

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST. CLEMENT, HIGHER OPENSHAW

England & Wales - Charity number 1198190

Details

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Legal form Other

Registered 2022-03-09

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Activities

Objects: PROMOTING IN THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH THE WHOLE MISSION OF THE CHURCH.

Activities: Regular public worship open to all # Provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation # Pastoral work, including visiting the sick and the bereaved # Teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups # Taking religious assemblies in schools # Provision of a youth club with a Christian ethos # Promotion of Christianity and whole church mission in UK and the world.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Manchester City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£163,035	£159,392	-	-
2023-12-31	£173,610	£171,318	-	-
2022-12-31	£105,880	£152,180	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Paul Jump	Chair	2012-09-06
Elizabeth Watkins		2018-04-01
Emma Alexander		2024-05-08
Gillian Blair		2022-04-27
Henry Alexander		2019-04-01
Joanna Oladipo		2025-05-21
John Warburton		2021-05-20
Joshua Rogers		2024-05-08
Joshua Yeoh		2025-05-21
Louise Boxall		2021-05-20
Mark Taylor		1990-05-01
Nicola Woolley		2022-05-10
Olakunle Abimbola		2024-05-08
Promise Amadi		2017-04-01
Rotimi Dada		2023-05-31
Sarah Lavelle		2023-05-31
Stephen Mackel		2008-04-01
Thomas Parkes		2022-06-01

Accounts

Spreading a passion for Jesus Christ in Manchester, the UK and the world

ST CLEMENT'S CHURCH MANCHESTER

VISION NIGHT REPORT



APCM | 21ST MAY 2025
ANNUAL REPORT 2024



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REVIEW OF 2024:

WHO'S WHO

ELDERS:



Paul & Gill Jump
Minister



Henry & Beth Alexander
Assistant Minister



Promise & Chinenye Amadi
PCC Vice Chair



Mark & Michelle Taylor
Church Warden



Tom & Chrissy Parkes
Church Warden

STAFF:

Paul Jump | Minister

Henry Alexander | Assistant Minister

Alex Tatchell | Youth & Children's Worker

Erin Skelton | Office & Digital Communications Co-ordinator

Nicci Wooley | Ministry Trainee

WHO'S WHO

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (DEACONS):

Rev. Paul Jump	Rev. Henry Alexander
Mark Taylor (Church Warden & Treasury Team)	Louise Boxall (Safeguarding Officer)
Promise Amadi (Vice Chair)	Stephen Mackel
Lizzie Watkins (Secretary)	John Warburton
Tom Parkes (Church Warden)	Nicola Wooley
Phil Bate (Reader)	Reg Evans
Emma Alexander	Tim Dada
Josh Rogers	Gilly Blair
Lakes Abimbola	Sarah Lavelle

DEANERY SYNOD MEMBERS:

Lizzie Watkins
John Warburton
Promise Amadi
Stephen Mackel

CHURCH PATRONS:

The Bishop of Manchester	Mark Taylor
Rosie Sinclair	John Ormiston
Rev. Paul Mathole	

MINISTER TO MINISTERS:

Rt. Rev. Keith Sinclair

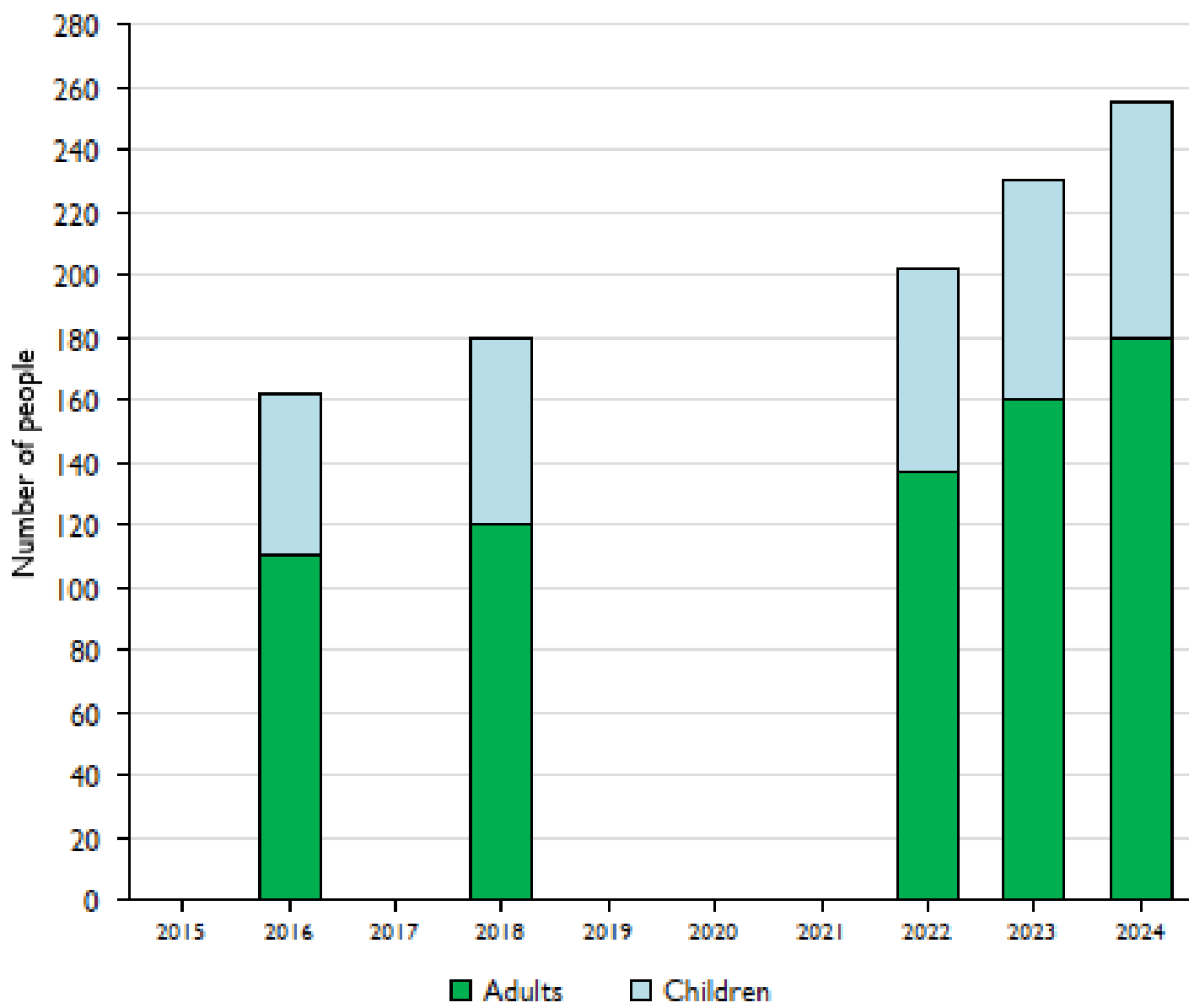


REVIEW OF 2024:

CHURCH STATS

ATTENDANCE

The attendance at both our morning and evening services has continued to steadily increase over the last year. We continue to welcome a large number of babies and children to our services, as well as adults including those over-60. You can see how the average attendance at our Sunday services has increased steadily over the last few years below.



(Based on the data inputted into the CofE parish returns system annually)

FORMAL SERVICES

Weddings

5

Funerals

7

Baptisms

22



REVIEW OF 2024:

RECTOR'S REPORT

Paul Jump

Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! ² For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD! Psalm 117:1-2

The LORD is faithful. He is faithful to his word and he is faithful to his people. Vision night is an opportunity for us to be reminded of his faithfulness and to give thanks for his faithfulness. And God has been very faithful to St Clement's this past year. One way he has shown his faithfulness is by deepening our relationship with him. There has been a growing desire amongst us to spend time with him both individually and together. Our prayer meetings are better attended and richer than they were a year ago. A second way he has shown his faithfulness has been by drawing people to church this year and by drawing people to himself. At our baptism services and at other occasions it was so encouraging to hear personal testimonies of how God has been at work in individuals lives bringing them to see and trust in Jesus Christ. May the LORD continue to work faithfully amongst us this coming year.



REVIEW OF 2024:

CHURCH WARDEN'S REPORT

Mark Taylor + Tom Parkes

We praise God for his goodness to us in bringing many new people to join us in worship each week, often with so many diverse backgrounds, which enriches our fellowship and reflects our parish population. We are very grateful to the growing number of people serving in the Welcome Teams greeting us as we gather. St Clements has not just grown numerically at the morning services but also in our discipleship as more and more of us are members of community groups meeting weekly in the building or in each other's homes and in Community Group Central meetings. Having so many worshipping here on Sundays does sometimes present seating challenges. We thank the congregation for cheerfully squeezing up to allow people to join us on Sunday mornings when space can be hard to find.

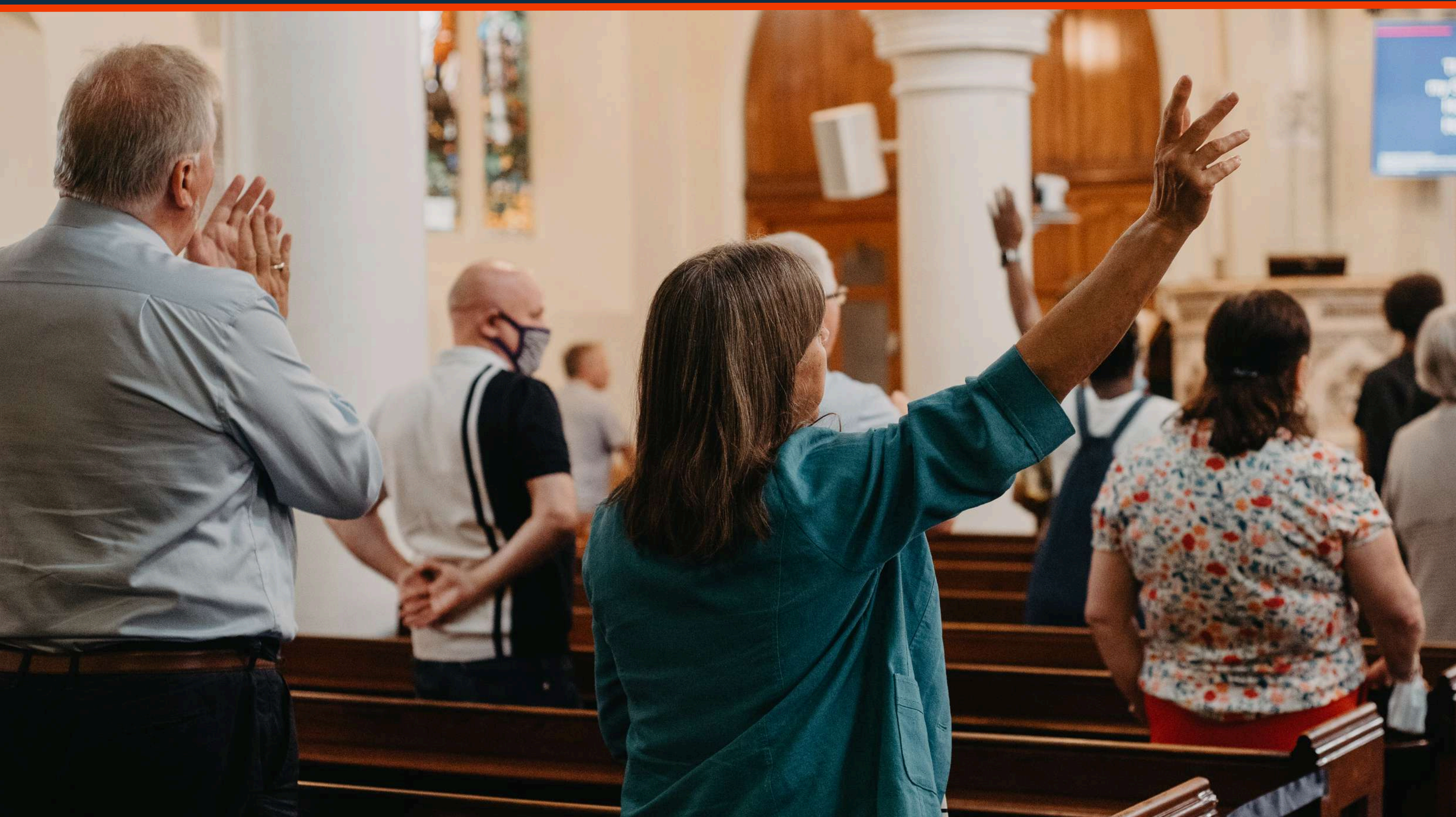
As part of St Clement's Aims and Objectives contained in its vision to spread a passion for Jesus Christ in Manchester, the church does strive to serve as many different demographic groups of people as possible and during 2024 an over 60's group has continued to meet on Tuesday mornings in church. Other areas of ministry among toddlers, juniors, young people, second language English speakers, school parents, food bank clients, the retired and others also continue to take place regularly in the building. It is so encouraging to know that the church is being used every day of the week in term time, other than Fridays, to serve others both within our church and more widely in the Higher Openshaw community, to pray, worship and reach out with the gospel. The church and its building are a vital community hub in our Higher Openshaw and Abbey Hey parish.

At Christmas it was wonderful to have so many different Christmas services as well as so many school Christmas events take place in the building. As well as our more established carol services (Traditional, Childrens and Contemporary) our church building hosted an International Carol Service in which our diverse church communities led us in celebrating the birth of our Lord.

Regarding the physical church buildings, two more screens were added to allow easier visual access to allow full participation in the service for those people sitting in the aisles. Signs have been put up in church giving smartphone access to service translations for those with English as a second language. During 2024 flooring in the church lounge and in the toilets was replaced. It was possible to maintain the church well again this year and thanks are due to Keith, Reg, Pete Bailey, Tony the gardener, the church cleaning team and all those helping so faithfully with church and garden maintenance.

We are saddened by the devastating times of bereavement for many people and families in the congregation. We praise God for everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Lord and we pray for peace, sustenance and blessed assurance for all continuing grief.

The wide variety of church activities wouldn't be possible without the dedicated service of so many members of the congregation regularly giving up time after work, weekends, and days off all often within busy and precious family lives. We thank Rev Paul, Rev Henry and Alex and their families for their total commitment and dedicated preaching and leading among us week by week led and inspired by a reliance on God's word.





REVIEW OF 2024:

PROPERTY & GARDEN

Keith Worsfold + Steve Helme

Property (Keith Worsfold)

The main project we completed in 2024 was the replacement carpet in the lounge and stairs. This was funded through a grant we received of £5,000 from the Diocese. Since then, we have also replaced the flooring in the men's and ladies' toilets as it appeared that the floor was sagging. In general, the building remains in a good condition. There are annual events which often go unnoticed but are necessary such as inspection of fire extinguishers, portable appliance testing, lightening conductor inspection, boiler servicing, gutter cleaning etc.

Many thanks to our property team for the way everything runs, Reg, Mark Taylor & Keith Worsfold

Church Garden (Steve Helme)

Around 12 noon on the first Saturday of each month, I often feel that the Garden Group has been blessed by the number of people who faithfully turn out to maintain the grounds. Their reward is fresh air, a sense of achievement, the knowledge that God is blessing our efforts... and a cuppa at the end, with a piece of home-made cake. Very rarely do we get rained off and it's great that the local community notice the grounds and offer favourable comments. A couple of us also meet weekly to try to keep things in trim. Sometimes I look at the garden in a different way, especially when I pass by on the bus and realise that there is almost always something different to notice and enjoy.

Before I go on for too long, my thanks go to each member of the Garden Group; I learn much from you and it's good to teach me to be patient as we wait for the fruits of each season. My thanks also go to J. Parker's garden suppliers for their continuing support of our efforts.

If you feel inclined to support the Garden Group in any way at all, please feel free to approach Michelle Taylor or me, and we will be delighted to involve you. Finally, please continue to offer praise and prayer for the way God is blessing this ministry.



REVIEW OF 2024:

SAFEGUARDING REPORT

Louise Boxall

Our work among children, young people and vulnerable adults has continued to grow throughout the past year and our child protection procedures have continued to be undertaken conscientiously by all concerned in these very important ministries. As this work continues to grow, so does the need for safeguarding input and guidance in the background of activities to ensure the safety and foresight of all involved.

We, as a church, liaise with the diocese and for advice where clarification is required, and we take very seriously everything that is brought to our attention. They support us with all decisions made regarding safeguarding within our church. As a church we must all work together. It is the whole congregation's responsibility to be vigilant in all our behaviour and attitudes to put children, young people, and vulnerable adults first at all times. Trying to ensure everyone has done the training required including the required updates and also completed their paperwork is no small task in a rapidly growing church but is an important element of safeguarding our volunteers and those we care for in our ministry.

As the church grows and our buildings are used extensively, which is fantastic and a great witness, it also increases our awareness of potential issues. Posters are placed around church with whom to contact, leaders of the groups are available, and details are on the church website. No concern is too small to bring to our attention and will be dealt with in the appropriate manner. It is always better to raise a concern than to ignore it.

We would like to thank all involved in working in these ministries for being so cooperative in doing all the paperwork and completing the online courses, especially when volunteering so much of their free time to ministry already. As the church congregation increases so does the safeguarding workload, prayerfully consider volunteering if you feel God calling you to do so and speak to the safeguarding officer about this.



REVIEW OF 2024:

CARE TEAM

Erin Skelton

It is a blessing to say that much of the care within St Clement's happens organically as our church family fervently look out for one another. Thus, the care team exists to support the regular pastoral care of the church family by providing coordinated responses to moments of particular pastoral need. As our church family continues to grow in number, we are committed to ensuring no-one falls through the cracks. This has prompted us to move towards re-structuring and re-organising the care team to provide a network of care that is accessible to our church family. The care team consists of 8 care coordinators who oversee pastoral visitations, the provision of church family meals, the administration of the hardship fund, prayer ministry, soul care, and safeguarding. While the care team coordinates and oversees this care, there is a whole army of church family implementing it - further exemplifying that we are all part of the care team at St Clement's.

Please do reach out to the care team by emailing:
care@stclementschurchmanchester.org



REVIEW OF 2024:

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Alex Tatchell

Kids Work

Gospel Kids on a Sunday morning and The Hub on a Tuesday afterschool continue to be our main avenue for engaging children with the Gospel of Jesus. Our teams of volunteers have shifted a little this year as we said goodbye to some leaders and added new signings to the roster. It's great to work with such committed and servant hearted folk.

Holiday Bible Club 2024 Secret Agents was a big success with 122 kids signed up for the week of activities! While that full number wasn't there every day it was incredible to see so many kids both from our Church family and the local community spending time in God's word looking at Mark's Gospel.

Youth Work

Roots and Roots Sunday Chill have continued to be a great encouragement to me personally as we see around 40-50 kids come on a Tuesday night and a group of up to 10 older teens on a Sunday night for our Bible Study. Our Roots Weekend away was a big success, as we looked at Hebrews and Jesus being out true and ultimate high priest – even if the coach got stuck again!

I have gathered a great team of mentors to support me in meeting older youth for 1:1 discipleship and Bible reading which has been an encouragement to me and hopefully a blessing to the teens.

Community Work

Increasingly, I have been spending time in the community trying to reach out into areas we haven't had access to before. God has granted access for me to do some more assemblies and RE lessons in local primary schools which is an avenue I am continuing to pursue.

Furthermore, I lead a Wednesday morning service at Gorton Mill House for residents and their friends in conjunction with Trinity Baptist Church. It has been a real pioneer ministry starting from scratch and it has been great to gather with folk who otherwise couldn't get to church.

Clementunes | Nicci Woolley

2024 has been another year to testify of God's faithfulness to Clementunes as we reflect on how He has sustained this ministry for many years. Parents/carers and their little ones are welcomed through our church doors on a Monday morning where they enjoy a noisy, musical session upstairs, or a calmer, gentler session downstairs, followed by time spent together over cups of coffee, tea and sweet treats. This was a particularly busy year as towards the summer term we had to implement a booking system to manage capacity for a few months! We have enjoyed welcoming some new faces and some familiar faces.

We are so grateful to all the team members, volunteers, kitchen support, and sweet treat providers as they faithfully serve each week. We are always on the look out for new, committed volunteers to either assist in the session or the kitchen.

Clementeenies (crèche) | Josh & Lorna Taylor

Crèche is the provision of a safe space for our smallest church members (under school age) during Sunday morning services, which allows their parents and carers to engage in the service. From last year we have an average of 15 children (with some weeks being over 20!) joining us for; play, bible story, a breadstick snack, singing and a colouring activity sheet to take home. It is a joy to see the children interacting with each other and joining in with story time with enthusiasm. Once again a big thank you to all our fantastic team of volunteers, who so servant -heartedly help out approximately 1 in 4 Sundays and are always so willing to help out. We're always happy to welcome new volunteers to the team.



REVIEW OF 2024:

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Henry Alexander

Community groups are a key part of our life as a church family. As we grow in number, CGs are an excellent place to connect and build relationships with others at church.

Our groups meet weekly to seek God, speak truth and share life. We seek God as we worship together and read his word. We speak the truth as we apply His word to our lives and pray for each other. We share life through building friendships that encourage us as we follow Jesus.

Over the past 12 months we have been studying the book of Hebrews, thinking together about how Jesus is better, and what it means to continue to follow him in difficult times. We have also met centrally once a half term to dig a bit deeper into a topic related to the weekly Bible studies or sermon series such as Perseverance, Friendship, Sexuality, Caring for one another. We would love every church member to be part of a community group, so if you would like to join one, please send me a message or email at henry@stclementschurchmanchester.org



REVIEW OF 2024:

FOOD BANK & COMMUNITY CAFÉ

Keith Worsfold + Gill Jump

Food Bank (Keith Worsold)

We started our food bank in March 2020 at the beginning of Covid lockdown with about 7 parcels on a pew in church and it has continued to grow and expand. We're open every Tuesday afternoon and provides food & toiletries for people and we have a representative from Citizens Advice to help people with other problems. The Trussell Trust, who we partner with, provide the majority of food and organise all the referrals, administration etc. Although they are a large national charity, they found it unsustainable to keep financing ourselves and 2 other food banks in Manchester, spending around £10,000 per month. Because of this, they had to restrict the number of times someone could receive a food parcel. From July, we introduced a system when people could have up to 8 referrals in 6 months. During 2024 from our church, we provided 2,331 food parcels which supported 5,649 people. Of those, 3,649 were adults and 2,180 were children and young people. Many thanks to our fantastic team of volunteers. We praise God for His many blessings and provision.

Community Café (Gill Jump)

The community cafe continues to be a busy space on a Tuesday afternoon. It's a lovely mix of community people, foodbank clients and Hub parents. We are grateful for new team members in Nanny and Jack and for Tash's tireless efforts in making exceedingly good cakes. Nanny has extended our toastie repertoire and so we now offer the tuna melt alongside the faithful cheese and ham! We remain grateful for our front of house chatting team and would appreciate your prayers for gospel conversations and that the invitations to church are accepted.



REVIEW OF 2024:

TUESDAY CLUB | CAMEO

Nicci Woolley

Tuesday Club has continued to grow and develop throughout 2024. The biggest change is perhaps the name! Coined by Caroline, Tuesday Club is now known as CAMEO (Come And Meet Each Other). Every Tuesday morning, the church doors are opened for members of our church family and community, particularly those who are over 60, to Come and Meet Each Other, and share in fellowship and community with one another. Cups of tea and coffee are enjoyed over games, jigsaws, craft sessions, and reminiscing about the good old days!

In 2024, we also held our first Tuesday morning service. This usually happens on the first Tuesday of the month. Huge thank you to Alan Warner who kindly makes us soup following the mini-service.

We are grateful for the volunteers and members of CAMEO who willingly welcome and serve each other faithfully each week.



REVIEW OF 2024:

MUSIC & WORSHIP

Henry Alexander

We are blessed with superb music and AV teams who help us sing praises to God every Sunday. Music is a wonderful gift from God, given so that we might revere his character and glory, remember all he has done for us and rejoice in His hope. It is always such a blessing to hear the church family singing as one on a Sunday.

Please do check out the 'Resources' section on the church website to see all that our musicians are getting up to. This page is packed with songs, videos and other resources to help encourage you in your faith.

One musical highlight of the past year was our very first International Carol Service. This was a great evening of joyfully celebrating the Christmas story, through the lens of different cultures and languages. It was a powerful witness of the unity of our church and the gospel's invitation to people of every nation and tongue. The service contained music from all corners of the globe including, Nigerian, Ukrainian, French, Cantonese songs.



REVIEW OF 2024:

COMMUNITY CHOIR

Eleonore Kimberley

St Clement's community choir continues to meet on a Monday evening at church to sing a range of repertoire (worship songs/hymns, secular tunes/folk songs, rounds, and home brewed arrangements). We continue to have a diverse group joining us each week, maintaining a fairly steady number through the year, although the choir personnel has fluctuated across 2024.

This ministry remains a relaxed environment for community and church members to have fun singing together, build friendships, and sing about the hope we have in Jesus.

Across 2024, choir have been involved in various church and community events. Choir sang 'Price Tag' and some rounds at the Open Mic nights on the 19th March and 18th June, and brought an arrangement of Joyful Eastertide/Joyful Joyful to the Easter Carols Service, and Easter Sunday morning service. The summer term included relaxed rehearsals, and a performance at 'Holiday at Home' on June 26th.

Choir has experienced several sudden losses of choir members over the last few years. Sadly this summer came with another sudden loss of Jo's daughter, Susie. Jo's faithfulness and trust in the Lord through her intense grief has been an incredibly powerful witness to choir members of the hope we have in Jesus in the face of death. Many choir members attended Susie's thanksgiving service in September.

Through the Autumn term, choir worked towards singing Journey's End with Sarah Beattie at the Remembrance Day Service, and leading 4 carols and a solo item at the traditional Carol Service in December, with Caroline taking on leading more rehearsals.

We're thankful to God for sustaining this ministry and for the chance to sing about Jesus together. We pray for more opportunities to sing at community events, and to invite members of the community to join choir.



REVIEW OF 2024:

INTERNATIONAL MINISTRY + COFFEE & CONVERSATION

Tom + Chrissy Parkes

St Clement's church continues to be a community in which people from many nations of the world gather to worship and grow in their knowledge of God.

Church on Sunday continues to be a multinational gathering, and during 2024 it was made more accessible through live digital translation of the service into many languages. Warm thanks go to Matthew and Sandy who helped by translating the service plan into Farsi and Cantonese.

At the close of 2024, a Cantonese language Bible study is regularly meeting and a Cantonese Christianity Explored course took place earlier in the year. There are dreams to start a Farsi Bible study in early 2025.

The Saturday-morning "Coffee and Conversation" ministry is in its third year and has hosted guests from at least 24 different countries, helping them to practice their English and giving them the opportunity to read a story from the Bible. This year, new termly socials out and about in Manchester have helped deepen friendships and helped our guests discover more about the city they now call home. We have seen a number of the guests attend Easter and Christmas services as well as attending church regularly at other times. The ministry continues to be blessed by faithful volunteers from the St Clement's congregation coming to either chat with the guests or help with the crèche.

The International Christmas carol service was a fantastic event with songs from Ukrainian, Nigerian, Cantonese, and French choirs as well as a reading in Farsi. There are plans in 2025 to mark more international events (such as Chinese New Year and Persian New Year) and find ways to rejoice in our cultural diversity across the year.



REVIEW OF 2024:

MISSION PARTNERS

Josh Rogers

James & Juliette continue their work in South East Asia. James practices medicine in a clinic with fellow believers. Their 3 children are in local education. James & Juliette have a particular calling to share the gospel with a certain people group in a neighbouring province to which access is not always straightforward. Through faithful prayer, James and Juliette are starting to see doors opening up to this province and opportunities arising, learning of a small but growing family of believers. Please pray they are able to deepen this relationship and see more fruit among that people group.

Paul & Helen continue their work in West Africa. Throughout 2024 both have been practicing emergency medicine in local hospitals with stretched and limited resources. They also seek to encourage and support local church leaders in their ministries. The girls continue to attend the international school where Judith teaches. Pray for courage and wisdom as some of the local church leaders face intense pressure and persecution.

2024 was **Judith's** first full year serving alongside Paul and Helen in West Africa. She is the elementary school principal at the school attended by Paul & Helen's girls. Although she doesn't engage in the same level of front-line mission activity as our other partners, her role is vital in enabling many missionaries to remain in the field, ensuring their children receive the kind of education that might otherwise only be accessed by leaving the mission field. Pray as she handles short-staffing at the school, endures year-round heat, navigates poor driving conditions and for the perpetual challenges of bureaucracy, cultural and language barriers.

Chris & Nicole left the Middle East mission field in the summer of 2024 after issues with Chris's visa renewal. They have concluded their time as St Clements associate missions partners. Pray for the family as they decide what comes next.

Dan & Vicky continue to bring the gospel to Muslims in North Africa. In 2024 they moved to a coastal city and Dan is teaching at a school established by Christians. They practice cold contact evangelism and have a prayer ministry for persecuted and incarcerated believers in the region. Join them in prayer as they continue to seek discernment and wisdom for the direction of their ministry, praying lots with their team mates.

David & Mary are in their tenth year serving in South Asia in a muslim-majority region. David is ordained as an Anglican minister and they lead a new bilingual church alongside the bishop in their city. Praise God at the end of 2024 the diocese received grants to acquire a building to renovate for the purpose of housing a ministry in drug rehabilitation, which is an urgent need in their country. Do pray for this endeavour as it begins to serve vulnerable people.

Barny is approaching the end of his 3 year stint with UCCF as a part-time staff worker in creative evangelism. He serves the Christian Unions in the universities in Manchester and Salford, with a particular emphasis encouraging the students at the Royal Northern College of Music in their evangelism and discipleship. Pray as he wraps up his time with UCCF over the summer and prepares for whatever comes next.

Josh finished his one-year REACH programme with Friends International in the summer of 2024 and concluded his time as a St Clement's associate missions partner. During the year, Josh ministered to international students, sharing the Christian message and befriending and supporting them during their time in the UK. Josh also undertook group training, personal study and mentored supervision. Josh and Maisie were married in the spring of 2024 and Josh received his visa to remain in the UK very shortly afterwards.

REVIEW OF 2024:

TEAM TIDY (cleaning team)

Esther Damola | Florence Baluwa

As we reflect on the past year, Team Tidy (the church's cleaning volunteers) has experienced a mix of challenges and successes. The devotion of our volunteers has been truly inspiring, coming in every Saturdays (sometimes Friday evenings!)-come rain or shine highlighting their commitment to creating a clean and inviting environment for our Church family ahead of Sunday service. We have hoovered, dusted, emptied bins, cleaned the bathrooms and re-homed a few spiders! We are thankful that we always have adequate cleaning materials and have felt supported whenever we have requested cleaning supplies.

At the beginning of the year, our team was few in number-this sometimes impacted how many volunteers could be available every Saturday for cleaning. Our numbers grew due to the "Serving day" where some of our Church family joined the team and have continued to serve in Team Tidy. Team Tidy has really bonded together, culminating in our Christmas Party that was held in the Victory Room

Overall, the cleaning ministry has reinforced the importance of stewardship and teamwork. We hope more of our church family will feel inspired to join Team Tidy, ensuring that our Church remains a bright beacon of hope and sanctuary for all.

REVIEW OF 2024:

CHURCH ACCOUNTS

Mark Taylor

Please see separate Financial Report and Accounts.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ST CLEMENTS HIGHER OPENSHAW, PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed: Martin Palmer

Date: 7 th April 2025

OUR CHURCH VISION



2020 - 2025

Vision Statement

Our vision is to spread a passion for Jesus Christ in Manchester, the UK and the world

WORD

Our vision is:

- To preach the gospel faithfully, accessibly and passionately to our community both inside and outside church.
- To be a church that regularly meets together to study/examine the word.
- To be a church that trains and develops leaders.

WORSHIP

Our vision is:

- To ensure our services are as accessible for as many people as possible (e.g. for those who have English as a second language or those with lower literacy levels).
- To use our music to help people from all walks of life to encounter and enjoy God whether for the first time or the billionth time.
- To be transformed through our encounter with Jesus so that we worship God with our whole lives.

WITNESS

Our vision is:

- To share the good news of Jesus Christ with our local community.
- To actively revitalise other churches in the city.
- To send out people to witness for Christ elsewhere in the UK and the world.

WELFARE

Welfare of the Community

Our vision is:

- To love our community and live out the gospel in real and meaningful ways.
- To practically and emotionally support those in need.
- To work alongside other organisations to care for people well.

WELLBEING

Wellbeing of the Church

Our vision is:

- To ensure everyone in our church family is cared for well and, where necessary, supported in their care of others.
- To help our church family to be aware of who needs care, aware of how to access support and aware of our individual responsibility to care for each other, so that no one is missed.
- To resource and equip our church family in how to love and care for others well, and to confidently and compassionately share the love of Christ with those in need.

St Clements Church Higher Openshaw PCC
Balance Sheet information
Year ended 31 December 2024
Charities Commission 1198190

	As at 31 Dec 2024	As at 31 Dec 2023	Diff
	£	£	£
Cash	0	0	0
Natwest Current Account	12,085	19,108	(7023)
Natwest Mission Account	17,862	5,665	12,197
CBF Deposit Accounts	17,168	18,698	(1530)
Net monetary assets	47,115	43,472	3,644

For information only

		As at 31 Dec-24	As at 31 Dec-23
		£	£
Assets (see below)	Assets retained for charity's own use	23,000	23,000
Gift Aid Receivable	Other Monetary Assets	493	1,090
Loans receivable	Other Monetary Assets	2,167	2,837
Advanced receipts	Other Monetary Assets	(2,709)	(1,746)
Advanced payments	Liabilities	1,050	1,050
Other creditors	Liabilities	0	0
Expenses claimed not paid	Liabilities	(219)	0
Balance on office card	Other Monetary Assets	395	0
Net assets / liabilities excl cash		24,177	26,231

Assets retained for Charities use

Description	b/f	Estimated Value				c/f
		New	Disposed	Adj		
Silverware	10,000	0	0	0	10,000	
Bluther Grand Piano	10,000	0	0	0	10,000	
AV Equipment	3,000	500	0	(500)	3,000	
Total estimated value		23,000	500	0	(500)	23,000

Gift Aid receivable

Date cash received	Claim period	Period relating to		
		2023 and before	2024	Total
5/12/24 - 31/12/24	Dec-24	-	493	493
Total Gift Aid Receivable		-	493	493

Advanced payments / receipts

Description	Advanced receipt	Advanced payment	Net
2025 weekend away	1,057.00	(1,050.00)	7.00
Maternity pay unutilised at 31/12/24	1,651.88	0.00	1,651.88
			1,658.88

Committed funding for mission partners

No committed funding at 31 December 2024 although the PCC foresee being in a position to fund at least existing level of funding for our current cross cultural mission partners for at least 12 months.

St Clements Church Higher Openshaw PCC

Receipts and Payments Account

Year ended 31 December 2024

Charities Commission 1198190

	2024			2023		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Regular Giving	93,217	4,265	97,482	76,023	2,827	78,850
Ad hoc giving	0	12,215	12,215	788	5,677	6,465
Gift Aid	21,140	0	21,140	49,046	0	49,046
Other donations	11,304	8,155	19,459	19,438	4,830	24,268
Other income	11,469	1,270	12,739	14,227	755	14,982
Total Income	137,130	25,905	163,035	159,521	14,089	173,610
Fundraising costs	0	0	0	0	0	0
Church activities	(93388)	(7701)	(101089)	(114191)	(1471)	(115662)
Church expenses	(40280)	(9846)	(50126)	(38984)	(7045)	(46029)
Building costs	(2097)	(6080)	(8177)	(5586)	(3800)	(9386)
Other costs	0	0	0	(241)	0	(241)
Total Expenditure	(135765)	(23627)	(159392)	(159002)	(12317)	(171318)
Surplus / Deficit	1,365	2,278	3,643	519	1,772	2,292
Transfers between Funds	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash funds last year end	31,662	11,810	43,472	31,142	10,038	41,180
Cash funds this year end	33,027	14,088	47,115	31,661	11,810	43,472

St Clements Church Higher Openshaw PCC
Receipts and Payments Account
Year ended 31 December 2024
Charities Commission 1198190

		2024			2023		
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Regular giving							
	Regular giving - Gift Aided	61,799	3,441	65,240	57,902	2,008	59,910
	Collections at Services	11,324	0	11,324	9,848	0	9,848
	Regular giving - non Gift Aided	20,094	824	20,918	8,274	819	9,093
	Total Regular Giving	93,217	4,265	97,482	76,023	2,827	78,850
Ad hoc giving							
	Ad-hoc giving inc Gift Days- Gift Aided	0	10,328	10,328	739	5,172	5,911
	Other ad-hoc giving inc Gift Days - non GA	0	1,887	1,887	49	505	554
	Total Ad hoc giving	0	12,215	12,215	788	5,677	6,465
	Gift Aid Gift Aid recovered	21,140	0	21,140	49,046	0	49,046
Other donations							
	Grant income	10,004	8,155	18,159	13,008	4,830	17,838
	Legacies	0	0	0	6,000	0	6,000
	Fundraising activities	1,300	0	1,300	430	0	430
	Total Other donations	11,304	8,155	19,459	19,438	4,830	24,268
Other income							
	Income from investments	670	0	670	873	0	873
	Fees retained	1,414	0	1,414	1,998	0	1,998
	Trading activities	9,385	0	9,385	11,356	0	11,356
	Other income	0	1,270	1,270	0	755	755
	Total Other income	11,469	1,270	12,739	14,227	755	14,982
	Total Income	137,130	25,905	163,035	159,521	14,089	173,610
	Fundraising costs	0	0	0	0	0	0
Church activities							
	Mission giving and donations - regular	(11,415)	(6,562)	(17,977)	(22,282)	(1,471)	(23,753)
	Diocesan Parish Share / Quota paid	(24,257)	0	(24,257)	(16,443)	0	(16,443)
	Salaries, Wages and Honoraria	(54,340)	(200)	(54,540)	(72,143)	0	(72,143)
	Staff expenses	(3,376)	(939)	(4,315)	(3,323)	0	(3,323)
	Total Church activities	(93,388)	(7,701)	(101,089)	(114,191)	(1,471)	(115,662)
Church expenses							
	Mission and evangelism costs	(3,808)	(4,068)	(7,876)	(5,484)	(3,125)	(8,609)
	Church running expenses	(18,273)	(5,678)	(23,951)	(17,183)	(3,590)	(20,773)
	Church utility bills	(7,824)	0	(7,824)	(5,594)	(330)	(5,924)
	Costs of trading	(10,375)	(100)	(10,475)	(10,723)	0	(10,723)
	Church expenses	(40,280)	(9,846)	(50,126)	(38,984)	(7,045)	(46,029)
Building costs							
	Major repairs to church building	(2,097)	(6,080)	(8,177)	(4,043)	0	(4,043)
	Major Repairs to Hall / Other PCC Property	0	0	0	(1,542)	(3,800)	(5,342)
	New building work	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total Building costs	(2,097)	(6,080)	(8,177)	(5,585)	(3,800)	(9,385)
	Other costs Other costs			0	(241)	0	(241)
	Total Expenditure	(135,765)	(23,627)	(159,392)	(159,001)	(12,317)	(171,317)
	Surplus / Deficit	1,365	2,278	3,643	520	1,772	2,292

St Clements Church Higher Openshaw PCC
Notes to the accounts
Year ended 31 December 2024
Charities Commission 1198190

	2024			2023		
	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
1. Regular giving						
Number of planned givers			57			47
Average donation per month			£125.96			£115.72
Total Standing order	81,893	4,265	86,158	62,437	2,827	65,264
Cash / unknown	0	0	0	3,739	0	3,739
Collections at services	11,324	0	11,324	9,848	0	9,848
Total Regular giving	93,217	4,265	97,482	76,023	2,827	78,850
2. Grant income						
St Johns	3,000	0	3,000	3,000	0	3,000
Gospel Trust	5,004	0	5,004	10,008	0	10,008
Manchester Diocese	0	8,155	8,155	0	4,830	4,830
Gospel Partners Trust	2,000	0	2,000	0	0	0
Total Grant Income	10,004	8,155	18,159	13,008	4,830	17,838
3. Other income						
Fees retained	1,414	0	1,414	1,998	0	1,998
2023 weekend away	0	0	0	8,192	0	8,192
2024 weekend away	6,420	0	6,420	1,746	0	1,746
2025 weekend away	1,057	0	1,057	0	0	0
Holiday Bible Club	0	865	865	588	0	588
Holidays at Home	310	0	310	0	0	0
Books	472	0	472	275	0	275
'Loan' repayments	0	405	405	0	755	755
Interest on deposit accounts	670	0	670	873	0	873
Other trading income	1,126	0	1,126	555	0	555
Total Other Income	11,469	1,270	12,739	14,227	755	14,982

St Clements Church Higher Openshaw PCC
Notes to the accounts continued
Year ended 31 December 2024
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	2024			2023		
	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
4. Mission giving						
AIM - Shepherds	1,332	3,000	4,332	4,532	0	4,532
SIM - Mackies	2,650	0	2,650	6,903	0	6,903
OMF - Marshalls	3,330	0	3,330	8,662	0	8,662
Howitz	0	0	0	0	511	511
Byrnes	0	0	0	0	510	510
SIM - Judith Skelton	3,503	0	3,503	2,035	0	2,035
Friends International-Josh Yeo	0	0	0	150	450	600
Drug rehab centre Pakistan	0	3,562	3,562	0	0	0
UCCF	600	0	600	0	0	0
Total Mission expenditure	11,415	6,562	17,977	22,282	1,471	23,753
5. Mission and evangelism costs						
Foodbank	0	3,948	3,948	11	3,125	3,136
Youth & Childrens	2,913	0	2,913	2,769	0	2,769
Coffee & Conversation	105	0	105	406	0	406
Clementunes	141	120	261			
Assemblies	344	0	344			
Other	305	0	305	2298	0	2298
Total Mission and Evangelism	3,808	4,068	7,876	5,484	3,125	8,609
						0
6. Church running expenses						
Insurance	4,986	0	4,986	4,878	0	4,878
AV	1,397	0	1,397	1,796	0	1,796
Hardship	0	3,613	3,613	0	3,260	3,260
Garden	2,040	0	2,040	1,920	0	1,920
HBC	354	865	1,219	721	0	721
Holiday at Home	433	0	433			
Courses for volunteers	0	1,200	1,200			
Printing / photocopier	1,769	0	1,769	1,983	0	1,983
Internet and website	922	0	922	662	0	662
CCLI License	959	0	959	910	0	910
Fire protection + PAT testing	806	0	806	883	0	883
Roof and gutters etc	180	0	180			
Other inc bank charges	4,427	0	4,427	3,430	330	3,760
Total Church Running Expenses	18,273	5,678	23,951	17,183	3,590	20,773
7. Cost of Trading						
2023 weekend away	0	0	0	9,479	0	9,479
2024 weekend away	8,999	0	8,999	1,050	0	1,050
2025 weekend away deposits	1,050	0	1,050			
Books	326	100	426	154	0	154
Other	0	0	0	40	0	40
Total Cost of Trading	10,375	100	10,475	10,723	0	10,723
						0
8. Building costs						
Victory Room	0	0	0	1,542	3,800	5,342
Heating repairs	1,506	0	1,506	3,189	0	3,189
Fire protection	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carpet + flooring	591	6,080	6,671	0	0	0
Other building costs	0	0	0	854	0	854
Total building cost	2,097	6,080	8,177	5,585	3,800	9,385

St Clements Church Higher Openshaw PCC
 Restricted / Designated Funds information
 Year ended 31 December 2024
 Charities Commission 1198190

	Restricted / Designated				
	adj - b/f	Income	Expenditure	Transfer	c/f
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted					
Pakistan Drug Rehab centre (MGD)	0	3,111	(3562)	576	125
Other cross cultural mission	0	3,000	(3000)	0	0
Foodbank	4,325	7,240	(3948)	0	7,617
Hardship fund	2,083	4,489	(3613)	0	2,959
Holiday Bible Club		865	(865)	0	0
Courses: Staff and volunteers	0	3,000	(2139)	0	861
Community café		1,800	0	0	1,800
Other building	4,500	1,580	(6080)	0	0
Other Restricted	0	820	(420)	(350)	50
Total Restricted	10,908	25,905	(23627)	226	13,412
Designated					
Cross Cultural Missions - designated	(776)	18,152	(10815)	750	7,311
Youth & Childrens	1,737	0	0	(1737)	0
Total Designated	961	18,152	(10815)	(987)	7,311
Total Restricted and Designated	11,869	44,057	(34442)	(761)	20,723

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ST CLEMENT'S CHURCH MANCHESTER

VISION NIGHT REPORT



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REVIEW OF 2024:

WHO'S WHO

ELDERS:



Paul & Gill Jump
Minister



Henry & Beth Alexander
Assistant Minister



Promise & Chinenye Amadi
PCC Vice Chair



Mark & Michelle Taylor
Church Warden



Tom & Chrissy Parkes
Church Warden

STAFF:

Paul Jump | Minister

Henry Alexander | Assistant Minister

Alex Tatchell | Youth & Children's Worker

Erin Skelton | Office & Digital Communications Co-ordinator

Nicci Wooley | Ministry Trainee

WHO'S WHO

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (DEACONS):

Rev. Paul Jump	Rev. Henry Alexander
Mark Taylor (Church Warden & Treasury Team)	Louise Boxall (Safeguarding Officer)
Promise Amadi (Vice Chair)	Stephen Mackel
Lizzie Watkins (Secretary)	John Warburton
Tom Parkes (Church Warden)	Nicola Wooley
Phil Bate (Reader)	Reg Evans
Emma Alexander	Tim Dada
Josh Rogers	Gilly Blair
Lakes Abimbola	Sarah Lavelle

DEANERY SYNOD MEMBERS:

Lizzie Watkins
John Warburton
Promise Amadi
Stephen Mackel

CHURCH PATRONS:

The Bishop of Manchester	Mark Taylor
Rosie Sinclair	John Ormiston
Rev. Paul Mathole	

MINISTER TO MINISTERS:

Rt. Rev. Keith Sinclair

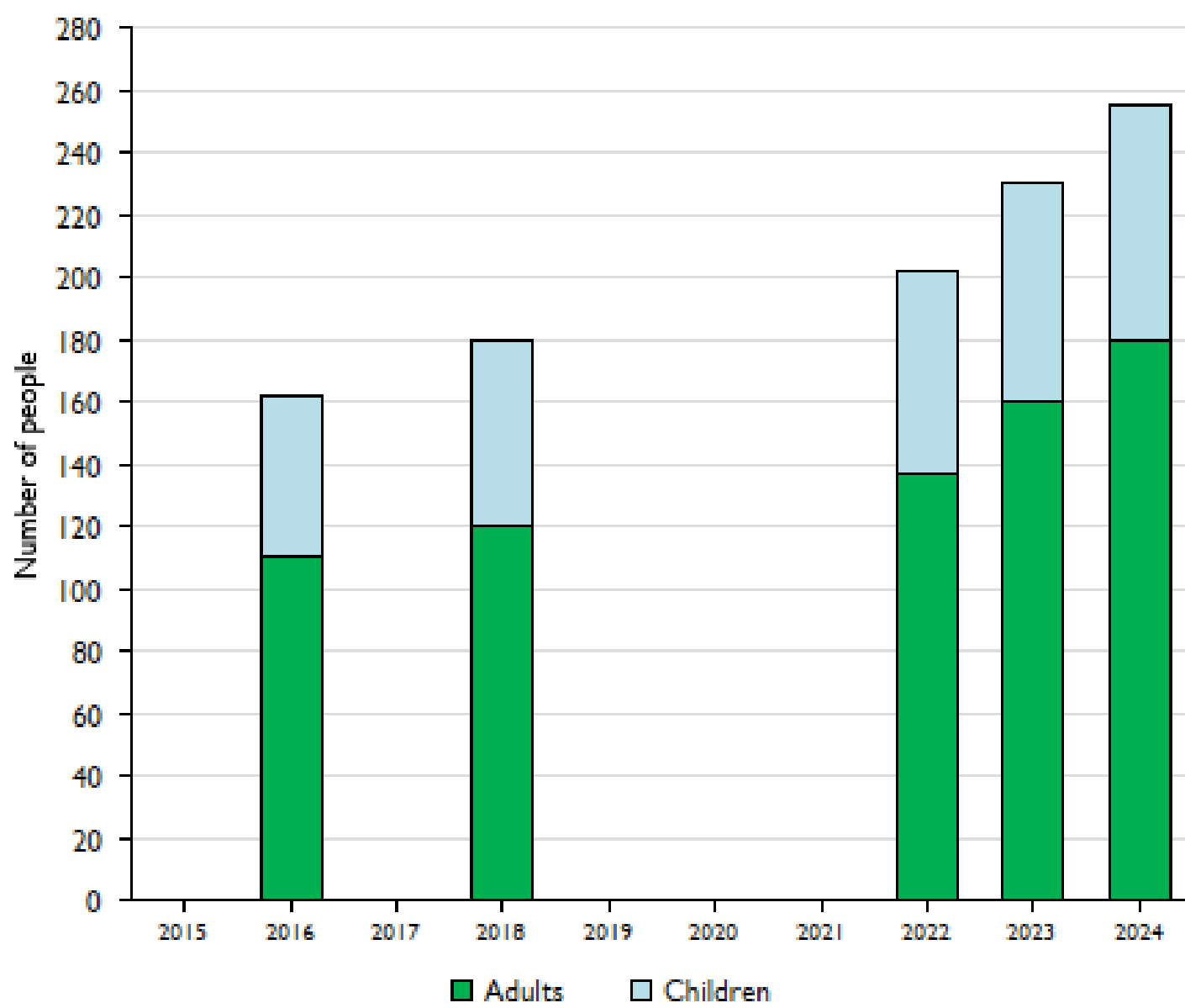


REVIEW OF 2024:

CHURCH STATS

ATTENDANCE

The attendance at both our morning and evening services has continued to steadily increase over the last year. We continue to welcome a large number of babies and children to our services, as well as adults including those over-60. You can see how the average attendance at our Sunday services has increased steadily over the last few years below.



(Based on the data inputted into the CofE parish returns system annually)

FORMAL SERVICES

Weddings

5

Funerals

7

Baptisms

22




REVIEW OF 2024:

RECTOR'S REPORT

Paul Jump

Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! ² For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD! Psalm 117:1-2

The LORD is faithful. He is faithful to his word and he is faithful to his people. Vision night is an opportunity for us to be reminded of his faithfulness and to give thanks for his faithfulness. And God has been very faithful to St Clement's this past year. One way he has shown his faithfulness is by deepening our relationship with him. There has been a growing desire amongst us to spend time with him both individually and together. Our prayer meetings are better attended and richer than they were a year ago. A second way he has shown his faithfulness has been by drawing people to church this year and by drawing people to himself. At our baptism services and at other occasions it was so encouraging to hear personal testimonies of how God has been at work in individuals lives bringing them to see and trust in Jesus Christ. May the LORD continue to work faithfully amongst us this coming year.



REVIEW OF 2024:

CHURCH WARDEN'S REPORT

Mark Taylor + Tom Parkes

We praise God for his goodness to us in bringing many new people to join us in worship each week, often with so many diverse backgrounds, which enriches our fellowship and reflects our parish population. We are very grateful to the growing number of people serving in the Welcome Teams greeting us as we gather. St Clements has not just grown numerically at the morning services but also in our discipleship as more and more of us are members of community groups meeting weekly in the building or in each other's homes and in Community Group Central meetings. Having so many worshipping here on Sundays does sometimes present seating challenges. We thank the congregation for cheerfully squeezing up to allow people to join us on Sunday mornings when space can be hard to find.

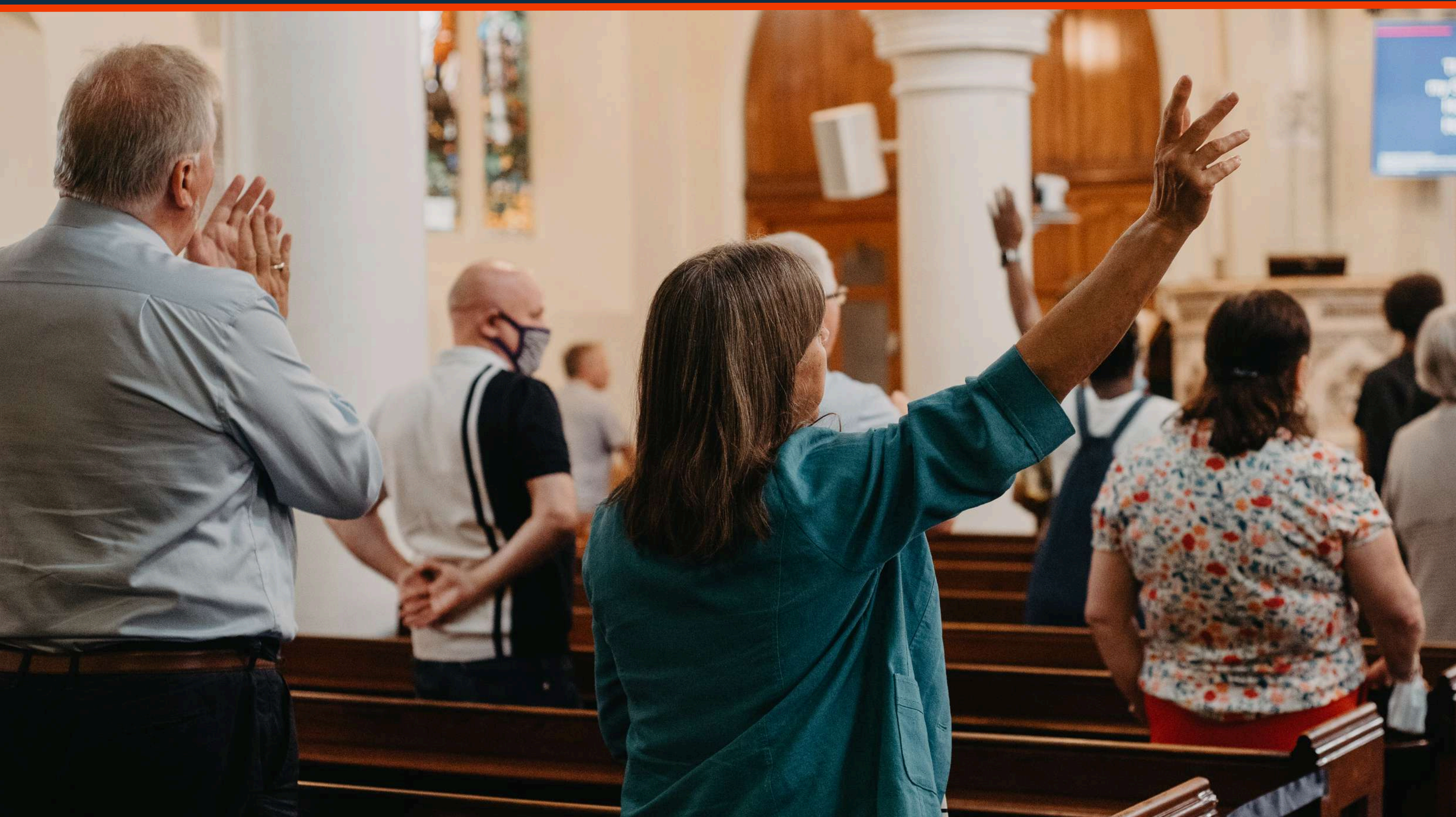
As part of St Clement's Aims and Objectives contained in its vision to spread a passion for Jesus Christ in Manchester, the church does strive to serve as many different demographic groups of people as possible and during 2024 an over 60's group has continued to meet on Tuesday mornings in church. Other areas of ministry among toddlers, juniors, young people, second language English speakers, school parents, food bank clients, the retired and others also continue to take place regularly in the building. It is so encouraging to know that the church is being used every day of the week in term time, other than Fridays, to serve others both within our church and more widely in the Higher Openshaw community, to pray, worship and reach out with the gospel. The church and its building are a vital community hub in our Higher Openshaw and Abbey Hey parish.

At Christmas it was wonderful to have so many different Christmas services as well as so many school Christmas events take place in the building. As well as our more established carol services (Traditional, Childrens and Contemporary) our church building hosted an International Carol Service in which our diverse church communities led us in celebrating the birth of our Lord.

Regarding the physical church buildings, two more screens were added to allow easier visual access to allow full participation in the service for those people sitting in the aisles. Signs have been put up in church giving smartphone access to service translations for those with English as a second language. During 2024 flooring in the church lounge and in the toilets was replaced. It was possible to maintain the church well again this year and thanks are due to Keith, Reg, Pete Bailey, Tony the gardener, the church cleaning team and all those helping so faithfully with church and garden maintenance.

We are saddened by the devastating times of bereavement for many people and families in the congregation. We praise God for everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Lord and we pray for peace, sustenance and blessed assurance for all continuing grief.

The wide variety of church activities wouldn't be possible without the dedicated service of so many members of the congregation regularly giving up time after work, weekends, and days off all often within busy and precious family lives. We thank Rev Paul, Rev Henry and Alex and their families for their total commitment and dedicated preaching and leading among us week by week led and inspired by a reliance on God's word.





REVIEW OF 2024:

PROPERTY & GARDEN

Keith Worsfold + Steve Helme

Property (Keith Worsfold)

The main project we completed in 2024 was the replacement carpet in the lounge and stairs. This was funded through a grant we received of £5,000 from the Diocese. Since then, we have also replaced the flooring in the men's and ladies' toilets as it appeared that the floor was sagging. In general, the building remains in a good condition. There are annual events which often go unnoticed but are necessary such as inspection of fire extinguishers, portable appliance testing, lightening conductor inspection, boiler servicing, gutter cleaning etc.

Many thanks to our property team for the way everything runs, Reg, Mark Taylor & Keith Worsfold

Church Garden (Steve Helme)

Around 12 noon on the first Saturday of each month, I often feel that the Garden Group has been blessed by the number of people who faithfully turn out to maintain the grounds. Their reward is fresh air, a sense of achievement, the knowledge that God is blessing our efforts... and a cuppa at the end, with a piece of home-made cake. Very rarely do we get rained off and it's great that the local community notice the grounds and offer favourable comments. A couple of us also meet weekly to try to keep things in trim. Sometimes I look at the garden in a different way, especially when I pass by on the bus and realise that there is almost always something different to notice and enjoy.

Before I go on for too long, my thanks go to each member of the Garden Group; I learn much from you and it's good to teach me to be patient as we wait for the fruits of each season. My thanks also go to J. Parker's garden suppliers for their continuing support of our efforts.

If you feel inclined to support the Garden Group in any way at all, please feel free to approach Michelle Taylor or me, and we will be delighted to involve you. Finally, please continue to offer praise and prayer for the way God is blessing this ministry.

The image shows three people from behind, wearing blue hoodies. The hoodie on the right has 'GOSPEL KIDS' in orange and 'Team Member' in white below it. The hoodie in the middle has 'GOSPEL KIDS' in white and 'Team Member' in orange below it. The hoodie on the left is partially visible.

REVIEW OF 2024:

SAFEGUARDING REPORT

Louise Boxall

Our work among children, young people and vulnerable adults has continued to grow throughout the past year and our child protection procedures have continued to be undertaken conscientiously by all concerned in these very important ministries. As this work continues to grow, so does the need for safeguarding input and guidance in the background of activities to ensure the safety and foresight of all involved.

We, as a church, liaise with the diocese and for advice where clarification is required, and we take very seriously everything that is brought to our attention. They support us with all decisions made regarding safeguarding within our church. As a church we must all work together. It is the whole congregation's responsibility to be vigilant in all our behaviour and attitudes to put children, young people, and vulnerable adults first at all times. Trying to ensure everyone has done the training required including the required updates and also completed their paperwork is no small task in a rapidly growing church but is an important element of safeguarding our volunteers and those we care for in our ministry.

As the church grows and our buildings are used extensively, which is fantastic and a great witness, it also increases our awareness of potential issues. Posters are placed around church with whom to contact, leaders of the groups are available, and details are on the church website. No concern is too small to bring to our attention and will be dealt with in the appropriate manner. It is always better to raise a concern than to ignore it.

We would like to thank all involved in working in these ministries for being so cooperative in doing all the paperwork and completing the online courses, especially when volunteering so much of their free time to ministry already. As the church congregation increases so does the safeguarding workload, prayerfully consider volunteering if you feel God calling you to do so and speak to the safeguarding officer about this.



REVIEW OF 2024:

CARE TEAM

Erin Skelton

It is a blessing to say that much of the care within St Clement's happens organically as our church family fervently look out for one another. Thus, the care team exists to support the regular pastoral care of the church family by providing coordinated responses to moments of particular pastoral need. As our church family continues to grow in number, we are committed to ensuring no-one falls through the cracks. This has prompted us to move towards re-structuring and re-organising the care team to provide a network of care that is accessible to our church family. The care team consists of 8 care coordinators who oversee pastoral visitations, the provision of church family meals, the administration of the hardship fund, prayer ministry, soul care, and safeguarding. While the care team coordinates and oversees this care, there is a whole army of church family implementing it - further exemplifying that we are all part of the care team at St Clement's.

Please do reach out to the care team by emailing:
care@stclementschurchmanchester.org



REVIEW OF 2024:

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Alex Tatchell

Kids Work

Gospel Kids on a Sunday morning and The Hub on a Tuesday afterschool continue to be our main avenue for engaging children with the Gospel of Jesus. Our teams of volunteers have shifted a little this year as we said goodbye to some leaders and added new signings to the roster. It's great to work with such committed and servant hearted folk.

Holiday Bible Club 2024 Secret Agents was a big success with 122 kids signed up for the week of activities! While that full number wasn't there every day it was incredible to see so many kids both from our Church family and the local community spending time in God's word looking at Mark's Gospel.

Youth Work

Roots and Roots Sunday Chill have continued to be a great encouragement to me personally as we see around 40-50 kids come on a Tuesday night and a group of up to 10 older teens on a Sunday night for our Bible Study. Our Roots Weekend away was a big success, as we looked at Hebrews and Jesus being out true and ultimate high priest – even if the coach got stuck again!

I have gathered a great team of mentors to support me in meeting older youth for 1:1 discipleship and Bible reading which has been an encouragement to me and hopefully a blessing to the teens.

Community Work

Increasingly, I have been spending time in the community trying to reach out into areas we haven't had access to before. God has granted access for me to do some more assemblies and RE lessons in local primary schools which is an avenue I am continuing to pursue.

Furthermore, I lead a Wednesday morning service at Gorton Mill House for residents and their friends in conjunction with Trinity Baptist Church. It has been a real pioneer ministry starting from scratch and it has been great to gather with folk who otherwise couldn't get to church.

Clementunes | Nicci Woolley

2024 has been another year to testify of God's faithfulness to Clementunes as we reflect on how He has sustained this ministry for many years. Parents/carers and their little ones are welcomed through our church doors on a Monday morning where they enjoy a noisy, musical session upstairs, or a calmer, gentler session downstairs, followed by time spent together over cups of coffee, tea and sweet treats. This was a particularly busy year as towards the summer term we had to implement a booking system to manage capacity for a few months! We have enjoyed welcoming some new faces and some familiar faces.

We are so grateful to all the team members, volunteers, kitchen support, and sweet treat providers as they faithfully serve each week. We are always on the look out for new, committed volunteers to either assist in the session or the kitchen.

Clementeenies (crèche) | Josh & Lorna Taylor

Crèche is the provision of a safe space for our smallest church members (under school age) during Sunday morning services, which allows their parents and carers to engage in the service. From last year we have an average of 15 children (with some weeks being over 20!) joining us for; play, bible story, a breadstick snack, singing and a colouring activity sheet to take home. It is a joy to see the children interacting with each other and joining in with story time with enthusiasm. Once again a big thank you to all our fantastic team of volunteers, who so servant -heartedly help out approximately 1 in 4 Sundays and are always so willing to help out. We're always happy to welcome new volunteers to the team.



REVIEW OF 2024:

COMMUNITY GROUPS

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Over the past 12 months we have been studying the book of Hebrews, thinking together about how Jesus is better, and what it means to continue to follow him in difficult times. We have also met centrally once a half term to dig a bit deeper into a topic related to the weekly Bible studies or sermon series such as Perseverance, Friendship, Sexuality, Caring for one another. We would love every church member to be part of a community group, so if you would like to join one, please send me a message or email at henry@stclementschurchmanchester.org



REVIEW OF 2024:

FOOD BANK & COMMUNITY CAFÉ

Keith Worsfold + Gill Jump

Food Bank (Keith Worsold)

We started our food bank in March 2020 at the beginning of Covid lockdown with about 7 parcels on a pew in church and it has continued to grow and expand. We're open every Tuesday afternoon and provides food & toiletries for people and we have a representative from Citizens Advice to help people with other problems. The Trussell Trust, who we partner with, provide the majority of food and organise all the referrals, administration etc. Although they are a large national charity, they found it unsustainable to keep financing ourselves and 2 other food banks in Manchester, spending around £10,000 per month. Because of this, they had to restrict the number of times someone could receive a food parcel. From July, we introduced a system when people could have up to 8 referrals in 6 months. During 2024 from our church, we provided 2,331 food parcels which supported 5,649 people. Of those, 3,649 were adults and 2,180 were children and young people. Many thanks to our fantastic team of volunteers. We praise God for His many blessings and provision.

Community Café (Gill Jump)

The community cafe continues to be a busy space on a Tuesday afternoon. It's a lovely mix of community people, foodbank clients and Hub parents. We are grateful for new team members in Nanny and Jack and for Tash's tireless efforts in making exceedingly good cakes. Nanny has extended our toastie repertoire and so we now offer the tuna melt alongside the faithful cheese and ham! We remain grateful for our front of house chatting team and would appreciate your prayers for gospel conversations and that the invitations to church are accepted.



REVIEW OF 2024:

TUESDAY CLUB | CAMEO

Nicci Woolley

Tuesday Club has continued to grow and develop throughout 2024. The biggest change is perhaps the name! Coined by Caroline, Tuesday Club is now known as CAMEO (Come And Meet Each Other). Every Tuesday morning, the church doors are opened for members of our church family and community, particularly those who are over 60, to Come and Meet Each Other, and share in fellowship and community with one another. Cups of tea and coffee are enjoyed over games, jigsaws, craft sessions, and reminiscing about the good old days!

In 2024, we also held our first Tuesday morning service. This usually happens on the first Tuesday of the month. Huge thank you to Alan Warner who kindly makes us soup following the mini-service.

We are grateful for the volunteers and members of CAMEO who willingly welcome and serve each other faithfully each week.



REVIEW OF 2024:

MUSIC & WORSHIP

Henry Alexander

We are blessed with superb music and AV teams who help us sing praises to God every Sunday. Music is a wonderful gift from God, given so that we might revere his character and glory, remember all he has done for us and rejoice in His hope. It is always such a blessing to hear the church family singing as one on a Sunday.

Please do check out the 'Resources' section on the church website to see all that our musicians are getting up to. This page is packed with songs, videos and other resources to help encourage you in your faith.

One musical highlight of the past year was our very first International Carol Service. This was a great evening of joyfully celebrating the Christmas story, through the lens of different cultures and languages. It was a powerful witness of the unity of our church and the gospel's invitation to people of every nation and tongue. The service contained music from all corners of the globe including, Nigerian, Ukrainian, French, Cantonese songs.



REVIEW OF 2024:

COMMUNITY CHOIR

Eleonore Kimberley

St Clement's community choir continues to meet on a Monday evening at church to sing a range of repertoire (worship songs/hymns, secular tunes/folk songs, rounds, and home brewed arrangements). We continue to have a diverse group joining us each week, maintaining a fairly steady number through the year, although the choir personnel has fluctuated across 2024.

This ministry remains a relaxed environment for community and church members to have fun singing together, build friendships, and sing about the hope we have in Jesus.

Across 2024, choir have been involved in various church and community events. Choir sang 'Price Tag' and some rounds at the Open Mic nights on the 19th March and 18th June, and brought an arrangement of Joyful Eastertide/Joyful Joyful to the Easter Carols Service, and Easter Sunday morning service. The summer term included relaxed rehearsals, and a performance at 'Holiday at Home' on June 26th.

Choir has experienced several sudden losses of choir members over the last few years. Sadly this summer came with another sudden loss of Jo's daughter, Susie. Jo's faithfulness and trust in the Lord through her intense grief has been an incredibly powerful witness to choir members of the hope we have in Jesus in the face of death. Many choir members attended Susie's thanksgiving service in September.

Through the Autumn term, choir worked towards singing Journey's End with Sarah Beattie at the Remembrance Day Service, and leading 4 carols and a solo item at the traditional Carol Service in December, with Caroline taking on leading more rehearsals.

We're thankful to God for sustaining this ministry and for the chance to sing about Jesus together. We pray for more opportunities to sing at community events, and to invite members of the community to join choir.



REVIEW OF 2024:

INTERNATIONAL MINISTRY + COFFEE & CONVERSATION

Tom + Chrissy Parkes

St Clement's church continues to be a community in which people from many nations of the world gather to worship and grow in their knowledge of God.

Church on Sunday continues to be a multinational gathering, and during 2024 it was made more accessible through live digital translation of the service into many languages. Warm thanks go to Matthew and Sandy who helped by translating the service plan into Farsi and Cantonese.

At the close of 2024, a Cantonese language Bible study is regularly meeting and a Cantonese Christianity Explored course took place earlier in the year. There are dreams to start a Farsi Bible study in early 2025.

The Saturday-morning "Coffee and Conversation" ministry is in its third year and has hosted guests from at least 24 different countries, helping them to practice their English and giving them the opportunity to read a story from the Bible. This year, new termly socials out and about in Manchester have helped deepen friendships and helped our guests discover more about the city they now call home. We have seen a number of the guests attend Easter and Christmas services as well as attending church regularly at other times. The ministry continues to be blessed by faithful volunteers from the St Clement's congregation coming to either chat with the guests or help with the crèche.

The International Christmas carol service was a fantastic event with songs from Ukrainian, Nigerian, Cantonese, and French choirs as well as a reading in Farsi. There are plans in 2025 to mark more international events (such as Chinese New Year and Persian New Year) and find ways to rejoice in our cultural diversity across the year.



REVIEW OF 2024:

MISSION PARTNERS

Josh Rogers

James & Juliette continue their work in South East Asia. James practices medicine in a clinic with fellow believers. Their 3 children are in local education. James & Juliette have a particular calling to share the gospel with a certain people group in a neighbouring province to which access is not always straightforward. Through faithful prayer, James and Juliette are starting to see doors opening up to this province and opportunities arising, learning of a small but growing family of believers. Please pray they are able to deepen this relationship and see more fruit among that people group.

Paul & Helen continue their work in West Africa. Throughout 2024 both have been practicing emergency medicine in local hospitals with stretched and limited resources. They also seek to encourage and support local church leaders in their ministries. The girls continue to attend the international school where Judith teaches. Pray for courage and wisdom as some of the local church leaders face intense pressure and persecution.

2024 was **Judith's** first full year serving alongside Paul and Helen in West Africa. She is the elementary school principal at the school attended by Paul & Helen's girls. Although she doesn't engage in the same level of front-line mission activity as our other partners, her role is vital in enabling many missionaries to remain in the field, ensuring their children receive the kind of education that might otherwise only be accessed by leaving the mission field. Pray as she handles short-staffing at the school, endures year-round heat, navigates poor driving conditions and for the perpetual challenges of bureaucracy, cultural and language barriers.

Chris & Nicole left the Middle East mission field in the summer of 2024 after issues with Chris's visa renewal. They have concluded their time as St Clements associate missions partners. Pray for the family as they decide what comes next.

Dan & Vicky continue to bring the gospel to Muslims in North Africa. In 2024 they moved to a coastal city and Dan is teaching at a school established by Christians. They practice cold contact evangelism and have a prayer ministry for persecuted and incarcerated believers in the region. Join them in prayer as they continue to seek discernment and wisdom for the direction of their ministry, praying lots with their team mates.

David & Mary are in their tenth year serving in South Asia in a muslim-majority region. David is ordained as an Anglican minister and they lead a new bilingual church alongside the bishop in their city. Praise God at the end of 2024 the diocese received grants to acquire a building to renovate for the purpose of housing a ministry in drug rehabilitation, which is an urgent need in their country. Do pray for this endeavour as it begins to serve vulnerable people.

Barny is approaching the end of his 3 year stint with UCCF as a part-time staff worker in creative evangelism. He serves the Christian Unions in the universities in Manchester and Salford, with a particular emphasis encouraging the students at the Royal Northern College of Music in their evangelism and discipleship. Pray as he wraps up his time with UCCF over the summer and prepares for whatever comes next.

Josh finished his one-year REACH programme with Friends International in the summer of 2024 and concluded his time as a St Clement's associate missions partner. During the year, Josh ministered to international students, sharing the Christian message and befriending and supporting them during their time in the UK. Josh also undertook group training, personal study and mentored supervision. Josh and Maisie were married in the spring of 2024 and Josh received his visa to remain in the UK very shortly afterwards.

REVIEW OF 2024:

TEAM TIDY (cleaning team)

Esther Damola | Florence Baluwa

As we reflect on the past year, Team Tidy (the church's cleaning volunteers) has experienced a mix of challenges and successes. The devotion of our volunteers has been truly inspiring, coming in every Saturdays (sometimes Friday evenings!)-come rain or shine highlighting their commitment to creating a clean and inviting environment for our Church family ahead of Sunday service. We have hoovered, dusted, emptied bins, cleaned the bathrooms and re-homed a few spiders! We are thankful that we always have adequate cleaning materials and have felt supported whenever we have requested cleaning supplies.

At the beginning of the year, our team was few in number-this sometimes impacted how many volunteers could be available every Saturday for cleaning. Our numbers grew due to the "Serving day" where some of our Church family joined the team and have continued to serve in Team Tidy. Team Tidy has really bonded together, culminating in our Christmas Party that was held in the Victory Room

Overall, the cleaning ministry has reinforced the importance of stewardship and teamwork. We hope more of our church family will feel inspired to join Team Tidy, ensuring that our Church remains a bright beacon of hope and sanctuary for all.

REVIEW OF 2024:

CHURCH ACCOUNTS

Mark Taylor

Please see separate Financial Report and Accounts.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ST CLEMENTS HIGHER OPENSHAW, PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed: Martin Palmer

Date: 7 th April 2025

OUR CHURCH VISION



2020 - 2025

Vision Statement

Our vision is to spread a passion for Jesus Christ in Manchester, the UK and the world

WORD

Our vision is:

- To preach the gospel faithfully, accessibly and passionately to our community both inside and outside church.
- To be a church that regularly meets together to study/examine the word.
- To be a church that trains and develops leaders.

WORSHIP

Our vision is:

- To ensure our services are as accessible for as many people as possible (e.g. for those who have English as a second language or those with lower literacy levels).
- To use our music to help people from all walks of life to encounter and enjoy God whether for the first time or the billionth time.
- To be transformed through our encounter with Jesus so that we worship God with our whole lives.

WITNESS

Our vision is:

- To share the good news of Jesus Christ with our local community.
- To actively revitalise other churches in the city.
- To send out people to witness for Christ elsewhere in the UK and the world.

WELFARE

Welfare of the Community

Our vision is:

- To love our community and live out the gospel in real and meaningful ways.
- To practically and emotionally support those in need.
- To work alongside other organisations to care for people well.

WELLBEING

Wellbeing of the Church

Our vision is:

- To ensure everyone in our church family is cared for well and, where necessary, supported in their care of others.
- To help our church family to be aware of who needs care, aware of how to access support and aware of our individual responsibility to care for each other, so that no one is missed.
- To resource and equip our church family in how to love and care for others well, and to confidently and compassionately share the love of Christ with those in need.

Accounts

Spreading a passion for Jesus Christ in Manchester, the UK and the world

ST CLEMENT'S CHURCH MANCHESTER

VISION NIGHT REPORT



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ANNUAL REPORT 2023



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REVIEW OF 2023:

WHO'S WHO

ELDERS:



Paul & Gill Jump
Minister



Henry & Beth Alexander
Assistant Minister



Promise & Chinenye Amadi
PCC Vice Chair



Mark & Michelle Taylor
Church Warden



Tom & Chrissy Parkes
Church Warden

STAFF:

Paul Jump | Minister

Henry Alexander | Assistant Minister

Alex Tatchell | Youth & Children's Worker

Rhea Tatchell | Office & Digital Communications Co-ordinator

Maisie Butt | Administrative Assistant

Erin Skelton | Ministry Trainee

Nicci Wooley | Ministry Trainee

WHO'S WHO

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (DEACONS):

Rev. Paul Jump	Stephen Mackel
Mark Taylor (Church Warden & Treasury Team)	John Warburton
Promise Amadi (Vice Chair)	Nicola Wooley
Henry Alexander	Keith Worsfold
Lizzie Watkins (Secretary)	Tom Parkes (Church Warden)
Louise Boxall (Safeguarding Officer)	Reg Evans
Phil Bate (Reader)	Tim Dada
	Gilly Blair

DEANERY SYNOD MEMBERS:

Lizzie Watkins
John Warburton
Promise Amadi
Stephen Mackel

CHURCH PATRONS:

The Bishop of Manchester	Mark Taylor
Rosie Sinclair	John Ormiston
Rev. Paul Mathole	

MINISTER TO MINISTERS:

Rt. Rev. Keith Sinclair

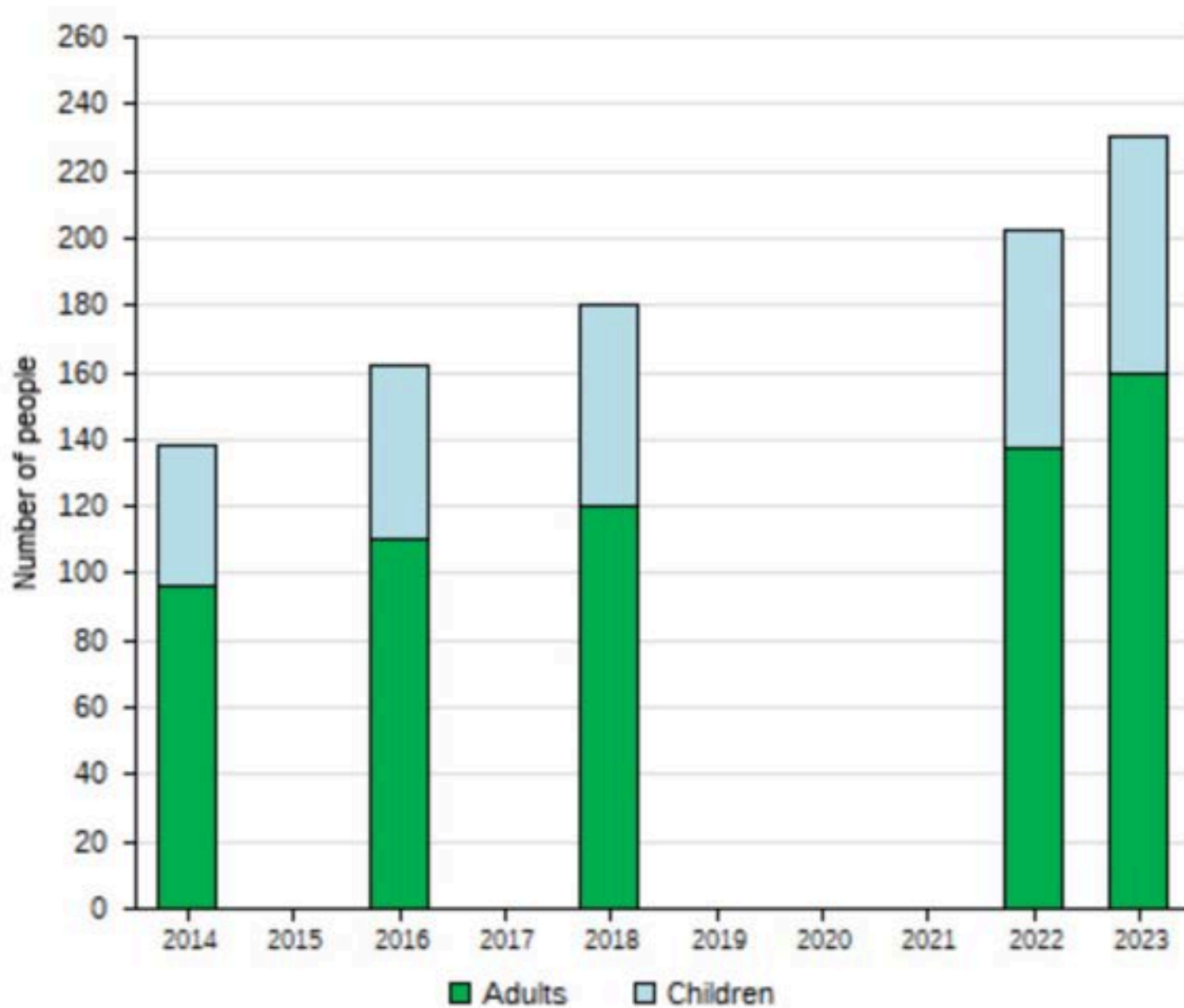


REVIEW OF 2023:

CHURCH STATS

ATTENDANCE

The attendance at both our morning and evening services has continued to steadily increase over the last year. We continue to welcome a large number of babies and children to our services, as well as adults including those over-60. You can see how the average attendance at our Sunday services has increased steadily over the last few years below.



(Based on the data inputted into the CofE parish returns system annually)

FORMAL SERVICES

Weddings

0

Funerals

15

Baptisms

13

2023 saw us take a higher number of funeral services than usual and no wedding ceremonies. We are happy to have several wedding blessings scheduled in the church diary for the upcoming months.



REVIEW OF 2023:

RECTOR'S REPORT

Paul Jump

At vision night last May we prayed for five things. Three of those prayers have been answered. The Lord opened a door for assemblies and RE lessons in 6 of our local schools, a ministry to the 60s has begun and we have two new mission partners. The Lord is faithful and again and again we see him answer our prayers and build his kingdom amongst us and through us. These answers to prayer remind me how crucial prayer is. As Jesus said 'apart from me you can do nothing' (John 15:5). The Lord loves it when we pray because when we pray we demonstrate a humble dependance on him. And that honours him. One of my prayers for this coming year is that our prayer life as a church would be deeper and richer. And that we would pray more regularly and for everything and anything but especially that we would pray that the Lord would build his kingdom amongst us and bring people to know his forgiveness and love in Jesus Christ.



REVIEW OF 2023:

CHURCH WARDEN'S REPORT

Mark Taylor + Tom Parkes

We praise God for his goodness to us as a church bringing many new people to worship among us each week. We are very grateful to the teams who serve as the first stage of welcome to us as we enter the building. St Clements has not just grown numerically at the morning services but also in our discipleship as more and more of us are members of community groups meeting weekly in the building or in each other's homes. Having so many worshipping here on Sundays does sometimes present seating challenges!

As part of our vision to spread a passion for Jesus Christ in Manchester, the church does strive to include as many different groupings of people as possible and during 2023 an over 60's group has started to meet on Tuesday mornings in church. Other areas of ministry among toddlers, juniors, young people, second language English speakers, school parents, food bank clients, the retired and others continue to take place regularly in the building. It is so encouraging to know that the church is being used almost every day of the week to serve others, serve our Lord, to pray and reach out with the gospel.

At Christmas it was wonderful to have so many different Christmas services as well as so many school Christmas events take place in the building. The church and its building are becoming a vital community hub in Higher Openshaw.

Regarding the physical church buildings, the fire door at the east end of the Victory Room was completed in January 2023. This has made the operation of the food bank much easier. Many thanks to the congregational member who made this happen. It was possible to maintain the church well again this year and thanks are due to Keith, Pete Bailey, Tony the gardener, the church cleaning team and all those helping with church and garden maintenance.

Like 2022, we are sad that there were very difficult times of bereavement for a number of people in the congregation. We praise God for everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Lord and we pray for peace and blessed assurance for all still enduring grief.

The wide variety of church activities wouldn't be possible without the dedicated service of so many regularly giving up time after work and within busy and precious family lives. We thank Rev Paul, the rest of the ministry team and their families for their total commitment and dedicated, inspirational service among us week by week.



The image shows three women from behind, wearing blue hoodies with 'GOSPEL KIDS Team Member' printed on the back. They are standing in a row, and the background is slightly blurred, suggesting an outdoor setting. The text 'REVIEW OF 2023:' is overlaid in orange at the top left, and 'SAFEGUARDING REPORT' is in large white letters below it. The author's name 'Louise Boxall' is in white at the bottom left.

REVIEW OF 2023:

SAFEGUARDING REPORT

Louise Boxall

Work among children, young people and vulnerable adults has continued to grow throughout the past year and our child protection procedures have continued to be undertaken conscientiously by all concerned in these very important ministries.

We, as a church, liaise with the diocese and with online advice where clarification is required, and we take very seriously everything that is brought to our attention. As a church we must all work together. It is the whole congregation's responsibility to be vigilant in all our behaviour and attitudes to put children, young people, and vulnerable adults first at all times. Trying to ensure everyone has done the training required and as has completed their paperwork is no small task in a rapidly growing church but is an important element of safeguarding our volunteers and those we care for in our ministry.

As the church grows and our buildings are used extensively, which is fantastic and a great witness, it also increases our awareness of potential issues. Posters are placed around church with whom to contact, leaders of the groups are available, and details are on the church website. No concern is too small to bring to our attention and will be dealt with in the appropriate manner. It is always better to raise a concern than to ignore it.

We would like to thank all involved in working in these ministries for being so cooperative in doing all the paperwork and completing the online courses, especially when volunteering so much of their free time to ministry already.



REVIEW OF 2023:

CARE TEAM

Henry Alexander

The role of our team of care coordinators, is to help facilitate and resource pastoral care amongst the church family. We are so blessed to be part of a church family that is already so good at looking out for each other. And as we grow and welcome more people to our church family, the care team aims to provide a single, simple point, to enable all members of the church family to access pastoral care. The team resources and organises a network of practical care, for things such as provision of church family meals. We also organise visits to those who are housebound and lifts for those who would otherwise not be able to get to church. The care team also oversee the hardship fund, which regularly helps people to pay urgent and essential costs that they would not otherwise be able to afford.

If you need anything from us, please do email:

care@stclementschurchmanchester.org



REVIEW OF 2023:

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Alex Tatchell

Gospel Kids

Gospel Kids continues to be one of the key places where our ministry to children occurs, and we are excited to see the increasing numbers week on week. It is not uncommon to teach and worship with 50 children on a Sunday morning, many of whom have additional needs. We have been steadily working through the New City Catechism in parallel with the Catechism slot in the morning service, and the children are benefitting from the key doctrinal building blocks of our faith.

The Hub

The Hub on a Tuesday afternoon is the front door to kids ministry at church and we have seen new faces come along this year, particularly from St Clement's School. We have been going through the key stories in the Bible from the Jesus Storybook Bible with the younger kids, and the corresponding passage in the NIV for the older kids. Numbers have been a little lower than previous terms, largely due to another external club which many of the children were excited to go to. However, we have continued to build good relationships with kids and their families who otherwise wouldn't come to church.

Roots

Our main ministry to teenagers and young people has seen growth this year with numbers peaking at around 50 people on a Tuesday evening. We have recruited an almost completely new team of excellent volunteer youth leaders and have really enjoyed getting to know the teenagers and forming together as a team. We have been following the New City Catechism in parallel with Gospel Kids, digging deeper into the doctrine of the Christian faith and its application to our 21st century lives. Again the weekend away at Yorkshire Camps in November was a big success all round!

Roots Sunday Chill

Roots Sunday Chill has continued to develop into a ministry in it's own right for teenagers in school year 11-13; meeting together at my house for Bible study, chat and prayer. It has been great to gather the oldest youth before they head into college and onto University, and give them a taste of what community/small groups feel like. We have done Bible studies in Ruth and Esther, as well as Mark's gospel and Colossians, as well as having socials, one-off Q&A sessions and topical discussions.

1:1s

Meeting with and discipling teenagers in a 1:1 capacity continues to be one of the best bits of my week. Our aim continues to be to meet with all our church youth in school years 11-13, providing a space for deeper Bible study, prayer and accountability. While I meet with the young lads I'm very grateful to my female volunteer leaders who meet with the girls. It's such an encouragement (and challenge!) to see how God is working in and using our youth for His kingdom purposes in Openshaw and Manchester.

Schools and Assemblies

Over the last year or so we have been working and praying hard for more opportunities to engage with local schools and teach them about Jesus and his Gospel. I'm really excited to say that we had a bumper crop of schools interested in and engaging with our Christmas assemblies both in the church building and in the schools themselves! We were able to connect with Abbey Hey Primary, St Clement's school, Higher Openshaw, and Varna Primary, some of whom for the first time - it was a joy to be able to serve them and teach them the real Christmas story. Furthermore, I was able to visit a number of local high schools with The Message (<https://www.message.org.uk/>) to advertise our youth group and connect with local teenagers.

Holiday Bible Club

The 2023 Heroes Academy was a LOT of fun back in the summer and was a fantastic way to kick off the new academic year. We learned that Jesus is the greatest superhero who doesn't just save us in this life, but in the life to come forevermore! We had 70 children come along and enjoy at least part of the week, and had around 30 amazing volunteers who led groups, cooked food, organised games and helped to be salt and light in the lives of these young kids – it was a privilege to be a part of it!

Clementunes | Nicci Woolley & Chrissy Parkes

During 2023, we continued to welcome many parents/carers and their little ones from the local community to sessions of noisy, musical fun on Monday mornings. The winter months were particularly busy, and in December we started to include a Christian story as a regular part of the sessions. We have been pleased to welcome some completely new families as well as see some of our old attendees getting involved with The Hub and other ministries as they start school. We said goodbye to a few faithful team members and were happy to welcome Sarah and Beth into the team. We are always on the look out for new, committed volunteers to either assist in the session or help in the kitchen.

Clementeenies (crèche) | Josh & Lorna Taylor

Crèche continues to serve the parents of children under school age, to allow parents to engage in the service. We regularly have about 16 little 4 and unders join us. Crèche involves play, a Bible story and breadstick snack, some singing and a colouring discussion sheet to take home. We have loved seeing the children becoming familiar with the stories and sharing their God-given joy throughout the sessions. A big thank you to our fantastic team of volunteers. We couldn't do it without them.



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Over the past 12 months we have been studying the pastoral epistles, thinking together about how to live together as God's family, standing for the gospel in our generation. We have also met centrally once a half term to dig a bit deeper into a topic related to the weekly Bible studies.

We would love every church member to be part of a community group, so if you would like to join one, please send me a message or email at henry@stclementschurchmanchester.org



REVIEW OF 2023:

FOOD BANK & COMMUNITY CAFÉ

Keith Worsfold + Gill Jump

Food Bank (Keith Worsold)

Having joined with the Trussell Trust a few years ago we now have a well-established partnership between them and our own church food bank. Often we can have over 60 referrals every Tuesday, which equates to approx. 150 adults and children.

We have received food donations from Manzoor Barakah Food Aid (a Muslim organisation), a church in Droylsden and Morrison's on a regular basis. Although the Trussell Trust provide the majority of food we still purchase supplies from FareShare such as ready-made meals, fresh fruit & vegetables, meat and snacks etc. In addition, from our own funds we buy extra products people ask for such as cooking oil, sugar, flour and nappies. From our church food bank account our average spend during 2023 was £270.00 per month.

We always try to make things special for Christmas and Easter and last Christmas with donations and our own funds we were able to buy presents for every child in families who regularly attended the food bank.

We always thank God for his continued provision and blessings to us.

Community Café (Gill Jump)

We have had a great year in the community café on a Tuesday afternoon which runs alongside the food bank. It is a joy to be able to minister with a piece of fresh cake and a toastie. I am really thankful to Tash, Tony and Steve for their commitment to keeping the kitchen running and to Reg, Jack and Caroline for their conversation and prayer ministry in the cafe and with people in the queue. It has been a real encouragement to see some cafe clients coming to church on a Sunday. Please pray that we are able to share the good news with people's hearts as well as their stomachs. If you are free on a Tuesday afternoon we would love to welcome you to the team, the perks are tasty!



REVIEW OF 2023:

TUESDAY CLUB

Nicci Woolley

Tuesday Club began in September with an aim to provide a safe space for people over-60 in our church and community to gather weekly and share life. We started by welcoming familiar faces from church, but over the following months we have seen an influx of others from the community who don't usually engage in church activities. A typical session looks like catching up over tea and coffee, a mid-morning crumpet or soup break, and plenty of time to play games, do jigsaws and laugh with one another.

The team started small but we have welcomed some new, committed faces as the ministry has settled and become part of the church weekly routine. It is a pleasure to spend time with the older generation and I continue to learn a lot from them - Tuesday Club is the highlight of my week!



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Henry Alexander

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This year we have begun to think about how we can use music to share the gospel in our community. From this thinking sprung the Fairfield Arms Open Mic, which runs every month. The vision is that through songs and poems, we might share Jesus with those who come along to the event. People are so used to listening to music, that it provides a great opportunity to share stories of faith in a way that connects with people in our community.

We've also got a great space on our website where you can listen to some amazing songs written by members of church.



REVIEW OF 2023:

COMMUNITY CHOIR

Eleonore Kimberley + Jo Rogers

Community Choir has continued to meet each Monday evening through term time to sing, socialise and build community. The choir team includes Jo Rogers, Eleonore Kimberley, Andrew Allwright and Rebecca Higg, and average attendance week to week is about 20 people.

Throughout 2023, Choir was involved with a few different projects:

- April - Easter Carols, and Easter Sunday service at St Clement's
- July - We recorded 'Price Tag' for the Royal Exchange Theatre's community festival production, 'The M11 Musical', and several of our choir members attended the production
- December - Two Christmas Carol services at St Clement's

We still have a lovely mix of ages, backgrounds, different musical abilities, Christians and non-Christians attending choir each week, with fluctuations in membership across the year. Rehearsals usually involve singing a mix of sacred and secular music, presenting a low level gospel witness from the front, while encouraging healthy singing, and having fun making music with each other! There's also opportunity for socialising and building community each week, and through choir socials.

Reflections and opportunities for prayer:

- Praise - for how God has sustained this ministry, and for the friendships that have been formed
- Gospel witness - that we'd keep Jesus, and spreading the Gospel as the focus of this ministry, and that we'd see people come to know Jesus through the truths that we sing each week
- Members - that this ministry would grow, and serve both people from the local community, and from within church family
- Community engagement - for opportunities to sing and perform outside of St Clement's, and engage well with the local community



REVIEW OF 2023:

INTERNATIONAL MINISTRY + COFFEE & CONVERSATION

Tom + Chrissy Parkes

St Clement's continues to be a wonderful picture of God's multinational and multi-ethnic kingdom. We have had brothers and sisters from every (inhabited) continent attend church at some point this year.

Coffee & Conversation continues to serve both church members and those in the wider community by offering a friendly place to practice English and read a Bible story. It has been a delight for guests and the team to share Saturday mornings together regularly and many guests have accepted invitations to attend church services at Easter and Christmas. There has been a greater stability of numbers throughout the year with more than 40 different individuals from across the globe attending at least once. In addition to this, more parents have been bringing their children to the crèche provided. The crèche helpers have been a key addition to the team across the year.

We have seen guests making big strides in their confidence in English and have had some great conversations about Jesus Christ.

Looking forward, there are ideas in the pipeline to try and make Sunday mornings more accessible to those that don't speak English as their first language, as well as exploring the possibility of Bible studies in different languages.



REVIEW OF 2023:

MISSION PARTNERS

Josh Rogers

James & Juliette continue their work in South East Asia. James practices medicine in a clinic with fellow believers. The whole family spent time in the UK for a few weeks over the summer to visit family and church family. James & Juliette have a particular calling to share the gospel with a certain people group in a neighbouring province to which access is tightly regulated. Juliette befriended a native speaker living in their vicinity so pray this relationship opens up doors for further opportunities.

Paul & Helen continue their work in West Africa. The whole family spent time in the UK over the summer, staying 3 months longer than planned due to political instability in the region. Helen continues to practice emergency medicine in the national hospital. Paul is working among local church leaders, still finding a primary direction and purpose in equipping them in their ministry. Pray for befriending and ongoing language learning and for their 3 girls as they miss some of their friends who have left the region in the aftermath of the political instability.

Judith was commissioned from St Clements in August 2023 to serve alongside Paul & Helen in West Africa. Her departure was delayed by political instability in the region and instead she went to study French in Paris from September until December. Judith arrived on the field in late December to teach in the international school. Pray as she continues to settle in, dealing with the heat, the poor driving conditions, upheaval in the school community, and for general cultural and language adjustment.

Chris & Nicole had a fruitful first year for their newly independent (Anglican) church family in the Middle East. The whole family were briefly in the UK over the summer and visited St Clement's. However, a sudden and unexpected issue with Chris' legal status have thrown their future in the country into doubt and they remain in a season of desperate uncertainty for their ministry. Pray that the Lord would grant them favour in the eyes of the authorities but even if He does not, pray He would make their next steps clear.

Dan & Vicky continue to bring the gospel to Muslims in North Africa. They work among the deaf community, teaching sign language and providing resources through an app and a website. They continue to language-learn. Dan & Vicky practice cold-contact evangelism and they have a prayer ministry for incarcerated believers. The family were in the UK over the summer, spending time at both Holy Trinity Platt and St Clement's.

David & Mary's ministry in South Asia shifted focus during 2023. Following his ordination in 2022, David took up a leadership role on the field. He and Mary developed a ministry to serve those captive to substance abuse. Following some time in the UK, the family returned to the field and David relinquished his leadership role. They moved house, joining the fellowship at the cathedral. Pray as they develop the children's, youth and young adult ministries, establish a new ministry training centre and grow the ministry in drug rehabilitation.

Barny joined UCCF as a part-time staff worker towards the end of 2022. He serves the Christian Unions in the universities in Manchester and Salford, encouraging them in their evangelism and discipleship. His particular focus is creative, helping believing students bring the message of the gospel to their friends through the arts.

Josh began the one-year REACH programme with Friends International in the autumn of 2023. This charity ministers to international students, sharing the Christian message and befriending and supporting them during their time in the UK. Josh has also undertaken group training, personal study and mentored supervision as he grows in his ministry role. Josh and Maisie got engaged in Autumn 2023 and set a wedding date in Spring 2024.



REVIEW OF 2023:

PROPERTY & GARDEN

Keith Worsfold + Steve Helme

Property (Keith Worsfold)

Generally, the building is in a very good condition. Apart from a few problems with the church boiler there has been no large repairs during 2023. Many thanks to those who have contributed to on-going maintenance, especially to Reg who has repaired many of the brown leather chairs.

Church Garden (Steve Helme)

2023 was a pretty good season for us, so BIG THANKS to the reliable and regular group of people who met from 10 am to 12 noon on the first Saturday of each month throughout the year (the same arrangements are in place for 2024). During the growing season there are also weekly sessions to keep the weeds in check and the garden looking as good as we can. It's encouraging that people from the congregation and community give us positive feedback about the garden but we still try to make improvements, so if you have any comments, if you would like to join us or if you would like to sponsor further works, do get in touch. Members finance the costs, so there is no expense for Church. Those costs include plants but also new planters in the back yard, improving the view for the congregation and local residents. We also received support from J. Parker's, plant suppliers, which is why there have been so many new daffodils, especially along Toxteth Street.

Please continue to offer praise and prayer for the way God has blessed this ministry.

REVIEW OF 2023:

TEAM TIDY (cleaning team)

Esther Damola

Throughout the year 2023, Team Tidy (the Church's cleaning volunteers) contributed to the overall well-being of the Church and congregation by coming together every Saturday of the year to clean, dust, Hoover, empty bins, wash, mop and sanitise the Church in order to make the Sanctuary tidy and ready and presentable for services and meetings.

The team worked well together covering the main Church and the Victory Room. Adequate cleaning materials were provided to carry out the tasks.

The team struggled a few times with attendance due to members' work schedules and other personal issues. Good to know that members build friendship and pray together, helping each other with their spiritual growth and daily walk with God.

Hopefully more volunteers will feel The Lord's leading and sign up to serve in the coming weeks.

REVIEW OF 2023:

CHURCH ACCOUNTS

Paul Higg

Please see separate Financial Report.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination of the 2023 St Clement's accounts, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

John Andrew Ormiston M.A. F.C.A

OUR CHURCH VISION



ST CLEMENT'S
CHURCH MANCHESTER

2020 - 2025

Vision Statement

Our vision is to spread a passion for Jesus Christ in Manchester, the UK and the world

WORD

Our vision is:

- To preach the gospel faithfully, accessibly and passionately to our community both inside and outside church.
- To be a church that regularly meets together to study/examine the word.
- To be a church that trains and develops leaders.

WORSHIP

Our vision is:

- To ensure our services are as accessible for as many people as possible (e.g. for those who have English as a second language or those with lower literacy levels).
- To use our music to help people from all walks of life to encounter and enjoy God whether for the first time or the billionth time.
- To be transformed through our encounter with Jesus so that we worship God with our whole lives.

WITNESS

Our vision is:

- To share the good news of Jesus Christ with our local community.
- To actively revitalise other churches in the city.
- To send out people to witness for Christ elsewhere in the UK and the world.

WELFARE

Welfare of the Community

Our vision is:

- To love our community and live out the gospel in real and meaningful ways.
- To practically and emotionally support those in need.
- To work alongside other organisations to care for people well.

WELLBEING

Wellbeing of the Church

Our vision is:

- To ensure everyone in our church family is cared for well and, where necessary, supported in their care of others.
- To help our church family to be aware of who needs care, aware of how to access support and aware of our individual responsibility to care for each other, so that no one is missed.
- To resource and equip our church family in how to love and care for others well, and to confidently and compassionately share the love of Christ with those in need.

St Clements PCC
Income and Expenditure Account
Year ended 31 December 2023

	Note	Year ended 31 December 2023			Year ended 31 December 2022		
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Regular giving							
Regular giving - Gift Aided		57,902	2,008	59,910	50,950	2,738	53,688
Collections at Services		9,848	0	9,848	5,617	0	5,617
Other regular giving		8,274	819	9,092	4,408	1,804	6,211
Total Regular Giving	1	76,023	2,827	78,850	60,974	4,541	65,515
Ad hoc giving							
Ad-hoc giving - Gift Aided		739	5,172	5,911	955	7,707	8,662
Other ad-hoc giving		49	505	554	0	2,034	2,034
Total Ad hoc giving		788	5,677	6,465	955	9,741	10,696
Gift Aid							
<i>Gift Aid recovered</i>		49,046	0	49,046	0	0	0
Other donations							
Grant income	2	13,008	4,830	17,838	15,411	0	15,411
Legacies		6,000	0	6,000	0	0	0
Fundraising activities		430	0	430	380	0	380
Total Other donations		19,438	4,830	24,268	15,791	0	15,791
Other income							
Income from investments		873	0	873	296	0	296
Fees retained		1,998	0	1,998	1,764	0	1,764
Trading activities		11,356	0	11,356	9,292	0	9,292
Other income		0	755	755	1,702	825	2,527
Total Other income	3	14,227	755	14,982	13,054	825	13,879
Total Income		159,521	14,089	173,610	90,773	15,107	105,880
Fundraising cos Fundraising costs		0	0	0	0	0	0
Church activities							
Mission giving and donations - regular	4	(26,333)	(1,471)	(27,804)	(8,297)	(12,721)	(21,018)
Mission giving and donations - ad hoc		0	0	0	0	0	0
Diocesan Parish Share / Quota paid		(16,443)	0	(16,443)	(17,902)	0	(17,902)
Salaries, Wages and Honoraria		(72,143)	0	(72,143)	(49,259)	(20)	(49,279)
Staff expenses		(3,323)	0	(3,323)	(2,528)	0	(2,528)
Total Church activities		(118,243)	(1,471)	(119,714)	(77,987)	(12,741)	(90,728)
Church expenses							
Mission and evangelism costs	5	(1,432)	(3,125)	(4,558)	(290)	(2,680)	(2,969)
Church running expenses	6	(16,300)	(3,590)	(19,890)	(14,473)	(2,650)	(17,123)
Church utility bills		(5,594)	(330)	(5,924)	(5,181)	0	(5,181)
Costs of trading	7	(10,723)	0	(10,723)	(10,559)	0	(10,559)
Church expenses		(34,049)	(7,045)	(41,094)	(30,502)	(5,330)	(35,832)
Building costs							
Major repairs to church building		(6,468)	(3,171)	(9,640)	(12,662)	0	(12,662)
Major Repairs to Hall / Other PCC Property		0	(629)	(629)	(2,933)	(10,025)	(12,958)
New building work		0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Building costs	8	(6,468)	(3,800)	(10,269)	(15,595)	(10,025)	(25,620)
Other costs							
<i>Other costs</i>		(241)	0	(241)	(0)	0	(0)
Total Expenditure		(159,001)	(12,317)	(171,318)	(124,084)	(28,096)	(152,180)
Surplus / Deficit		520	1,772	2,292	(33,310)	(12,989)	(46,299)

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ST CLEMENT'S CHURCH MANCHESTER

VISION NIGHT REPORT



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REVIEW OF 2023:

WHO'S WHO

ELDERS:



Paul & Gill Jump
Minister



Henry & Beth Alexander
Assistant Minister



Promise & Chinenye Amadi
PCC Vice Chair



Mark & Michelle Taylor
Church Warden



Tom & Chrissy Parkes
Church Warden

STAFF:

Paul Jump | Minister

Henry Alexander | Assistant Minister

Alex Tatchell | Youth & Children's Worker

Rhea Tatchell | Office & Digital Communications Co-ordinator

Maisie Butt | Administrative Assistant

Erin Skelton | Ministry Trainee

Nicci Wooley | Ministry Trainee

WHO'S WHO

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (DEACONS):

Rev. Paul Jump	Stephen Mackel
Mark Taylor (Church Warden & Treasury Team)	John Warburton
Promise Amadi (Vice Chair)	Nicola Wooley
Henry Alexander	Keith Worsfold
Lizzie Watkins (Secretary)	Tom Parkes (Church Warden)
Louise Boxall (Safeguarding Officer)	Reg Evans
Phil Bate (Reader)	Tim Dada
	Gilly Blair

DEANERY SYNOD MEMBERS:

Lizzie Watkins
John Warburton
Promise Amadi
Stephen Mackel

CHURCH PATRONS:

The Bishop of Manchester	Mark Taylor
Rosie Sinclair	John Ormiston
Rev. Paul Mathole	

MINISTER TO MINISTERS:

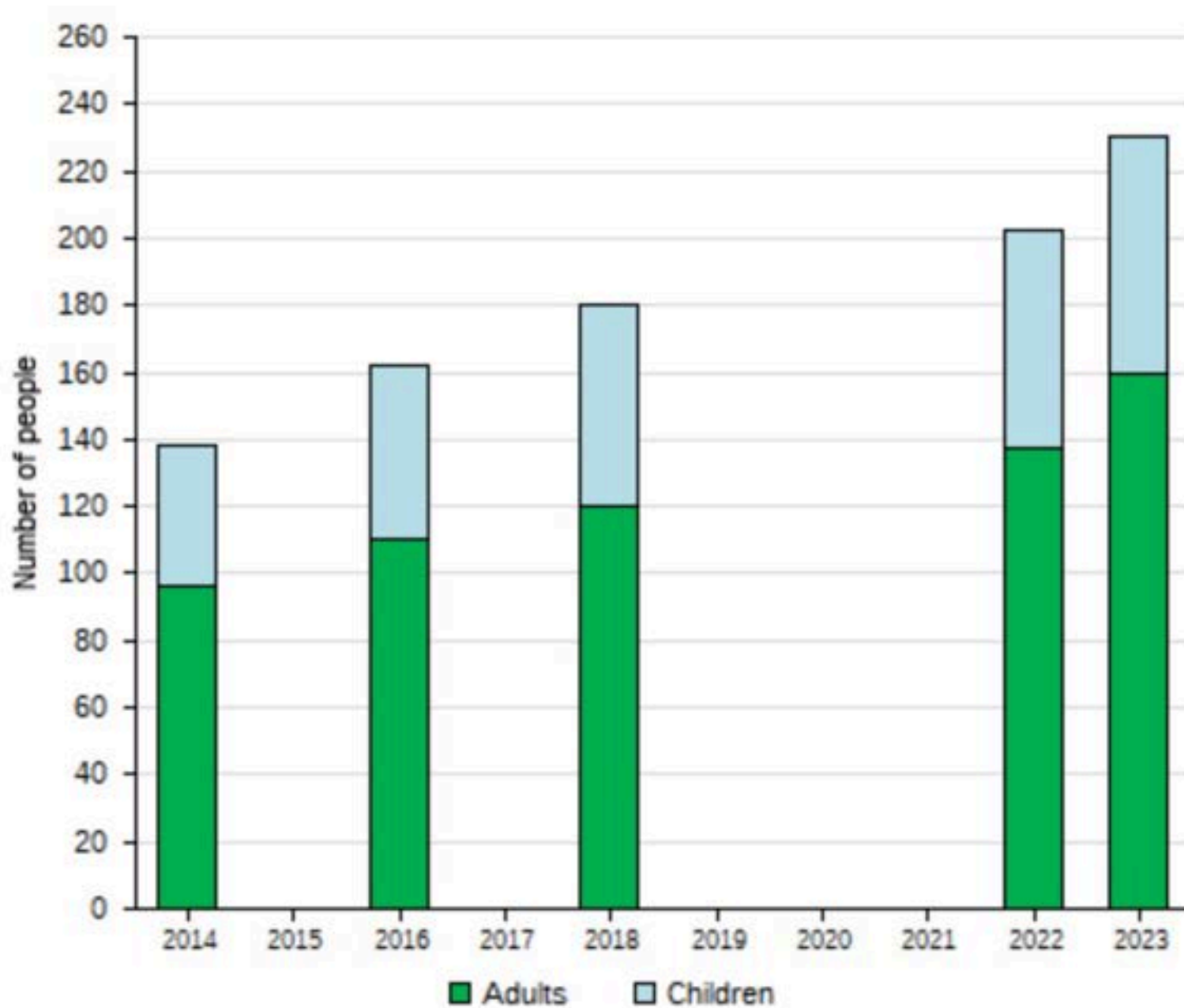
Rt. Rev. Keith Sinclair



REVIEW OF 2023: CHURCH STATS

ATTENDANCE

The attendance at both our morning and evening services has continued to steadily increase over the last year. We continue to welcome a large number of babies and children to our services, as well as adults including those over-60. You can see how the average attendance at our Sunday services has increased steadily over the last few years below.



(Based on the data inputted into the CofE parish returns system annually)

FORMAL SERVICES

Weddings **0** Funerals **15** Baptisms **13**

2023 saw us take a higher number of funeral services than usual and no wedding ceremonies. We are happy to have several wedding blessings scheduled in the church diary for the upcoming months.



REVIEW OF 2023:

RECTOR'S REPORT

Paul Jump

At vision night last May we prayed for five things. Three of those prayers have been answered. The Lord opened a door for assemblies and RE lessons in 6 of our local schools, a ministry to the 60s has begun and we have two new mission partners. The Lord is faithful and again and again we see him answer our prayers and build his kingdom amongst us and through us. These answers to prayer remind me how crucial prayer is. As Jesus said 'apart from me you can do nothing' (John 15:5). The Lord loves it when we pray because when we pray we demonstrate a humble dependance on him. And that honours him. One of my prayers for this coming year is that our prayer life as a church would be deeper and richer. And that we would pray more regularly and for everything and anything but especially that we would pray that the Lord would build his kingdom amongst us and bring people to know his forgiveness and love in Jesus Christ.



REVIEW OF 2023:

CHURCH WARDEN'S REPORT

Mark Taylor + Tom Parkes

We praise God for his goodness to us as a church bringing many new people to worship among us each week. We are very grateful to the teams who serve as the first stage of welcome to us as we enter the building. St Clements has not just grown numerically at the morning services but also in our discipleship as more and more of us are members of community groups meeting weekly in the building or in each other's homes. Having so many worshipping here on Sundays does sometimes present seating challenges!

As part of our vision to spread a passion for Jesus Christ in Manchester, the church does strive to include as many different groupings of people as possible and during 2023 an over 60's group has started to meet on Tuesday mornings in church. Other areas of ministry among toddlers, juniors, young people, second language English speakers, school parents, food bank clients, the retired and others continue to take place regularly in the building. It is so encouraging to know that the church is being used almost every day of the week to serve others, serve our Lord, to pray and reach out with the gospel.

At Christmas it was wonderful to have so many different Christmas services as well as so many school Christmas events take place in the building. The church and its building are becoming a vital community hub in Higher Openshaw.

Regarding the physical church buildings, the fire door at the east end of the Victory Room was completed in January 2023. This has made the operation of the food bank much easier. Many thanks to the congregational member who made this happen. It was possible to maintain the church well again this year and thanks are due to Keith, Pete Bailey, Tony the gardener, the church cleaning team and all those helping with church and garden maintenance.

Like 2022, we are sad that there were very difficult times of bereavement for a number of people in the congregation. We praise God for everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Lord and we pray for peace and blessed assurance for all still enduring grief.

The wide variety of church activities wouldn't be possible without the dedicated service of so many regularly giving up time after work and within busy and precious family lives. We thank Rev Paul, the rest of the ministry team and their families for their total commitment and dedicated, inspirational service among us week by week.



The image shows three people from behind, wearing blue hoodies. The hoodies have 'GOSPEL KIDS' and 'Team Member' printed on the back in orange and white text. The background is slightly blurred, suggesting an outdoor setting.

REVIEW OF 2023:

SAFEGUARDING REPORT

Louise Boxall

Work among children, young people and vulnerable adults has continued to grow throughout the past year and our child protection procedures have continued to be undertaken conscientiously by all concerned in these very important ministries.

We, as a church, liaise with the diocese and with online advice where clarification is required, and we take very seriously everything that is brought to our attention. As a church we must all work together. It is the whole congregation's responsibility to be vigilant in all our behaviour and attitudes to put children, young people, and vulnerable adults first at all times. Trying to ensure everyone has done the training required and as has completed their paperwork is no small task in a rapidly growing church but is an important element of safeguarding our volunteers and those we care for in our ministry.

As the church grows and our buildings are used extensively, which is fantastic and a great witness, it also increases our awareness of potential issues. Posters are placed around church with whom to contact, leaders of the groups are available, and details are on the church website. No concern is too small to bring to our attention and will be dealt with in the appropriate manner. It is always better to raise a concern than to ignore it.

We would like to thank all involved in working in these ministries for being so cooperative in doing all the paperwork and completing the online courses, especially when volunteering so much of their free time to ministry already.



REVIEW OF 2023:

CARE TEAM

Henry Alexander

The role of our team of care coordinators, is to help facilitate and resource pastoral care amongst the church family. We are so blessed to be part of a church family that is already so good at looking out for each other. And as we grow and welcome more people to our church family, the care team aims to provide a single, simple point, to enable all members of the church family to access pastoral care. The team resources and organises a network of practical care, for things such as provision of church family meals. We also organise visits to those who are housebound and lifts for those who would otherwise not be able to get to church. The care team also oversee the hardship fund, which regularly helps people to pay urgent and essential costs that they would not otherwise be able to afford.

If you need anything from us, please do email:

care@stclementschurchmanchester.org



REVIEW OF 2023:

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Alex Tatchell

Gospel Kids

Gospel Kids continues to be one of the key places where our ministry to children occurs, and we are excited to see the increasing numbers week on week. It is not uncommon to teach and worship with 50 children on a Sunday morning, many of whom have additional needs. We have been steadily working through the New City Catechism in parallel with the Catechism slot in the morning service, and the children are benefitting from the key doctrinal building blocks of our faith.

The Hub

The Hub on a Tuesday afternoon is the front door to kids ministry at church and we have seen new faces come along this year, particularly from St Clement's School. We have been going through the key stories in the Bible from the Jesus Storybook Bible with the younger kids, and the corresponding passage in the NIV for the older kids. Numbers have been a little lower than previous terms, largely due to another external club which many of the children were excited to go to. However, we have continued to build good relationships with kids and their families who otherwise wouldn't come to church.

Roots

Our main ministry to teenagers and young people has seen growth this year with numbers peaking at around 50 people on a Tuesday evening. We have recruited an almost completely new team of excellent volunteer youth leaders and have really enjoyed getting to know the teenagers and forming together as a team. We have been following the New City Catechism in parallel with Gospel Kids, digging deeper into the doctrine of the Christian faith and its application to our 21st century lives. Again the weekend away at Yorkshire Camps in November was a big success all round!

Roots Sunday Chill

Roots Sunday Chill has continued to develop into a ministry in it's own right for teenagers in school year 11-13; meeting together at my house for Bible study, chat and prayer. It has been great to gather the oldest youth before they head into college and onto University, and give them a taste of what community/small groups feel like. We have done Bible studies in Ruth and Esther, as well as Mark's gospel and Colossians, as well as having socials, one-off Q&A sessions and topical discussions.

1:1s

Meeting with and discipling teenagers in a 1:1 capacity continues to be one of the best bits of my week. Our aim continues to be to meet with all our church youth in school years 11-13, providing a space for deeper Bible study, prayer and accountability. While I meet with the young lads I'm very grateful to my female volunteer leaders who meet with the girls. It's such an encouragement (and challenge!) to see how God is working in and using our youth for His kingdom purposes in Openshaw and Manchester.

Schools and Assemblies

Over the last year or so we have been working and praying hard for more opportunities to engage with local schools and teach them about Jesus and his Gospel. I'm really excited to say that we had a bumper crop of schools interested in and engaging with our Christmas assemblies both in the church building and in the schools themselves! We were able to connect with Abbey Hey Primary, St Clement's school, Higher Openshaw, and Varna Primary, some of whom for the first time - it was a joy to be able to serve them and teach them the real Christmas story. Furthermore, I was able to visit a number of local high schools with The Message (<https://www.message.org.uk/>) to advertise our youth group and connect with local teenagers.

Holiday Bible Club

The 2023 Heroes Academy was a LOT of fun back in the summer and was a fantastic way to kick off the new academic year. We learned that Jesus is the greatest superhero who doesn't just save us in this life, but in the life to come forevermore! We had 70 children come along and enjoy at least part of the week, and had around 30 amazing volunteers who led groups, cooked food, organised games and helped to be salt and light in the lives of these young kids – it was a privilege to be a part of it!

Clementunes | Nicci Woolley & Chrissy Parkes

During 2023, we continued to welcome many parents/carers and their little ones from the local community to sessions of noisy, musical fun on Monday mornings. The winter months were particularly busy, and in December we started to include a Christian story as a regular part of the sessions. We have been pleased to welcome some completely new families as well as see some of our old attendees getting involved with The Hub and other ministries as they start school. We said goodbye to a few faithful team members and were happy to welcome Sarah and Beth into the team. We are always on the look out for new, committed volunteers to either assist in the session or help in the kitchen.

Clementeenies (crèche) | Josh & Lorna Taylor

Crèche continues to serve the parents of children under school age, to allow parents to engage in the service. We regularly have about 16 little 4 and unders join us. Crèche involves play, a Bible story and breadstick snack, some singing and a colouring discussion sheet to take home. We have loved seeing the children becoming familiar with the stories and sharing their God-given joy throughout the sessions. A big thank you to our fantastic team of volunteers. We couldn't do it without them.



REVIEW OF 2023:

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Henry Alexander

Community groups are a key part of our life as a church family. As we grow in number, CGs are an excellent place to connect and build relationships with others at church.

Our groups meet weekly to seek God, speak truth and share life. We seek God as we worship together and read his word. We speak the truth as we apply His word to our lives and pray for each other. We share life through building friendships that encourage us as we follow Jesus.

Over the past 12 months we have been studying the pastoral epistles, thinking together about how to live together as God's family, standing for the gospel in our generation. We have also met centrally once a half term to dig a bit deeper into a topic related to the weekly Bible studies.

We would love every church member to be part of a community group, so if you would like to join one, please send me a message or email at henry@stclementschurchmanchester.org



REVIEW OF 2023:

FOOD BANK & COMMUNITY CAFÉ

Keith Worsfold + Gill Jump

Food Bank (Keith Worsold)

Having joined with the Trussell Trust a few years ago we now have a well-established partnership between them and our own church food bank. Often we can have over 60 referrals every Tuesday, which equates to approx. 150 adults and children.

We have received food donations from Manzoor Barakah Food Aid (a Muslim organisation), a church in Droylsden and Morrison's on a regular basis. Although the Trussell Trust provide the majority of food we still purchase supplies from FareShare such as ready-made meals, fresh fruit & vegetables, meat and snacks etc. In addition, from our own funds we buy extra products people ask for such as cooking oil, sugar, flour and nappies. From our church food bank account our average spend during 2023 was £270.00 per month.

We always try to make things special for Christmas and Easter and last Christmas with donations and our own funds we were able to buy presents for every child in families who regularly attended the food bank.

We always thank God for his continued provision and blessings to us.

Community Café (Gill Jump)

We have had a great year in the community café on a Tuesday afternoon which runs alongside the food bank. It is a joy to be able to minister with a piece of fresh cake and a toastie. I am really thankful to Tash, Tony and Steve for their commitment to keeping the kitchen running and to Reg, Jack and Caroline for their conversation and prayer ministry in the cafe and with people in the queue. It has been a real encouragement to see some cafe clients coming to church on a Sunday. Please pray that we are able to share the good news with people's hearts as well as their stomachs. If you are free on a Tuesday afternoon we would love to welcome you to the team, the perks are tasty!



REVIEW OF 2023:

TUESDAY CLUB

Nicci Woolley

Tuesday Club began in September with an aim to provide a safe space for people over-60 in our church and community to gather weekly and share life. We started by welcoming familiar faces from church, but over the following months we have seen an influx of others from the community who don't usually engage in church activities. A typical session looks like catching up over tea and coffee, a mid-morning crumpet or soup break, and plenty of time to play games, do jigsaws and laugh with one another.

The team started small but we have welcomed some new, committed faces as the ministry has settled and become part of the church weekly routine. It is a pleasure to spend time with the older generation and I continue to learn a lot from them - Tuesday Club is the highlight of my week!



REVIEW OF 2023:

MUSIC & WORSHIP

Henry Alexander

We are blessed with superb music and AV teams who help us sing praises to God every Sunday. Music is a wonderful gift from God, given so that we might revere his character and glory, remember all he has done for us and rejoice in His hope. It is always such a blessing to hear the church family singing as one on a Sunday.

This year we have begun to think about how we can use music to share the gospel in our community. From this thinking sprung the Fairfield Arms Open Mic, which runs every month. The vision is that through songs and poems, we might share Jesus with those who come along to the event. People are so used to listening to music, that it provides a great opportunity to share stories of faith in a way that connects with people in our community.

We've also got a great space on our website where you can listen to some amazing songs written by members of church.



REVIEW OF 2023:

COMMUNITY CHOIR

Eleonore Kimberley + Jo Rogers

Community Choir has continued to meet each Monday evening through term time to sing, socialise and build community. The choir team includes Jo Rogers, Eleonore Kimberley, Andrew Allwright and Rebecca Higg, and average attendance week to week is about 20 people.

Throughout 2023, Choir was involved with a few different projects:

- April - Easter Carols, and Easter Sunday service at St Clement's
- July - We recorded 'Price Tag' for the Royal Exchange Theatre's community festival production, 'The M11 Musical', and several of our choir members attended the production
- December - Two Christmas Carol services at St Clement's

We still have a lovely mix of ages, backgrounds, different musical abilities, christians and non-christians attending choir each week, with fluctuations in membership across the year. Rehearsals usually involve singing a mix of sacred and secular music, presenting a low level gospel witness from the front, while encouraging healthy singing, and having fun making music with each other! There's also opportunity for socialising and building community each week, and through choir socials.

Reflections and opportunities for prayer:

- Praise - for how God has sustained this ministry, and for the friendships that have been formed
- Gospel witness - that we'd keep Jesus, and spreading the Gospel as the focus of this ministry, and that we'd see people come to know Jesus through the truths that we sing each week
- Members - that this ministry would grow, and serve both people from the local community, and from within church family
- Community engagement - for opportunities to sing and perform outside of St Clement's, and engage well with the local community



REVIEW OF 2023:

INTERNATIONAL MINISTRY + COFFEE & CONVERSATION

Tom + Chrissy Parkes

St Clement's continues to be a wonderful picture of God's multinational and multi-ethnic kingdom. We have had brothers and sisters from every (inhabited) continent attend church at some point this year.

Coffee & Conversation continues to serve both church members and those in the wider community by offering a friendly place to practice English and read a Bible story. It has been a delight for guests and the team to share Saturday mornings together regularly and many guests have accepted invitations to attend church services at Easter and Christmas. There has been a greater stability of numbers throughout the year with more than 40 different individuals from across the globe attending at least once. In addition to this, more parents have been bringing their children to the crèche provided. The crèche helpers have been a key addition to the team across the year.

We have seen guests making big strides in their confidence in English and have had some great conversations about Jesus Christ.

Looking forward, there are ideas in the pipeline to try and make Sunday mornings more accessible to those that don't speak English as their first language, as well as exploring the possibility of Bible studies in different languages.



REVIEW OF 2023:

MISSION PARTNERS

Josh Rogers

James & Juliette continue their work in South East Asia. James practices medicine in a clinic with fellow believers. The whole family spent time in the UK for a few weeks over the summer to visit family and church family. James & Juliette have a particular calling to share the gospel with a certain people group in a neighbouring province to which access is tightly regulated. Juliette befriended a native speaker living in their vicinity so pray this relationship opens up doors for further opportunities.

Paul & Helen continue their work in West Africa. The whole family spent time in the UK over the summer, staying 3 months longer than planned due to political instability in the region. Helen continues to practice emergency medicine in the national hospital. Paul is working among local church leaders, still finding a primary direction and purpose in equipping them in their ministry. Pray for befriending and ongoing language learning and for their 3 girls as they miss some of their friends who have left the region in the aftermath of the political instability.

Judith was commissioned from St Clements in August 2023 to serve alongside Paul & Helen in West Africa. Her departure was delayed by political instability in the region and instead she went to study French in Paris from September until December. Judith arrived on the field in late December to teach in the international school. Pray as she continues to settle in, dealing with the heat, the poor driving conditions, upheaval in the school community, and for general cultural and language adjustment.

Chris & Nicole had a fruitful first year for their newly independent (Anglican) church family in the Middle East. The whole family were briefly in the UK over the summer and visited St Clement's. However, a sudden and unexpected issue with Chris' legal status have thrown their future in the country into doubt and they remain in a season of desperate uncertainty for their ministry. Pray that the Lord would grant them favour in the eyes of the authorities but even if He does not, pray He would make their next steps clear.

Dan & Vicky continue to bring the gospel to Muslims in North Africa. They work among the deaf community, teaching sign language and providing resources through an app and a website. They continue to language-learn. Dan & Vicky practice cold-contact evangelism and they have a prayer ministry for incarcerated believers. The family were in the UK over the summer, spending time at both Holy Trinity Platt and St Clement's.

David & Mary's ministry in South Asia shifted focus during 2023. Following his ordination in 2022, David took up a leadership role on the field. He and Mary developed a ministry to serve those captive to substance abuse. Following some time in the UK, the family returned to the field and David relinquished his leadership role. They moved house, joining the fellowship at the cathedral. Pray as they develop the children's, youth and young adult ministries, establish a new ministry training centre and grow the ministry in drug rehabilitation.

Barny joined UCCF as a part-time staff worker towards the end of 2022. He serves the Christian Unions in the universities in Manchester and Salford, encouraging them in their evangelism and discipleship. His particular focus is creative, helping believing students bring the message of the gospel to their friends through the arts.

Josh began the one-year REACH programme with Friends International in the autumn of 2023. This charity ministers to international students, sharing the Christian message and befriending and supporting them during their time in the UK. Josh has also undertaken group training, personal study and mentored supervision as he grows in his ministry role. Josh and Maisie got engaged in Autumn 2023 and set a wedding date in Spring 2024.



REVIEW OF 2023:

PROPERTY & GARDEN

Keith Worsfold + Steve Helme

Property (Keith Worsfold)

Generally, the building is in a very good condition. Apart from a few problems with the church boiler there has been no large repairs during 2023. Many thanks to those who have contributed to on-going maintenance, especially to Reg who has repaired many of the brown leather chairs.

Church Garden (Steve Helme)

2023 was a pretty good season for us, so BIG THANKS to the reliable and regular group of people who met from 10 am to 12 noon on the first Saturday of each month throughout the year (the same arrangements are in place for 2024). During the growing season there are also weekly sessions to keep the weeds in check and the garden looking as good as we can. It's encouraging that people from the congregation and community give us positive feedback about the garden but we still try to make improvements, so if you have any comments, if you would like to join us or if you would like to sponsor further works, do get in touch. Members finance the costs, so there is no expense for Church. Those costs include plants but also new planters in the back yard, improving the view for the congregation and local residents. We also received support from J. Parker's, plant suppliers, which is why there have been so many new daffodils, especially along Toxteth Street.

Please continue to offer praise and prayer for the way God has blessed this ministry.

REVIEW OF 2023:

TEAM TIDY (cleaning team)

Esther Damola

Throughout the year 2023, Team Tidy (the Church's cleaning volunteers) contributed to the overall well-being of the Church and congregation by coming together every Saturday of the year to clean, dust, Hoover, empty bins, wash, mop and sanitise the Church in order to make the Sanctuary tidy and ready and presentable for services and meetings.

The team worked well together covering the main Church and the Victory Room. Adequate cleaning materials were provided to carry out the tasks.

The team struggled a few times with attendance due to members' work schedules and other personal issues. Good to know that members build friendship and pray together, helping each other with their spiritual growth and daily walk with God.

Hopefully more volunteers will feel The Lord's leading and sign up to serve in the coming weeks.

REVIEW OF 2023:

CHURCH ACCOUNTS

Paul Higg

Please see separate Financial Report.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination of the 2023 St Clement's accounts, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations
have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

John Andrew Ormiston M.A. F.C.A

OUR CHURCH VISION



ST CLEMENT'S
CHURCH MANCHESTER

2020 - 2025

Vision Statement

Our vision is to spread a passion for Jesus Christ in Manchester, the UK and the world

WORD

Our vision is:

- To preach the gospel faithfully, accessibly and passionately to our community both inside and outside church.
- To be a church that regularly meets together to study/examine the word.
- To be a church that trains and develops leaders.

WORSHIP

Our vision is:

- To ensure our services are as accessible for as many people as possible (e.g. for those who have English as a second language or those with lower literacy levels).
- To use our music to help people from all walks of life to encounter and enjoy God whether for the first time or the billionth time.
- To be transformed through our encounter with Jesus so that we worship God with our whole lives.

WITNESS

Our vision is:

- To share the good news of Jesus Christ with our local community.
- To actively revitalise other churches in the city.
- To send out people to witness for Christ elsewhere in the UK and the world.

WELFARE

Welfare of the Community

Our vision is:

- To love our community and live out the gospel in real and meaningful ways.
- To practically and emotionally support those in need.
- To work alongside other organisations to care for people well.

WELLBEING

Wellbeing of the Church

Our vision is:

- To ensure everyone in our church family is cared for well and, where necessary, supported in their care of others.
- To help our church family to be aware of who needs care, aware of how to access support and aware of our individual responsibility to care for each other, so that no one is missed.
- To resource and equip our church family in how to love and care for others well, and to confidently and compassionately share the love of Christ with those in need.

Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date From 1st January 2022 To 31 December 2022
 Period end date

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name
 The Parochial Church Council of the ecclesiastical parish of St Clement Higher Openshaw

Other names charity is known by
 St Clements Higher Openshaw PCC

Registered charity number (if any) 1198190

Charity's principal address
 Ashton Old Road
 Higher Openshaw
 Manchester
 Postcode: M11 1HF

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
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1	Phillip Bate		Annual General Meeting
2	Louise Boxall		Annual General Meeting
3	Rev Paul Jump	Vicar	Annual General Meeting
4	Rev Daniel Mullaney	Curate	Annual General Meeting
5	Promise Amadi	Church Warden	Annual General Meeting
6	Stephen Mackel		Annual General Meeting
7	Judith Skelton	Safeguarding	Annual General Meeting
8	Mark Taylor	Treasurer / Church Warden	Annual General Meeting
9	John Warburton		Annual General Meeting
10	Lizzie Watkins	PCC Secretary	Annual General Meeting
11	Sophie Wright	Personnel Officer	Annual General Meeting
12	Henry Alexander	Assistant Minister	Annual General Meeting
13	Simon Burrows		Annual General Meeting
14	Keith Worfold	Property Manager	Annual General Meeting
15	Esther Damola		Annual General Meeting
16	Gillian Blair	Personnel Officer	Annual General Meeting
17	Nicola Woolley		Annual General Meeting
18	Tom Parkes		Annual General Meeting
19			

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
Bishop of Manchester	
John Ormiston	
Mark Taylor	

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

Regular public worship open to all # Provision of sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation # Pastoral work, including visiting the sick and the bereaved # Teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups # Taking religious assemblies in schools # Provision of a youth club with a Christian ethos # Promotion of Christianity and whole church mission in UK and the world.

Section C Objectives and activities

- You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:
 - policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
 - the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
 - relationship with any related parties;
 - trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

The PCC of St Clement's church in Higher Openshaw is a part of the Diocese of Manchester and within that Diocese, it is a member of the Manchester North and East Missional Community.

Trustees (members of the Parochial Church Council) are elected at the Annual General Meeting which usually takes place in May.

The church partners with The Trussell Trust in providing help for people in hardship in East Manchester by operating a weekly food bank.

The PCC is happy to confirm that there have been no serious incidents reported to the Charities Commission in 2022.

Description of the charity's trusts

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL POWERS MEASURE (1956) AS AMENDED AND CHURCH REPRESENTATION RULES THAT CAME INTO FORCE ON 2/1/1956.	Type of governing document
Other	How the charity is constituted
By election at Annual General Meeting	Trustee selection methods

Section B Structure, governance and management

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)
 Rev Paul Jump vicar

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser Name Address

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

Two services of public worship are held each Sunday and are open to all members of the parishes of Openshaw and Abbey Hey as well as all other members of the public. The church also streams its morning services for wider public participation.

Collective and private prayer is an integral part of each service. The church has a set-aside prayer corner for supported prayer.

The minister and assistant minister have the primary responsibilities for pastoral work in the parish. This work can also take them beyond parish boundaries. Members of the church are encouraged also to visit people who are sick, lonely, bereaved or troubled. The church has a Care Team that supports church members and parish residents spiritually, practically and financially.

Christianity is taught twice weekly in morning and evening Sunday worship, in Community Groups and in other courses including Christianity Explored. All Christianity is taught seeking to understand Scripture through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

Assemblies are taken in our affiliated primary school on a regular basis and in other schools when possible. Special events in the life of St Clements Primary School are celebrated in the church environment during the week.

#The church employs a Children and Youth Worker to teach, organise and coordinate the teaching of children in Sunday Gospel Kids meetings; young people are nurtured and supported in the Roots organisation; and there is a primary school age children's after school club called The Hub which takes place weekly during term time

The church supports missionary families around the world, working for cross cultural missionary organisations. In a partnership with The Trussell Trust, the church operates a weekly community food bank with advice from Citizens Advice made available to clients.

Other important activities that the church has established to support the whole church mission in the UK include:

- Community Café run weekly during term time
- Coffee and Conversation - a weekly event during term time to support those with English as a second language.
- Clementines again run weekly during term time. This is a ministry to promote Christianity among parents, babies and toddlers.
- Holidays at Home run twice a year to benefit over people from church and in the community who are over 60
- Community Choir open to all church members and members of the public. The choir performs at least twice a year.
- Church Gardening Group open to all members of public. Meets monthly.

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Section D Achievements and performance

- You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:
 - policy on grantmaking;
 - policy programme related investment;
 - contribution made by volunteers.

The church benefits hugely from the services of its stipendiary clergy, Assistant Minister, Children and Youth Worker, Office and Digital Communications Coordinator and from the huge number of faithful and enthusiastic volunteers, all of whom sacrifice their time and funding to the objectives of the church.

The church aims to achieve its objectives without making grants.

Achievements and performance

Section D

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Our vision at St Clement's is to spread a passion for Jesus Christ in Manchester, the UK and the world. We aim for all our ministries and outreach events to fulfill this vision.

We have enjoyed seeing the flourishing of various ministries in our local area this year, including but not limited to: a free community café in our building that runs at the same time as our foodbank, a community choir that meet weekly to sing together (with approximately twenty-five members gathering to rehearse each week), and various children's/youth ministries throughout the week that seek to engage the younger generation in our local area. We also hosted a new two-day event for over-60s called 'Holiday at Home' – the aim of this being to provide a social space, various activities, and an opportunity to hear the Gospel for the older generation. This event was a great success and we have made a commitment to repeat it annually.

We also began two brand new outreach initiatives. The first is our 'Coffee and Conversation' ministry which provides a space for people who have English as a second language to practice their conversation skills and look at the Bible. Our community is becoming ever more diverse, and the aim of this new initiative is to continually provide a space for those who aren't English to find community and feel welcome in our church building each week. At least forty individuals have attended this ministry at least once from sixteen different countries.

The second new initiative was our Community Easter Fair in Delamere Park. Using our local park space meant that we could engage with members of our local community and increase our reach. The fair involved live music, glitter face painting, hotdogs, games, an Easter Trail and more. Not only was this lots of fun for all ages but it also provided a wonderful opportunity to share the gospel with many people. We were glad to welcome faces from the wider community to this event and hope to replicate it annually.

As well as increasing our number of weekly ministries and annual outreach events, our church has also seen a numerical growth in attendees at our Sunday services and an increase in church membership as a result. The building is close to reaching capacity on a Sunday morning and our evening service continues to welcome a smaller group of worshippers into our church lounge weekly. We are grateful to God for blessing our ministry in this way and pray that we would have wisdom to know how best to use our resources and time as we grow.

Section E Financial review

The PCC has adopted a policy of having a minimum of £10,000 held in reserves, which equates to approximately one and a half month's essential church running costs of salaries, utilities and contribution to the Diocese (parish share). Bearing in mind the age of the church buildings which the PCC is responsible for, which were constructed in 1882, the PCC feels it is justified to hold cash balances that can exceed £10,000

There are no funds materially in deficit

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

St Clements Higher Openshaw PCC relies very heavily on the voluntary giving from church members on the electoral role and from other members of the public attending church services both in the building and through online streaming. We do not employ or use charity fundraisers. St Clements Higher Openshaw PCC claims gift aid from HMRC. The charity also receives monies each year from St Clements Gospel Trust and in 2022 has benefited from grants from St Johns Downshire Hill, GPT and Solar Trust.

All expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity, which the church has met throughout 2022.

The church current accounts are held with NatWest. Deposit/savings accounts are held with CCLA (Churches, Charities and Local Authority Investment Management Limited) which incorporates environmental, social and governance (ESG) policies in its investment strategy.

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Although this is the first Trustees Annual Report that has been necessary to submit to the Charities Commission, the church of St Clement has been serving the parish of Higher Openshaw since 1882 and has been producing an annual report for many years.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	MARK TAYLOR	Full name(s)	MARK TAYLOR	Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHURCH WARDEN.
Signature(s)	PROMISE AMADI	Full name(s)	PROMISE AMADI	Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Vice Chair
Date	24 / OCTOBER / 2023 .				



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/members of

THE PARISH CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST CLEMENT, HIGHER GREENHAY

On accounts for the year ended

31 DECEMBER 2022 Charity no 1192190 (if any)

Set out on pages

CC16A

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

[Signature]

Name:

JOHN ANDREW COMSTON

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

F.C.A.

Address:

30 GRASMEDE ROAD, GATLEY, CHESTER, CHESHIRE SK8 4RG

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

N/A

