely aware of the damage which climate change is causing in some of the most vulnerable communities in the world and we are called, as part of our Christian witness, to campaign, to pray and to give.

Thank you so much for your generous and ongoing support for the work of Christian Aid in 2023.

### Footnote:

On a personal note I would like to say a huge thank you to all those who donated to Christian Aid in memory of David. To the delight of our family, the total amount of donations, made in envelopes at his funeral and via the online tribute page, came to over £5,100. Thank you so much.

**Hilary Thomas**

## Salford & Leigh Deanery Synod

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### Introduction:

Since the decision was made to form the deanery of Salford and Leigh (which also includes Eccles) the deanery synod meetings only take place 3 times a year, at different venues across the area. One of the challenges is that synod members often don't actually know each other well and don't have a clear understanding of the context in which the different churches are working. The format is that the Area Dean and the vice-chair of Synod start by holding a short act of worship, which is followed by brief items of information and then there is a speaker on a specific topic. As part of the main topic there may be some small group discussion and feedback.

### Meetings during the year

**28.3.23** The meeting took place at St Mark's, Worsley. The main topic was presented by Beverley Angier, Diocesan Focal Ministry Officer, who talked about the concept of having focal ministers, as part of the leadership team, and stated that focal ministers, who can be lay or ordained, are key to bringing new people into church.

**20.7.23** The synod met at St Mary's in Leigh. The title of the topic was: 'What are our five loaves and two fish? Church growth from the perspective of what we do have and can do, not from what we don't have and can't do'. Revd Mike McGurk, Head of Church Growth and Evangelism in the diocese, gave a talk, stressing that this was not about a particular 'strand' of churchpersonship but was relevant to churches whatever their worship styles, etc.

**8.11.23** The venue was St Andrew's, Eccles. The topic was 'The Extraordinary Act of Giving'. The Area Dean, Colin Pearson, introduced this, linking it with a Bible passage about the generosity of giving and stressed the importance of the parish share. The newly appointed Diocesan Parish Share Officer, Carolyn McGloughlin, then spoke and introduced a short animation on the subject. Manchester diocese does have a large budget deficit but there is a commitment to retaining the current clergy numbers, at least for a period of time. The talk was followed by questions about a different way of allocating the parish share.

**Hilary Thomas**

## Friends of St. Thomas

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### Activities since April 2023

Stand at the Salford Histories Festival which created a large amount of interest in the history of Pendleton, 28th October 2023.

Guest speaker at the Salford Histories Festival about the history of St. Thomas and the UPP project on 28th October 2023.

Invited speakers for several groups including the W.I. on 30th August 2023, the Lunen exchange group on 4th October 2023, and the Swinton History Group on 2nd March 2024.

Three afternoons in November 2023 saw Year 6 students from Lark Hill School attend a history lesson in school. This was to support two aspects of the national curriculum topics for religious studies, with a heritage perspective: -

- The role of the church in charity (examples being the James Short Fund and the current hosting of the food club), including tours of the crypt to visit Short's resting place and his chest from which bread was distributed).
- Art and architecture in religion. (The architecture of the building, the St. Thomas and East Windows, the impact of the Blitz, the damaged brass candlesticks and the cross dedicated to parishioner Alan Wood).

We facilitated two groups of final year media and film students from Salford University who used the church as a location for their final film submission for their degrees.

The parish history was published at the end of November 2023 to excellent reviews. It is available to buy from ourselves but also through Amazon, which has seen some international purchases. An interview was filmed with Theresa in church to coincide with the book's publication which was broadcast on Salford Media.

FOST remains affiliated to Salford Histories to maximise our exposure.

FOST has engaged with St. Luke's in Weaste in its capacity of part of the All Saints Team. Many hours have been spent cataloguing, transcribing and arranging archiving for their documents remaining in church. We will be supporting them as they arrange their own heritage event in July.

### Unearthing Pendleton's Past (UPP)

Whilst the project is now complete from the perspective of Historic England, the site remains unfinished due to the inactivity and lack of engagement of the Diocese of Manchester.

As soon as a decision is reached regarding fencing of the smaller site, completion work can proceed. The spaces between the ledger stones are to be filled with a grit type fill, laid on a membrane, under guidance from RHS Bridgewater.

The results of the project are available as a report, approved by Historic England. Posters have been compiled to illustrate the occupations and place of residence of those whose graves were uncovered, along with their place of birth to consider immigration into Pendleton. When not in use, these posters can be found on the wall of the church hall. Research will continue on individual families to supplement family reports already completed.

The results of the project will be presented at an event in church on 1st June 2024.

### Future events:

- Presentation of the UPP project 1st June 2024.
- Article about the history of St. Thomas submitted for publication in the next Salford Link magazine.
- Participation in National Heritage Open Day Scheme, September 2024
- Heritage event at St. Luke's Weaste, July 2024.
- Joint project with Irwell Valley Miners Group regarding miners buried at St. Thomas.
- To explore the concept of guided tours, of the site in Brindle Heath and the present church, for a fee.

**The Parochial Church Council of Pendleton and Claremont**  
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**Updates to previous actions:**

ACTION	STATUS
Participation in National Heritage Open Day Scheme, September 2023.	Event cancelled due to family illness.
Invited speaker at Salford Histories Festival to present the UPP project.	Complete.
Joint project with Irwell Valley Miners Group about miners buried at St. Thomas'	This has been on hold, whilst awaiting the faculty to site the miners' bench. To be revisited.
Book launch for the Parish History.	Complete.
Presentation of the UPP project.	Ongoing.

**Finances for year ending 31st December 2023**

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Book sale profits	581.00
Other income	47.00
Donation to P&C PCC	(1,000.00)
	(372.00)
Historic England net income	4,126.00
 Profit for the year	 <u>3,745.00</u>
 Brought forward reserves	 3,265.00
Profit for the year	3,754.00
 Carried forward reserves	 7,019.00
 FOST bank and cash balances	 695.00
Historic England bank balance	6,258.00
Book sale debtors	40.00
Closing book stock	26.00
 Net assets	 7,019.00

**Theresa Emberton**



Parish of Pendleton and Claremont

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