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ST CLEMENT'S CHURCH MANCHESTER

VISION NIGHT REPORT



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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:

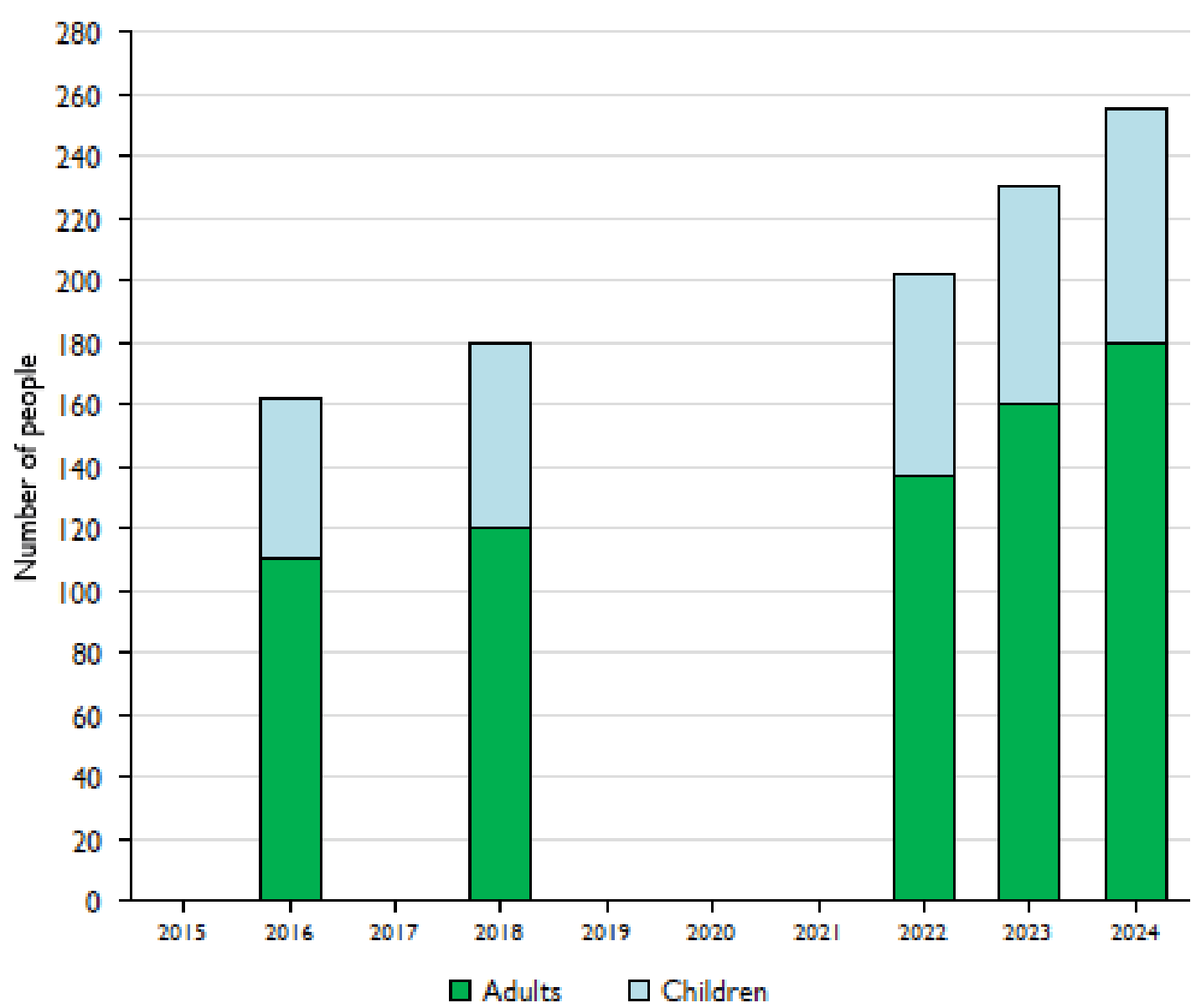
Rt. Rev. Keith Sinclair



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
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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.

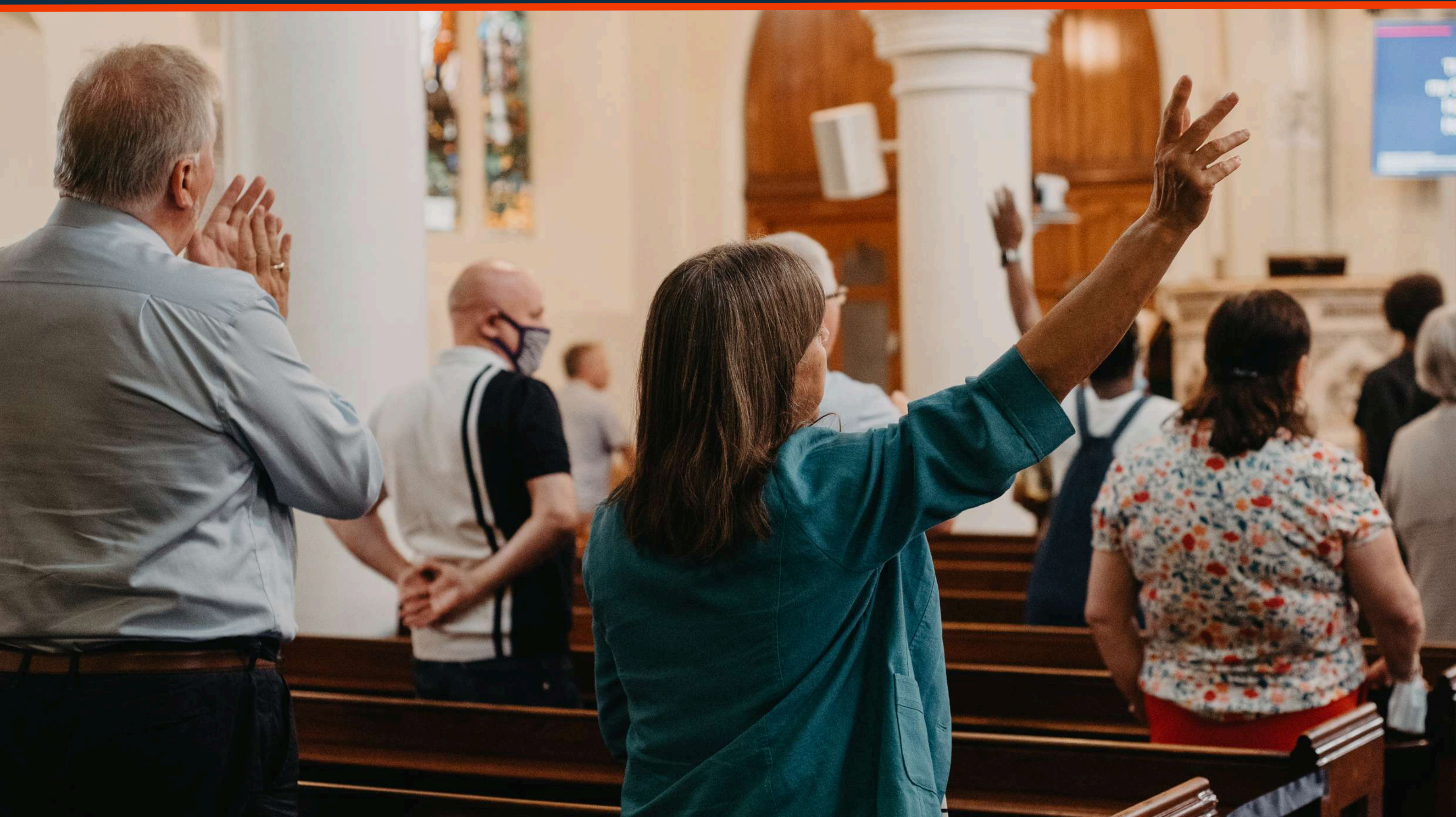
As part of St Clement's Aims and Objectives contained in its vision to spread a passion for Jesus Christ in Manchester, the church does strive to serve as many different demographic groups of people as possible and during 2024 an over 60's group has continued to meet on Tuesday mornings in church. Other 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 top of the page features a photograph of three young women from behind, wearing blue hoodies. The hoodies have 'GOSPEL KIDS' and 'Team Member' printed on the back in orange and white. The text 'REVIEW OF 2024:' is overlaid in orange on the left side of the image.

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.

A woman with blonde hair tied back is singing into a microphone. She is wearing a black top. In the background, there are wooden panels with text and some string lights.

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 hosting 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.

Barney 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



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 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			
		New	Disposed	Adj	c/f
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

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Receipts and Payments Account
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		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	1	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	3	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	8	(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
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	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

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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
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		Restricted / Designated			
	adj - b/f	Income	Expenditure	Transfer	c/f
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Restricted</i>					
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
<i>Designated</i>					
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:

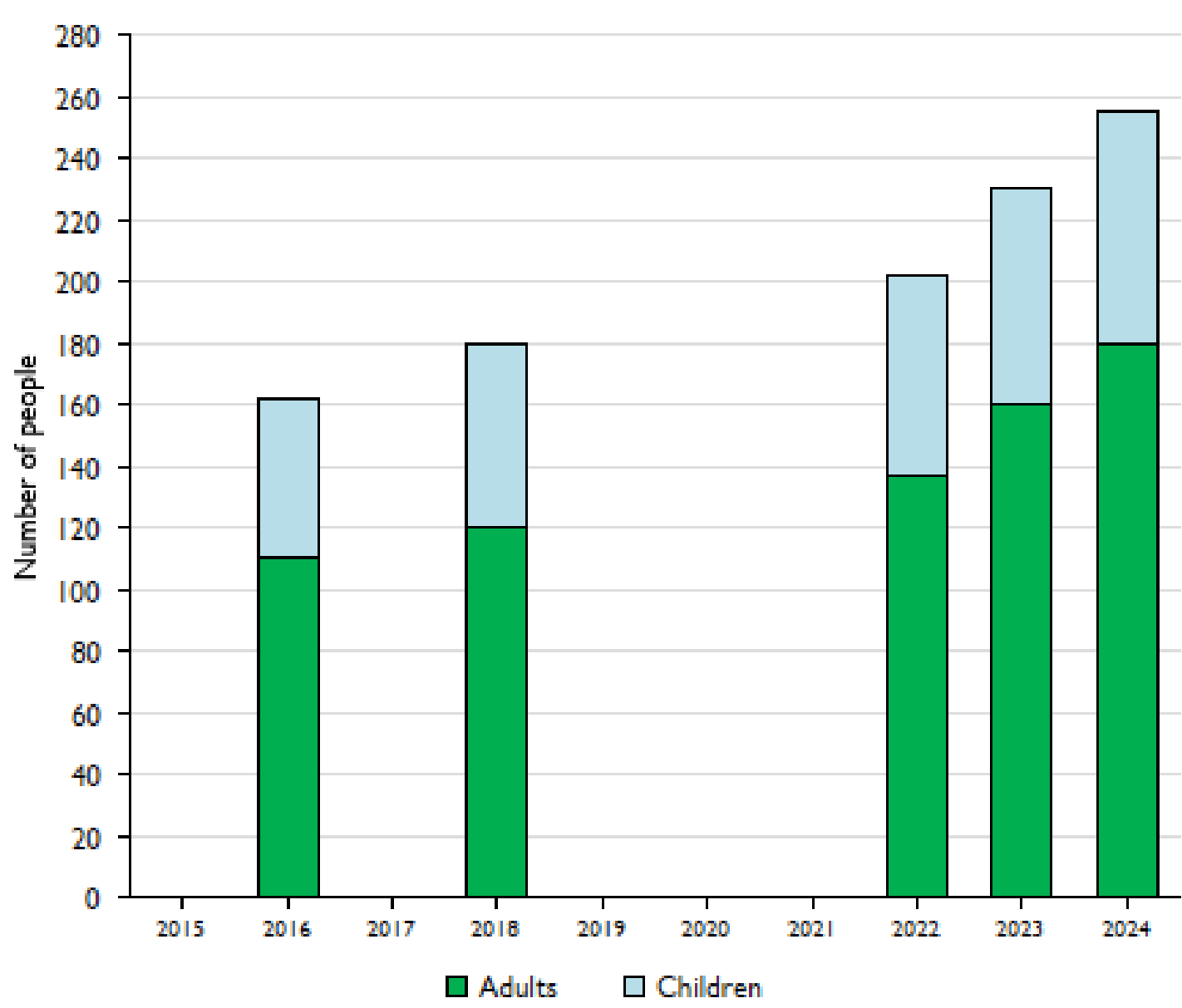
Rt. Rev. Keith Sinclair



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
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A photograph of a man with short brown hair, wearing a blue patterned shirt and a blue vest, speaking at a wooden podium. He is gesturing with his hands. The background shows a church interior with wooden paneling and stained glass windows.

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.

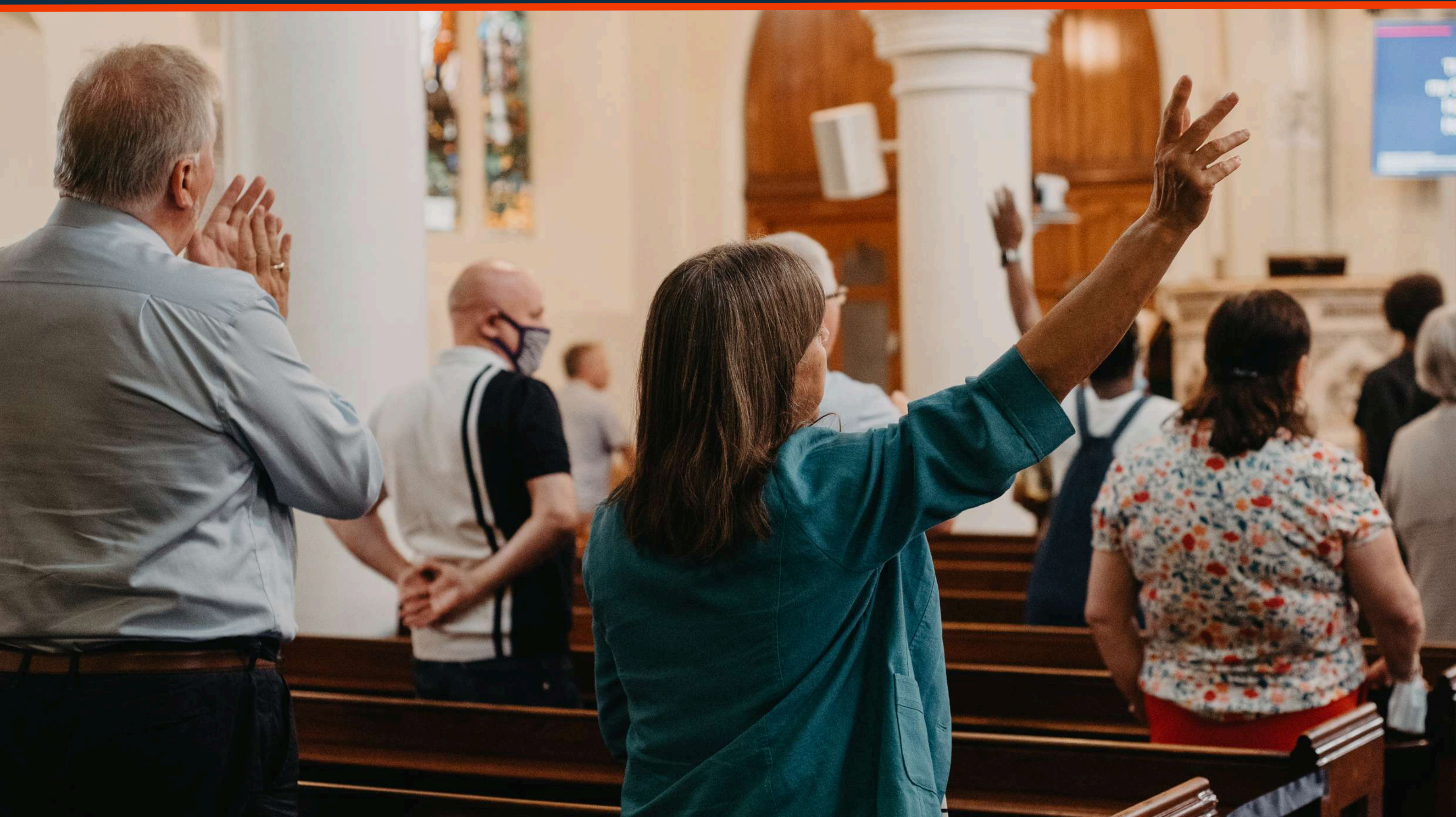
As part of St Clement's Aims and Objectives contained in its vision to spread a passion for Jesus Christ in Manchester, the church does strive to serve as many different demographic groups of people as possible and during 2024 an over 60's group has continued to meet on Tuesday mornings in church. Other 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 top of the page features a photograph of three young women from behind, wearing blue hoodies. The hoodies have 'GOSPEL KIDS' and 'Team Member' printed on the back in orange and white. A dark blue semi-transparent box is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing the report's title and author information.

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.

A woman with blonde hair tied back is singing into a microphone. She is wearing a black top. In the background, there are wooden panels with text and some string lights.

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 hosting 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.

Barney 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



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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.