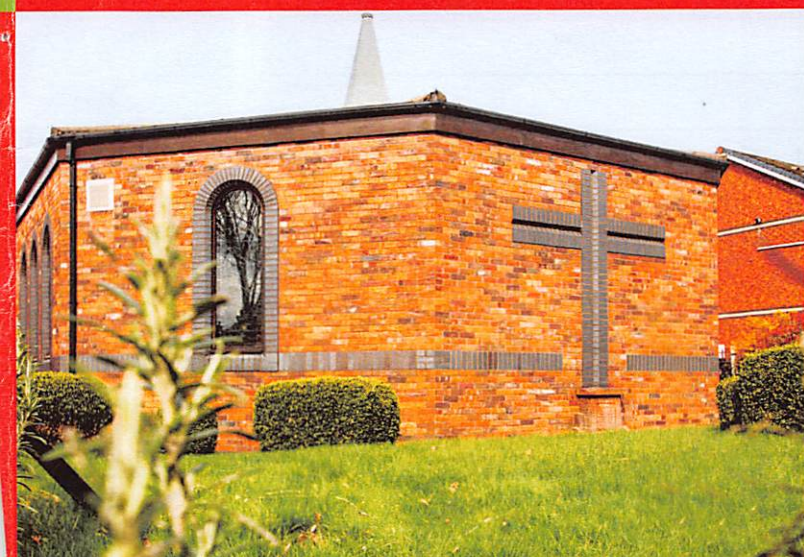




ANNUAL REPORT 2024

Parish of Pendleton and Claremont



Holy Angels' Church Claremont



St Thomas' Church Pendleton

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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 The Rectory, 92 Fitzwarren Street, Salford M6 5LN

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 2024 until the date this report was approved are:

Ex officio members

Team Rector:	Revd Peter Bennett (14 November 2024)
Assistant curate:	Position vacant
Wardens:	Mr Lee Craven MBE Ms Christine Tabbbron
Deanery Synod:	Ms Hilary Thomas
Deanery Synod:	Mrs Rowena Platt (Safeguarding Officer)
Diocesan Synod:	Mrs Emma Turton (term ended 31 July 2024)
Treasurer:	Mrs Maria Jorysz (Gift Aid Secretary)

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 (Deanery Synod Representative)
Mr John McKenna
Mr Michael Marland
Mr Henry Madubuike
Miss Anne Robinson (Secretary)
Ms Karen Schofield
Mrs Christina Yates (resigned 26 May 2024)

TRUSTEES' REPORT

AIM AND PURPOSES

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 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

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

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.

The Rev'd Peter Bennett was appointed as Team Rector on 14 November 2024, following a vacancy from 6 February 2023.

Deanery of Salford & Leigh

Following the Diocesan Transformation Agenda, the parish sits within the 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.

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.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (CONTINUED)

St Thomas' Church Hall

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

Evening classes and Saturday sessions continue to be popular; we hosted another dance week for Amiss Arts Acrobatics and Aerial Dance and enjoyed their final showcase performance alongside about 40 parents and supporters. In March, the local Methodist Hall sadly suffered a significant issue with their roof and had to close with 12 hours' notice and we did our best to support local groups by welcoming them to use our Community Hall. Happily, the Height Methodist roof is now mended and most groups have returned there, although Smilies before and after school club have opted to remain at Holy Angels. They also operate school holiday clubs so the Hall has been particularly busy this year. We could not have managed any of this without our Hall Manager, Julie Wright, who voluntarily devotes a great deal of time to ensure everything runs smoothly. Also Bet Hilditch, who liaises with group leaders and ensures the Hall is clean and tidy. Maintenance issues are identified quickly thanks to the vigilance of Julie and we also appreciate the contribution of her husband, Phil Wright, for all he does to maintain the Community Hall and respond quickly to emergencies. Income from the Hall continues to support the Church. The rise in costs for utilities continues to be a challenge.

Paddock Community Group

In 2024, 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 Paddock Community Group continued to meet regularly to tend to the paddock area and church grounds. This year, we increased the amount of produce grown and shared it with the congregation, including potatoes, peas, broad beans, raspberries, rhubarb, and strawberries.

We have made links with Smilies club as the children were interested in the raised borders so they helped to harvest the potatoes and planted bulbs, sponsored by a local garden centre. Thanks to Ian Brearley for his work on this.

Pastoral care

In the absence of a Team Rector and incumbent, the congregation did its best to continue the pastoral ministry of the churches, supporting vulnerable people, those in need and people who were unable to physically attend church due to poor health.

We are now in the process of forming a pastoral care team including clergy, ALMs, and others, to ensure that the ministry of many individuals in this area that has been in evidence during the vacancy can be guided and directed effectively going forward.

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

With the arrival of a new rector late in the year it was felt necessary for a period of reflection before making any major strategic moves.

Ecumenical relationships

New 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. It is also used twice weekly by Manchester City Mission.

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 £83,245 (2023: £75,585), of which £38,445 (2023: £33,601) was unrestricted voluntary donations, and a further £9,228 (2023: £7,795) was tax recoverable through the government's gift aid scheme. The remaining unrestricted income comprises grant income of £0 (2023: £660), fund-raising income of £5,259 (2023: £5,194), investment income of £3,764 (2023: £3,215) and income from church activities of £26,550 (2023: 25,120).

Overall unrestricted income has increased by £7,660 over the prior year. This is mainly due to increases in voluntary giving, but also increases in rental income. Restricted income amounted to £10,616 (2023: £8,441) plus tax recoverable of £1,042 (2023: £924). The increase is mainly due to increased contributions from the Team parishes to the team fund (in 2023 there was a reduction in contributions due to lower Team costs during the vacancy). Major sources of income in 2024 include £3,200 of payments from Team parishes to the central Team fund (2023: £1,867); donations to the Short fund of £875 including tax receivable (2023: £1,375); donations to charity appeals £4,234 (2023: £3,055).

The PCC's wider missionary objectives involved the donation of £4,153 (2023: £3,084) to selected overseas and UK charities. Other expenditure amounted to £100,258 (2023: £81,239). The main reason for the increased expenditure is the purchase of the PA/AV system for St Thomas' church from the restricted appeal fund.

A significant element of the expenditure is the payment of the parish share of £36,275 (2023: £35,455) 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 £3,901 (2023: £2,448). This is the aggregation (after fund transfers) of a deficit of £148 (2023: surplus £524) for St Thomas' Church (after recognising a gain on investments of £468 (2023: £1,773)); a deficit for Holy Angels' Church of £2,485 (2023: £1,523); a surplus on Holy Angels' Hall of £5,898 (2023: £3,535); and a total surplus on the other minor accounts of £237 (2023: deficit £88).

The parish recognises that, although it has reported a small surplus, this is largely due to the net income generated from the rental activities, primarily at Holy Angels. Initiatives are therefore being considered for increasing voluntary giving, rental income at St Thomas' and fund raising, together with introducing efficiencies on expenditure.

The net movement in the restricted funds shows a deficit of £12,486 (2023: surplus £115). The deficit is due to the expenditure on the audio-visual system for St Thomas' Church which was funded from the appeal fund held within the restricted funds balance; there is a small balance of £681 remaining in the appeal fund at the year-end. Other restricted funds include 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 Short Fund reported an excess income of £527, largely due to a donation of £500 received from the Friends of St Thomas'.

The Team Fund has reported a surplus of £1,708 for the year and retains an accumulated balance of £4,020. This is due to low clergy expenses during the vacancy.

The only source of income to the Fabric Fund during the year was interest income, which was exceeded by expenditure to give a deficit of £644 and reduced fund balance of £9,556.

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 £35 and Holy Angels' Church a surplus of £109.

The Parish has net assets of £110,515 (2023: £119,498), of which £23,896 (2023: £23,341) is investments and £94,708 (2023: £96,646) is cash in the bank and in hand. This is represented by unrestricted funds of £86,103 (2023: £82,601) and restricted funds of £24,412 (2023: £36,897).

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 £37,397. This is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. The total free reserves at 31 December 2024 were £65,116.

The balance on restricted funds at the year-end was £21,502 (excluding £2,909 of investments). This is mainly represented by the balance on the Fabric Fund of £9,556, the Short Fund of £5,776 and the Team Fund of £4,020.

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 £27,719 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 Tabbrown, 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)

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2024.

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 2025

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF PENDLETON & CLAREMONT

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Income					
Voluntary income	2(a)	47,673	10,976	58,649	50,903
Activities for generating funds	2(b)	5,259	36	5,295	5,713
Income from investments	2(c)	3,764	646	4,410	3,215
Church activities	2(d)	26,550	-	26,550	25,120
Total income		83,245	11,659	94,904	84,950
Expenditure					
Church activities	3(a)	73,547	29,536	103,083	82,811
Raising funds	3(b)	1,248	112	1,360	1,512
Total expenditure		74,795	29,648	104,443	84,323
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(loss)		8,450	(17,989)	(9,539)	627
Net gain/(loss) on investments		468	87	555	1,935
Net income/(expenditure)		8,919	(17,902)	(8,984)	2,563
Transfers between funds		(5,417)	5,417	0	0
Net movement in funds		3,502	(12,486)	(8,984)	2,563
Total funds brought forward		82,601	36,897	119,498	116,936
Total funds carried forward		86,103	24,412	110,515	119,498

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed Assets			
Investments	5	23,896	23,341
Current assets			
Debtors and prepayments	6	2,351	1,841
Short-term deposits		73,044	71,860
Cash at bank and in hand		21,664	24,786
		97,059	98,486
Liabilities			
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	7	(10,440)	(2,329)
Net current assets		86,619	96,158
Total net assets		110,515	119,498
Parish funds			
Unrestricted		86,103	82,601
Restricted		24,412	36,897
		110,515	119,498

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 11 May 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Rev'd Peter Bennett (Team Rector)

Cashflow Statement for the year ended 31 December 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	(6,348)	(10,694)
Cashflows from investing activities		
Dividends and interest	4,410	3,215
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period	(1,938)	(7,479)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	96,646	104,125
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December	<u>94,708</u>	<u>96,646</u>
Net expenditure/income before investment gains	(9,539)	627
Adjustments for:		
Dividends and interest	(4,410)	(3,215)
Decrease in debtors	(510)	447
(Decrease)/Increase in creditors	8,111	(8,554)
Net cash (used in)/ provided by operating activities	<u>(6,348)</u>	<u>(10,694)</u>
Analysis of cash and cash equivalents		
Deposit accounts	73,044	71,860
Current accounts	21,131	23,971
Cash in hand	533	815
	<u>94,708</u>	<u>96,646</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements

2	Income	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
2(a)	Voluntary income				
	Planned giving				
	Gift aid donations	26,930	-	26,930	28,134
	Tax recoverable	6,733	-	6,733	7,035
	Other	818	-	818	802
	Collections				
	Open plate	2,863	-	2,863	2,556
	Tax recoverable	780	-	780	642
	Grants				
	Pastoral support	-	-	-	-
	Team parishes	-	3,200	3,200	3,275
	Energy grant	-	-	-	2,500
	VAT recovery	-	-	-	-
	Donations, appeals, etc				
		7,634	6,484	14,118	27,046
	Tax recoverable	1,716	1,042	2,758	5,474
	Legacies				
		200	250	450	-
		47,673	10,976	58,649	77,464
2(b)	Activities for generating funds				
	Social events	136	31	167	542
	Christmas fair	1,350	-	1,350	1,754
	Summer fair	1,409	-	1,409	886
	Raffles and lottery	1,884	-	1,884	2,267
	Sponsored events	-	-	-	-
	Other	479	5	485	419
		5,259	36	5,295	5,869
2(c)	Income from investments				
	Dividends	-	-	-	-
	Bank interest	3,764	646	4,410	1,250
		3,764	646	4,410	1,250
2(d)	Income from church activities				
	Fees for weddings and funerals	5,246	-	5,246	9,709
	Rental income	21,022	-	21,022	15,700
	Subscriptions	-	-	-	-
	Trips and visits	-	-	-	-
	Insurance proceeds	-	-	-	-
	Other	282	-	282	650
		26,550	-	26,550	26,059
	Total income	83,245	11,659	94,904	110,641

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

3 Expenditure	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
3(a) Church activities				
Missionary and charitable giving				
Overseas	-	3,929	3,929	3,946
Home	-	225	225	374
	-	4,153	4,153	4,320
Ministry Diocesan parish share	36,275	-	36,275	39,500
Other ministry costs	5,384	8,465	13,849	18,977
Church running and maintenance	22,584	15,316	37,900	19,458
Major repairs	0	1,290	1,290	784
Church yard upkeep	-	-	-	320
Church hall running costs	9,053	-	9,053	7,931
Printing and stationery	251	312	563	1,135
	73,547	29,536	103,083	92,424
3(b) Raising funds				
Social events	-	31	31	-
Fund raising events	1,248	81	1,329	1,362
	1,248	112	1,360	1,362
Total resources expended	74,795	29,648	104,443	93,786
			2024 £	2023 £
4 Staff costs				
Wages and salaries			2,405	2,450

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

Payments to PCC members

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

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

	£		
5	Fixed assets		
	Investments		
	Market value at 1 January 2024	23,340.81	
	Net gain	555.28	
	Market value at 31 December 2024	<u>23,896.09</u>	
	Unrestricted funds	20,986.75	
	Restricted funds	2,909.34	
		<u>23,896.09</u>	
		2024	2023
		£	£
6	Current assets		
	Debtors		
	Tax recoverable	1,177	1,205
	Prepayments and accrued income	462	137
	Other debtors	712	681
		<u>2,351</u>	<u>2,023</u>
		2024	2023
		£	£
7	Liabilities		
	Amounts falling due in one year		
	Accruals and deferred income	8,084	373
	Other creditors	2,356	0
		<u>10,440</u>	<u>373</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.

Memorial Fund

Donations were received to be used for expenditure in memory of specific individuals.

Away Day Fund

Specific donations were made towards the parish weekend in 2024; the balance has been retained for similar future activities.

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 2024	61,848	9,617	11,123	7	6	82,601
Incoming resources	50,307	17,583	14,867	488	-	83,245
Resources expended	(47,107)	(18,468)	(8,969)	(251)	-	(74,795)
Investment gain	468	-	-	-	-	468
Transfers	(3,817)	(1,600)	-	-	-	(5,417)
Balance at 31 December 2024	61,700	7,132	17,021	244	6	86,103

Restricted funds

	St Thomas' Investments £	All Saints Team £	Short Fund £	Charity Fund £	Fabric Fund £	Appeal Fund £	Memorial Fund £	Away Day Fund £	St Thomas' Flower Fund £	Holy Angels' Flower Fund £	Total £
Balance at 1 January 2024	2,881	2,311	5,249	-	10,200	15,997	-	-	137	123	36,897
Incoming resources	-	3,200	911	4,234	646	-	250	1,210	1,016	191	11,659
Resources expended	-	(6,291)	(384)	(4,234)	1,290	(15,316)	(535)	(456)	(937)	(205)	(29,648)
Investment gain	87	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	87
Transfers	-	4,800	-	-	-	0	799	-	(182)	-	5,417
Balance at 31 December 2024	2,968	4,020	5,776	0	9,556	681	513	755	35	109	24,412

10 Summary of assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £
Investments	20,987	2,909	23,896
Current assets	71,504	25,555	97,059
Liabilities	(6,388)	(4,052)	(10,440)
	86,103	24,412	110,515

MISSIONARY AND CHARITABLE GIVING

	Overseas £	Home £	Total £
From unrestricted reserves	-	-	-
From appeals or fund raising			
WaterAid	1,079	-	1,079
Christian Aid	2,850	-	2,850
Bishop's Ordination Fund	-	225	225
	<u>3,929</u>	<u>225</u>	<u>4,153</u>
Total giving	<u>3,929</u>	<u>225</u>	<u>4,153</u>

ST THOMAS' GENERAL FUND: INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS TO 31 DECEMBER 2024

Income	£	2024	£	2023	£
Donations with gift aid declaration					
Regular giving by direct transfer		20,020		19,225	
Regular giving by envelope		990		1,078	
Other donations		4,183		1,047	
		<u>25,193</u>		<u>21,380</u>	
Tax recovered		6,338		5,345	
			31,531		26,725
Donations without gift aid declaration					
Regular giving by envelope		565		572	
Regular giving by direct transfer		818		815	
Collection plate		1,763		890	
Occasional offices		725		319	
One-off donations		1,295		1,192	
		<u>5,167</u>		<u>3,788</u>	
Tax recovered (GASDS)		1,027		751	
			6,193		4,539
Fund raising and events					
Sale of goods		24		-	
100 Club		189		229	
Summer fair		1,200		1,210	
Christmas fair		1,295		1,048	
Bingo night		112		-	
Brass band concert		-		173	
LACR AGM		130		-	
Harvest supper		-		-	
Pancake party		-		231	
Tax Recovered		107		110	
			3,057		3,000
Other income					
PCC fees for occasional offices		3,296		3,819	
Less: paid to Diocese		(1,340)		(1,611)	
		<u>1,956</u>		<u>2,208</u>	
Rental income		2,530		3,440	
Energy grant (second tranche)		-		330	
Votive candle stand		32		17	
Bank interest		3,018		2,778	
Tower donations		-		23	
Other income		250		33	
			7,786		8,829
			<u>48,566</u>		<u>43,093</u>
Expenditure					
Central payments					
All Saints Team		3,200		1,067	
Parish Share		24,275		23,455	
			27,475		24,522
Church services					
John Mark		717		842	
Publications		168		168	
Organist's honorarium		25		125	
Music costs		133		127	
Copyright licence		354		329	
Organ costs		396		1,056	
Children's resources		131		29	
Costs of special services		934		51	
			2,857		2,728
Utilities and insurance					
Energy		6,310		6,075	
Insurance		6,692		6,538	
Water		488		448	
Hygiene supplies		349		229	
			13,840		13,290
Repairs and maintenance					
Minor repairs		285		264	
Boiler repairs		490		260	
Equipment purchases		382		93	
Hall/meeting room		85		216	
Lightning conductor servicing		156		-	
Fire servicing		290		299	
Lock repairs		-		312	
			1,688		1,444
Office costs					
Telephone		752		699	
Postage and stationary		15		11	
Photocopier		236		1,495	
Finance charges		21		-	
			1,023		2,205
Other costs			1,683		289
			<u>48,566</u>		<u>44,478</u>
Operating deficit for the period			<u>0</u>		<u>(1,385)</u>

St Thomas' General Fund: Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Investments		
CCLA	20,929	20,460
Church House	2,968	2,881
	<u>23,896</u>	<u>23,341</u>
Debtors		
Tax recoverable	720	833
Other debtors	712	307
Accrued income	137	-
	<u>1,569</u>	<u>1,140</u>
Cash		
Fabric fund - CCLA	2,852	2,208
Deposit account - CCLA	36,775	36,775
Church House deposits	9,066	8,627
Current account - Santander	(8,269)	(3,832)
Current account - Co-op	4,541	(2,287)
Cash in hand	382	548
	<u>45,347</u>	<u>42,039</u>
	46,916	43,179
Liabilities		
Amount owed to DBF	524	229
Other creditors	1,589	877
Accruals	4,032	562
Deferred income	-	124
	<u>(6,145)</u>	<u>(1,791)</u>
Net current assets	<u>40,771</u>	<u>41,388</u>
Net assets	<u>64,667</u>	<u>64,728</u>
Funds at 1 January 2024	64,728	64,042
Surplus/(Deficit) for the period	0	(1,385)
Gain/(Loss) on investments	555	1,935
Transfer from Wednesday fund	182	235
Transfer from flower fund	(799)	-
Transfer (to)/from refreshment fund	-	(99)
Funds at 31 December 2024	<u>64,667</u>	<u>64,728</u>

ST THOMAS' SHORT FUND

Income and Expenditure Account for the twelve months to 31 December 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Income		
Donations including FoST	800	1,300
Tax recovery on donations	75	75
Wednesday lunches	31	415
Tax recovery	5	104
	<u>911</u>	<u>1,894</u>
Expenditure		
Hardship support	-	117
Training	-	-
Activities (Scargill retreat)	353	-
Wednesday lunches	<u>31</u>	<u>94</u>
	(384)	(211)
Surplus for the year	<u>527</u>	<u>1,683</u>

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Debtors		
Tax recoverable	-	-
Cash		
St Thomas' current account	<u>5,776</u>	<u>5,249</u>
	5,776	5,249
Liabilities		
Accruals	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	5,776	5,249
Balance in the Short Fund at 1 January 2024	5,249	3,565
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	527	1,683
Balance in the Short Fund at 31 December 2024	<u>5,776</u>	<u>5,249</u>

ST THOMAS' FABRIC FUND

Income and Expenditure Account for the twelve months to 31 December 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Income		646		-
Expenditure				
Repair to flagpole	510		-	
Dry rot works	-		184	
Roof and gutter maintenance	780		-	
Repair of leaking roof	-		614	
		(1,290)		(799)
Deficit for the year		(644)		(799)

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash		
Fabric fund - CCLA	9,556	10,200
	<u>9,556</u>	<u>10,200</u>
Funds at 1 January 2024	10,200	10,999
Deficit for the year	(644)	(799)
Funds at 31 December 2024	<u>9,556</u>	<u>10,200</u>

ST THOMAS' APPEAL FUND

Income and Expenditure Account for the twelve months to 31 December 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Income		
Donations	-	1,000
Tax recovery on donations	-	-
VAT recovery	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,000</u>
Expenditure		
Frame TV	-	1,919
Full system	15,316	-
	<u>15,316</u>	<u>-</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	<u>(15,316)</u>	<u>(919)</u>

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash		
Bank Account	681	15,997
	<u>681</u>	<u>15,997</u>
Funds at 1 January 2024	15,997	16,915
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(15,316)	(919)
Funds at 31 December 2024	<u>681</u>	<u>15,997</u>

ST THOMAS' FLOWER FUND

Income and Expenditure Account for the twelve months to 31 December 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Income		
Donations	834	1,138
Tax Recovery	182	235
	<u>1,016</u>	<u>1,373</u>
Expenditure		
Purchase of flowers	937	1,078
	<u>79</u>	<u>295</u>
Surplus for the year		

St Thomas' Flower Fund: Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Current Assets		
Tax recoverable	31	56
Cash in hand	35	137
	65	193
Liabilities		
St Thomas' general fund	(31)	(56)
Net Assets	<u>35</u>	<u>137</u>
Funds at 1 January 2024	137	76
Surplus for the year	79	295
Transfer to St Thomas' general fund	(182)	(235)
Funds at 31 December 2024	<u>35</u>	<u>137</u>

ST THOMAS' REFRESHMENT FUND

Income and Expenditure Account for the twelve months to 31 December 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Donations		391		383
Tax recovery on donations		98		96
		<u>488</u>		<u>478</u>
Expenditure				
Tea, Coffee, biscuits	251		178	
Hot water boiler repair	<u>-</u>		<u>475</u>	
		251		653
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		<u>237</u>		<u>(174)</u>

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash		
Tax recoverable	7	7
St Thomas' current account	<u>237</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>244</u>	<u>7</u>
Balance in the Short Fund at 1 January 2024	7	82
Surplus/Deficit for the year	237	(174)
Transfer from/(to) St Thomas' general fund	-	99
Balance in the Short Fund at 31 December 2024	<u>244</u>	<u>7</u>

ST THOMAS' AWAY DAY FUND

Income and Expenditure Account for the twelve months to 31 December 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Income		
Donations	1,210	--
Expenditure		
Scargill retreat	456	-
Surplus for the year	<u>755</u>	<u>-</u>

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash		
Bank account	<u>755</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>755</u>	<u>-</u>
Funds at 1 January 2024	-	-
Surplus for the year	755	-
Funds at 31 December 2024	<u>755</u>	<u>-</u>

ST THOMAS’ MEMORIAL FUND

Income and Expenditure Account for the twelve months to 31 December 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Income		
Legacy	250	-
Expenditure		
Flowers and pots by entrance	535	-
Deficit for the year	285	-

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash		
Bank account	513	799
	513	799
Funds at 1 January 2024	799	-
Surplus for the year	(285)	-
Funds at 31 December 2024	513	799

ALL SAINTS TEAM

Income and Expenditure Account for the year to 31 December 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Parishes				
Pendleton and Claremont	4,800		1,600	
St Luke's	2,000		667	
St Aidan's	1,200		1,200	
Emmanuel	-		-	
		8,000		3,467
Voluntary giving				
Donations	-		85	
Tax recovered	-		21	
		-		106
		8,000		3,573
Expenditure				
Clergy				
Council tax	3,218		1,110	
Water	808		477	
Expenses	625		1,573	
Gifts for visiting clergy	72		-	
Resources	15		14	
		4,737		3,174
Administrative costs				
Administrative costs	1,050		-	
Photocopying	312		312	
Other expenses	-		16	
		1,362		328
Activities				
Whit walk	75		75	
Nativity costumes	67		-	
Remembrance wreaths	50		-	
		192		75
		6,291		3,577
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		1,709		(4)

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Debtors		
Gift aid receivable	-	-
Cash		
Cash at bank	8,072	2,572
	8,072	2,572
Liabilities		
Owing for clergy expenses	26	260
Accruals	4,026	-
	(4,052)	(260)
Net assets	4,020	2,311
Funds at 1 January 2024	2,311	2,316
(Deficit)/surplus for the year	1,709	(4)
Funds at 31 December 2024	4,020	2,311

HOLY ANGELS' GENERAL FUND: INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS TO 31 DECEMBER 2024

Income	2024	2023	
	£	£	£
Voluntary giving			
Regular giving by direct transfer	4,740	4,780	
Collection	2,289	1,325	
Other donations	666	360	
	<u>7,695</u>	<u>6,465</u>	
Tax recovered	1,766	1,504	
		<u>9,461</u>	8,068
Fund raising			
Lottery	1,695	1,860	
Other	106	-	
		<u>1,801</u>	1,860
Other income			
PCC fees for occasional offices	1,600	1,351	
Rent	3,625	4,125	
Income for painting the railings	-	1,500	
Energy grant	-	-	
Write back of PAYE provision	-	-	
Bank interest	746	436	
Other	-	570	
		<u>5,971</u>	7,982
		<u>17,233</u>	17,911
Expenditure			
Central payments			
Contribution to Parish share	12,000	12,000	
Team share	1,600	533	
Fees to DBF	1,023	408	
		<u>14,623</u>	12,941
Church supplies			
Church supplies	325	206	
Flowers	50	-	
Hygiene and cleaning supplies	176	18	
		<u>551</u>	225
Services			
Utilities	1,505	1,489	
Insurance	487	491	
		<u>2,002</u>	1,980
Repairs and maintenance			
Grass cutting	372	335	
Maintenance	587	2,117	
Grounds maintenance	-	762	
		<u>959</u>	3,214
Costs of raising funds			
Lottery		847	1,009
Other costs			
Charity payments	-	29	
Bequest expenditure	141	-	
Paddock	595	-	
Sundry	-	36	
		<u>736</u>	64
		<u>19,718</u>	19,433
Deficit for the year		<u>(2,485)</u>	(1,523)

HOLY ANGELS': GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Debtors		
Tax recoverable	450	376
Energy prepayment	-	43
Refreshment fund	25	
	<u>475</u>	<u>419</u>
Cash		
Deposit account - CCLA	-	3,201
Current account	6,832	6,273
	<u>6,832</u>	<u>9,475</u>
	7,307	9,894
Creditors		
Amount outstanding for Lotto	-	277
Accruals	175	-
	<u>(175)</u>	<u>(277)</u>
Net assets	<u>7,132</u>	<u>9,617</u>
Funds at 1 January 2024	9,617	11,140
Deficit on General Fund	(2,485)	(1,523)
Funds at 31 August 2024	<u>7,132</u>	<u>9,617</u>

HOLY ANGELS' HALL FUND

Income and Expenditure Account for the twelve months to 31 December 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Rental income		14,867		11,765
Energy grant		-		330
		<u>14,867</u>		<u>12,095</u>
Expenditure				
Caretaker	2,405		2,415	
Utilities	3,986		4,247	
Insurance	499		491	
Maintenance	1,929		1,408	
Cleaning and hygiene	<u>150</u>		<u>-</u>	
		<u>8,969</u>		<u>8,560</u>
Surplus for the year		<u>5,898</u>		<u>3,535</u>

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Debtors		
Rental due	300	
Energy prepayment	-	
Cash at bank		
Deposit account - Holy Angels'	14,796	-
Current account - Holy Angels'	<u>1,994</u>	<u>10,848</u>
	<u>17,089</u>	<u>11,123</u>
Liabilities		
Accruals	<u>(68)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>17,021</u>	<u>11,123</u>
Funds at 1 January 2024	<u>11,123</u>	<u>7,588</u>
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	<u>5,898</u>	<u>3,535</u>
Funds at 31 December 2024	<u>17,021</u>	<u>11,123</u>

HOLY ANGELS' FLOWER FUND

Income and Expenditure Account for the twelve months to 31 December 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Income		
Donations	191	70
Expenditure		
Purchase of flowers	205	139
Surplus for the year	<u>(14)</u>	<u>(69)</u>

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash		
Cash in hand	109	123
Funds at 1 January 2024	<u>123</u>	<u>192</u>
Deficit for the year	(14)	(69)
Funds at 31 December 2024	<u>109</u>	<u>123</u>

HOLY ANGELS' REFRESHMENT FUND

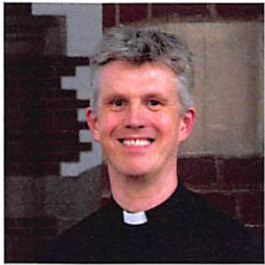
Income and Expenditure Account for the twelve months to 31 December 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Donations		-		152.40
Expenditure				
Tea, coffee, etc	-		50	
Special occasions	-		25	
		-		(75)
Surplus for the year		-		(13)

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash		
Cash in hand	6	19
Funds at 1 January 2024	6	19
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	-	(13)
Transfer to General Fund	-	-
Transfer to Flower Fund	-	-
Funds at 31 December 2024	6	6

Team Rector's Report, 2024



As this report is meant to only cover Jan 2024 to Dec 2024 it is very short.

I arrived in post on the 14th November, with a very joyful licensing service. Over the six weeks of the rest of the year I had the pleasure of meeting a lot of new people and trying to work out who was who and what was going on. I was very impressed by the way that everyone had pulled together during the vacancy, and by the warm and welcoming atmosphere in our churches. Thank you all!

During those last few weeks of the year we had an Advent Study group, a full range of Christmas services including St George's school celebrating at St Thomas, and the Smilies before & after school club at Holy Angels joining us for a Crib service.

I am very much looking forward to the coming year and a much fuller Rector's Report for 2025, as a lot has happened already in the first three months of this year and there are many more things planned for the year ahead.

God Bless

Peter

Church Wardens' Report

St. Thomas' Church

It's been another busy time as we moved through our second year without a Team Rector. Despite this, attendance at St Thomas' was steady with the faithful congregation coming to enjoy our varied and interesting clerics.

We must again express our gratitude to the team of clergy, both retired and in post, who regularly and loyally visited to conduct the services. Several came so often that they seemed part of the St. Thomas family, most notable the Rev. Sue Morgan who showed us the most remarkable support.

The Parish Profile was rewritten and reformulated in order to attract the attention of a rector who would fit the team. Finally in July, Joy Bach and Lee Craven helped with the appointment of Rev. Peter Bennett. Happily he and his family were able to be at the Team barbecue in the Paddock at Holy Angels to meet his future parishioners.

On Thursday 14th November Rev. Peter was licensed by Bishop David Walker. It was a busy, crowded and joyful evening with a coachful of Peter's friends joining us from Crewe and a wonderful celebration buffet to round the evening off properly.

J Club continues its successful engagement of the children who at the end of the service entertain us with the news of their activities and a prayer. Many thanks go to the adults who prepare the work for the children.

On 14th July Rev. Sue Morgan led the service of commemoration at the site of the precursor to St. Thomas, the Chapel of Ease in Brindleheath. Despite the rain, a large group of us processed to the site after the Sunday Eucharist and enjoyed connecting with our predecessors.

The Quinquennial inspection finally took place in both parishes after a two year delay due to the Covid outbreak. The architect, Andrew Ruaux, praised both churches for the good upkeep of buildings but pointed out necessary work to be completed, especially at St Thomas.

On Monday 27th May we processed round Manchester in the annual Whit Walks, for once without rain. We carried the banner kindly refurbished by Theresa Emberton and were accompanied by our J Club children carrying their own homemade banner. The large St Thomas banner took its revenge on Father Daniel for leaving us by slipping from its resting place on the pillar outside Central Library and firmly hitting him on the head. God works in mysterious ways!

September saw us off to spend a happy and interesting weekend at Scargill House in the Yorkshire dales. We were offered many opportunities to work together and explore our faith but were always free to go to explore the locality, watch the birds or buy from the wonderful little shop. Our wholehearted thanks go to Hilary Thomas and Rev. Sue Morgan for all their hard work in planning this trip: contacting Scargill House, meetings with the participants to keep us informed and even finding free transport in the form of a community mini bus. It was a tour de force Hilary.

On Sunday 13th October, we were joined by Bishop Mark Davies, who, with joy, confirmed a group of our Iranian friends who attend St Thomas. There were also two candidates from St John's, Pendlebury. Bishop Mark was supported by Rev. Leila Nikroo who had carefully prepared the candidates.

Finally, after a two year wait for the faculty, the Miner's Bench, in memory of miners who died in a pit collapse, was fitted in the grass verge at the front of church. A short service of blessing and dedication was led by Bishop Frank assisted by the members of the Miner's association.

The work of Taban, the charity founded by Holy Innocents in Fallowfield, Emmanuel in Didsbury and St Thomas has continued, though we deeply missed the help of Rev. David Thomas who chaired the St. Thomas group and kept us on track. Mojgan Bakhtiary and her colleague,

Homeira Hedayat, come every Wednesday to provide support and guidance to the asylum speakers and refugees attending St Thomas. Mojgan and Hedeira also organised parties for the celebration of the Iranian New Year and the welcoming of spring, Nowruz, with the beautiful Haft-Sin table on display in church for two weeks.

Mojgan helped to organise the Wednesday lunch provision. This was supposed to be a on a rota basis but for most of the year Mehdi has been working alone. Not only providing lunch but giving out take aways to anyone who looks even remotely hungry. Many thanks Mehdi!

The food pantry, run by Barry Matley on behalf of Manchester City Mission, continues to operate from St Thomas every Monday and Thursday and several members of our congregation help to man the tables. It certainly provides a valued and essential service for people in the Pendleton area.

General maintenance continued throughout the year. Minor repairs at St Thomas' included gutter cleaning, flagpole repair and the Crypt door, after much difficulty, was repaired. Unfortunately, though the flagpole was repaired we are still trying to identify someone who is able to scramble up to the tower to attach the flag to the new flagpole.

As ever, there were fun and interesting events throughout the year such as quiz nights, summer and Christmas fairs, the Harvest Festival and lunch, and a Fairtrade brunch.

Over the last two years we have increased our knowledge of running a church office and have developed many new skills whilst without a Team Rector. We now know how to make legal bookings and recordings of Baptisms, wedding banns, burials of ashes, clergy rotas, and church hire.

Our heartfelt thanks are extended to all those who have supported us in so many ways behind the scenes. Special thanks go to John McKenna who has always been there when needed, to Maria with her inexplicable love of accounts and an ability to make them comprehensible, to Anne who is invaluable in her role as secretary, and to Mike Marland, Joy Bach and Julie Wright for their flawless care of Holy Angels.

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 cash flow. 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, HMRC has issued a concession to allow this to be extended to donations made through the Give-a-Little scheme, even though payments are not cash. The GASDS scheme has an annual limit of £8,000 for total donations. Therefore, if you are a taxpayer, I would encourage you to sign a gift aid declaration if at all possible, please. An analysis of the tax recovered in 2024 is given below.

Gift Aid Declarations		£	GASDS		£
Planned giving (weekly/monthly)		5,252.50	Planned giving (weekly/monthly)		141.25
One-off donations		1085.31	Church plate		496.91
Charity donations		483.75	Funerals, Weddings, Baptisms		181.28
Flower donations		147.06	One-off donations		199.17
Fund-raising events		95.74	Tea and Coffee donations		97.67
Short fund donations		75.00	Charity donations		283.26
		<hr/>	Flower donations		34.65
		7,139.36	Fund-raising events		29.82
			Short fund donations		5.23
			Votive candle stand		7.89
					<hr/>
					1,477.12

The total tax recovered is £8,616.48. This is a significant addition to the total income for the year and therefore crucial to the finances of our church.

Maria Jorysz, Gift Aid Secretary

Gift Aid - Holy Angels' Church

Our Gift Aid receipt this year of £1,692.47 has been a welcome addition.

As always 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.

Sincere thanks go to Joy Bach for her continued support in helping me carry out my duties throughout the year in too many ways to mention as well as acting as our point of contact with the diocese and parishioners during our interregnum.

Julie Wright, Gift Aid Secretary

100 Club – St Thomas' Church

There were a total of 44 members in the 100 Club in 2024. All members joined for the full year with each member paying £1.00 per month; £12 for the year. Therefore, a grand total of £528.00 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 £213 plus donations to be paid into church funds. The winners for 2024 were:

- January: Julia Yates
- February: Sally Sergeant
- March: John Cichocki
- April: Joan Howard
- May: Irene Booth
- June: John Cichocki
- July: Dr John Wilkinson OBE
- August: Nichola Deas
- September: Mike Marland
- October: Dennis Turton
- November: Hilary Thomas
- December: Sheila Robinson

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 you can join at any time during the year. For existing members, please consider taking an additional number.

Anne Robinson, Secretary, St Thomas' Church

Wednesday Lotto – Holy Angels' Church

Thank you to the members who have remained loyal during the year. Congratulations to those who have received an envelope from me. Sadly we have lost some of our members this year which has reduced the weekly Jackpot accrual.

Once again church has benefitted financially, the details can be seen in the accounts section of the report and it is considered still to be worthwhile.

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

Julie Wright, Treasurer, Holy Angels

Electoral Roll Report

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

Eight of our dear friends passed away during the 12 months and their names were removed from the Electoral Roll, they are:

- Sheila Robinson
- William Edwin Crossley
- George Walker
- Brian Lee
- May Cavanagh
- Walter Graham Ellis
- Kathleen Roberts
- Eunice Martin (Eunice passed away in December 2024, but not knowing this, her name was not removed from the Roll until January 2025)

"May they All rest in peace and rise in Glory"

Therefore, on the 31st December 2024 there were 82 names recorded on the Electoral Roll.

Every six years the Electoral Roll has to be renewed, the last time being 2019 - 2025. It is due to be renewed this coming year and will take place before the APCM on the 11th May, 2025. Application Forms will be available from mid-March.

John McKenna, Electoral Roll Officer

DCC Report – Holy Angels'

The DCC continued to meet regularly during 2024 with two new members being welcomed.

Our faithful congregation has continued to meet weekly and numbers have been maintained. Thanks to the hard work of Chris Tabbron, we welcomed a variety of clergy from the local area to lead our Tuesday Eucharist service up to November and the licensing of Revd Peter Bennett. We were grateful for Revd Sue Morgan leading the Easter vigil which was well attended, and Bishop Frank Sergeant for leading our Christmas Eve service. It was wonderful to welcome children from Smilies after school club into church for a 'dress-up nativity' led by Father Peter.

Mike Marland, our vergers, has ensured that our church is set up appropriately for each Tuesday service and when we have any funerals or special events. This year we have hosted a wedding and a baptism, alongside a number of funerals. We have continued to be well supported by a team of readers, intercessors and sides people and by our Treasurer, Julie Wright.

The New Life International Church, who meet to worship in our church on Sundays, has continued to grow, including hosting several special celebratory events.

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. People also joined together for carol singing at ALDI and a Coth Christmas card was delivered to most homes around the Height by willing parishioners. It is good to see ecumenical work continuing.

Members of the congregation participated in the 200th anniversary of Manchester Whit Walks and also in the team weekend away to Scargill House. The 100 club is well supported. Additional funds were raised for church by selling a variety of knitted animals at both Easter and Christmas.

We revisited and improved the 'Parish Profile' as part of the process to appoint a new Rector to the All Saints team and, in July, Joy Bach represented Holy Angels at interviews with the Bishop of Bolton; happily, our prayers were answered and Revd Peter Bennett was appointed as Rector to the All Saints Team Ministry. His licensing in November at St Thomas's was celebrated throughout the team.

In August, Holy Angels hosted the Team BBQ which was well attended and everyone enjoyed the opportunity to sit in the sun in the paddock and share food, laughs and one or two drinks. It was also a great way for Peter and Caroline to meet people in an informal setting.

In September, Andrew Ruaux visited us to complete the Quinquennial report; he noted that: "The church continues to be extremely well maintained and is obviously much loved by its congregation, and those who care for it. The level of care and maintenance of the building, its grounds and garden, is excellent." This is most gratifying but we have a number of issues raised in the report, in both the short and medium term, which we need to respond to and seek funding for. Work to maintain the buildings has included scraping moss from the roof, and replacing fascias; in line with our AROCHA Eco Church work, emergency lighting has been replaced with LED lights, we moved our electricity supply to a more green supplier and will do the same with gas when that contract ends.

We again supported Worsley Rotary club's 'Wrap Up UK Winter Coat Collection' and received a letter of thanks for our contribution. Over a thousand coats were collected, sorted and redistributed to those in need by Worsley Rotary Club and we commend them for their actions.

Following Bev Kitchen's retirement, we have continued with church music through CDs and occasional guest organists to keep traditional music as a central part of our worship.

Sadly we have lost several long standing members of our congregation over the year, including David Winston, Eddie Crossley, Brian Lee, May Cavanagh, Graham Ellis and Kathleen Roberts whose contributions to the life of the church over the years was immeasurable.

Community Hall

Evening classes and Saturday sessions continue to be popular; we hosted another dance week for Amiss Arts Acrobatics and Aerial Dance, and enjoyed their final showcase performance alongside about 40 parents and supporters. In March, the local Methodist Hall sadly suffered a significant issue with their roof and had to close with 12 hours' notice and we did our best to support local groups by welcoming them to use our Community Hall. Happily, the Height Methodist roof is now mended and most groups have returned there, although Smilies before and after school club have opted to remain at Holy Angels. They also operate school holiday clubs so the Hall has been particularly busy this year. We could not have managed any of this without our Hall Manager, Julie Wright, who voluntarily devotes a great deal of time to ensure everything runs smoothly. Also Bet Hilditch, who liaises with group leaders and ensures the Hall is clean and tidy. Maintenance issues are identified quickly thanks to the vigilance of Julie and we also appreciate the contribution of her husband, Phil Wright, for all he does to maintain the Community Hall and respond quickly to emergencies. Income from the Hall continues to support the Church. The rise in costs for utilities continues to be a challenge.

Paddock

The Paddock Community Group continued to meet regularly to tend to the paddock area and church grounds. This year, we increased the amount of produce grown and shared it with the congregation, including potatoes, peas, broad beans, raspberries, rhubarb, and strawberries. We have made links with Smilies club as the children were interested in the raised borders so they helped to harvest the potatoes and planted bulbs, sponsored by a local garden centre. Thanks to Ian Brearley for his work on this.

Joy Bach, Interregnum Focal Leader

Safeguarding Report for Pendleton and Lower Kersal

We have signed and displayed the safeguarding policy for the last year in each of our churches, and the safe church posters.

There were 2 concerns raised where advice was sought but no action needed. 1 concern which is ongoing and a good practice recommendation which was put in place.

I have tried to get a translation of the policy in Farsi but this is ongoing.

I also designed an agreement for consent for photographs of j club to go on our websites.

Rowena Platt

J-Club – St Thomas' Church

J-Club is now in its second year and is firmly established as part of our church offering. The leadership team has grown to six - Hilary, Joy, Emma, Laura, Miriam and Debbie - so there is a good child/adult ratio which the children enjoy. Regular membership has grown and our numbers are boosted by occasional visitors who are always made welcome by the children so our numbers fluctuate between 6-10 children.

Our activity starts with a blessing in church, then the children leave to return during the Peace, which enables them to participate in the Eucharist. At the end of the service, the children are welcomed back to tell the congregation what they have learned about and to show their arts and crafts work; they always lead us in a final prayer written by the children themselves.

During discussion time, we have clearly seen the children grow in confidence and demonstrate Christian values such as love, compassion, forgiveness, hope and humility. Their understanding of Bible stories has developed, they feel safe and secure and are encouraged to contribute verbally and many have developed better oral communication skills. Some have grown from being very reluctant to speak in church to enjoying the challenge. They enjoy doing arts and crafts activities, singing and action songs.

Some of the children participated in the annual Whit walks and also in the licensing service for Revd Peter Bennett, showing their commitment to their faith and to J Club.

We're confident that J Club is helping the children develop self-esteem, understanding and compassion and look forward to finding new ways to engage them on their faith journey.

The J-Club Team

Organist & Choirmaster – St Thomas' Church

The organ has been regularly serviced and tuned as required during the year and is in good condition and I am fortunate to have such a fine instrument to play. Lawrence Shepherd has deputised when needed. Since the pandemic there has not been a robed choir.

Arnold Allcock, Organist & Choirmaster

Events Group – St Thomas' Church

- 21st April Meal at La Turka
- 4th May Bingo and refreshments
- 13th July Summer Fair
- 14th July Anniversary procession to the site of St Thomas' Chapel
- 24th August BBQ at the Paddock
- 29th September Harvest Festival followed by refreshments
- 13th October Confirmation followed by refreshments
- 11th November Revd Peter Bennett's Licensing followed by refreshments
- 23rd November Xmas Fair

Audrey Allcock

Flower Fund – St Thomas' Church

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

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

Christina Yates

Flower Fund - Holy Angels' Church

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

Whilst we have cash in hand 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

Following the challenging time referred to in last year's annual report, when Fairtraders were reeling after the demise of Traidcraft, 2024 has been rather more positive. The Greater Manchester Fairtrade Group, which continues to meet at Holy Angels church, remains a source of support in terms of sourcing goods and sharing ideas. The group organised a big and well-attended event in Rochdale Parish Church in March 2024, opened by the mayor and attended by Bishop Mark with two primary school choirs singing at different times and a range of different Fairtrade stalls

It was also an encouraging year in terms of our church Fairtrade stall, which ran each Sunday morning, with very few exceptions. The interest shown in the stall and the support which is given is really encouraging. It has been a real bonus throughout the year to have had Miriam on board, for which I am very grateful. As always, it was good to have a stall at the summer and Christmas fairs too, which means that we can get the Fairtrade message out to a wider audience.

We have successfully registered with the Fairtrade Foundation and have the certificate to confirm that. Hopefully everyone will have spotted that on the noticeboard in the porch at St Thomas! Being Fairtrade churches means that we have committed to only serving Fairtrade tea, coffee and sugar at our churches and promoting Fairtrade, including in our worship. Sadly it is sometimes the case that non-Fairtrade drinks appear in our kitchens and it would be really good if we can all gently encourage those who kindly donate coffee, tea and sugar to only buy Fairtrade. Maybe that is one of the challenges for 2025!

St Thomas has a bronze Eco Church award and Holy Angels the silver award with the newly revitalised Eco Church group working to achieve the higher awards, but more importantly, trying to ensure that the principles and actions which underpin these are embedded in our church community. Being a Fairtrade church is very much linked to our Eco Church commitment. 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. It is my hope that when we think about our Christian faith and our lifestyle we will recognise that choosing Fairtrade is an integral part of our calling. It was agreed earlier in 2024 that we would start to stock some eco/sustainable products, eg laundry liquids, handwash etc. and they now have a regular place on the stall.

Thank you so much to everyone who has supported the work of Fairtrade producers throughout this year – it is really encouraging. My sincere thanks, too, to Debs for regularly helping to set up the stall on Sunday mornings and to Rowena for running it when I am away.

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

Hilary Thomas

Christian Aid

Our support for Christian Aid continues to be an important part of our church life and ministry. In 2024 the focus of Christian Aid Week was on work by Christian Aid's partners on the ground in Burundi. In our service, focussing on Christian Aid, on 12 May we learned about women like Aline, who had been given training and support to not only manage her own land, so that she was self-sufficient and could provide for her family, but also could take a leading role in a co-operative of local farmers, running a system similar to a credit union. Following the service we joined together in our annual Christian Aid Week brunch.

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 and by the envelopes distributed in our church.

It was really encouraging that within our Salford All Saints' Team we raised £1,312.33p in envelope donations, Gift Aid, our CA Brunch and part of the money raised in sponsoring a couple of us to walk 70k each in May. This total was an increase on the previous year, which was so encouraging.

We have also received a very grateful email from the new Christian Aid link worker thanking us for over £400 which was raised in church for the Christmas appeal, which was really impressive.

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 2024.

Hilary Thomas

Salford & Leigh Deanery Synod

The Deanery Synod met 3 times in 2024, with meetings taking place at different churches across the area. The meetings begin with a short act of worship led by the area dean, Rev Colin Pearson, and the lay chair, James Cowley. In addition to the usual standing items related to finance etc. there is now a brief slot each time on Eco Church issues, presented by Nick Hardman, and Eco Champion in the Leigh area. A guest speaker usually then introduces the topic for the meeting, followed by discussions in groups – often Mission Community groups.

April – The meeting took place at St John's, Pendlebury. There was a good contribution by Nick Hardman, outlining the urgency of there being a Christian response to the climate crisis and the importance of the work being done to meet the diocesan commitment to reach Net Zero by 2030. The remainder of the meeting focussed on growing new expressions of church. The area dean spoke first followed by the Rev Jack Shepherd, talking about the Greenhouse Community, a CofE initiative with which he had been involved in Liverpool diocese.

July – The venue was St Mary the Virgin, Cadishead and the topic was: 'Go therefore and make disciples of all nations' with the following introduction: 'Three years ago, we began a journey.... a new enlarged deanery.... four Mission Communities.... with the one aim of supporting the missional call of the church. As we meet for this Synod, we are invited to discern together how we are doing and where we are heading.' This was led by the area dean with discussion and feedback. There was some recognition that the enlarged deanery and the current diocesan emphasis (as per the 'emerging strategy' below) were not necessarily positive for all people and situations.

November – We met at Christ Church, Pennington, This meeting was attended by Bp Matthew and Helen Platts, Chief Operating Officer in the diocese. The aim was to discuss the diocesan 'Emerging Strategy', which is:

- Growing Younger
- Church Planting and Revitalisation
- Developing Missional Leaders
- Parish Renewal

This meeting was better attended than many and there was some positive discussion within our Mission Community Group.

The area dean is retiring in April and there will be a farewell to him at the deanery synod meeting that month.

Hilary Thomas

Friends of St. Thomas

Activities since April 2023

- Invited speaker for several groups.
- Contact with multiple individuals regarding their ancestors' link with the church.
- Facilitated two groups of students from Salford University Film and Media Courses, one undergraduate, the other postgraduate. Worked with one Masters of Architecture Student on his thesis concerning alternative uses for historically significant and listed buildings.
- Presented the findings of the UPP project in church in June 2024.
- Celebrated the consecration of St. Thomas' chapel of ease in Brindle Heath. Collaborative project of liturgy and hymns with Sue Morgan, July 2024.
- Contact with Dr. Jo O'Hara, Heritage Commission Coordinator for Salford and Matthew Maries, Cherish Project Support Officer for the National Churches Trust. Culminating in a meeting in Church to discuss its significance in October 2024. St. Thomas' is now on their "radar" as a church which may require assistance in the future. Both continue to offer practical guidance.
- Represented St. Thomas' at the Annual Salford Histories Event in October 2024.
- Strengthening relationship with the Irwell Valley Miners' Group.
- FOST remains affiliated to the Salford Histories Group, based at Salford Local History Library.
- We continue to assist St. Luke's Church in Weaste in its capacity of part of the All Saints Team. Whilst their archiving is now complete, we lend our experience to their work on restoration projects and funding.

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. Without further engagement, the plans for completion remain as they were in our last report. The appointment of Peter Bennett has allowed the responsibility to be shared. He is engaged with the development of the site in its entirety.

The results were shared with a successful presentation evening in June 2024.

Theresa won an award for her book 'St Thomas Pendleton. A Parish and Social History' in October. The Frank Mullineux Award was presented 'in recognition of Outstanding Work in the field of Local History.'

Future events:

- Tour of the Church and its graveyard for the Eccles History Group in March 2025.
- A celebration of 'The Miners' Hymn'. Collaborative event with the Irwell Valley Miners Group. Date to be confirmed.
- Guided history tours of both sites to commence in April/May.
- Service of celebration of the consecration of St. Thomas' Chapel of Ease on Sunday 8th July.
- Heritage Open Day event in September 2025.
- Event to mark Remembrance Day, in church on 8th November.
- Possible 'Murder Mystery Event' based upon historic characters and events at St. Thomas' – dependent upon interest/support.

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Updates to previous actions:

Presentation of the UPP project 1st June 2024.

ACTION	STATUS
Presentation of the UPP project 1st June 2024.	Complete
Article about the history of St. Thomas submitted for publication in the next Salford Link magazine.	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.
Presentation of the UPP project. To explore the concept of guided tours, of the site in Brindle Heath and the present church, for a fee.	Ongoing

Finances for year ending 31st December 2024

	£
Book profits	398.00
Other income	46.00
Donation to P&C PCC	(500.00)
	(56.00)
Historic England net income	831.00
Profit for the year	<u>775.00</u>
Brought forward reserves	7,019.00
Profit for the year	775.00
Carried forward reserves	7,794.00
FOST bank and cash balances	596.00
Historic England bank balance	7,088.00
Book sale debtors	0.00
Closing book stock	110.00
Net assets	7,794.00

Theresa Emberton



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