

**St Helens Deanery Mission and Growth  
Trust (SHDMGT)**

**Charity registration number: 1178425  
Charitable Incorporated Organisation**

**Trustees' Annual Report and accounts for the year  
ended 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023**

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### **Reference and administrative information**

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| Trustees             | Aaron Dunne<br>Paul Prescott<br>Rev Christine Daniel<br>Louise Dunn<br>Alison Carson<br>Rev Alan Conant<br>Rev Henry Wood               |
| Principal office     | St. Annes Vicarage<br>View Road<br>Rainhill<br>Prescot<br>L35 0LE   |
| Independent examiner | M R Heaton FCCA FCIE<br>KM<br>Chartered Accountants<br>1 <sup>st</sup> Floor, Block C<br>The Wharf<br>Manchester Rd<br>Burnley BB11 1JG |

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SHDMGT has at its aims the advancement of the Christian faith for the benefit of the public through: a) the mission and ministry of the Church of England and its engagement with and service to the communities in the geographical area of St Helens Deanery, b) the administration of the mission and growth fund subject to the terms of reference agreed by the St Helens Deanery Synod.

**Consistent with these aims a number of projects have been funded over this period.**

**A summary of each of them is described below.**

### **Transform North West**

A final payment was made from the SHDMGT to support Transform NW and to provide allocated funds. Transform NW is a "Resource Church" focussed on outreach to young people and the community. It is based in Holy Trinity Fingerpost Parr. The project was funded by a grant from the Church Commissioners with the agreement that the local deanery would contribute a proportion of the funding.

**Area Dean** – Ongoing support was provided to enable Revd Chris Daniel to carry out her role as Area Dean as well as Team Vicar for St Andrews Dentons Green. There is a heavy workload associated with the role of Area Dean in this busy and rapidly changing deanery. The trustees were keen to offer support to enable her to improve her work/life balance. The allocated funds were used this year to support the costs of the deanery Christmas meal in 2022 and 2023 and the retreat at Foxhill Retreat Centre.

**Eccleston St Thomas FFM Administration centre/'First steps' children's group and community support group** *Project 765*. A grant was paid to St Thomas' to develop the first floor space of the gathering area to accommodate offices, meeting room and storage space. This project will also support a childrens group and community meeting space to further build links with the community. The office space will also benefit the Fit for Mission (FFM) Administration team and Clergy Leadership Team involved in the FFM SLP (Single Large Parish). Payments made 2x £3000.

**St Marks Haydock Brew and Renew** *project 766*. Funding (£500) was provided for St Marks to provide and resource a Wednesday afternoon meeting "safe space" where all are welcome, for activities or to just sit and be still and a place where it is "OK to not be OK".

**St Marks Haydock Application for Lay Attendance at LYCIG Conference Swanwick Derbyshire in June 2023.** *project 766*. Funding (£245) was provided for St Marks enable a lay member of the congregation to attend the annual LyCiG conference, along with another

lay person supported by the church. LYCIG is centred on helping churches grow through introducing them to Jesus and better connecting St Marks ongoing ministry. The effects on church growth would be measured across the coming years.

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**Waterside Village Estate** *project 769 (£500)*. Funding was provided for expenses for Revd Mark Orrell FFM2 curate to develop opportunities for mission on the estates around the Elton Head Rd in St Anns Parish with Revd Alan Conant. After a number of venues were explored the Boars Head was found to offer the best venue and a 'Pints & Psalms' has begun to meet on a fortnightly basis.

**Riding Lights Theatre Group Rainhill.** *Project 779* Funding of £250 was provided to St Anns Rainhill for +Geoff Pearson to defray publicity and set up costs for a performance of "Inspired...The word into action" by Riding Lights.

**Church St Helens based at St Helens Parish Church.** A first year grant of £15,000 was provided to fund Church St Helens Support Services Team. This provides the costs of the central support services team. This grant will run for the next 3 years and will be supplemented by funding from the 11 churches currently part of Church St Helens who hope to make savings to current outgoings by way of economies of scale The central administration is a key feature of the changes being made under the Diocesan Fit for Mission programme.

**St Helens Minster - St Helens Parish Church** *Project 773.* Funding (£43,2000) was provided for two years for a Community Engagement Worker and an Operations Manager to develop the ministry of St Helens Minster. To be reviewed at year 2 for any further funding in year 3.

#### **ALLOCATED FUNDS**

These funds were not drawn on during the year but remain part of funds allocated from previous years.

**Pilgrimages for Laity** - An annual amount set aside for pilgrimage or retreat for laity. This could benefit those who would not normally be able to afford to do this. On their return they could share their experience and encourage others. No claims were made in this period.

**Mission Contingency Fund.** It was suggested that there should be a pot of money for the Deanery to use for mission and growth expenses. This

will be the Mission Contingency Fund and the money will be in the Deanery Mission and Pastoral Committee (DMPC) fund. SHDMGFT will be provided information on the money spent for an audit trail but spending is at the discretion of the DMPC.

### **PUBLIC BENEFIT**

The charity has complied with the public benefit requirement in the Charities Act 2011 in determining the activities it carries out.

### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The receipts and payments account shows total grants received in the year of £81,204. Grants made amounted to £85,695.

### **RESERVES**

A reserves policy is being prepared. Funds are all used for the various projects that the charity gives grants for, with any administration function provided by the Diocese on our behalf.

The current working arrangement is for the Diocese to hold the balance of St Helen's Deanery Mission and Growth Funding and to make payments from the fund on behalf of the deanery. New distributions are made each quarter, dependent on the level of Parish Share payment.

### **RISK MANAGEMENT**

The trustees are formulating a risk management policy.

### **STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT**

The charity is governed by its constitution of 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018 and is an Association Charitable Incorporated Organisation, number 1178425.

The members of the charity are:

All members of St Helens Deanery Synod are automatically members of the CIO for the entire duration of their tenure

All Trustees are automatically members of the CIO for the entire duration of their tenure as Trustees

The CIO Treasurer is automatically a member of the CIO for the entire duration of their tenure as Treasurer.

There are to be not less than five and no more than nine elected Trustees plus the Area Dean (or nominated deputy) and Lay Chair.

Full training is given to trustees on appointment.

This report was approved by the trustees on XXXX January 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Trustee

## **St Helens Deanery Mission and Growth Trust (SHDMGT)**

### **Independent Examiner's Report**

#### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

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

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

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XX<sup>h</sup> January 2025

## St Helens Deanery Mission and Growth Trust (SHDMGT)

### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023

| <b>RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT</b> |                | <b>31.10.<br/>22</b> |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted Funds:</b>           | <b>£</b>       | <b>£</b>             |
| <b>Receipts</b>                      |                |                      |
| Liverpool Diocese Grants             | 81,204         | -                    |
| Miscellaneous receipts               | 594            | -                    |
| <b>Total Receipts</b>                | <b>81,798</b>  | <b>Nil</b>           |
| <b>Payments</b>                      |                |                      |
| Grants Paid                          | 85,695         | 20,000               |
| Independent examination              | 1,800          | -                    |
| Miscellaneous payments               | 433            | -                    |
| <b>Total Payments</b>                | <b>87,928</b>  | <b>20,000</b>        |
| <b>Net of Receipts/Payment</b>       | <b>(6,130)</b> | <b>(20,000)</b>      |
| <b>Cash funds brought forward</b>    | <b>196,079</b> | <b>216,079</b>       |
| <b>Cash funds carried forward</b>    | <b>189,949</b> | <b>196,079</b>       |

| <b>STATEMENT OF ASSETS &amp; LIABILITIES AT 31.10.23</b> |         |         |
|--|---------|---------|
| Assets   |         |         |
| Cash held by Diocese of Liverpool                        | 189,949 | 196,079 |
| Liabilities  |         |         |
| Independent examination                                  | 900     | 650     |

These accounts were approved by the trustees on ??? January 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Trustee

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### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

#### Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

#### Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are those that can be expended at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the objects of the charity

#### Taxation

The charity is not liable to tax on its charitable activities.

The charity is not registered for VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the expense to which it relates.

#### Transactions with trustees

No remuneration nor expenses were paid to trustees or any persons connected with them during the period. Trustees are also trustees of other charities or organisations which receive grants. Processes are followed to avoid any issues arising from any conflicts of interest.



