

# THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WIGAN SOUTH

England & Wales · Charity number 1198588

## Details

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Other names	WIGAN SOUTH PCC
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2022-04-12
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

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## Activities

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

**Activities:** To assist in bringing the Christian faith to the community and to help those who want to grow in their faith. To work alongside all age groups in nurturing and sustaining a relationship between them and God. To assist and walk alongside those in need, which includes establishing and promoting community projects and providing practical help for the disadvantaged, socially excluded and marginalised.

## Classification

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

## Geography

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- St Helens
- Wigan

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£371,669	£370,719	-	-
2024-12-31	£409,635	£302,222	-	-
2023-12-31	£365,532	£335,681	-	-
2022-12-31	£373,344	£409,279	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Anne Patricia Hancox		2025-05-07
Anthony John Gordon Card		2020-01-07
CAROLE PYE		2020-01-07
Christine Wakefield		2021-05-12
Daniel Munro		2025-05-07
Helen Denise Weavers		2020-01-07
Jessica Rose Buckley		2021-05-12
Kathleen Hobson		2025-05-07
Linda High		2024-05-24
Mansell George High		2020-01-07
Marilyn Joan Richardson		2025-05-07
PAULA GILLESPIE		2020-01-07
PHILIP JOHN STOTT		2020-01-07
Peter Preston		2025-05-07
Rev Christina Olive Nicholson		2020-01-01
Rev Dorothy Grace Gosling		2020-01-01
Rev Judith Frances Shoesmith		2020-01-01
Rev Neil John Cook		2020-01-01
Rev Samantha Louise Nicholson		1999-12-31
Rev Stanley Anthony Higginson		2020-01-01
Rev Stephen Andrew Beck		2020-01-01
Rev Susan Yvonne Fulford		2020-01-01
Rosalyn Noelle Unsworth		2025-05-07
Sandra Jones		2024-05-21
Sharon Beverley Liptrot		2020-01-07
Stuart Andrew Barton-Ainsworth		2020-01-07
Susan Rosemary Neil		2020-01-07

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# Accounts

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**Annual Report  
and  
Financial Statements  
of the  
Parochial Church Council of Wigan South  
for the year ended 31 December 2025  
Charity Number 1198588**



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# Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council of Wigan South for the year ended 31 December 2025

## Aims and Purposes

Wigan South Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the Incumbent of the Wigan benefice in promoting in the ecclesiastical Parish and the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also responsible for the maintenance of the church buildings of St Aidan's Billinge, St Andrew's Garswood, Holy Trinity Downall Green, St Luke's Stubshaw Cross and St Thomas' Ashton together with St Thomas' church hall.

When planning our activities for the year, the PCC considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, and particularly the specific guidance to charities concerned with the advancement of religion.

The PCC is committed to promoting the Christian way of life through regular worship, prayer, nurture, outreach, charity and social activities; to build and maintain strong links with our four Church of England Primary Schools; and to provide spiritual, emotional and physical support to our community, especially at times of celebration, need or sorrow.

## Achievement and Performance

Our Hub Leadership team and Local Missional Leadership teams have continued to work hard to maintain our Sunday and midweek worship, missional activities and community outreach. We are thankful to our Lay Readers and Local Missional Leaders who, alongside clergy, have faithfully continued to lead and preach at our services throughout the year.

Below is just a snapshot of all the wonderful and amazing things that have happened with and across our churches in 2025. If they were all to be mentioned, the report would go on for several pages!

**St Luke's** via Carol Pye and Revd Sue Fulford have continued to develop and build upon the pre-existing good relationships at Shawcross Care home. Between them they led a communion service at the home twice a month for the residents and their families which has been gratefully appreciated. The LML team did a 'leaflet drop' sending out over 2,000 leaflets to the houses in the local area promoting St Luke's. Unfortunately, this didn't bring any new people to church and sadly, after much prayer and consideration, we came to the decision that regular Sunday worship at St Luke's should not continue due to very limited missional capacity and falling attendance numbers. The church will hold its last Sunday service on Easter Sunday 2026. The missional work of St Luke's will continue across our other churches and in the local community. We are indebted to Carole Pye and Revd Izzy Schafer for all their hard work and ministry at St Luke's, as well as the rest of the faithful team there.

Ros Unsworth and her dedicated team of helpers at **St Andrew's** have continued to faithfully support the local community via the Peace of Mind Dementia Café. The Café continues to flourish as a place of love and support serving the needs of people living with Dementia and their carers. It provides a space

to relax and enjoy each other's company and has been blessed with various activities and entertainment which have been enjoyed by all.

Eth Yates and the team at **St Peter's** have continued to work closely with school. Pupils visited church in the year and at the end of the school year due to building works at the school, they hosted their leaving service at church. The St Peter's team provided bibles for all the Year 6 pupils as they left to go to high school. At the end of the year Julie, the Headteacher, retired but left the relationship between school and church in a really good place. St Peter's are looking forward to working with the new head in 2026. One young person from the church family was confirmed and that was a real blessing for all.

They started a home communion ministry, something they had been thinking about for a while, and it has been such a blessing for everyone involved. They visit 5 homes each month and have continued their work at Garswood House Care Home with the number of residents coming to communion growing, often with their visiting family sharing communion also.

A banner and notice board were finally installed, increasing public visibility and letting the local community know they are there.

A monthly bible study started at Women's fellowship night and this has been well attended with good discussions taking place.

The St Peter's Walking Day celebrating 150 years of St Peter's school, proved to be a real coming together of the school, churches in the Hub and the local community which was enjoyed by all. It was great to see people from all our churches represented there and supporting St Peter's school.

**St Aidan's**, through fundraising, were able to meet the costs of improving the heating system and upgrading the sound system which had become unsafe. We give thanks for the success of Antiques Road Show event, and other generous giving to enable these projects to be completed. A new group for young adults started, meeting St Aidan's once a fortnight and run by Church Wigan Next Gen team - it has been great to offer them a place to meet.

Over the past year **Holy Trinity** has continued to flourish as the team seek to serve God in the community. It has been a year marked by growing participation, new initiatives and strong partnerships, alongside a deepening sense of fellowship within the church family. Encouragingly, Holy Trinity continues to be a place of welcome and belonging where people of all ages can explore faith together.

Relationships with local schools remains a key part of the mission; during the year they welcomed pupils from Rectory CE Primary School, Garswood Primary School and Nicol Mere for visits, services and activities in church. Highlights included Christingle services, school visits exploring the church building and Christian faith, and Rectory School's Communion Service. During Holy Week they hosted *Experience Easter* for local schools and joined other churches for the Good Friday Service on the Green. Their Christmas celebrations once again brought together many from both the congregation and the wider community.

One of the most exciting developments this year has been the launch of *Faith & Feast*, a monthly all-age worship gathering where all share food, conversation, creativity and worship together. It has quickly become a joyful and welcoming space for families and individuals to grow in faith. We give thanks to Stuart Barton-Ainsworth for his vision and enthusiasm in discerning and listening to God's prompting to lead Faith & Feast, and thanks also to the amazing team who faithfully support this new worshipping community and as they look forward to what God is doing in 2026.

A weekly Bible Study group following on from Friday morning Pantry began in March and continues to grow as a valued time of fellowship and learning. Afternoon Teas, concerts and other events have welcomed many into the church building, while volunteers have cared for the churchyard through a community tidy-up day. We have also continued to support those in need through Christmas toy appeals and the sponsorship of children overseas.

In December we celebrated Stuart's licensing as Local Missional Leader, an important step in strengthening leadership and supporting the continuing mission at Holy Trinity.

**St Thomas'** once again helped to organise and host the Easter and a Halloween trail around Ashton which saw hundreds of people come through the church doors. This wouldn't have been possible without the hard work of Anne and Chris Wooff and so many volunteers from both St Thomas' and St Luke's. It was great to welcome so many people into church and share the light of Jesus with them.

St Thomas', through the hard work of Jan Cornthwaite and her teams, continued to run Messy Church events and the weekly toddler group, Weenies, making connections with children and families and sharing the love of Jesus and the Gospel message.

Over the summer months, St Thomas' hosted a range of social activities for the church and wider community. These included a Sip and Paint evening, a Quiz night, a Games night, and a BBQ at Maurice's house. At Christmas the wreath making evening continued to grow in popularity and was attended by so many people who don't normally come to church and, the team continue to nurture these growing relationships.

**Our pantries** at St Thomas', Holy Trinity and St Aidan's have gone from strength to strength, meeting the needs of the community by feeding them physically as well as spiritually, whilst helping to care for God's creation by reducing food going into landfill. Without the hard work and dedication of all the volunteers our pantries wouldn't be able to run. We give a special thanks to Joan Roberts, Lynda Lewis and Revd Sue Thomas and their amazing teams of volunteers – of which there are far too many to name – and we give thanks for each one of them and the blessings they bring.

Through the dedicated work of fund raising by Revd Sue Thomas, St Thomas' church hall saw a new pantry and storeroom come to fruition after a long period of planning and fundraising. There is now a Pay as You Feel café on a Monday run by a superb team of volunteers, not only from South Hub, but also from the local community. Each of our food pantries help families reduce grocery costs while keeping their choice and dignity.

In June and July, we went into each of our four church **schools** to do transition work with the Year 6 children in preparation for high school supporting them as they prepared to move schools and helping them reflect on change, confidence and resilience. This was appreciated by all our schools. We have continued throughout the year to go into all our schools to deliver collective worship and supporting them as and when needed with their Religious Education Curriculum. Thanks goes to all the volunteers who give up their time freely to minister to and support our schools.

At **Byrchall**, our lunchtime Chip Club continues to grow so much that there has even been talk of needing a second tray of chips! We are now regularly welcoming between 20–30 young people each week. It has been encouraging to see how these connections are developing, with many of the young people now also attending the After School Club at the St Thomas' church hall as relationships deepen. After School Club (ASK) itself has grown too, not only in numbers, but also in faith. Several of the young people are showing a genuine curiosity about faith. Some are already on their faith journey, while others are just beginning to explore what it means. There is a real openness to conversations about Christianity, with several young people actively seeking us out to learn more. Because of this, we are looking at introducing a separate Alpha Youth to accommodate those who want to dig deeper in 2026.

In June, at our Hub **Confirmation service** at St Thomas' we had the privilege of seeing three young people and four adults reaffirming their baptismal vows. This service was led by Bishop Geoff.

During the year we ran several **discipleship courses**; Start Course, Moving On and Prayer courses. It has been great seeing people from the different churches in the Hub come together to grow in their discipleship. Following on from our Prayer Course, in September we held a **prayer morning** at Holy Trinity, where members from five of our churches attended. The theme was the Lord's Prayer and it was a blessing to those who came.

On 8<sup>th</sup> May we remembered and celebrated **VE day**. We had a service at St Thomas' Church and then moved over to the vicarage where we shared refreshments around several firepits. This was attended by members of St Thomas', St Luke's and St Andrew's, along with representatives from the Royal British Legion. At St Aidan's, their VE day celebrations involved an afternoon tea event in church, where school came over, sang and served cakes!

Across the Hub during November, we had several **memorial services**, once again organised by Revd Dave Hamlett. These were well attended and appreciated by the families of those whose funerals had taken place this year and we thank God for Dave's compassionate funeral and bereavement ministry.

Over the course of the year, across the Hub we held:

32 Baptisms

4 Weddings

1 Renewal of Vows

43 Burial of Ashes,

22 Church based funerals followed by a burial

30 Church based funerals followed by the crematorium

## 29 Direct to crematorium funerals

We continued to join together as a Hub for Sunday worship on the fifth Sunday of the month and at significant events and celebrations throughout the year.

This year, with all its joys and challenges, we remain thankful to our faithful and gracious God; God who calls each one of us to both worship and serve him and reveal his love and acceptance to all those in our communities. To Him be the glory, forever.

### **Buildings and Grounds**

We continue to review the function and utilisation of our buildings in light of the Right Buildings Report which was published in 2023.

Maintenance of Church buildings was organised by local church committees, with all urgent work completed. Routine works were carried out to replace and improve facilities at all our church buildings to ensure compliance with health and safety requirements, to promote accessibility and to facilitate our overarching aims and objectives.

Holy Trinity's and St Thomas' quinquennial inspection reports identified works that required attention. These were either completed promptly or are in progress with a staged plan for the works.

Significant works commenced at St Thomas' to repair and replace the crumbling walls and plaster in the vestry and urgent works took place in the bell tower to treat dry rot.

The maintenance of church grounds and graveyards continues to be a challenge, particularly during spring and summer. Dedicated teams of volunteers help to conserve these areas and co-ordinate community initiatives to tackle larger works.

### **Plans for the future**

Our PCC met together in the Autumn to prayerfully discern our mission plan and vision for the future. It is as follows:

**Vision: Through Jesus, transformed people, transformed places.**

**In South Hub we want to join in with what God is doing to grow disciples of Jesus**

<b>Mission Area</b>	<b>Welcome &amp; Entry Points</b>	<b>Community &amp; Friendship</b>	<b>Growth &amp; Discipleship</b>
<b>Purpose</b>	Make the most of natural contact points to invite people into the life of the church.	Deepen relationships and build belonging, both within and beyond the church.	Nurture faith, discover gifts, and support each person's spiritual journey.

<b>Focus Areas</b>	Entry points: Strengthen outreach through Pantries, Weddings, Baptisms, Funerals, schools and community events.	Friendship-based mission: Come alongside people in everyday life.	Spiritual gift discovery: Encourage each member to discern and use their gifts for mission.
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*\*\* each church/worshipping community has been asked to prayerfully discern how this will look in each of their contexts.*

## Financial Review

We are thankful to those who have contributed towards the management of our Hub finances, particularly to Sarah Riley as PCC Treasurer. She is assisted and supported by Joan Roberts, Lynda Lewis, Tony Card, Phil Hayton, Gwynneth Corless, Daniel Corrigan-Bond and a wider team of volunteers who support with day to day cashier activities and banking.

During the financial year Wigan South raised income of £371,669 of which £116,412 was into restricted funds for specific fundraising/projects, largely the final fundraising towards the Pantry project to renovate and extend the church hall for Pantry activities. This compares with total income of £410,636 in 2024 however this was an exceptional year for income due to the bulk of the fundraising for the Pantry project being achieved during 2024 with work being carried out and completed in 2025. Income in 2023 was more comparable at £365,532.

Overall general fund expenditure during the year was £252,731 which remains comparable with 2024 (£260,479) as the PCC continues to operate robust cost controls in light of depleted general funds. However general funds overall have remained relatively static in the year with the unrestricted income at £255,257 meaning that the Wigan South Parish effectively broke even in 2025 after removing the impact of restricted fund fundraising and project expenditure.

Spending on church equipment has increased significantly in 2025 with expenditure on the sound systems at both St Andrew's and St Aidan's during the year, although both projects were specifically fundraised for through restricted funds.

Spending on major structural repairs of £73,000 during the year is largely due the Pantry project. Much of the works (£152,000) which involved extension and improvements has been capitalised and recognised as a fixed asset on the balance sheet, to be depreciated over the coming 10 years. However, the remaining costs of £60,000 were expensed within the year and they related to demolition or replacement works. All the work was funded from the Food ministry fund which had been built up through fundraising and grants awarded over the last 2 years. St Thomas' also had to spend £13,338 on the treatment of dry rot in the bell tower which makes up the balance of maintenance spending.

The reserves policy operated by the parish is to maintain a balance of general/unrestricted funds of c£2,000-£5,000 per church building to cover unexpected expenditure and upcoming utility bills. A designated fund is held for each church in the Parish to monitor this balance.

## **Risk Assessment**

The PCC recognises that in relation to 'Risk Assessment', risk is defined as 'the threat of any action or event which will adversely affect an organisation's ability to achieve its objectives and execute its strategies'. It also accepts that the term 'risk' can include any circumstances that may, or do, have an adverse effect, and is wider than financial matters. 'Risks' relate not only to the negative consequences of a threat, but also to the impact of not taking advantage of opportunities. The PCC recognises it requires a practical Health and Safety Policy covering activities for both the churches and their surrounding grounds.

The contents and obligations of the Equality Act 2010 and the General Data Protection Regulation 2018 are known and complied with to the best of the PCC's ability. The PCC is aware of its responsibilities in respect of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 in its requirement to carry out a fire assessment to identify any possible dangers and risks, to take action to minimise the risks and to create a plan to deal with any emergencies, and also to write up and keep a record of its findings and to review its assessment annually. The PCC has appointed the Churchwardens to be the responsible persons to put these things into operation.

## **Safeguarding**

There is a Safeguarding Policy in place in respect of children and vulnerable adults and the policies and contact information is displayed in all our buildings. DBS checks have been and are made for those regularly working with young people and vulnerable adults and there continues to be a focused effort across the Hub to ensure compliance of all safeguarding training requirements. The Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) is Helen Weavers. There is also a Safeguarding contact for each church who works with the PSO. Those new to PCC have each undertaken safeguarding training.

Whilst it is impossible to eliminate all risks and their consequences, efforts are constantly made to minimise such occurrences. The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 to have due regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

## **Structure, governance and management**

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The Standing Committee of the PCC is the only committee required by church law and has the power to transact the business of the PCC between meetings, subject to ratification by the PCC. Its members are the Team Vicars, the two Churchwardens, Treasurer and Secretary.

Our Hub Leadership Team consists of Revd Sandra Jones and Revd Sue Fulford, as well as Carole Pye, Eth Yates, Helen Steel, Jan Cornthwaite, Ros Unsworth, and Stuart Barton-Ainsworth. We are blessed to have amazing lay leaders as part of our HLT. A huge thank you to all of them.

We are also blessed to have an amazing team of Assistant Churchwardens, supported by our Hub Wardens, Helen Weavers and Paula Gillespie, who continue to make sure our buildings are the best they can be. Again, a huge thank you to each of them.

## **Electoral Roll**

There was a new Electoral Roll in 2025. As of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025, the Parish Electoral Roll consisted of 303 members. The previous year it was 419.

## **PCC members**

### Clergy:

Team Rector: Revd Neil Cook

Team Vicars: Revd. Sandra Jones (Chair/Hub Leader), Revd Sue Fulford

The other Team Vicars of the Wigan Benefice are/were also members of the PCC during 2025: Revd Dot Gosling, Revd Steve Beck, Revd Stan Higginson, Revd Sam Nicholson, Revd Frances Shoemith, Rev Roland Harvey, Revd Clive Doran, Revd Catherine Coslett and Revd Fran Humphrey.

### Lay Members:

Churchwarden: Paula Gillespie

Churchwarden: Helen Weavers

PCC Treasurer: Sarah Riley (co-opted)

PCC Secretary: Jessica Buckley

### Representatives on the Deanery Synod:

Paula Gillespie

Linda High

Mansell High

Sharon Liptrot

Sue Neil

Philip Stott

### Elected lay members:

Stuart Barton – Ainsworth

Jessica Buckley

Tony Card

Jim Hammond (resigned)

Tricia Hancox

Kath Hobson

Daniel Munro

Peter Preston

Carole Pye

Marilyn Richardson

Rosalyn Unsworth

Christine Wakefield

The Standing Committee of the PCC during 2025 was Revd Sandra Jones, Revd Sue Fulford, Helen Weavers, Paula Gillespie, Sarah Riley and Jessica Buckley.

## Reference & Administration Information

<b>Parish name and location</b>	The Parish of Wigan South within the Wigan Benefice
	The church is part of the Diocese of Liverpool within the Church of England
<b>Registered charity number</b>	1198588
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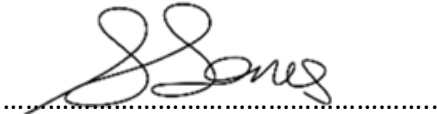

### Church Bank Addresses

<b>St Aidan</b>	NatWest	4 Standishgate, Wigan, WN1 1UE
<b>St Andrew</b>	TSB	66 Gerard Street, Ashton in Makerfield, Wigan, WN4 9AH
<b>Holy Trinity</b>	TSB	66 Gerard Street, Ashton in Makerfield, Wigan, WN4 9AH
<b>St Luke</b>	NatWest	65 Gerard Street, Ashton in Makerfield, Wigan, WN4 9AH
<b>St Peter</b>	NatWest	65 Gerard Street, Ashton in Makerfield, Wigan, WN4 9AH
<b>St Thomas</b>	NatWest	65 Gerard Street, Ashton in Makerfield, Wigan, WN4 9AH
<b>St Thomas</b>	Triodos Bank	Deanery Road, Bristol, BS1 5AS
<b>Wigan South</b>	Lloyds	120 Lewisham High Street, London, SE13 6JG

### Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees (PCC) by clergy and laity.

<b>Signature</b>		
<b>Name</b>	Revd Sandra Jones	Helen Weavers
<b>Position</b>	Incumbent / Chair	Church Warden
<b>Date</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	28 <sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Independent Examiner's report  
to the PCC of Wigan South  
for the year ended 31 December 2025**

This report of the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are set out on pages 13 to 19, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act')

**Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner**

The P.C.C. members acting as the charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of the Independent Examiner's statement.**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission and the guidance published in PCC Accountability (The Charities Act 2011 and the P.C.C.), 5th edition). An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required for an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

I 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 is reached.

Signed

*Alan A. Clements.*

Date

*15th May  
2026*

Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners

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**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2025**

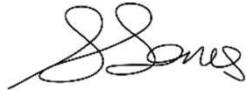
		2025 Unrestricted funds	2025 Restricted funds	2025 Endowment funds	2025 Total	2024 Total
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies		195,427	54,921		250,348	333,184
Income from charitable activities		29,589	1,261		30,851	27,543
Other trading activities		27,733	57,071		84,804	42,128
Investments		2,509	3,158		5,667	6,780
Other income		0	0		0	0
<b>Total income</b>	2	<b>255,257</b>	<b>116,412</b>		<b>371,669</b>	<b>409,635</b>
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds		210	225		434	2,109
Expenditure on charitable activities		252,732	117,553		370,284	300,113
Other expenditure						
<b>Total expenditure</b>	3	<b>252,941</b>	<b>117,778</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>370,719</b>	<b>302,222</b>
<b>Net income / (expenditure) resources before</b>		<b>2,316</b>	<b>(1,366)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>950</b>	<b>107,413</b>
Transfers:						
Gross transfers between funds - in	9	5,000	43,270		48,270	9,000
Gross transfers between funds - out	9	(7,100)	(41,170)		(48,270)	(9,000)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains/losses on investment assets	5	(1,765)			(1,765)	988
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use						
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(1,549)</b>	<b>734</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(814)</b>	<b>108,401</b>
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		52,205	380,113	21,500	453,818	345,417
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	9	<b>50,656</b>	<b>380,847</b>	<b>21,500</b>	<b>453,004</b>	<b>453,818</b>

The notes on pages 15-19 form part of the financial statements

**Balance Sheet**  
**as at 31 December 2025**

	Notes	As at 31/12/2025			As at
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	31/12/2024 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible Assets	4	-	152,737	-	-
<b>Current assets</b>					
Investments	5	42,376			44,141
Cash At Bank And In Hand		95,973	254,182	21,500	488,542
Debtors and accrued income	6	26,404	-	-	30,686
		<b>164,753</b>	<b>254,182</b>	<b>21,500</b>	<b>563,369</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	7	114,095	26,072		109,551
		<b>114,095</b>	<b>26,072</b>	-	<b>109,551</b>
<b>Net current assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>50,658</b>	<b>380,847</b>	<b>21,500</b>	<b>453,818</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>50,658</b>	<b>380,847</b>	<b>21,500</b>	<b>453,818</b>
<b>Total net assets less liabilities</b>	9	<b>50,658</b>	<b>380,847</b>	<b>21,500</b>	<b>453,818</b>

The Financial Statements were approved by the Parrochial Church Council on 28th April 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



Rev Sandra Jones  
Incumbent



Mrs Helen Weavers  
Churchwarden

The notes on pages 15-19 form part of the financial statements

## **Notes to the Financial Statements**

### **1. Accounting Policies**

The Financial Statements of the P.C.C. have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations using the Accruals basis

The Financial Statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets which are shown at market value

#### **Funds**

Unrestricted funds represent funds that are not subject to any special restrictions regarding their use and are available for application to the general purposes of the PCC. These include funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC.

Restricted funds are funds that can only be used for a particular restricted purposes within the objects of the Church. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC can be held responsible. They do not include the accounts of other Church groups that owe an affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

#### **Incoming resources**

Collections are recognised when received on behalf of the PCC

Planned giving receivable under Gift aid is only recognised when received

Income tax recoverable of Gift Aid is estimated and recognised on an accruals basis

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain  
Income from church Hall lettings is recognised at the point of use

#### **Resources Expended**

The diocesan parish share is accounted for when paid. Any Parish share unpaid at the year end is provided for in the accounts as an operational (though not legal) liability and is shown as a creditor on the Balance Sheet

Costs are allocated between direct charitable and other expenditure according to the nature of the cost. Where items involve more than one category, they are apportioned between the categories according to the nature of the cost

General liabilities are recognised when the goods or services have been received

#### **Assets**

The following assets are recognised but not necessarily valued in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities:

- Movable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal.

- Land and buildings held on behalf of the PCC.

- Other fixtures, fittings & office equipment where the PCC is free to dispose of such assets without faculty and where the original cost exceeded £1,000.

Consecrated and benefited property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by section 96(2) of the Charities Act 1993.

**Notes to the Financial Statements  
2 : Analysis of Income  
For the year ended 31 December 2025**

	2025 Unrestricted £	2025 Restricted £	2025 Endowment £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>					
<b>Donations and legacies</b>					
Parish Giving Scheme	82,656	60		82,716	81,659
Bank (Standing Order)	6,324	8,640		14,964	18,208
Envelopes	19,540	-		19,540	20,441
Loose Plate collections	28,412	1,040		29,452	25,949
Retiring Collectiions	-	-		-	-
Donations	12,658	15,728		28,386	30,417
Gift Days	6,380	-		6,380	-
Giving through church boxes	-	-		-	-
Special or specific appeals etc	698	-		698	558
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	25,925	2,034		27,959	34,768
GASDS Tax relief	6,965	-		6,965	6,965
Legacies	5,000	2,187		7,187	33,691
Recurring grants	-	-		-	190
Non-recurring one-off grants	500	24,908		25,408	77,340
Fundraising (general)	369	325		694	2,998
	<b>195,427</b>	<b>54,921</b>	-	<b>250,348</b>	<b>333,184</b>
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Parish fee for wedding or funeral	28,954	-		28,954	25,376
Church hall lettings - objectives	180	-		180	-
Church event income	200	-		200	1,803
Branch organisations - receipts	255	1,261		1,516	365
	<b>29,589</b>	<b>1,261</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>30,851</b>	<b>27,543</b>
<b>Other trading activities</b>					
Fundraising	7,605	8,312		15,918	10,312
Church hall lettings - fund raising	13,462	-		13,462	14,721
Magazine income - advertising	407	-		407	840
Parish magazine sales	2,642	-		2,642	2,917
Other funds generated	3,617	48,759		52,376	13,339
	<b>27,733</b>	<b>57,071</b>	-	<b>84,804</b>	<b>42,129</b>
<b>Investments</b>					
Rent from leased land or buildings	-	648		648	1,230
Dividends from shares	1,142	-		1,142	1,116
Bank and building society interest	503	70		573	967
CBF Deposit account interest	863	2,441		3,304	3,467
	<b>2,509</b>	<b>3,158</b>	-	<b>5,667</b>	<b>6,780</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>255,257</b>	<b>116,412</b>	-	<b>371,669</b>	<b>409,636</b>

**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**3 : Analysis of Expenditure**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2025**

	2025 Unrestricted	2025 Restricted	2025 Endowment	2025 Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
<b>Raising funds</b>					
Fees paid to fundraisers	-	-	-	-	-
Costs of applying for grants	-	-	-	-	-
Costs of giving envelopes and stewardship campaigns	76	-	-	76	50
Costs of fundraising events	134	225	-	359	2,059
Investment management costs	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>210</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>2,109</b>
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Giving to missionary societies	3,300	-	-	3,300	-
Giving - relief and development agencies	-	11,400	-	11,400	11,300
Home mission	3,276	7,698	-	10,974	5,958
Secular charities	2,803	-	-	2,803	407
Deanery Share	150,226	-	-	150,226	166,677
Salary of organist	-	-	-	-	141
PAYE, NI & Pension - Parish Admin & Support staff	-	-	-	-	163
Clergy working expenses	1,476	50	-	1,525	3,320
Council tax (clergy housing)	-	-	-	-	66
Housing expenses (clergy)	4,113	-	-	4,113	4,018
Water rates (clergy housing)	-	-	-	-	-
Telephone and broadband (clergy housing)	-	-	-	-	71
Sermon preparation materials and resources	-	-	-	-	122
Reader expenses and subscriptions	400	-	-	400	150
Visiting speakers / locums	-	-	-	-	81
Parish mission and evangelism costs	208	-	-	208	533
Sunday School & Junior Church costs	81	776	-	857	523
Youth & Confirmation groups/organisations	390	-	-	390	703
General Mission/Support activities	1,732	1,134	-	2,866	2,341
Insurance premiums (church building)	9,881	-	-	9,881	9,082
Telephone (church building or office)	458	-	-	458	289
Organ / piano tuning and maintenance	432	-	-	432	1,205
Church building maintenance (routine)	11,945	4,300	-	16,244	17,222
Cleaning materials & equipment (church building)	654	1,179	-	1,833	532
Church equipment costs	939	11,577	-	12,516	1,954
Upkeep of services	3,238	-	-	3,238	4,616
Church consumable items	958	132	-	1,090	2,099
Upkeep of churchyard	7,002	708	-	7,711	9,390
Administration costs for parish	1,255	-	-	1,255	1,901
Governance costs & examination/audit fee	250	-	-	250	200
Banking charges	721	1	-	721	835
Photocopying and Printing costs	161	-	-	161	-
Church building - electric	7,034	-	-	7,034	8,909
Church building - gas	18,561	130	-	18,691	19,924
Church building - water	2,088	-	-	2,088	1,990
Magazine expenses including printing costs	492	-	-	492	1,690
Hall/Other building - electricity	2,097	-	-	2,097	652
Hall/Other building - gas	662	-	-	662	943
Hall/Other building - maintenance (routine)	499	-	-	499	675
Hall/Other building - telephone and broadband	357	-	-	357	365
Hall/Other building - water rates	436	-	-	436	3,198
Branch Organisation - payments	214	1,123	-	1,337	594
Church building major repairs - structure	13,386	-	-	13,386	-
Church building major repairs - installation	-	-	-	-	2,103
Hall/Other building major repairs - structure	-	73,299	-	73,299	6,865
Hall/Other building major repairs - installation	-	1,458	-	1,458	6,309
Asset Depreciation	-	2,589	-	2,589	-
	<b>252,732</b>	<b>117,553</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>370,284</b>	<b>300,113</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>252,941</b>	<b>117,778</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>370,719</b>	<b>302,222</b>

**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2025**

**4. Tangible Assets**

	Freehold Land and buildings £	Church Equipment £	Total £
Cost of Valuation <b>as at 1 January 2025</b>	-	-	-
Additions	155,326		155,326
Disposals			
Depreciation	-	-	2,589
<b>as at 31 December 2025</b>	<b>152,737</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>152,737</b>

*Freehold land & buildings relates to the Church Hall at St Thomas Ashton in Makerfield  
During the year this has been extended and renovated with new industrial kitchen facilities installed*

**5. Investments**

Share investments	01-Jan-25 £	Revaluation £	31-Dec-25 £
Moyers fund 1	33,343 -	1,334	32,009
Moyers Fund 2	7,769 -	311	7,459
St Peters	3,029 -	121	2,908
<b>Total</b>	<b>44,141 -</b>	<b>1,766</b>	<b>42,376</b>

**6. Debtors and accrued income**

	31-Dec-25 £	31-Dec-24 £
Hall and other rental	180	511
Unbanked deposits	563	1,394
Parish Fees owed	2,361	1,139
Gif aid to be claimed	23,300	27,642
	<b>26,404</b>	<b>30,686</b>

**7. Creditors - Amounts falling due within one year**

	31-Dec-25 £	31-Dec-24 £
Utility costs	2,727	6,304
Deanery share	95,910	95,910
Other expenses	1,822	724
Major repairs	35,280	
Agency collections	4,179	6,412
Independent Examiner fees	250	200
	<b>140,167</b>	<b>109,551</b>

**8. Staff costs**

	For the year ended	31-Dec-25 £	31-Dec-24 £
Wages & Salaries		-	303
Social Security Costs		-	-
Pension Costs		-	-
		<b>-</b>	<b>303</b>

The expenses paid to clergy may include a small immaterial proportion which relates to their function as a P.C.C. member.  
No payments were made to P.C.C. members for acting as P.C.C. members.

**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**9 : Fund movement summary**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2025**

Funds	Fund balances bfwd	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Fund balances Cwfd
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted</b>						
Designated - St Aidan B: General	5,100	65,472	57,367	0	(1,644)	11,561
Designated - St Andrew G: General	13,296	24,366	23,988	0	0	13,674
Designated - St Luke SC: General	10,965	11,919	13,159	0	0	9,726
Designated - St Peter B: General	(46,838)	26,199	22,384	0	(121)	(43,145)
Designated - Holy Trinity AiM: General	11,730	27,935	25,503	0	0	14,163
Designated - St Thomas AiM: General	32,060	70,165	88,139	(5,000)	0	9,086
Designated - St Thomas AiM: Charities Fund	13,284	0	7,300	2,900	0	8,884
Designated - St Luke SC: Legacy Fund	1,077	0	0	0	0	1,077
Designated - St Aidan B: Childrens work	139	0	0	0	0	139
Designated - St Thomas AiM Sunday coffee	1,328	0	0	0	0	1,328
Designated - Wigan South: General	10,064	29,201	15,099	0	0	24,165
<b>Total Unrestricted</b>	<b>52,205</b>	<b>255,256</b>	<b>252,939</b>	<b>(2,100)</b>	<b>(1,765)</b>	<b>50,658</b>
<b>Restricted &amp; Endowment funds</b>						
Restricted - St Aidan B: Building Fund	5,000	216	1,954	0	0	3,262
Restricted - St Aidan B: Boiler Fund	810	0	0	0	0	810
Restricted - St Aidan B: Choral Fund	200	0	196	0	0	5
Restricted - St Aidan B: Churchyard	0	0	0	0	0	0
Restricted - St Aidan B: Religious Education	16,159	0	0	0	0	16,159
Restricted - St Aidan B: Floodlights	0	0	0	0	0	0
Restricted - St Aidan B: Flowers	272	20	39	0	0	253
Restricted - St Aidan B: John Edleston Trust	1,169	0	459	0	0	711
Restricted - St Aidan B: Legacy	10,170	0	0	(10,170)	0	0
Restricted - St Aidan B: Memorial Stone	0	1,010	0	0	0	1,010
Restricted - St Aidan B: Organ Restoration fund	397	0	0	0	0	397
Restricted - St Aidan B: Pantry	1,393	1,450	846	0	0	1,997
Restricted - St Aidan B: Puppet Ministry	7	0	0	0	0	7
Restricted - St Aidans Sound System	4,682	4,939	4,443	10,170	0	15,348
Restricted - St Andrew G: Dementia Café	3,156	1,450	667	0	0	3,939
Restricted - St Andrew G: Maintenance Fund	4,040	4,302	4,585	0	0	3,757
Restricted - Holy Trinity AiM: Allotments	1,493	648	0	0	0	2,141
Restricted - Holy Trinity AiM: Churchyard	351	100	93	4,000	0	4,357
Restricted - Holy Trinity AiM: Upkeep Of Specific Grave Plot	2,132	100	15	0	0	2,217
Restricted - Holy Trinity AiM: Compassion Fund	193	1,496	1,536	0	0	153
Restricted - Holy Trinity AiM: Legacy Fund	18,000	0	0	(18,000)	0	0
Restricted - Holy Trinity Pantry Fund	0	236	1	0	0	236
Restricted - Holy Trinity AiM: Restoration Fund	3,909	500	952	12,000	0	15,457
Restricted - St Luke SC: Building Fund	6,260	70	0	0	0	6,330
Restricted - St Luke SC: Education Fund	20,969	957	0	0	0	21,926
Restricted - St Peter B: Fabric (Fixtures & Fittings)	103	0	0	0	0	103
Restricted - St Peter B: Maintenance Fund	5,493	0	4,280	0	0	1,213
Restricted - St Peter B: Property	5	0	0	0	0	5
Restricted - St Peter B: Roof Fund	4,139	0	0	0	0	4,139
Restricted - St Peter B: Youth	0	0	0	0	0	0
Restricted - Wigan South: Oasis Project	976	24	1,000	0	0	0
Restricted - Wigan South: Recycling Project	0	1,401	821	0	0	580
Restricted - St Thomas AiM: Bowling Club	658	100	233	0	0	525
Restricted - St Thomas AiM: Children And Young People	889	450	122	0	0	1,217
Restricted - St Thomas AiM: Thursday Coffee Fund	4,002	534	0	(3,000)	0	1,536
Restricted - St Thomas AiM: Tuesday Coffee Fund	12,167	1,843	72	0	0	13,939
Restricted - St Thomas AiM: Duke Of Edinburgh Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Restricted - St Thomas AiM: FFF Audio Visual	0	0	0	0	0	0
Restricted - St Thomas AiM: FFF Heating Fund	1,584	13	0	0	0	1,597
Restricted - St Thomas AiM: Flower Guild	1,275	290	250	0	0	1,315
Restricted - St Thomas AiM: Food Bank	0	250	0	0	0	250
Restricted - St Thomas AiM: Food Ministry	139,305	68,690	77,345	14,500	0	145,150
Restricted - St Thomas AiM: HR Graveyard	5,724	1,010	600	0	0	6,134
Restricted - St Thomas AiM: Legacy	81,272	0	0	0	0	81,272
Restricted - St Thomas AiM: Building Maintenance Fund	7,321	5,173	0	0	0	12,494
Restricted - St Thomas AiM: Organ Fund	1,007	0	0	0	0	1,007
Restricted - St Thomas AiM: Pantry Energy Grant (Asda)	1,500	0	0	0	0	1,500
Restricted - St Thomas AiM: Weenies	448	891	1,000	0	0	339
Restricted - St Thomas AiM: Warm Spaces	1,663	1,500	2,095	0	0	1,067
Restricted - St Thomas AiM: Youth Work	5,817	0	0	0	0	5,817
Restricted - Holy Trinity AiM: Children & Family Mission	918	2,987	1,324	2,000	0	4,582
Restricted - Holy Trinity AiM: Heating Fund	5	340	130	0	0	215
Restricted - St Thomas AiM: Churchyard	7,154	626	0	0	0	7,780
Restricted - St Thomas AiM: Church Hall	11,971	70	0	(10,000)	0	2,041
Restricted - St Thomas AiM: Africa	1,323	12,120	11,400	600	0	2,643
Restricted - St Thomas AiM: Asylum	4,133	605	1,322	0	0	3,415
<b>Total Restricted</b>	<b>401,613</b>	<b>116,412</b>	<b>117,778</b>	<b>2,100</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>402,347</b>
<b>Grand Total Funds</b>	<b>453,818</b>	<b>371,668</b>	<b>370,717</b>	<b>0 -</b>	<b>1,765</b>	<b>453,004</b>

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WIGAN SOUTH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1198588

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# Accounts

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**Annual Report  
and  
Financial Statements  
of the Parochial Church Council of Wigan South  
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

Charity Number 1198588



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## **Aims and Purposes**

Wigan South Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent of the Wigan benefice, in promoting in the ecclesiastical Parish, the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also responsible for the maintenance of the church buildings of Holy Trinity Downall Green, St Aidan' Billinge, St Andrew's Garswood, St Luke's Stubshaw Cross and St Thomas' Ashton – in – Makerfield, together with St Thomas' church hall.

When planning our activities for the year, the PCC considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular the specific guidance to charities concerned with the advancement of religion.

The PCC is committed to promoting the Christian way of life through regular worship, prayer, nurture, outreach, charity and social activities; to build and maintain strong links with our four Church of England Primary Schools; and to provide spiritual, emotional and physical support to our community, especially at times of celebration, need or sorrow.

## **Achievement and Performance**

In February we welcomed Revd Sandra Jones as Hub Leader of Wigan South, following her licencing at St Thomas' Church, and then at the end of June we said goodbye to Revd Jeremy Thomas after 15 years of ministry in Ashton and South Hub. Revd Sue Thomas finished her curacy in June, and following a period of four months off, Sue returned to South Hub as a part time Non-Stipendiary Minister (NSM) with Permission to Officiate (PTO).

In June we welcomed Adam Archer, an ordinand from Emmanuel College, for his final year of training having come from Chapelfields Hub. Adam quickly settled into life in South Hub and has been a real blessing.

Due to a change in clergy numbers, we had to make the difficult decision to stop the 6.30pm Communion Service at St Thomas due to lack of clergy cover. Evensong has continued due to the commitment of Paul Tushingham and his willingness to lead on coordinate this service. Special thanks must be given to all lay people who have so faithfully supported and contributed to the 6.30pm service at St Thomas'. We continue to reach those at home and further afield with telephone services at St Andrew's and live streaming of services at St Thomas', which is increasingly used to reach friends and families who are unable to attend at funerals.

In September we had an encouraging vision day at St Paul's church Skelmersdale, where we celebrated and gave thanks for the past, before starting to look at what the future of South Hub and our six churches might look like going into the future and where God might be leading us. Following on from this, each of our six churches have undertaken a pyramid review where we assessed ourselves against the following five criteria: community, discipleship, worship, mission, and leadership. The outcome of this will be forming our mission plan for 2025.

Our Hub leadership team and our local missional leadership teams have continued to work hard to maintain our Sunday and midweek worship, our missional activities and our community outreach. We are thankful to our Lay Readers and Local Missional Leaders who, alongside clergy, have faithfully continued to lead and preach within our services throughout the year.

St Luke's, via Carol Pye and Revd Sue Fulford, have developed and built upon the already good relationships at Stubshaw Cross Care home by introducing a second monthly service for the residents

and their families which has been gratefully appreciated. Ros Unsworth and her dedicated team of helpers at St Andrew's have faithfully supported the local community via the Peace of Mind Dementia Café, welcoming people and their carers giving them a space to relax and enjoy each other's company, whilst enjoying a variety of entertainment. Eth and the team at St Peter's have done amazing work with St Peter's School through 'experience' sessions, sharing the good news of Jesus with the children and staff.

Our pantries at Holy Trinity, St Aidan's and St Thomas' have gone from strength to strength, meeting the needs of the community by feeding them physically as well as spiritually, whilst at the same time helping to care for God's creation by reducing food going into landfill. Without the hard work and dedication of all the volunteers, of which there are too many to name, our pantries wouldn't be able to run. We give thanks to each one of them and the blessings they bring.

Through the dedicated work of fund raising this year led by Sue Thomas, the plan for Ashton Pantry for 2025 is to develop the church hall by building a new pantry and storeroom. This will let us offer more food, helping families reduce grocery costs while keeping their choice and dignity. A new kitchen will mean we can open a Pay-As-You-Feel Café and run cooking lessons to help people learn how to make healthy, low-cost meals. As part of the fund raising this year, we had an enjoyable Gala evening at Ashfield House in Standish, which was well attended.

In June we went into each of our four church schools to do transition work with the year six children in preparation for high school. This was appreciated by all our schools. We have continued throughout the year to go into all our schools to deliver collective worship and supporting them as and when needed with their RE Curriculum. In July Holy Trinity were involved in celebrating 50 years of Rectory Primary School's building. Thanks to all the volunteers who give up their time freely to minister to and support our schools.

Also in June, at our Confirmation service at St Thomas' we had the privilege of seeing 16 young people and four adults reaffirming their baptismal vows, with one adult and one young person being baptised that evening.

During October and November, we had 15 people attend the Start Course at St Luke's church. It was great seeing people from different churches come together to grow in their discipleship.

Ashton Churches Together (ACT) have continued to work together this year, and amongst other things, organised a Praise & Picnic in the Park and a stall at the town's Christmas lights switch on. It is a real blessing to work with other people from across other churches all coming together to share the love of Jesus with the local community.

St Thomas' church helped to organise and hosted an Easter and a Halloween trail around Ashton which saw 350 people come through the church doors at Easter and 650 people at Halloween. This wouldn't have been possible without the hard work of so many volunteers. It was great to see so many people in church to learn of the Christian teachings of these festivals.

We had cause for celebration at St Thomas' church as we were awarded our bronze eco award. Thanks to the eco team for all their hard work to make this happen. Part of their work has extended across the parish to encourage a collective blister pill packet recycling programme. Onwards and upwards now as we work towards our silver award.

Across the hub during November, we had several memorial services organised by Revd Dave Hamlett, which were well attended and appreciated by the families of those whose funerals had taken place this year.

We came together during the advent and Christmas period to deliver a wide and varied programme of community outreach events, children's activities, special services, charitable initiatives together with times of reflection and prayer. We ended 2024 and looked ahead to 2025 with an enjoyable hub service at St Andrew's on the last Sunday of the year.

This is just a snapshot of all the wonderful and amazing things that have happened with and across our churches in 2024. If they were all to be mentioned, the report would go on for several pages!

This year, with all its joys and challenges, we remain thankful to our faithful and gracious God; God who calls each one of us to both worship and serve him and reveal his love and acceptance to all those in our communities. To Him be the glory, for ever and ever.

### **Buildings and Grounds**

We continue to review the function and utilisation of our buildings in light of the Right Buildings Report which was published in 2023. Maintenance of Church buildings was organised by local church committees, with all urgent work completed.

Routine works were carried out to replace and improve facilities at all our church buildings to ensure compliance with health and safety requirements, to promote accessibility and to facilitate our overarching aims and objectives.

St Luke's quinquennial inspection report identified some works that required attention. These were either completed promptly or are in progress.

The maintenance of church grounds continues to be a challenge, particularly during spring and summer. Dedicated teams of volunteers help to conserve these areas and co-ordinate community initiatives to tackle larger works.

### **Plans for the future**

Our mission is to join in with what God is doing, to make disciples of Jesus amongst all the people of South Hub by investing in people and deepening discipleship. We aim to do this through developing our small groups, developing our prayer life, offering Christian introduction courses, working with younger families and through joining together socially.

### **Financial Review**

We are thankful to those who have contributed towards the management of our Hub finances particularly to Sarah Riley as PCC Treasurer. She is assisted and supported by Joan Roberts, Lynda Lewis, Tony Card, Phil Hayton, and Gwynneth Corless and a large team of volunteers who support with day to day cashier activities and banking

During the financial year Wigan South Parish raised income of £410,636 of which £159,113 was into restricted funds. This is compared with total income of £365,532 in 2023 (of which £65,512 was into restricted funds). The restricted fundraising for 2024 has largely focused on the pantry development project at St Thomas' which raised £93,774 in 2024 (a total of £139,304 cumulatively to 31 December

2024). Expenditure for this project is expected in 2025 and so restricted funds remain high at the end of 2024, totalling £380,750.

General expenditure during the year totalled £260,479 as compared with £299,747 in 2023, as the PCC and church committees continue to apply prudent cost controls. However, this was still in excess of the general/unrestricted income of £250,523, leaving a deficit on unrestricted funds in the year of £9,956 and reducing our overall unrestricted funds balance at the end of the year to £51,568.

Church maintenance costs have been significantly higher in 2024 along with insurance premiums, and utility costs. The focus in 2025 will be on encouraging increased regular giving into general/unrestricted funds to ensure that the day-to-day operation and maintenance of our churches can be supported as a priority.

The reserves policy operated by the Parish is to maintain a balance in general/unrestricted funds of c.£2,000-5,000 per church building to cover unexpected expenditure and upcoming utility bills. A designated fund is held for each church in the Parish to monitor this balance. Some churches have fallen below this level, but this has been the result of accruing Parish Share, payable to the Diocese of Liverpool totalling £96,000. The Parish Share has not been paid due to insufficient cash reserves, but the churches remain committed to paying as much Parish Share as they are able, and we are looking at ways to better distribute the Parish Share costs among the churches in our hub in the coming year.

### **Risk Assessment**

The PCC recognises that in relation to 'Risk Assessment', risk is defined as 'the threat of any action or event which will adversely affect an organisation's ability to achieve its objectives and execute its strategies'. It also accepts that the term 'risk' can include any circumstances that may, or do, have an adverse effect, and is wider than financial matters. 'Risks' relate not only to the negative consequences of a threat, but also to the impact of not taking advantage of opportunities. The PCC recognises it requires a practical Health and Safety Policy covering activities for both the churches and their surrounding grounds.

The contents and obligations of the Equality Act 2010 and the General Data Protection Regulation 2018 are known and complied with to the best of the PCC's ability. The PCC is aware of its responsibilities in respect of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 in its requirement to carry out a fire assessment to identify any possible dangers and risks, to take action to minimise the risks and to create a plan to deal with any emergencies, and also to write up and keep a record of its findings and to review its assessment annually. The PCC has appointed the Churchwardens to be the responsible persons to put these practises into operation.

### **Safeguarding**

There is a Safeguarding Policy in place in respect of children and vulnerable adults. DBS checks have been and are made for those interacting regularly with young people and vulnerable adults. The Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) is Helen Weavers. There is also a safeguarding contact for each congregation/building, who work with the PSO. Those new to PCC have each undertaken safeguarding training.

Whilst it is impossible to eliminate all risks and their consequences, efforts are constantly made to minimise such occurrences. The PCC has complied with the duty under section five of the Safeguarding

and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 to have due regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

### **Structure, governance and management**

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The Standing Committee of the PCC is the only committee required by church law and has the power to transact the business of the PCC between meetings, subject to ratification by the PCC. Its members are the Team Vicars, the two Churchwardens, Treasurer, Secretary and one lay PCC member.

### **Electoral Roll**

As of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024, the parish electoral role consisted of 419 members.

### **PCC members**

#### Clergy:

Team Rector: Revd Neil Cook

Team Vicars: Revd Sandra Jones (Chair/Hub Leader), Revd Sue Fulford (Assistant Hub Leader)

The other Team Vicars of the Wigan Benefice are/were also members of the PCC during 2024: Revd Dot Gosling, Revd Steve Beck, Revd Stan Higginson, Revd Sam Nicholson, Revd Frances Shoemith, Revd Roland Harvey, Revd Clive Doran, Revd Catherine Coslett, Revd Fran Humphrey.

#### Lay Members:

Churchwarden: Paula Gillespie

Churchwarden: Helen Weavers

PCC Treasurer: Sarah Riley

PCC Secretary: Jessica Buckley

#### Representatives on the Deanery Synod:

Linda High      Mansell High      Sharon Liptrot

Sue Neil      Philip Stott      *1 vacancy*

#### Elected lay members:

Jan Cornthwaite: 2nd term 2022 – 2025

Eth Yates: 2nd term 2022 – 2025

Alex Finney: 2nd term 2022 – 2025

Joan Roberts: 2nd term 2023 – 2026

Stuart Barton: 2nd term 2023 – 2026

Tony Card: 2nd term 2023 – 2026

Carole Pye: 2nd term 2023 – 2026

Jessica Buckley: 2nd term 2024 – 2027

Tricia Hancox: 1st term 2024 – 2027

Marilyn Richardson: 1st term 2024 – 2027

Christine Wakefield: 1st term 2024 – 2027

*1 existing vacancy*

The Standing Committee of the PCC during 2024 was: Sandra Jones (Hub Leader), Sue Fulford (Assistant Hub Leader), Helen Weavers (Church Warden / Lay Chair), Paula Gillespie (Church Warden), Sarah Riley (PCC Treasurer), Jessica Buckley (PCC Secretary).

**Reference & Administration Information**

**Parish name and location** The Parish of Wigan South within the Wigan Benefice

The church is part of the Diocese of Liverpool within the Church of England

**Registered charity number** 1198588

**Parish correspondence address** St Thomas Vicarage  
18 Warrington Road  
Ashton in Makerfield  
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**Independent Examiner**  
Revd A A Clements  
15 Carleton Road,  
Great Knowley,  
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**Bank addresses**

Holy Trinity	TSB	66 Gerard St Ashton in Makerfield Wigan WN4 9AH
St Aidan	NatWest	4 Standishgate, Wigan, WN1 1UE
St Andrew	TSB	66 Gerard Street, Ashton in Makerfield, Wigan WN4 9AH
St Luke	NatWest	65 Gerard Street, Ashton in Makerfield, Wigan WN4 9AH
St Peter	NatWest	65 Gerard Street, Ashton in Makerfield, Wigan WN4 9AH
St Thomas	NatWest	65 Gerard Street, Ashton in Makerfield, Wigan WN4 9AH
St Thomas	Triodos Bank	Deanery Road, Bristol, BS1 5AS
Wigan South	Lloyds	120 Lewisham high street, London SE13 6JG

**Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.  
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees (PCC) by clergy and laity.



.....  
**Full Name** Revd Sandra Jones  
**Position** Chair  
**Date** 22 April 2025



.....  
**Full Name** Mrs Helen Weavers  
**Position** Church Warden  
**Date** 22 April 2025

**Independent Examiner's unqualified report to the members of  
the P.C.C. of the Parish of Wigan South.**

**Charity Commission Registration Number 1198588.**

**Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 as set out on pages 2 to 3 of this Report.**

**Respective responsibilities of the P.C.C. and the examiner.**

The P.C.C. members acting as the charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act  
to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity  
Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and  
to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of the Independent Examiner's statement.**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission and the guidance published in PCC Accountability (The Charities Act 2011 and the P.C.C.), 5<sup>th</sup> edition). An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required for an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement.**

In connection with my examination, no material matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act, or  
the accounts do not accord to the accounting records.

I 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 is reached.

Signed. *Alan A Clements*  
Name     Revd. A. A. Clements

Date 11<sup>th</sup>. May 2025.

Fellow Association of Charity Independent Examiners.

Address   15 Carleton Road, Great Knowley, Chorley PR6 8TQ

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**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2024**

		2024 Unrestricted funds	2024 Restricted funds	2024 Endowment funds	2024 Total	2023 Total
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies		193,712	139,472		333,184	236,475
Income from charitable activities		26,356	1,187		27,543	35,898
Other trading activities		26,217	15,911		42,128	45,153
Investments		4,238	2,542		6,780	4,827
Other income		0	0		0	43,179
<b>Total income</b>	2	<b>250,523</b>	<b>159,113</b>		<b>409,635</b>	<b>365,532</b>
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds		842	1,267		2,109	543
Expenditure on charitable activities		259,000	41,113		300,113	335,138
Other expenditure						
<b>Total expenditure</b>	3	<b>259,842</b>	<b>42,380</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>302,222</b>	<b>335,681</b>
<b>Net income / (expenditure) resources before</b>		<b>(9,319)</b>	<b>116,732</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>107,413</b>	<b>29,851</b>
Transfers:						
Gross transfers between funds - in	9	6,000	3,000		9,000	11,787
Gross transfers between funds - out	9	(6,000)	(3,000)		(9,000)	(11,787)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains/losses on investment assets	5	988			988	3,740
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use						
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(8,331)</b>	<b>116,732</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>108,401</b>	<b>33,591</b>
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		60,536	263,381	21,500	345,417	311,825
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	9	<b>52,205</b>	<b>380,113</b>	<b>21,500</b>	<b>453,818</b>	<b>345,417</b>

The notes on pages 12-15 form part of the financial statements

**Balance Sheet**  
**as at 31 December 2024**

	Notes	As at 31/12/2024			As at 31/12/2023
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total £
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible Assets	4	-			-
<b>Current assets</b>					
Investments	5	44,141			43,153
Cash At Bank And In Hand		83,931	383,111	21,500	488,542
Debtors and accrued income	6	27,272	3,414		17,176
		<b>155,344</b>	<b>386,525</b>	<b>21,500</b>	<b>563,369</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	7	103,139	6,412		110,225
		<b>103,139</b>	<b>6,412</b>	-	<b>110,225</b>
<b>Net current assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>52,205</b>	<b>380,113</b>	<b>21,500</b>	<b>345,417</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>52,205</b>	<b>380,113</b>	<b>21,500</b>	<b>345,417</b>
<b>Total net assets less liabilities</b>	9	<b>52,205</b>	<b>380,113</b>	<b>21,500</b>	<b>345,417</b>

The Financial Statements were approved by the Parrochial Church Council on 22nd April 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Rev Sandra Jones  
Incumbent



Mrs Helen Weavers  
Churchwarden

The notes on pages 12-15 form part of the financial statements

## **Notes to the Financial Statements**

### **1. Accounting Policies**

The Financial Statements of the P.C.C. have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations using the Accruals basis

The Financial Statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets which are shown at market value

#### **Funds**

Unrestricted funds represent funds that are not subject to any special restrictions regarding their use and are available for application to the general purposes of the PCC. These include funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC.

Restricted funds are funds that can only be used for a particular restricted purposes within the objects of the Church. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC can be held responsible. They do not include the accounts of other Church groups that owe an affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

#### **Incoming resources**

Collections are recognised when received on behalf of the PCC

Planned giving receivable under Gift aid is only recognised when received

Income tax recoverable of Gift Aid is estimated and recognised on an accruals basis

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain  
Income from church Hall lettings is recognised at the point of use

#### **Resources Expended**

The diocesan parish share is accounted for when paid. Any Parish share unpaid at the year end is provided for in the accounts as an operational (though not legal) liability and is shown as a creditor on the Balance Sheet

Cost are allocated between direct charitable and other expenditure according to the nature of the cost. Where items involve more than one category, they are apportioned between the categories according to the nature of the cost

General liabilities are recognised when the goods or services have been received

#### **Assets**

The following assets are recognised but not necessarily valued in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities:

- Movable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal.

- Land and buildings held on behalf of the PCC.

- Other fixtures, fittings & office equipment where the PCC is free to dispose of such assets without faculty and where the original cost exceeded £1,000.

Consecrated and benefited property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by section 96(2) of the Charities Act 1993.

**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**2 : Analysis of Income**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2024**

	2024 Unrestricted £	2024 Restricted £	2024 Endowment £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>					
<b>Donations and legacies</b>					
Parish Giving Scheme	81,599	60		81,659	76,176
Bank (Standing Order)	9,158	9,050		18,208	19,868
Envelopes	20,441	-		20,441	20,764
Loose Plate collections	25,376	573		25,949	26,182
Retiring Collectiions	-	-		-	-
Donations	13,631	16,786		30,417	35,116
Gift Days	-	-		-	-
Giving through church boxes	-	-		-	239
Special or specific appeals etc	558	-		558	543
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	33,692	1,076		34,768	22,831
GASDS Tax relief	6,965	-		6,965	13,168
Legacies	-	33,691		33,691	3,049
Recurring grants	-	190		190	595
Non-recurring one-off grants	430	76,910		77,340	12,929
Fundraising (general)	1,862	1,137		2,998	5,014
	<b>193,712</b>	<b>139,472</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>333,184</b>	<b>236,475</b>
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Parish fee for wedding or funeral	25,376	-		25,376	32,725
Church hall lettings - objectives	-	-		-	0
Church event income	981	822		1,803	2,131
Branch organisations - receipts	-	365		365	1,407
	<b>26,356</b>	<b>1,187</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>27,543</b>	<b>36,262</b>
<b>Other trading activities</b>					
Fundraising	5,630	4,682		10,312	9,275
Church hall lettings - fund raising	14,721	-		14,721	16,747
Magazine income - advertising	840	-		840	675
Parish magazine sales	2,917	-		2,917	3,346
Other funds generated	2,110	11,229		13,339	14,744
	<b>26,218</b>	<b>15,911</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>42,129</b>	<b>44,788</b>
<b>Investments</b>					
Rent from leased land or buildings	600	630		1,230	775
Dividends from shares	1,116	-		1,116	1,099
Bank and building society interest	875	92		967	964
CBF Deposit account interest	1,647	1,820		3,467	1,990
	<b>4,238</b>	<b>2,542</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,780</b>	<b>4,827</b>
<b>Other income</b>					
Insurance claims	0	0		0	43,179
	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>43,179</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>250,523</b>	<b>159,113</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>409,636</b>	<b>365,531</b>

**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**3 : Analysis of Expenditure**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2024**

	2024 Unrestricted	2024 Restricted	2024 Endowmen t	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
<b>Raising funds</b>					
Fees paid to fundraisers					
Costs of applying for grants					
Costs of giving envelopes and stewardship campaigns	50	-		50	181
Costs of fundraising events	792	1,267		2,059	215
Investment management costs					
	<b>842</b>	<b>1,267</b>		<b>2,109</b>	<b>396</b>
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Giving to missionary societies	-	-		-	4,200
Giving - relief and development agencies	-	11,300		11,300	9,824
Home mission	160	5,798		5,958	9,620
Secular charities	42	365		407	2,360
Deanery Share	166,677	-		166,677	204,127
Salary of organist	141	-		141	1,050
PAYE, NI & Pension - Parish Admin & Support staff	163	-		163	112
Clergy working expenses	3,320	-		3,320	1,411
Council tax (clergy housing)	66	-		66	358
Housing expenses (clergy)	4,018	-		4,018	4,800
Water rates (clergy housing)	-	-		-	572
Telephone and broadband (clergy housing)	71	-		71	489
Sermon preparation materials and resources	122	-		122	-
Reader expenses and subscriptions	150	-		150	-
Visiting speakers / locums	81	-		81	99
Parish mission and evangelism costs	450	82		533	179
Sunday School & Junior Church costs	5	518		523	1,007
Youth & Confirmation groups/organisations	703	-		703	512
General Mission/Support activities	970	1,370		2,341	1,482
Insurance premiums (church building)	9,082	-		9,082	6,709
Telephone (church building or office)	289	-		289	442
Organ / piano tuning and maintenance	749	456		1,205	806
Church building maintenance (routine)	13,207	4,015		17,222	8,828
Cleaning materials & equipment (church building)	471	61		532	378
Church equipment costs	1,556	398		1,954	2,453
Upkeep of services	4,501	115		4,616	4,841
Church consumable items	1,480	618		2,099	942
Upkeep of churchyard	8,227	1,163		9,390	11,180
Administration costs for parish	1,901	-		1,901	1,277
Governance costs & examination/audit fee	200	-		200	200
Banking charges	835	-		835	764
Church building - electric	8,909	-		8,909	8,384
Church building - gas	19,689	235		19,924	15,736
Church building - water	1,990	-		1,990	1,777
Magazine expenses including printing costs	1,690	-		1,690	2,838
Hall/Other building - electricity	652	-		652	7,002
Hall/Other building - gas	943	-		943	935
Hall/Other building - maintenance (routine)	675	-		675	548
Hall/Other building - telephone and broadband	365	-		365	356
Hall/Other building - water rates	3,198	-		3,198	2,732
Branch Organisation - payments	-	594		594	2,734
Church building major repairs - structure	-	-		-	1,305
Church building major repairs - installation	1,253	850		2,103	9,771
Hall/Other building major repairs - structure	-	6,865		6,865	-
Hall/Other building major repairs - installation	-	6,309		6,309	-
	<b>259,000</b>	<b>41,113</b>		<b>300,113</b>	<b>335,138</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>259,842</b>	<b>42,381</b>		<b>302,222</b>	<b>335,681</b>

**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2024**

**4. Tangible Assets**

	Freehold Land and buildings £	Church Equipment £	Total £
Cost of Valuation <b>as at 1 January 2024</b>	-		-
Additions Disposals			
Disposals			
Depreciation			
<b>as at 31 December 2024</b>	-		-

*Freehold land & buildings relates to the curates house at 79 Greenfields Crescent which was sold in Jan 2021 and the Church Hall at St Thomas Ashton-in-Makerfield*

**5. Investments**

Share investments	01-Jan-24 £	Revaluation £	31-Dec-24 £
Moyers fund 1	32,597	746	33,343
Moyers Fund 2	7,595	174	7,769
St Peters	2,961	68	3,029
<b>Total</b>	<b>43,153</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>44,141</b>

**6. Debtors and accrued income**

	31-Dec-24 £	31-Dec-23 £
Hall and other rental	511	703
Unbanked deposits	1,394	767
Parish Fees owed	1,139	1,256
Gift aid to be claimed	27,642	14,450
	<b>30,686</b>	<b>17,176</b>

**7. Creditors - Amounts falling due within one year**

	31-Dec-24 £	31-Dec-23 £
Utility costs	6,304	7,441
Deanery share	95,910	95,910
Other expenses	724	3,443
Agency collections	6,412	3,231
Independent Examiner fees	200	200
	<b>109,551</b>	<b>110,225</b>

**8. Staff costs**

	For the year ended 31-Dec-24 £	31-Dec-23 £
Wages & Salaries	303	1,162
Social Security Costs	-	-
Pension Costs	-	-
	<b>303</b>	<b>1,162</b>

The expenses paid to clergy may include a small immaterial proportion which relates to their function as a P.C.C. member.

No payments were made to P.C.C. members for acting as P.C.C. members.

**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**9 : Fund movement summary**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2024**

Funds	Fund balances b fwd	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Fund balances C fwd
<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Designated - St Aidan B: General	6,922	57,864	60,605		920	5,100
Designated - St Andrew G: General	16,363	26,152	29,218			13,296
Designated - St Luke SC: General	14,826	15,769	19,630			10,965
Designated - St Peter B: General	(46,622)	21,049	21,334		68	(46,838)
Designated - Holy Trinity AiM: General	12,972	35,267	36,508			11,730
Designated - St Thomas AiM: General	39,562	89,861	91,363	(6,000)		32,060
Designated - St Thomas AiM: Charities Fund	7,284			6,000		13,284
Designated - St Luke SC: Legacy Fund	1,077					1,077
Designated - St Aidan B: Childrens work	139					139
Designated - St Thomas AiM Sunday coffee (Farsi Services)	759	811	243			1,328
Designated - Wigan South: General	7,254	3,750	940			10,064
<b>Total Unrestricted</b>	<b>60,536</b>	<b>250,523</b>	<b>259,842</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>52,205</b>
<b>Restricted &amp; Endowment funds</b>						
Restricted - St Aidan B: Building Fund	0	5,000	0			5,000
Restricted - St Aidan B: Boiler Fund	810	0	0			810
Restricted - St Aidan B: Choral Fund	200					200
Restricted - St Aidan B: Churchyard	0	35	35			0
Restricted - St Aidan B: Religious Education	16,159					16,159
Restricted - St Aidan B: Floodlights	0	0	0			0
Restricted - St Aidan B: Flowers	261	170	160			272
Restricted - St Aidan B: John Edleston Trust	2,071	0	902			1,169
Restricted - St Aidan B: Legacy	0	10,170	0			10,170
Restricted - St Aidan B: Memorial Stone	0	637	637			0
Restricted - St Aidan B: Organ Restoration fund	833	20	456			397
Restricted - St Aidan B: Pantry	1,862	1,766	2,234			1,393
Restricted - St Aidan B: Puppet Ministry	7					7
Restricted - St Aidans Sound System	0	4,682	0			4,682
Restricted - St Andrew G: Dementia Café	2,460	1,636	940			3,156
Restricted - St Andrew G: Maintenance Fund	5,895	1,753	3,607			4,040
Restricted - Holy Trinity AiM: Allotments	775	718	0			1,493
Restricted - Holy Trinity AiM: Churchyard	512	150	311			351
Restricted - Holy Trinity AiM: Upkeep Of Specific Grave Plot	2,236	100	204			2,132
Restricted - Holy Trinity AiM: Compassion Fund	158	1,155	1,120			193
Restricted - Holy Trinity AiM: Legacy Fund	0	18,000	0			18,000
Restricted - Holy Trinity AiM: Restoration Fund	3,834	270	195			3,909
Restricted - St Luke SC: Building Fund	6,171	89	0			6,260
Restricted - St Luke SC: Education Fund	19,849	1,119	0			20,969
Restricted - St Peter B: Fabric (Fixtures & Fittings)	103					103
Restricted - St Peter B: Maintenance Fund	6,363	0	870			5,493
Restricted - St Peter B: Property	5					5
Restricted - St Peter B: Roof Fund	4,139					4,139
Restricted - St Peter B: Youth	80	0	80			0
Restricted - Wigan South: Oasis Project	4,245	0	269	(3,000)		976
Restricted - Wigan South: Recycling Project	0	920	920			0
Restricted - St Thomas AiM: Bowling Club	920	0	262			658
Restricted - St Thomas AiM: Children And Young People	889	0	0			889
Restricted - St Thomas AiM: Thursday Coffee Fund	3,529	526	54			4,002
Restricted - St Thomas AiM: Tuesday Coffee Fund	10,644	1,554	32			12,167
Restricted - St Thomas AiM: Duke Of Edinburgh Fund	0					0
Restricted - St Thomas AiM: FFF Audio Visual	351	27	378			0
Restricted - St Thomas AiM: FFF Heating Fund	1,116	468	0			1,584
Restricted - St Thomas AiM: Flower Guild	1,242	365	332			1,275
Restricted - St Thomas AiM: Food Ministry	56,784	93,774	14,254	3,000		139,304
Restricted - St Thomas AiM: HR Graveyard	4,729	995	0			5,724
Restricted - St Thomas AiM: Legacy	80,752	521	0			81,272
Restricted - St Thomas AiM: Building Maintenance Fund	5,899	1,422	0			7,321
Restricted - St Thomas AiM: Organ Fund	1,007					1,007
Restricted - St Thomas AiM: Pantry Energy Grant (Asda)	1,500	0	0			1,500
Restricted - St Thomas AiM: Weenies	448	0	0			448
Restricted - St Thomas AiM: Warm Spaces	1,171	1,070	578			1,663
Restricted - St Thomas AiM: Youth Work	5,817					5,817
Restricted - Holy Trinity AiM: Children & Family Mission	962	275	319			918
Restricted - Holy Trinity AiM: Heating Fund		240	235			5
Restricted - St Thomas AiM: Churchyard	6,714	440	0			7,154
Restricted - St Thomas AiM: Church Hall	11,946	25	0			11,971
Restricted - St Thomas AiM: Africa	4,708	7,914	11,300	0		1,323
Restricted - St Thomas AiM: Asylum	4,089	1,106	1,062	0		4,133
<b>Total Restricted</b>	<b>284,243</b>	<b>159,113</b>	<b>41,743</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>401,613</b>
<b>Grand Total Funds</b>	<b>344,779</b>	<b>409,636</b>	<b>301,585</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>453,818</b>

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WIGAN SOUTH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1198588

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# Accounts

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# **The Parish of Wigan South**

**Trustees' Annual Report  
for the year ended 2023**



# 1. Aims and Purpose & Objectives and Activities

The general functions of the PCC are stated within section 2 of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956.

Wigan South Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC is also responsible for the maintenance of:

- Holy Trinity Church, Downall Green
- St Aidan's Church, Billinge
- St Andrew's Church, Garswood
- St Luke's Church, Stubshaw Cross
- St Thomas Church, Ashton in Makerfield
- St Thomas Church Hall, Ashton in Makerfield

When planning our objectives for the year, the PCC gave consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

## High level objectives for 2023

### **Continue to Refresh our worship communities**

Review of mission and ministry, discipleship, leadership in each worshipping community

### **Fresh worship communities**

Review our planting pipeline including a timeline and plans for starting new worship communities

### **Pastoral Support**

Build pastoral support teams for all worship communities

Bereavement support

### **Schools and families**

Continue to develop teams in schools to support church/school activities

Develop further support for families

### **Food Pantry**

Establish a Food Pantry in Billinge based at St Aidan's church

### **Electoral Roll**

The Electoral Roll has 417 members.

### **Charitable giving**

Wigan South supports charities in Africa through a dedicated group who fundraise at St Thomas's. The group is then able to send regular monthly donations to both the TearFund charity to support water aid projects as well as to Biojemms, a charity supporting children and young people in Uganda.

Each year St Thomas and St Luke's Church also set aside monies to be donated to both religious and non-religious charities. This is based on 10% of the planned giving and loose plate collections for the year, calculated and designated for charitable giving at the end of each financial year, the balance of this fund stood at £7,284 on 31 December 2023 after a backlog of funds was distributed during the year.

## **2. Achievements and Performance**

During 2023 we continued to focus on our objectives and purpose.

We continue to look to refresh our worship communities. A great strength of Wigan South Parish is the significant teamwork in clergy, lay leaders and teams working together. Local lay teams are established in each church, supported by Wigan South clergy. Local Lay Leaders meet regularly with their lay teams and also meet bi-weekly online with parish clergy to support one another in coordinated planning. Local church leadership teams and committees played a significant role in developing the worship patterns and organising the maintenance and upkeep of our church buildings.

In Wigan South churches, Church Wigan, in our community and organisations, our church members have once again given thousands of hours of time and energy each month. We have relied on the gifts and talents of so many people to do God's work in 2023. We thank Him for our church members' tireless energy and selfless dedication to their faith in Jesus and how they live out the reality of that faith in personal and church values.

## **Regular Sunday services**

Our regular Sunday worship pattern continued in 2023. Across Wigan South a range of worship services were provided, from weekly Eucharists, monthly café church, children and family services, contemporary worship and traditional BCP Holy Communion. The Hub Service held on 5th Sundays has encouraged a sense of togetherness across the parish as people worship together and get to know each other afterwards.

We continued a telephone call-in service at 9.30am from St Andrew's. St Thomas' 10:45 services are streamed live. Church Wigan continued to offer online morning and evening prayer along with a streamed monthly service, The Well.

We saw significant connection with our wider community at the main festivals of Easter and Christmas, including many creative Advent and Harvest services.

Significant support and leadership was provided from our lay leaders and teams, along with retired minsters Rev. Kelvin Bolton, Rev. David Hamlett along with Self Supporting minister Rev. Izzy Schafer.

## **Hub Clergy**

In May, Rev. Sue Fulford and Rev. Jeremy Thomas moved to half time roles with Jeremy moving to Acting Hub Leader as we advertised the Hub Leader role. We were delighted to announce that Rev. Sandra Jones was offered and accepted the post. Rev. Sue Thomas completed her curacy in November and will be licensed Associate Minister (Self-Supporting) to Wigan South.

## **Pastoral Care**

Pastoral support was provided by the teams of ministers, lay and ordained.

## **Occasional offices**

In Wigan South parish we conducted 6 weddings.

There were 68 baptisms, with baptism preparation and follow-up led by lay volunteers. 12 people were confirmed, with ages ranging from 11 to 87.

We conducted 93 funerals in 2023 in church, crematorium and at graveside.

## **Community Outreach**

Our community outreach included: asylum seeker and refugee support (English language classes, home visiting, weekly socials).

Ashton Pantry continued to provide food for the local community, asylum seekers, refugees, care leavers, and other CW initiatives. In 2023 the pantry partnered with FareShare, Brick by Brick and its existing supermarkets and other food providers. Aidan's pantry opened on the first of December, providing similar support for the community in Billinge. It is encouraging that so many volunteers from the community and our churches enabled this ministry. A weekly pop-up pantry was planned to start early in 2024 at Holy Trinity.

In 2023 our holiday meals provision for school children transitioned to working with Wigan Council to provide vouchers and food bags for families with school age children.

## **Older People's Ministry**

The Dementia cafe at St Andrew's was a consistent support and safe space for those suffering from dementia and their carers. In December we started monthly bereavement support groups at St Andrew's and St Luke's

St Luke's church hold monthly communion in Shawcross Nursing Home, with residents attending weekly Sunday worship. St Peter's established their Holy Communion service at Garswood House working with them to serve the needs of residents.

Teams from our Worshipping Communities visited our housebound members, including taking home communion.

## **Prayer**

We continued to hold our communities in prayer, with many prayer initiatives e.g. Wigan South prayer online group, local church prayer groups, prayer chains, prayer walks.

We joined with Church Wigan in the national Thy Kingdom Come prayer initiative.

Children in our primary schools were encourage in their prayer life through prayer spaces with support from lay teams and clergy.

## **Children and Young People**

We maintained and developed our close partnership with our local church primary schools.

Lay and clergy led collective worship in our church primary schools. Holy Trinity regularly held whole school collective worship and Communion services in church.

Clergy supported some teaching of the RE curriculum. Lay teams and clergy helped prepare the year 6 classes for transition into High School. Children were prepared for confirmation.

Children visited churches to participate in 'Experience Christmas' and 'Experience Easter' and for other celebrations and festival services. It was encouraging to see so many parents and families supporting their children in these services. Rock Solid after school group met at Holy Trinity.

The Pioneer Chaplain role at Byrchall High School developed into a Youth Missional Enabler as part of the Church Wigan Next Generation team. Additionally, we continued our weekly lunchtime club, seasonal collective worship and weekly after school social group. We developed a young people's discipleship group.

StA's4All met monthly at St Aidan's school. St Aidan's monthly 'Beacon' family service continued, attracting children and families linked to St Aidan's school.

Girls Brigade and Boys Brigade continued to be an effective youth work section of the St Peter's church.

## **Discipleship**

Farsi worship community met monthly led by Iranian ministers. Weekly online Bible studies were offered, together with baptism preparation by these ministers.

St Peter's Women's Fellowship and Knit and Chat continued to meet exploring new approaches.

Lay led House groups continued to meet and were encouraged to use the seasonal discipleship material provided by Church Wigan.

## **Community Connection**

Communication remains a high priority to tell the community what takes place in our churches. As well as the informative parish magazine tailored to each church, regular social

media updates continued to inform the community of the services, activities and events that take place in our churches.

We seek to welcome community groups, local council, Church Wigan and other local ecumenical church events into our buildings. Examples in 2023 included local history lectures, choirs, music bands, local art group display.

## **Church Buildings**

### **Right Buildings Review**

The Right Buildings Report was published in September. St Luke's and Holy Trinity were rated Red for release. This was reviewed by a sub-committee of Wigan South PCC following Church Wigan's review process.

### **Building Maintenance and Improvement**

Maintenance of Church buildings continued to be organised by local church committees, with all urgent work completed.

Refurbishment of the choir vestry at St Thomas is planned with funds available, to provide a further meeting space for smaller church and community groups.

Ashton Pantry raised significant funds through fundraising and several small grants for development of St Thomas Church hall for an improved pantry, community café and other initiatives e.g. cookery classes.

### **Church Yards**

Maintenance of the church yards continues to be a challenge. A dedicated team of community volunteers help maintain Holy Trinity's

## **3. Financial review**

The Wigan South Parish recorded total income for the year to 31 December 2023 of £365k, £300k of which was into unrestricted funds. This is compared with total income of £373k in 2022.

The total expenditure for 2023 totaled £335k of which only £36k was from restricted funds. Total expenditure was £409k in 2022, however this included some exceptional items relating to the end of the re-order project at St Thomas and the organ repairs at St Aidan's, both of which were funded via specific fundraising.

Overall, the Parish recorded a surplus of income over expenditure of £30k in the year. Looking only at unrestricted funds, which better represents the day to day funds available for church running costs, the Parish recorded a small surplus of £272 as compared to £8k in the previous year.

The Parish also recognised a gain on revaluation of investment assets of £3,740, bringing the overall movement in funds/reserves for the year to £33,591, Total funds brought forward of £311k plus the surplus in year leaves the carried forward fund value at £345k (made up of £61k in unrestricted funds and £284k in restricted funds).

### **Income**

The key source of consistent income this year has been the giving through Parish Giving Scheme which represented £76k of the total income for the Parish (also £76k in 2022). Bank standing orders have increased slightly to £20k from £18k in 2022. However giving through envelopes has stayed at 2021 levels of c.£20k despite churches fully reopening. Loose plate collections have remained relatively stable at £26k as compared with £25k in 2022, although donations returned to normal levels of £35k. 2022 saw exceptionally high donations of £53k, driven by fundraising to repair the organ at St Aidan's.

Legacy income is unpredictable and despite being over £39k in 2022, this only contributed £3k to income in 2023. The Parish also received non-recurring grants of £12k as compared to £11k in 2022.

Parish fees for weddings and funerals rose to £33k, largely driven by funeral services. The number of weddings held in the Parish fell in 2023.

Income from other trading/fundraising activities increased again in 2023 with church /church hall lettings increasing to £17k, compared with £14k in 2022. Other funds generated has also increased to £15k (£11k in 2022).

### **Expenditure**

The main expenditure item continued to be the Deanery share at £204k (of which £96k is remains unpaid at the year-end).

Other significant expenditure items included giving to missionary societies and other charities, this is because St Thomas & St Luke distributed a backlog of funds designated for charitable giving, during the year. Organ tuning and repair costs returned to normal levels in 2023, after the exceptional expenditure on organ repairs of £16k in 2022.

Energy costs have remained relatively stable as compared with 2022, the increase in electricity costs being driven by the freezers installed to support pantry activities.

Insurance costs increased slightly to £6,709 as compared with £ £5,651 in 2022 in line with costs increases across the insurance market.

### **Reserves**

The reserves policy operated by the Parish is to maintain a balance in general funds (ie unrestricted funds) per church building of c £5,000 to cover any unexpected expenditure and any incoming utility bills etc. A designated fund is held for each church building in the Parish to monitor this balance. Some churches have fallen below this level, but this has been the result of accruing a share of Parish Share debt totaling £96k. The Parish share has not been paid due to insufficient cash reserves, but the churches remain committed to paying as much Parish share as they are able and we are looking at ways to better distribute the Parish share burden among our churches in the coming year.

## **4. Plans for the future**

Key objectives and activities planned:

### **Continue to Refresh our worship communities**

Review of mission and ministry, discipleship, leadership in each worshipping community

### **Fresh worship communities**

Review our planting pipeline including a timeline and plans for starting new worship communities

### **Pastoral Support**

Continue to build pastoral support teams for all worship communities

### **Schools and families**

Continue to develop teams in schools to support church/school activities

Develop further support for families

### **Right Buildings Review**

Continue to engage with the Church Wigan culture of review of the sustainability of our church buildings

## **5. Structure, governance and management**

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) operates under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 and the Church Representation Rules.

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

PCC members are appointed in accordance with the Church of England Representation Rules 2020 and are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. All those who attend are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. Individual members of the PCC receive external training as and when deemed appropriate by the PCC.

### **Standing Committee**

The members of the Standing Committee are: Jeremy Thomas (Acting Hub Leader), Sue Fulford (AHL), Helen Weavers (Church Warden), Paula Gillespie (Church Warden), Sarah Riley (PCC Treasurer), Tricia Hancox (PCC Secretary)

Standing committee is the only committee required by law has the power to transact PCC Business between PCC meetings and consider strategic issues which may affect the parish. In 2023 all PCC business was conducted either through PCC meetings in person or electronic communication with the full PCC.

Day to Day management of the churches was exercised by the Church Committees under the oversight of PCC, with support from Church Wardens, Standing Committee, Local Missional Leaders and Clergy.

### **Policies and procedures adopted**

PCC has adopted Wigan Benefice policies for recruitment of PCC members.

It is considered that all PCC members and any others who could be understood to be 'leaders' in the activities and affairs of the church - as defined in Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 - have completed declarations confirming that they are 'fit and proper' persons under the terms of the Finance Act 2020'.

In following the PCC 's aims and objectives members of the PCC have had regard to the Charity Commission published guidance in complying with their duty as expressed in Section

17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 on Public Benefit'. In service training is available to PCC members when required.

The PCC recognises that it is responsible to carry out a Risk Assessment relating to its buildings. It's Health and Safety Policy, covering activities both for the churches and other buildings it is responsible for, is reviewed on a regular basis. Accident Books are maintained. The contents and obligations of the Equality Act 2010 and the 2018 General Data Protection Regulation are known and complied with to the best of the PCC's liability. The PCC is aware of its responsibilities in respect of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order of 2005 and is advised at Benefice level by Church Wigan Core Services.

There is a Safeguarding Policy in place in respect of vulnerable adults and children. Checks are made with the Disclosure and Barring Service in respect of persons dealing regularly with young people and vulnerable adults. The PCC appointed officer for this is Helen Weavers. Whilst it is impossible to eliminate all risks and their consequences efforts are constantly made to minimise such occurrences.

### **PCC organisational structure**

Each of the six churches within Wigan South parish have established committees, acting as sub-committees of the PCC. These committees are responsible for the operational management of the churches and church grounds.

### **Relationship of PCC with related trusts or charities**

PCC reports directly to the Joint Council of the Wigan Benefice.

### **Consideration of risks**

Financial risks have been significantly reduced with the continued use of centralised accounting software (My Fund Accounting) across the Parish. Each Church has a designated Assistant Treasurer with a Parish Treasurer reviewing their input and reporting consolidated results to the PCC. The Parish continues to be subject to Independent Examination. The Parish also benefits from the support of the wider Deanery where an appointed Finance committee has designed and led implementation of consistent financial controls across all Parishes. These Financial controls have been adopted in the Parish and new processes and controls continue to be implemented to meet these new guidelines.

Wigan Deanery Trust act as agents for Wigan South for weddings. The pay for vergers and organists has been standardised with those in place across the Deanery and are in line with Diocesan guidelines.

## 6. Reference & Administration Information

<b>Parish name and location</b>	The Parish of Wigan South within the Wigan Benefice
	The church is part of the Diocese of Liverpool within the Church of England
<b>Registered charity number</b>	1198588
<b>Parish correspondence address</b>	St Thomas Vicarage 18 Warrington Road Ashton in Makerfield Wigan WN4 9PL
<b>Telephone</b>	01942 728238

### Charity trustees on the PCC

#### *Ex-officio Members*

Name	Office	Dates acted (if not for whole year)
Jeremy Thomas	Team Vicar	
Sue Fulford	Team Vicar	
Sue Thomas	Curate	
Helen Weavers	Church Warden	
Paula Gillespie	Church Warden	
Dorothy Burgess	Deanery Synod	1 January to 24 May
Mansell High	Deanery Synod	
Sharon Liptrot	Deanery Synod	
Sue Neil	Deanery Synod	
Philip Stott	Deanery Synod	
Christine Wakefield	Deanery Synod	
Linda High	Deanery Synod	From 24 May
Sarah Riley	Treasurer (Co-opted)	

Tricia Hancox	Secretary (Co-opted)	
Neil Cook	Team Rector	
Steve Beck	Team Vicar	
David Brooke	Team Vicar	To Jan 2023
Dot Gosling	Team Vicar	
Stan Higginson	Team Vicar	
Sam Nicholson	Team Vicar	
Rachel Sheehan	Team Vicar	
Frances Shoesmith	Team Vicar	
Mark Wade	Team Vicar	
Fran Humphry	Team Vicar	
Roland Harvey	Team Vicar	From August

***Elected Members***

Name	Office	Dates acted (if not for whole year)
Stuart Barton	Elected PCC Member	
Jessica Bradley	Elected PCC Member	
Tony Card	Elected PCC Member	
Catherine Cloake	Elected PCC Member	
Jan Cornthwaite	Elected PCC Member	
Alex Finney	Elected PCC Member	
Lesley Hughes	Elected PCC Member	
Carole Pye	Elected PCC Member	
Joan Roberts	Elected PCC Member	
Rosalyn Unsworth	Elected PCC Member	
Lorraine Webb	Elected PCC Member	
Ethel Yates	Elected PCC Member	
Helen Weavers	Safeguarding Officer	
Vacancy	Electoral Roll Officer	
Tricia Hancox	PCC Secretary	

*Names and addresses of advisers*

Type of adviser	Name	Address
<b>Architect</b>	Schafer Associates	55 Belvedere Road Ashton in Makerfield Wigan, WN4 9PL
<b>Independent Examiner</b>	Rev'd A A Clements	15 Carleton Road, Great Knowley, Chorley Lancs, PR6 8TQ

**Bankers**

Church	Bank	Address
Holy Trinity	TSB	66 Gerard St Ashton in Makerfield Wigan WN4 9AH
St Thomas	Natwest	65 Gerard Street, Ashton in Makerfield, Wigan WN4 9AH
St Thomas	Triodos Bank	Deanery Road, Bristol, BS1 5AS
St Andrews	TSB	66 Gerard St Ashton in Makerfield Wigan WN4 9AH
St Lukes	Natwest	65 Gerard Street, Ashton in Makerfield, Wigan WN4 9AH
St Peters	Natwest	65 Gerard Street, Ashton in Makerfield, Wigan WN4 9AH
St Aidans	Natwest	4, Standishgate, Wigan, WN1 1UE
Wigan South	Lloyds	120 Lewisham high street, London SE13 6JG

At 31 December 2023 the Parish holds funds as custodian trustee including special collections and donations received on behalf of other charities totaling £3,231 (£9,231 at December 2022).

**Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees (PCC) by clergy and laity.

**Signature** 

**Full name** Jeremy Paul Thomas

**Position** Chair

**Date** 20/5/24



Paula Gillespie

Church Warden

20/5/24

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL  
of Wigan South  
Financial statements for the year ended  
31-Dec-23**

**Incumbent**

Rev'd Jeremy Thomas

**ChurchWardens**

Mrs Paula Gillespie

Mrs Helen Weavers

**Independent Examiner**

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**Independent Examiner's unqualified report to the members of  
the P.C.C. of the Parish of Wigan South.**

**Charity Commission Registration Number 1198588.**

**Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 as set out on pages 2 to 3 of this Report.**

**Respective responsibilities of the P.C.C. and the examiner.**

The P.C.C. members acting as the charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of the Independent Examiner's statement.**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission and the guidance published in PCC Accountability (The Charities Act 2011 and the P.C.C.), 5<sup>th</sup> edition). An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required for an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement.**

In connection with my examination, no material matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

I 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 is reached.

Signed. *Alan A Clements*  
Name Revd. A. A. Clements

Date 22nd. May 2024,

Fellow Association of Charity Independent Examiners.

Address 15 Carleton Road, Great Knowley, Chorley PR6 8TQ

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**Statement of Financial Activities**  
For the year ended 31 December 2023


		2023	2023	2023	2023	2022
	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total	Total
		£	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies		194,939	41,535		236,475	286,613
Income from charitable activities		34,088	1,810		35,898	32,660
Other trading activities		25,903	19,250		45,153	39,047
Investments		1,910	2,917		4,827	1,749
Other income		43,179	0		43,179	13,276
<b>Total income</b>	2	<b>300,019</b>	<b>65,512</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>365,532</b>	<b>373,344</b>
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds		297	246		543	396
Expenditure on charitable activities		299,450	35,688		335,138	408,883
Other expenditure						
<b>Total expenditure</b>	3	<b>299,747</b>	<b>35,934</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>335,681</b>	<b>409,279</b>
<b>Net income / (expenditure) resources before</b>		<b>272</b>	<b>29,579</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>29,851</b>	<b>(35,935)</b>
Transfers:						
Gross transfers between funds - in	9	7,246	4,541		11,787	40,947
Gross transfers between funds - out	9	(9,900)	(1,887)		(11,787)	(40,947)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains/losses on investment assets	5	3,740			3,740	(5,232)
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use						
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>1,358</b>	<b>32,233</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>33,591</b>	<b>(41,167)</b>
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		59,178	231,148	21,500	311,825	352,992
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	9	<b>60,536</b>	<b>263,381</b>	<b>21,500</b>	<b>345,417</b>	<b>311,825</b>

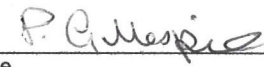
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**Balance Sheet  
as at 31 December 2023**

	Notes	As at 31/12/2023			As at 31/12/2022
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total £
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible Assets	4	-			-
<b>Current assets</b>					
Investments	5	43,153			43,153
Cash At Bank And In Hand		108,758	265,053	21,500	395,312
Debtors and accrued income	6	14,776	2,400		17,176
		<b>166,688</b>	<b>267,453</b>	<b>21,500</b>	<b>455,641</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	7	106,152	4,073		110,225
		<b>106,152</b>	<b>4,073</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>110,225</b>
<b>Net current assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>60,536</b>	<b>263,381</b>	<b>21,500</b>	<b>311,825</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>60,536</b>	<b>263,381</b>	<b>21,500</b>	<b>311,825</b>
<b>Total net assets less liabilities</b>	9	<b>60,536</b>	<b>263,381</b>	<b>21,500</b>	<b>311,825</b>

The Financial Statements were approved by the Parrochial Church Council on 23rd April 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Rev Jeremy Thomas  
Incumbent

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mrs Paula Gillespie  
Churchwarden

The notes on pages 5-9 form part of the financial statements

## **Notes to the Financial Statements**

### **1. Accounting Policies**

The Financial Statements of the P.C.C. have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations using the Accruals basis

The Financial Statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets which are shown at market value

#### **Funds**

Unrestricted funds represent funds that are not subject to any special restrictions regarding their use and are available for application to the general purposes of the PCC. These include funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC.

Restricted funds are funds that can only be used for a particular restricted purposes within the objects of the Church. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC can be held responsible. They do not include the accounts of other Church groups that owe an affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

#### **Incoming resources**

Collections are recognised when received on behalf of the PCC

Planned giving receivable under Gift aid is only recognised when received

Income tax recoverable of Gift Aid is estimated and recognised on an accruals basis

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain

Income from church Hall lettings is recognised at the point of use

#### **Resources Expended**

The diocesan parish share is accounted for when paid. Any Parish share unpaid at the year end is provided for in the accounts as an operational (though not legal) liability and is shown as a creditor on the Balance Sheet

Cost are allocated between direct charitable and other expenditure according to the nature of the cost. Where items involve more than one category, they are apportioned between the categories according to the nature of the cost

General liabilities are recognised when the goods or services have been received

#### **Assets**

The following assets are recognised but not necessarily valued in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities:

- Movable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal.

- Land and buildings held on behalf of the PCC.

- Other fixtures, fittings & office equipment where the PCC is free to dispose of such assets without faculty and where the original cost exceeded £1,000.

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by section 96(2) of the Charities Act 1993.

**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**2 : Analysis of Income**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2023**

	2023 Unrestricted £	2023 Restricted £	2023 Endowment £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>					
<b>Donations and legacies</b>					
Parish Giving Scheme	76,116	60		76,176	75,833
Bank (Standing Order)	11,943	7,925		19,868	18,066
Envelopes	20,764	-		20,764	20,120
Loose Plate collections	26,182	-		26,182	25,455
Retiring Collectiions	-	-		-	60
Donations	14,010	21,105		35,116	52,601
Gift Days	-	-		-	571
Giving through church boxes	239	-		239	-
Special or specific appeals etc	543	-		543	290
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	22,869	37		22,831	34,258
GASDS Tax relief	10,079	3,089		13,168	1,991
Legacies	500	2,549		3,049	39,564
Recurring grants	-	595		595	-
Non-recurring one-off grants	11,219	1,710		12,929	11,497
Fundraising (general)	474	4,540		5,014	10,287
	<b>194,939</b>	<b>41,535</b>	-	<b>236,475</b>	<b>286,613</b>
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Parish fee for wedding or funeral	32,725	-		32,725	29,711
Churchyard maintenance fee	-	-		-	0
Bookstall sales to promote objectives	-	-		-	0
Church hall lettings - objectives	-	-		-	740
Church event income	1,727	403		2,131	135
Branch organisations - receipts	-	1,407		1,407	2,074
	<b>34,452</b>	<b>1,810</b>	0	<b>36,262</b>	<b>32,660</b>
<b>Other trading activities</b>					
Fundraising	1,473	6,179		7,651	6,185
Bookstall sales - fund raising	1,004	620		1,624	3,044
Church hall lettings - fund raising	16,094	653		16,747	14,225
Magazine income - advertising	675	-		675	644
Parish magazine sales	3,346	-		3,346	3,274
Other funds generated	2,947	11,798		14,744	11,675
	<b>25,539</b>	<b>19,250</b>	-	<b>44,789</b>	<b>39,047</b>
<b>Investments</b>					
Rent from leased land or buildings	-	775		775	-
Dividends from shares	1,099	-		1,099	1,093
Bank and building society interest	263	701		964	177
CBF Deposit account interest	548	1,441		1,990	479
	<b>1,910</b>	<b>2,917</b>	-	<b>4,827</b>	<b>1,749</b>
<b>Other income</b>					
Insurance claims	43,179	0		43,179	13,276
Surplus - sales of fixed assets	0	0		0	-
	<b>43,179</b>	<b>0</b>	0	<b>43,179</b>	<b>13,276</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>300,019</b>	<b>65,512</b>	-	<b>365,532</b>	<b>373,344</b>

**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**3 : Analysis of Expenditure**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2023**

	2023 Unrestricted	2023 Restricted	2023 Endowment	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
<b>Raising funds</b>				
Fees paid to fundraisers				
Costs of applying for grants				
Costs of giving envelopes and stewardship campaigns	67	-	67	181
Costs of fundraising events	230	246	476	215
Investment management costs				
	<b>297</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>396</b>
<b>Charitable activities</b>				
Giving to missionary societies	4,200	-	4,200	-
Giving - relief and development agencies	224	9,600	9,824	10,364
Home mission	5,580	4,040	9,620	4,038
Secular charities	2,725	365	2,360	460
Deanery Share	204,127	-	204,127	208,787
Assistant staff costs (Lay/Youth Workers etc.)	-	-	-	-
Salary of organist	1,050	-	1,050	1,290
PAYE, NI & Pension - Parish Admin & Support staff	112	-	112	32
Cleaner wage (church building)	-	-	-	-
Clergy working expenses	1,411	-	1,411	2,003
Council tax (clergy housing)	358	-	358	1,734
Housing expenses (clergy)	4,800	-	4,800	4,800
Water rates (clergy housing)	572	-	572	536
Telephone and broadband (clergy housing)	489	-	489	-
Sermon preparation materials and resources	-	-	-	-
Clergy training courses and education materials	-	-	-	49
Reader expenses and subscriptions	-	-	-	150
Visiting speakers / locums	99	-	99	196
Parish mission and evangelism costs	179	-	179	120
Alpha course costs etc.	-	-	-	-
Sunday School & Junior Church costs	67	940	1,007	1,051
Youth & Confirmation groups/organisations	512	-	512	366
General Mission/Support activities	763	719	1,482	1,512
Insurance premiums (church building)	6,709	-	6,709	5,651
Telephone (church building or office)	442	-	442	442
Organ / piano tuning and maintenance	590	216	806	17,202
Church building maintenance (routine)	4,259	4,568	8,828	6,740
Cleaning materials & equipment (church building)	235	143	378	329
Church equipment costs	880	1,573	2,453	-
Upkeep of services	4,721	120	4,841	4,855
Church consumable items	810	132	942	1,075
Upkeep of churchyard	9,555	1,624	11,180	22,559
Administration costs for parish	1,277	-	1,277	1,143
Governance costs & examination/audit fee	200	-	200	200
Banking charges	764	-	764	578
Church building - electric	8,284	100	8,384	5,561
Church building - gas	15,736	-	15,736	15,291
Church building - water	1,777	-	1,777	1,412
Church building - oil (heating system)	-	-	-	-
Magazine expenses including printing costs	2,838	-	2,838	3,018
Bookstall costs including new stock	-	-	-	-
Other Funds Expenses	-	-	-	-

Hall/Other building - oil (heating system)	-	-	-	-
Hall/Other building - electricity	7,002	-	7,002	2,381
Hall/Other building - gas	935	-	935	509
Hall/Other building - insurance premiums	-	-	-	-
Hall/Other building - maintenance (routine)	473	75	548	617
Hall/Other building - telephone and broadband	356	-	356	263
Hall/Other building - water rates	2,732	-	2,732	616
Hall/Other building - consumables	-	-	-	1,290
Hall/Other building - cleaning costs	-	-	-	26
PAYE, NI & Pension - Hall/Community centre staff	-	-	-	-
Branch Organisation - payments	-	2,734	2,734	7,028
Church building major repairs - structure	780	525	1,305	58,526
Church building major repairs - installation	828	8,943	9,771	14,200
Church building interior and exterior decorating	-	-	-	-
Hall/Other building major repairs - structure	-	-	-	-
Hall/Other building major repairs - installation	-	-	-	-
Hall/Other building interior and exterior decorating	-	-	-	-
Other PCC property upkeep	-	-	-	-
New building - house for clergy	-	-	-	-
New building Church	-	-	-	-
New building Hall	-	-	-	-
	<b>299,450</b>	<b>35,688</b>	<b>335,138</b>	<b>408,883</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>299,747</b>	<b>35,934</b>	<b>335,681</b>	<b>409,279</b>

**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2023**

**4. Tangible Assets**

	Freehold Land and buildings £	Church Equipment £	Total £
Cost of Valuation as at 1 January 2023	-		-
Additions Disposals			
Disposals			
Depreciation			
<b>as at 31 December 2023</b>	-		-

*Freehold land & buildings relates to the curates house at 79 Greenfields Crescent which was sold in Jan 2021 and the Church Hall at St Thomas Ashton-in-Makerfield*

**5. Investments**

	01-Jan-23 £	Revaluation £	31-Dec-23 £
Share investments			
Moyers fund 1	29,771	2,825	32,597
Moyers Fund 2	6,937	658	7,595
St Peters	2,705	256	2,961
<b>Total</b>	<b>39,413</b>	<b>3,740</b>	<b>43,153</b>

**6. Debtors and accrued income**

	31-Dec-23 £	31-Dec-22 £
Hall and other rental	703	4,693
Unbanked deposits	767	1,509
Parish Fees owed	1,256	
Gift aid to be claimed	14,450	25,239
	<b>17,176</b>	<b>31,440</b>

**7. Creditors - Amounts falling due within one year**

	31-Dec-23 £	31-Dec-22 £
Utility costs	7,441	5,697
Deanery share	95,910	77,729
Other expenses	3,443	2,315
Agency collections	3,231	8,231
Independent Examiner fees	200	200
	<b>110,225</b>	<b>94,172</b>

**8. Staff costs**

	For the year ended	31-Dec-23 £	31-Dec-22 £
Wages & Salaries		1,162	1,258
Social Security Costs			-
Pension Costs			-
		<b>1,162</b>	<b>1,258</b>

The expenses paid to clergy may include a small immaterial proportion which relates to their function as a P.C.C. member.

No payments were made to P.C.C. members for acting as P.C.C. members.

**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**9 : Fund movement summary**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2023**

Funds	Fund balances b fwd	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Fund balances C w f d
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted</b>						
Designated - St Aidan B: General	(473)	74,375	71,710	1,246	3,484	6,922
Designated - St Andrew G: General	11,221	26,346	21,204			16,363
Designated - St Luke SC: General	4,333	17,007	6,514			14,826
Designated - St Peter B: General	(32,426)	30,563	45,016		257	(46,622)
Designated - Holy Trinity AiM: General	8,600	39,003	34,631			12,972
Designated - St Thomas AiM: General	45,065	107,769	107,272	(6,000)		39,562
Designated - St Thomas AiM: Charities Fund	17,484		12,300	2,100		7,284
Designated - St Luke SC: Legacy Fund	1,077					1,077
Designated - St Aidan B: Childrens work		139				139
Designated - St Thomas AiM Sunday coffee (Farsi Services)	123	954	318			759
Designated - Wigan South: General	4,173	3,862	781			7,254
<b>Total Unrestricted</b>	<b>59,178</b>	<b>300,019</b>	<b>299,747</b>	<b>(2,654)</b>	<b>3,740</b>	<b>60,536</b>
<b>Restricted</b>						
Restricted - St Aidan B: Building Fund	67		477	410		0
Restricted - St Aidan B: Boiler Fund	650	280		(120)		810
Restricted - St Aidan B: Choral Fund	200					200
Restricted - St Aidan B: Churchyard	0	665	813	148		0
Restricted - St Aidan B: Religious Education	16,159					16,159
Restricted - St Aidan B: Floodlights	0	100	100			0
Restricted - St Aidan B: Flowers	18	173	14	84		261
Restricted - St Aidan B: John Edleston Trust	1,431	1,200	560			2,071
Restricted - St Aidan B: Memorial Stone	1,051	14	424	(641)		0
Restricted - St Aidan B: Organ Restoration fund	1,839	306	216	(1,096)		833
Restricted - St Aidan B: Pantry	0	4,243	2,351	(30)		1,862
Restricted - St Aidan B: Puppet Ministry	391		384			7
Restricted - St Andrew G: Dementia Café	3,054	125	719			2,460
Restricted - St Andrew G: Maintenance Fund	5,420	4,326	3,852			5,895
Restricted - Holy Trinity AiM: Allotments	0	775				775
Restricted - Holy Trinity AiM: Churchyard	431	99	18			512
Restricted - Holy Trinity AiM: Upkeep Of Specific Grave Plot	2,140	100	4			2,236
Restricted - Holy Trinity AiM: Compassion Fund	130	700	672			158
Restricted - Holy Trinity AiM: Restoration Fund	2,294	2,349	810			3,834
Restricted - St Luke SC: Building Fund	6,097	74				6,171
Restricted - St Luke SC: Education Fund	19,027	822				19,849
Restricted - St Peter B: Fabric (Fixtures & Fittings)	103					103
Restricted - St Peter B: Flower Fund	0					0
Restricted - St Peter B: Maintenance Fund	6,363					6,363
Restricted - St Peter B: Property	5					5
Restricted - St Peter B: Roof Fund	4,139					4,139
Restricted - St Peter B: Youth	80					80
Restricted - Wigan South: Oasis Project	4,245					4,245
Restricted - St Thomas AiM: Bowling Club	1,137		216			920
Restricted - St Thomas AiM: Children And Young People	581	377	69			889
Restricted - St Thomas AiM: Thursday Coffee Fund	3,096	608	175			3,529
Restricted - St Thomas AiM: Tuesday Coffee Fund	9,782	862				10,644
Restricted - St Thomas AiM: Duke Of Edinburgh Fund	1,765		1,765			0
Restricted - St Thomas AiM: FFF Audio Visual	131	310	90			351
Restricted - St Thomas AiM: FFF Heating Fund	9,101	958	8,943			1,116
Restricted - St Thomas AiM: Flower Guild	1,332	388	477			1,242
Restricted - St Thomas AiM: Food Ministry	33,741	21,043		2,000		56,784
Restricted - St Thomas AiM: HR Graveyard	2,136	2,960	367			4,729
Restricted - St Thomas AiM: HR Legacy	79,203	1,549				80,752
Restricted - St Thomas AiM: Building Maintenance Fund	3,700	2,199				5,899
Restricted - St Thomas AiM: Organ Fund	1,007					1,007
Restricted - St Thomas AiM: Pantry Energyy Grant (Asda)		1,500				1,500
Restricted - St Thomas AiM: Weenies	278	444	275			448
Restricted - St Thomas AiM: Warm Spaces	330	1,805	964			1,171
Restricted - St Thomas AiM: Youth Work	5,892		75			5,817
Restricted - Holy Trinity AiM: Children & Family Mission	1,219	6	263			962
Restricted - Holy Trinity AiM: Heating Fund						
Restricted - St Thomas AiM: Churchyard	5,819	895				6,714
Restricted - St Thomas AiM: Church Hall	12,021		75			11,946
Restricted - St Thomas AiM: Africa	2,148	11,261	9,600	900		4,708
Restricted - St Thomas AiM: Asylum	2,894	1,997	1,803	1,000		4,089
<b>Total Restricted</b>	<b>252,647</b>	<b>65,512</b>	<b>36,571</b>	<b>2,654</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>284,243</b>

**Independent Examiner's unqualified report to the members of  
the P.C.C. of the Parish of Wigan South.**

**Charity Commission Registration Number 1198588.**

**Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 as set out on pages 2 to 3 of this  
Report.**

**Respective responsibilities of the P.C.C. and the examiner.**

The P.C.C. members acting as the charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act  
to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity  
Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and  
to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of the Independent Examiner's statement.**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission and the guidance published in PCC Accountability (The Charities Act 2011 and the P.C.C.), 5<sup>th</sup> edition). An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required for an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement.**

In connection with my examination, no material matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act, or  
the accounts do not accord to the accounting records.

I 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 is reached.

Signed. *Alan A Clements* Date 22nd. May 2024,  
Name Revd. A. A. Clements

Fellow Association of Charity Independent Examiners.

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**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF WIGAN SOUTH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1198588

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# Accounts

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# **The Parish of Wigan South**

**Trustees' Annual Report  
for the year ended 2022**

# **1.Aims and Purpose & Objectives and Activities**

The general functions of the PCC are stated within section 2 of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956.

Wigan South Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC is also responsible for the maintenance of:

- Holy Trinity Church, Downall Green
- St Aidan's Church, Billinge
- St Andrew's Church, Garswood
- St Luke's Church, Stubshaw Cross
- St Thomas Church, Ashton in Makerfield
- St Thomas Church Hall, Ashton in Makerfield

When planning our objectives for the year, the PCC gave consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

## **High level objectives for 2023**

### **Refresh schedule to continue**

- Continue the review of mission and ministry, discipleship, leadership and pastoral support in each worshipping community

### **Fresh worship communities**

- Planting pipeline to recommence including a timeline and plans for starting new worship communities

### **Schools and families**

- Continue to develop teams in schools to support church/school activities
- Develop further support for families

## **Food Ministry**

- Continue to seek grants and funding to open the kitchen and to develop St Thomas Church Hall in order to further develop the work of the Ashton Pantry
- Establish a Food Pantry in Billinge based at St Aidan's Church

## **Regular Sunday services**

We are worshipping in our church buildings but have continued a telephone call-in service at 9.30am.

Significant support and leadership from our lay leaders and teams, along with retired ministers Rev Kelvin Bolton and Rev David Hamlett

Church Wigan continued to offer online morning and evening prayer along with a streamed Sunday service, The Well.

## **Pastoral Care**

Pastoral support was provided by the team of ministers, lay and ordained.

## **Occasional offices**

In Wigan South parish we conducted 10 weddings and 1 renewal of vows. There were 80 baptisms.

We conducted 110 funerals in 2022 in church, crematorium and at graveside.

## **Outreach**

Our community outreach included: asylum seeker and refugee support (English language classes, home visiting, weekly drop-ins), food provision from Ashton Pantry, holiday meals for school children, Christmas and Easter hampers, dementia support group.

## **Prayer**

We continued to hold our communities in prayer, with many prayer initiatives e.g. Wigan South prayer online group, local church prayer groups, prayer chains, prayer walks. We joined with Church Wigan in the national Thy Kingdom Come prayer initiative.

## **Children and Young People**

Our Pioneer Chaplain continued her valued role in Byrchall High School.

StA's4All met at St Aidan's. St Aidan's . The 'Beacon' family service continues, attracting children and families linked to St Aidan's school.

Holy Trinity have established an after-school group called Rock Solid. It is well attended, with a waiting list.

## **Electoral Roll**

The Electoral Roll has 418 members. 1 member left the roll in 2022.

## **Charitable giving**

Wigan South supports charities in Africa through a dedicated group who fundraise at St Thomas's. The group is then able to send regular monthly donations to both the Tear Fund charity to support water aid projects as well as to Biojemms, a charity supporting children and young people in Uganda.

Each year St Thomas and St Luke's Church also set aside monies to be donated to both religious and non-religious charities. This is based on 10% of the planned giving and loose plate collections for the year, calculated and designated for charitable giving at the end of each financial year. The funds for 2020 and 2021 are still yet to be distributed along with a further £6,000 designated in 2022, hence the charities designated account has remained higher than usual (£17k) at the end of 2022. These funds will be distributed in 2023.

## **Legacy Policy**

As planned we established a formal and consistent Legacy policy across the South Parish during 2022 and have actively promoted giving through wills.

## **2.Achievements and Performance**

During 2022 we continued to focus on our objectives and purpose.

We continue to look to refresh our worship communities. Local Lay Leaders meet regularly with their lay teams. LML's met bi-weekly online with parish clergy to support one another in coordinated planning. Local church leadership teams and committees played a significant role in developing the worship patterns over the year.

We continue to build up our relationships with our other church schools developing teams to support the 4 church primary schools. During the year we have held Experience Christmas, Carol Services, Nativity Services and end of year services in our churches, welcoming children and families. Volunteers from our churches have worked with our primary schools to provide Prayer Spaces, groups for Year 6 children moving onto High School and confirmation

classes. Church members have funded the purchase of bibles which have been presented to school leavers.

Ashton Pantry has continued its work supported by a team of volunteers. It continues to seek grants and funding to enable the further development of the Pantry including offering cookery classes. It is the base for Pantry Parcels, food provided to families on referral from local agencies. Holiday packed lunches are also made to be distributed to families with children who receive free school meals. In 2022 a team of volunteers came together with the aim of establishing a Pantry in Billinge based at St Aidan's.

Churches continue to work within their communities, building up relationships with local councilors and local people. Churches were open for the National Day of Reflection following the death of Queen Elizabeth II. They have joined in with community events such as Picnic in the Park, Civic Remembrance Day events, Jubilee events and fundraising for local charities. They also host a number of friendship groups, English classes, refugee and asylum seeker support groups and a Dementia Support Group.

Church ministers provided significant support for funerals, within the parish and further across Church Wigan. We have conducted a number of weddings and baptisms, welcoming many families to our services.

The prayers of our worship communities and their members, individually, in prayer groups and prayer chains supported the significant personal, community and national needs throughout the year.

In Wigan South churches, Church Wigan, out in our community and in jobs and organisations, our church members have once again given hundreds of hours of time and energy each week. We have relied on the gifts and talents of so many people to do God's work in 2022. We thank Him for our church members' tireless energy and selfless dedication to their faith in Jesus and how they live out the reality of our personal and church values.

### **3. Financial review**

The Wigan South Parish recorded total income for the year to 31 December 2022 of £373k, £288k of which was into unrestricted funds. This is compared with total income of £476k in 2021, however the previous year included £133k exceptional income from the sale of a property during the year so underlying income has increased by c£30k, however income still remains lower than pre Covid levels.

The total expenditure for 2022 totaled £409k, of which £128k was from restricted funds for exceptional expenditure on the replacement of St Aidan's memorial stone and organ repairs as well as the completion of the St Thomas re-order started in 2021. All of this expenditure was supported by targeted fundraising. The underlying general (unrestricted) expenditure for 2022 of £281k compares to £254k in 2021 (after deducting the exceptional expenditure on the St Thomas re-order of £267k and other restricted fund expenditure in 2021).

Overall, the Parish recorded a deficit of income to expenditure of £36k in the year. Taking unrestricted funds only, which better represents the day to day funds available for church running costs, the Parish recorded a small surplus of £8k. This is actually a deterioration on 2021 when this surplus was £42k given that running costs have generally returned to pre pandemic levels, whilst income is still struggling to recover after the covid disruption.

The Parish also recognised a negative revaluation of investment assets of -£5k, bringing the overall movement in funds/reserves for the year to -£41k, Taking account of funds brought forward of £353k, this leaves a carried forward fund value of £311k ( this made up of £59k in unrestricted funds and £231k in restricted funds).

## **Income**

The key source of consistent income this year has been the giving through Parish Giving Scheme which represented £76k of the total income for the Parish (£79k in 2021). Because of the automated nature of this giving - it was not impacted significantly by the effects of the pandemic. Bank standing orders have recovered slightly rising to £18k from £15k in 2021 but giving through envelopes has stayed at 2021 levels of c.£20k despite churches fully reopening. Loose plate collections have recovered to £25k (£18k in 2021) whilst donations have remained relatively static at £52k (£55k 2021).

With increased promotion of legacies this year, the Parish received 3 legacies totaling £40k and also received non-recurring grants of £11k - largely VAT refunds from the Listed Places of worship grant scheme of the completion of works at St Thomas' £8k as well as £3k for the Pantry and children's holiday lunch provision.

Parish fees for weddings and funerals remained below pre pandemic levels at £29k, largely due to a lower volume of wedding ceremonies.

Many of the church organisations such as Duke of Edinburgh, Boys Brigade have not reopened after the pandemic although income did recover slightly to £2k (£8k pre pandemic).

Other trading/fundraising activities recovered in 2021 and with church /church hall lettings doubling to £14k and magazine sales recovering to £3k allowing it to cover its costs again. Other funds generated has increased to £11k including new income from letting an area of the car park at St Thomas church hall £4k and the activities of the Pantry which was fully launched during the year and is thriving.

## **Expenditure**

The main expenditure item continued to be the Deanery share at £208k (of which £77k is accrued as unpaid).

Other significant expenditure items included the exceptional expenditure on organ repairs at £16k. The cost of upkeeping the churchyards also increased to £22k as a result of one-off costs associated with wall repairs and tree removal, along with the purchase of a replacement memorial stone at St Aidan's. The Parish also introduced new costs associated with supporting housing for the Team Rector and curates across the deanery totaling £4.8k, previously included as an uplift to Parish Share.

Other running costs have increased in line with churches being fully open again this year. Energy costs have increased the most due to the underlying price increases in the market.

Insurance costs remained flat at £5k, as a result of bulk buying via Wigan Deanery Trust.

We are pleased that despite overall income levels not recovering as much as expected, our 'givers' to specific missional activities have been able to maintain their support for key project such as our Africa fund which supports educational and water projects. Fundraising for specific items such as organ repairs has also been well supported, although 2023 will need a refocus on unrestricted giving (General funds) to ensure we have funds for the day-to-day running of all the churches within Wigan South.

## **Reserves**

The reserves policy operated by the Parish is to maintain a balance in general funds (ie unrestricted funds) per church building of c £5,000 to cover any unexpected expenditure and any incoming utility bills etc. A designated fund is held for each church building in the Parish to monitor this balance. Some churches have fallen below this level, but this has been the result of accruing Parish Share debt owed by 2 churches in the Parish totaling £77k. The Parish share has not been paid due to insufficient cash reserves but the churches remain committed to paying as much Parish share as they are able and we are looking at ways to better distribute the Parish share burden among our churches in the coming year.

## **4. Plans for the future**

Key objectives and activities planned:

### **Continue to Refresh our worship communities**

- Review of mission and ministry, discipleship, leadership in each worshipping community

### **Fresh worship communities**

- Review our planting pipeline including a timeline and plans for starting new worship communities

### **Pastoral Support**

- Build pastoral support teams for all worship communities
- Bereavement support

## **Schools and families**

- Continue to develop teams in schools to support church/school activities
- Develop further support for families

## **Food Pantry**

- Establish a Food Pantry in Billinge based at St Aidan's church

# **5. Structure, governance and management**

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) operates under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 and the Church Representation Rules.

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

PCC members are appointed in accordance with the Church of England Representation Rules 2020 and are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. All those who attend are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. Individual members of the PCC receive external training as and when deemed appropriate by the PCC.

## **Standing Committee**

The members of the Standing Committee are: Jeremy Thomas (Hub Leader), Sue Fulford (AHL), Helen Weavers (Church Warden), Paula Gillespie (Church Warden), Sarah Riley (PCC Treasurer), Tricia Hancox (PCC Secretary)

Standing committee is the only committee required by law and has the power to transact PCC Business between PCC meetings and consider strategic issues which may affect the parish.

Day to Day management of the churches was exercised by the Church Committees under the oversight of PCC, with support from Church Wardens, Standing Committee, Local Missional Leaders and Clergy.

## **Policies and procedures adopted**

PCC has adopted Wigan Benefice policies for recruitment of PCC members.

It is considered that all PCC members and any others who could be understood to be 'leaders' in the activities and affairs of the church - as defined in Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 - have completed declarations confirming that they are 'fit and proper' persons under the terms of the Finance Act 2020'.

In following the PCC 's aims and objectives members of the PCC have had regard to the Charity Commission published guidance in complying with their duty as expressed in Section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 on Public Benefit'. In service training is available to PCC members when required.

The PCC recognises that it is responsible to carry out a Risk Assessment relating to its buildings. It's Health and Safety Policy, covering activities both for the churches and other buildings it is responsible for, is reviewed on a regular basis. Accident Books are maintained. The contents and obligations of the Equality Act 2010 and the 2018 General Data Protection Regulation are known and complied with to the best of the PCC 's liability. The PCC is aware of its responsibilities in respect of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order of 2005 and is advised at Benefice level by Church Wigan Core Services.

There is a Safeguarding Policy in place in respect of vulnerable adults and children. Checks are made with the Disclosure and Barring Service in respect of persons dealing regularly with young people and vulnerable adults. The PCC appointed officer for this is Helen Weavers. Whilst it is impossible to eliminate all risks and their consequences efforts are constantly made to minimise such occurrences.

### **PCC organisational structure**

Each of the six churches within Wigan South parish have established committees, acting as sub-committees of the PCC. These committees are responsible for the operational management of the churches and church grounds.

### **Relationship of PCC with related trusts or charities**

PCC reports directly to the Joint Council of the Wigan Benefice.

### **Consideration of risks**

Financial risks have been significantly reduced with the continued use of centralised accounting software (My Fund Accounting) across the Parish. Each Church has a designated Assistant Treasurer with a Parish Treasurer reviewing their input and reporting consolidated results to the PCC. The Parish continues to be subject to Independent Examination. The Parish also benefits from the support of the wider Deanery where an appointed Finance committee has designed and led implementation of consistent financial controls across all Parishes. These Financial controls have been adopted in the Parish and new processes and controls continue to be implemented to meet these new guidelines.

Wigan Deanery Trust act as agents for Wigan South for weddings. The pay for vergers and organists has been standardised with those in place across the Deanery and are in line with Diocesan guidelines.

## 6. Reference & Administration Information

<b>Parish name and location</b>	The Parish of Wigan South within the Wigan Benefice
	The church is part of the Diocese of Liverpool within the Church of England
<b>Registered charity number</b>	1198588
<b>Parish correspondence address</b>	St Thomas Vicarage 18 Warrington Road Ashton in Makerfield Wigan WN4 9PL
<b>Telephone</b>	01942 727275

### Charity trustees on the PCC

#### *Ex-officio Members*

Name	Office	Dates acted (if not for whole year)
Jeremy Thomas	Team Vicar	
Sue Fulford	Team Vicar	
Helen Weavers	Church Warden	
Paula Gillespie	Church Warden	
Dorothy Burgess	Deanery Synod	
Mansell High	Deanery Synod	
Sharon Liptrot	Deanery Synod	
Sue Neil	Deanery Synod	
Philip Stott	Deanery Synod	
Christine Wakefield	Deanery Synod	
Sarah Riley	Treasurer (Co-opted)	
Tricia Hancox	Secretary (Co-opted)	

Philip Anderson	Team Vicar	
Steve Beck	Team Vicar	
David Brooke	Team Vicar	
Neil Cook	Team Rector	
Will Gibbons	Team Vicar	
Dot Gosling	Team Vicar	
Dawn Harrison	Team Vicar	
Stan Higginson	Team Vicar	
Sam Nicholson	Team Vicar	
Tina Nicholson	Team Vicar	
Rachel Sheehan	Team Vicar	
Frances Shoesmith	Team Vicar	
Ann Stein	Team Vicar	
Mark Wade	Team Vicar	

***Elected Members***

Name	Office	Dates acted (if not for whole year)
Stuart Barton	Elected PCC Member	
Jessica Bradley	Elected PCC Member	
Tony Card	Elected PCC Member	
Catherine Cloake	Elected PCC Member	
Jan Cornthwaite	Elected PCC Member	
Alex Finney	Elected PCC Member	
Lesley Hughes	Elected PCC Member	
Carole Pye	Elected PCC Member	
Joan Roberts	Elected PCC Member	
Rosalyn Unsworth	Elected PCC Member	
Lorraine Webb	Elected PCC Member	
Ethel Yates	Elected PCC Member	

Name	Office	Dates acted (if not for whole year)
Helen Weavers	Safeguarding Officer	
Sue Thomas	Electoral Roll Officer	
Tricia Hancox	PCC Secretary	

*Names and addresses of advisers*

Type of adviser	Name	Address
<b>Architect</b>	Schafer Associates	55 Belvedere Road Ashton in Makerfield Wigan WN4 9PL
<b>Independent Examiner</b>	Rev'd A A Clements	15 Carleton Road, Great Knowley, Chorley Lancs, PR6 8TQ

**Bankers**


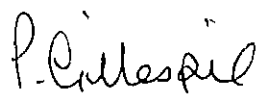
Church	Bank	Address
Holy Trinity	TSB	66 Gerard St Ashton in Makerfield Wigan WN4 9AH
St Thomas	Natwest	65 Gerard Street, Ashton in Makerfield, Wigan WN4 9AH
St Thomas	Triodos Bank	Deanery Road, Bristol, BS1 5AS
St Andrews	TSB	66 Gerard St Ashton in Makerfield Wigan WN4 9AH
St Lukes	Natwest	65 Gerard Street, Ashton in Makerfield, Wigan WN4 9AH
St Peters	Natwest	65 Gerard Street, Ashton in Makerfield, Wigan WN4 9AH
St Aidans	Natwest	4, Standishgate, Wigan, WN1 1UE

At 31 December 2021 the Parish holds funds as custodian trustee including special collections and donations received on behalf of other charities totaling £8,231 (£4,055 at December 2020).

## Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees (PCC) by clergy and laity.

Signature		
Full name	Jeremy Paul Thomas	Paula Gillespie
Position	Chair	Church Warden
Date	22/5/2023	

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL  
of Wigan South  
Financial statements for the year ended  
31-Dec-22**

**Incumbent**

Rev'd Jeremy Thomas

**ChurchWardens**

Mrs Paula Gillespie

Mrs Helen Weavers

**Independent Examiner**

Rev'd A. A Clements MA, ACIB, FCIE

15 Carleton Road

Great Knowley

Chorley

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**Independent Examiner's report  
to the PCC of Wigan South  
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

This report of the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 1 to 9, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act')

**Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner**

The P.C.C. members acting as the charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of the independent Examiner's statement.**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission and the guidance published in PCC Accountability (The Charities Act 2011 and the P.C.C.), 5th edition). An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required for an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no material matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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

I 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

*Alan A Clements Rev'd*

Date *23rd May 2023*

Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners

Name: Rev'd A. A Clements

Address : 15 Carleton Road, Great Knowley, Chorley, Lancs, PR6 8TQ

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**Statement of Financial Activities**  
For the year ended 31 December 2022

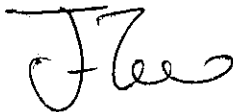
		2022	2022	2022	2022	2021
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Total
		funds	funds	funds		
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies		216,312	70,301		286,613	287,663
Income from charitable activities		30,586	2,074		32,660	33,475
Other trading activities		27,027	12,020		39,047	16,929
Investments		1,822	127		1,749	1,234
Other income		13,276	0		13,276	136,665
<b>Total income</b>	2	<b>288,822</b>	<b>84,522</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>373,344</b>	<b>475,966</b>
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds		396			396	364
Expenditure on charitable activities		280,885	127,998		408,883	570,351
Other expenditure					0	-
<b>Total expenditure</b>	3	<b>281,281</b>	<b>127,998</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>409,279</b>	<b>570,715</b>
<b>Net income / (expenditure) resources before</b>		<b>7,541</b>	<b>(43,476)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(35,935)</b>	<b>(94,749)</b>
Transfers:						
Gross transfers between funds - in	9	8,000	34,947		40,947	137,725
Gross transfers between funds - out	9	(39,564)	(1,383)		(40,947)	(137,725)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains/losses on investment assets	5	(5,232)			(5,232)	5,612
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use						
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(31,255)</b>	<b>(9,912)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(41,167)</b>	<b>(89,137)</b>
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		90,433	241,059	21,500	352,992	442,129
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	9	<b>59,178</b>	<b>231,148</b>	<b>21,500</b>	<b>311,825</b>	<b>352,992</b>

The notes on pages 5-9 form part of the financial statements

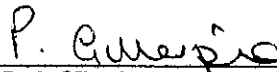
**Balance Sheet**  
**as at 31 December 2022**

	Notes	As at 31/12/2022			As at 31/12/2021	
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowmen t	Total	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>						
Tangible Assets	4	-				-
<b>Current assets</b>						
Investments	5	39,413			39,413	44,845
Cash At Bank And In Hand		81,764	231,880	21,500	336,144	321,456
Debtors and accrued Income	6	23,942	7,499		31,440	25,785
		<u>145,119</u>	<u>239,379</u>	<u>21,500</u>	<u>405,997</u>	<u>391,866</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>						
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	7	85,941	8,231		94,172	38,874
		<u>85,941</u>	<u>8,231</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>94,172</u>	<u>38,874</u>
<b>Net current assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>59,178</u>	<u>231,148</u>	<u>21,500</u>	<u>311,825</u>	<u>352,992</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>59,178</u>	<u>231,148</u>	<u>21,500</u>	<u>311,825</u>	<u>352,992</u>
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The Financial Statements were approved by the Parrochial Church Council on 25th April 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Rev Jeremy Thomas  
Incumbent



Mrs Paula Gillespie  
Churchwarden

The notes on pages 5-9 form part of the financial statements

# Notes to the Financial Statements

## 1. Accounting Policies

The Financial Statements of the P.C.C. have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations using the Accruals basis

The Financial Statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets which are shown at market value

### Funds

Unrestricted funds represent funds that are not subject to any special restrictions regarding their use and are available for application to the general purposes of the PCC. These include funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC.

Restricted funds are funds that can only be used for a particular restricted purposes within the objects of the Church. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC can be held responsible. They do not include the accounts of other Church groups that owe an affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

### Incoming resources

Collections are recognised when received on behalf of the PCC

Planned giving receivable under Gift aid is only recognised when received

Income tax recoverable of Gift Aid is recognised only when received

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain

Income from church Hall lettings is recognised at the point of use

### Resources Expended

The diocesan parish share is accounted for when paid. Any Parish share unpaid at the year end is provided for in the accounts as an operational (though not legal) liability and is shown as a creditor on the Balance Sheet

Cost are allocated between direct charitable and other expenditure according to the nature of the cost. Where items involve more than one category, they are apportioned between the categories according to the nature of the cost

General liabilities are recognised when the goods or services have been received

### Assets

The following assets are recognised but not necessarily valued in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities:

- Movable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal.

- Land and buildings held on behalf of the PCC.

- Other fixtures, fittings & office equipment where the PCC is free to dispose of such assets without faculty and where the original cost exceeded £1,000.

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by section 96(2) of the Charities Act 1993.

**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**2 : Analysis of Income**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2022**

	2022 Unrestricted £	2022 Restricted £	2022 Endowment £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>					
<b>Donations and legacies</b>					
Parish Giving Scheme	75,773	60		75,833	78,545
Bank (Standing Order)	10,541	7,525		18,066	15,483
Envelopes	20,120	-		20,120	20,515
Loose Plate collections	25,298	157		25,455	17,720
Retiring Collections	60	-		60	344
Donations	17,361	35,240		52,601	55,699
Gift Days	571	-		571	-
Giving through church boxes	-	-		-	218
Special or specific appeals etc	290	-		290	900
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	30,135	4,123		34,258	42,070
GASDS Tax relief	- 1,991	-	-	1,991	4,729
Legacies	34,564	5,000		39,564	5,000
Recurring grants	-	-		-	-
Non-recurring one-off grants	-	11,497		11,497	42,368
Fundraising (general)	3,590	6,698		10,287	4,072
	<b>216,312</b>	<b>70,301</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>286,613</b>	<b>287,663</b>
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Parish fee for wedding or funeral	29,711	-		29,711	31,464
Churchyard maintenance fee	-	-		-	0
Bookstall sales to promote objectives	-	-		-	0
Church hall lettings - objectives	740	-		740	486
Church event income	135	-		135	620
Branch organisations - receipts	-	2,074		2,074	905
	<b>30,586</b>	<b>2,074</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32,660</b>	<b>33,475</b>
<b>Other trading activities</b>					
Fundraising	1,363	4,821		6,185	1,672
Bookstall sales - fund raising	2,211	834		3,044	85
Church hall lettings - fund raising	14,225	-		14,225	8,070
Magazine income - advertising	644	-		644	350
Parish magazine sales	3,274	-		3,274	1,124
Other funds generated	5,310	6,365		11,675	5,629
	<b>27,027</b>	<b>12,020</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>39,047</b>	<b>16,929</b>
<b>Investments</b>					
Dividends from shares	1,093	-		1,093	1,057
Bank and building society interest	52	125		177	63
CBF Deposit account interest	477	2		479	113
	<b>1,622</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,749</b>	<b>1,233</b>
<b>Other Income</b>					
Insurance claims	13,276	-		13,276	2,930
Surplus - sales of fixed assets	-	0		0	133,735
	<b>13,276</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13,276</b>	<b>136,665</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>288,822</b>	<b>84,522</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>373,344</b>	<b>475,966</b>

**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**3 : Analysis of Expenditure**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2022**

	2022 Unrestricted £	2022 Restricted £	2022 Endowment £	2021 Total £
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
<b>Raising funds</b>				
Fees paid to fundraisers				
Costs of applying for grants				
Costs of giving envelopes and stewardship campaigns	181	-	181	211
Costs of fundraising events	215	-	215	153
Investment management costs				
	<b>396</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>364</b>
<b>Charitable activities</b>				
Giving to missionary societies	-	-	-	4,650
Giving - relief and development agencies	764	9,600	10,364	9,600
Home mission	800	3,238	4,038	4,448
Secular charities	460	-	460	-
Deanery Share	208,787	-	208,787	196,846
Assistant staff costs (Lay/Youth Workers etc.)	-	-	-	-
Salary of organist	1,290	-	1,290	800
PAYE, NI & Pension - Parish Admin & Support staff	32	-	32	64
Cleaner wage (church building)	-	-	-	391
Clergy working expenses	2,003	-	2,003	1,389
Council tax (clergy housing)	1,734	-	1,734	1,672
Housing expenses (clergy)	4,800	-	4,800	-
Water rates (clergy housing)	536	-	536	531
Telephone and broadband (clergy housing)	-	-	-	-
Sermon preparation materials and resources	-	-	-	10
Clergy training courses and education materials	176	225	49	320
Reader expenses and subscriptions	150	-	150	125
Visiting speakers / locums	106	90	196	-
Parish mission and evangelism costs	120	-	120	654
Alpha course costs etc.	-	-	-	-
Sunday School & Junior Church costs	548	502	1,051	14
Youth & Confirmation groups/organisations	366	-	366	42
General Mission/Support activities	148	1,364	1,512	1,740
Insurance premiums (church building)	4,189	1,462	5,651	5,213
Telephone (church building or office)	442	-	442	481
Organ / piano tuning and maintenance	1,051	16,151	17,202	528
Church building maintenance (routine)	4,077	2,663	6,740	3,875
Cleaning materials & equipment (church building)	329	-	329	587
Upkeep of services	4,362	493	4,855	5,151
Church consumable items	1,052	23	1,075	351
Upkeep of churchyard	13,172	9,387	22,559	12,563
Administration costs for parish	1,131	12	1,143	1,895
Governance costs & examination/audit fee	200	-	200	400
Banking charges	578	-	578	518
Church building - electric	5,391	170	5,561	5,122
Church building - gas	14,183	1,108	15,291	8,493
Church building - water	1,412	-	1,412	933
Church building - oil (heating system)	-	-	-	-
Magazine expenses including printing costs	3,018	-	3,018	3,614
Bookstall costs including new stock	-	-	-	-
Other Funds Expenses	-	-	-	55

Hall/Other building - oil (heating system)	-	-	-	-
Hall/Other building - electricity	2,400	19	2,381	1,763
Hall/Other building - gas	509	-	509	470
Hall/Other building - insurance premlums	-	-	-	316
Hall/Other building - maintenance (routine)	275	342	617	2,182
Hall/Other building - telephone and broadband	263	-	263	-
Hall/Other building - water rates	474	142	616	566
Hall/Other building - consumables	-	1,290	1,290	2,822
Hall/Other building - cleaning costs	28	-	28	28
PAYE, NI & Penslon - Hall/Community centre staff	-	-	-	-
Branch Organisation - payments	-	7,028	7,028	8,309
Church building major repairs - structure	-	58,526	58,526	267,247
Church building major repairs - installation	-	14,200	14,200	13,346
Church building interior and exterior decorating	-	-	-	-
Hall/Other building major repairs - structure	-	-	-	-
Hall/Other building major repairs - installation	-	-	-	-
Hall/Other building interior and exterior decorating	-	-	-	-
Other PCC property upkeep	-	-	-	429
New building - house for clergy	-	-	-	-
New building Church	-	-	-	-
New building Hall	-	-	-	-
	<b>280,885</b>	<b>127,998</b>	<b>408,883</b>	<b>570,351</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>281,281</b>	<b>127,998</b>	<b>409,279</b>	<b>570,716</b>

**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2022**

**4. Tangible Assets**

	Freehold Land and buildings £	Church Equipment £	Total £
Cost of Valuation <b>as at 1 January 2021</b>	-		-
Additions Disposals			
Disposals			
Depreciation			
<b>as at 31 December 2021</b>	-		-

*Freehold land & buildings relates to the curates house at 79 Greenfields Crescent which was sold in Jan 2021 and the Church Hall at St Thomas Ashton-in-Makerfield*

**5. Investments**

Share investments	01-Jan-22 £	Revaluation £	31-Dec-22 £
Moyers fund 1	33,724 -	3,952	29,771
Moyers Fund 2	7,858 -	921	6,937
St Peters	3,064 -	359	2,705
<b>Total</b>	<b>44,645 -</b>	<b>5,232</b>	<b>39,413</b>

Note 10

**6. Debtors and accrued income**

	31-Dec-22 £	31-Dec-21 £
Hall and other rental	4,693	390
Unbanked deposits	1,509	1331
Gift aid to be claimed	25,239	24044
	<b>31,440</b>	<b>25,765</b>

**7. Creditors - Amounts falling due within one year**

	31-Dec-22 £	31-Dec-21 £
Utility costs	5,697	4,109
Deanery share	77,729	28,390
Other expenses	2,315	2,120
Agency collections	8,231	4,055
Independent Examiner fees	200	200
	<b>94,172</b>	<b>38,874</b>

**8. Staff costs**

	For the year ended 31-Dec-22 £	31-Dec-21 £
Wages & Salaries	1,258	1,055
Social Security Costs		-
Pension Costs		-
	<b>1,258</b>	<b>1,055</b>

The expenses paid to clergy may include a small immaterial proportion which relates to their function as a P.C.C. member.

No payments were made to P.C.C. members for acting as P.C.C. members.

**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**9 : Fund movement summary**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2022**

Funds	Fund balances bftwd	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Fund balances Cwfd
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted</b>						
Designated - St Aidan B: General	24,741	50,850	70,991		(4,873)	(473)
Designated - St Andrew G: General	7,868	19,957	16,604			11,221
Designated - St Luke SC: General	1,412	18,884	15,982			4,333
Designated - St Peter B: General	(5,686)	20,395	46,775		(359)	(32,426)
Designated - Holy Trinity AIM: General	12,059	32,468	35,927			8,600
Designated - St Thomas AIM: General	35,992	140,490	92,854	(39,564)		45,065
Designated - St Thomas AIM: Charities Fund	12,248		764	8,000		17,484
Designated - St Luke SC: Legacy Fund	77	1,000				1,077
Designated - St Aidan B: Childrens work	722		722			0
Designated - St Thomas AIM Sunday coffee (Farsi Services)		123				123
Designated - Wigan South: General		4,855	681			4,173
Designated - St Thomas AIM: Fixed Assets	0					0
<b>Total Unrestricted</b>	<b>90,433</b>	<b>288,822</b>	<b>281,281</b>	<b>(33,564)</b>	<b>(6,232)</b>	<b>59,178</b>
<b>Restricted</b>						
Restricted - St Aidan B: Building Fund	4,509		4,442			87
Restricted - St Aidan B: Boiler Fund		650				650
Restricted - St Aidan B: Choral Fund	200					200
Restricted - St Aidan B: Churchyard	20	340	360			0
Restricted - St Aidan B: Religious Education	16,159					16,159
Restricted - St Aidan B: Floodlights	140	30	170			0
Restricted - St Aidan B: Flowers		110	82			18
Restricted - St Aidan B: John Edleston Trust	333	1,600	502			1,431
Restricted - St Aidan B: Memorial Stone	4,860	1,881	5,490			1,051
Restricted - St Aidan B: Mission And Ministry	225		225			0
Restricted - St Aidan B: Organ Restoration fund		16,899	15,060			1,839
Restricted - St Aidan B: Puppet Ministry	391					391
Restricted - St Andrew G: Dementia Café	3,948	470	1,364			3,054
Restricted - St Andrew G: Maintenance Fund	2,909	4,431	1,920			5,420
Restricted - Holy Trinity AIM: Churchyard	58	375				431
Restricted - Holy Trinity AIM: Upkeep Of Specific Grave Plot	2,100	100	60			2,140
Restricted - Holy Trinity AIM: Compassion Fund		410	280			130
Restricted - Holy Trinity AIM: Restoration Fund	3,064	525	1,285			2,294
Restricted - St Luke SC: Building Fund	8,097					8,097
Restricted - St Luke SC: Education Fund	22,085	2	3,080			19,027
Restricted - St Peter B: Fabric (Fixtures & Fittings)	103					103
Restricted - St Peter B: Flower Fund	203		203			0
Restricted - St Peter B: Maintenance Fund	6,363					6,363
Restricted - St Peter B: Property	5					5
Restricted - St Peter B: Roof Fund	4,139					4,139
Restricted - St Peter B: Youth	80					80
Restricted - Wigan South: Oasls Project	5,968	1,305	3,029			4,245
Restricted - St Thomas AIM: Bowling Club	5,382		4,246			1,137
Restricted - St Thomas AIM: Children And Young People	617		36			581
Restricted - St Thomas AIM: Thursday Coffee Fund	2,719	376				3,096
Restricted - St Thomas AIM: Tuesday Coffee Fund	8,555	1,569	343			9,782
Restricted - St Thomas AIM: Duke Of Edinburgh Fund	1,765					1,765
Restricted - St Thomas AIM: FFF Audio Visual	108	41	16			131
Restricted - St Thomas AIM: FFF Heating Fund	70,140	8,639	69,877			9,101
Restricted - St Thomas AIM: Flower Gullid	1,043	529	240			1,332
Restricted - St Thomas AIM: Food Bank	505	(335)		(170)		0
Restricted - St Thomas AIM: Food Ministry	13,191	20,602	221	170		33,741
Restricted - St Thomas AIM: HR Graveyard	1,011	1,125				2,136
Restricted - St Thomas AIM: HR Legacy	40,639	5,000		33,564		79,203
Restricted - St Thomas AIM: Building Maintenance Fund	2,464	1,236				3,700
Restricted - St Thomas AIM: Organ Fund	2,098		1,091			1,007
Restricted - St Thomas AIM: Weenies	284	544	549			278
Restricted - St Thomas AIM: Warm Spaces		330				330
Restricted - St Thomas AIM: Youth Work	5,892					5,892
Restricted - Holy Trinity AIM: Children & Family Mission	1,647	298	727			1,219
Restricted - Holy Trinity AIM: Heating Fund	673	435	1,108			0
Restricted - St Thomas AIM: Churchyard	4,872	1,097	150			5,819
Restricted - St Thomas AIM: Church Hall	9,516	2,847	342			12,021
Restricted - St Thomas AIM: Africa	2,194	9,554	9,600			2,148
Restricted - St Thomas AIM: Asylum	3,289	1,705	2,101			2,894
<b>Total Restricted</b>	<b>262,669</b>	<b>84,522</b>	<b>127,998</b>	<b>33,564</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>252,648</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>362,992</b>	<b>373,344</b>	<b>409,279</b>	<b>- -</b>	<b>5,232</b>	<b>311,826</b>

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL  
of Wigan South  
Financial statements for the year ended  
31-Dec-22**

**Incumbent**

Rev'd Jeremy Thomas

**ChurchWardens**

Mrs Paula Gillespie

Mrs Helen Weavers

**Independent Examiner**

Rev'd A. A Clements MA, ACIB, FCIE

15 Carleton Road

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**Independent Examiner's report  
to the PCC of Wigan South  
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

This report of the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 1 to 9, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act')

**Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner**

The P.C.C. members acting as the charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of the independent Examiner's statement.**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission and the guidance published in PCC Accountability (The Charities Act 2011 and the P.C.C.), 5th edition). An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required for an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no material matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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

I 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

*Alan A Clements Rev'd*

Date *23rd May 2023*

Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners

Name: Rev'd A. A Clements

Address : 15 Carleton Road, Great Knowley, Chorley, Lancs, PR6 8TQ

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**Statement of Financial Activities**  
For the year ended 31 December 2022

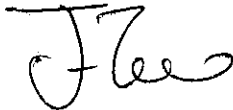
		2022	2022	2022	2022	2021
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Total
		funds	funds	funds		
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies		216,312	70,301		286,613	287,663
Income from charitable activities		30,586	2,074		32,660	33,475
Other trading activities		27,027	12,020		39,047	16,929
Investments		1,822	127		1,749	1,234
Other income		13,276	0		13,276	136,665
<b>Total income</b>	2	<b>288,822</b>	<b>84,522</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>373,344</b>	<b>475,966</b>
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds		396			396	364
Expenditure on charitable activities		280,885	127,998		408,883	570,351
Other expenditure					0	-
<b>Total expenditure</b>	3	<b>281,281</b>	<b>127,998</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>409,279</b>	<b>570,715</b>
<b>Net income / (expenditure) resources before</b>		<b>7,541</b>	<b>(43,476)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(35,935)</b>	<b>(94,749)</b>
Transfers:						
Gross transfers between funds - in	9	8,000	34,947		40,947	137,725
Gross transfers between funds - out	9	(39,564)	(1,383)		(40,947)	(137,725)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains/losses on investment assets	5	(5,232)			(5,232)	5,612
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use						
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(31,255)</b>	<b>(9,912)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(41,167)</b>	<b>(89,137)</b>
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		90,433	241,059	21,500	352,992	442,129
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	9	<b>59,178</b>	<b>231,148</b>	<b>21,500</b>	<b>311,825</b>	<b>352,992</b>

The notes on pages 5-9 form part of the financial statements

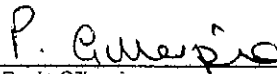
**Balance Sheet**  
**as at 31 December 2022**

	Notes	As at 31/12/2022			As at 31/12/2021	
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowmen t	Total	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>						
Tangible Assets	4	-				-
<b>Current assets</b>						
Investments	5	39,413			39,413	44,845
Cash At Bank And In Hand		81,764	231,880	21,500	336,144	321,456
Debtors and accrued Income	6	23,942	7,499		31,440	25,785
		<u>145,119</u>	<u>239,379</u>	<u>21,500</u>	<u>406,997</u>	<u>391,866</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>						
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	7	85,941	8,231		94,172	38,874
		<u>85,941</u>	<u>8,231</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>94,172</u>	<u>38,874</u>
<b>Net current assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>59,178</u>	<u>231,148</u>	<u>21,500</u>	<u>311,825</u>	<u>352,992</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>59,178</u>	<u>231,148</u>	<u>21,500</u>	<u>311,825</u>	<u>352,992</u>
<b>Total net assets less liabilities</b>	9	<u>59,178</u>	<u>231,148</u>	<u>21,500</u>	<u>311,825</u>	<u>352,992</u>

The Financial Statements were approved by the Parrochial Church Council on 25th April 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Rev Jeremy Thomas  
Incumbent



Mrs Paula Gillespie  
Churchwarden

The notes on pages 5-9 form part of the financial statements

# Notes to the Financial Statements

## 1. Accounting Policies

The Financial Statements of the P.C.C. have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations using the Accruals basis

The Financial Statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets which are shown at market value

### Funds

Unrestricted funds represent funds that are not subject to any special restrictions regarding their use and are available for application to the general purposes of the PCC. These include funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC.

Restricted funds are funds that can only be used for a particular restricted purposes within the objects of the Church. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC can be held responsible. They do not include the accounts of other Church groups that owe an affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

### Incoming resources

Collections are recognised when received on behalf of the PCC

Planned giving receivable under Gift aid is only recognised when received

Income tax recoverable of Gift Aid is recognised only when received

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain

Income from church Hall lettings is recognised at the point of use

### Resources Expended

The diocesan parish share is accounted for when paid. Any Parish share unpaid at the year end is provided for in the accounts as an operational (though not legal) liability and is shown as a creditor on the Balance Sheet

Cost are allocated between direct charitable and other expenditure according to the nature of the cost. Where items involve more than one category, they are apportioned between the categories according to the nature of the cost

General liabilities are recognised when the goods or services have been received

### Assets

The following assets are recognised but not necessarily valued in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities:

- Movable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal.

- Land and buildings held on behalf of the PCC.

- Other fixtures, fittings & office equipment where the PCC is free to dispose of such assets without faculty and where the original cost exceeded £1,000.

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by section 96(2) of the Charities Act 1993.

**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**2 : Analysis of Income**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2022**

	2022 Unrestricted £	2022 Restricted £	2022 Endowment £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>					
<b>Donations and legacies</b>					
Parish Giving Scheme	75,773	60		75,833	78,545
Bank (Standing Order)	10,541	7,525		18,066	15,483
Envelopes	20,120	-		20,120	20,515
Loose Plate collections	25,298	157		25,455	17,720
Retiring Collections	60	-		60	344
Donations	17,361	35,240		52,601	55,699
Gift Days	571	-		571	-
Giving through church boxes	-	-		-	218
Special or specific appeals etc	290	-		290	900
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	30,135	4,123		34,258	42,070
GASDS Tax relief	- 1,991	-	-	1,991	4,729
Legacies	34,564	5,000		39,564	5,000
Recurring grants	-	-		-	-
Non-recurring one-off grants	-	11,497		11,497	42,368
Fundraising (general)	3,590	6,698		10,287	4,072
	<b>216,312</b>	<b>70,301</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>286,613</b>	<b>287,663</b>
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Parish fee for wedding or funeral	29,711	-		29,711	31,464
Churchyard maintenance fee	-	-		-	0
Bookstall sales to promote objectives	-	-		-	0
Church hall lettings - objectives	740	-		740	486
Church event income	135	-		135	620
Branch organisations - receipts	-	2,074		2,074	905
	<b>30,586</b>	<b>2,074</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32,660</b>	<b>33,475</b>
<b>Other trading activities</b>					
Fundraising	1,363	4,821		6,185	1,672
Bookstall sales - fund raising	2,211	834		3,044	85
Church hall lettings - fund raising	14,225	-		14,225	8,070
Magazine income - advertising	644	-		644	350
Parish magazine sales	3,274	-		3,274	1,124
Other funds generated	5,310	6,365		11,675	5,629
	<b>27,027</b>	<b>12,020</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>39,047</b>	<b>16,929</b>
<b>Investments</b>					
Dividends from shares	1,093	-		1,093	1,057
Bank and building society interest	52	125		177	63
CBF Deposit account interest	477	2		479	113
	<b>1,622</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,749</b>	<b>1,233</b>
<b>Other Income</b>					
Insurance claims	13,276	-		13,276	2,930
Surplus - sales of fixed assets	-	0		0	133,735
	<b>13,276</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13,276</b>	<b>136,665</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>288,822</b>	<b>84,522</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>373,344</b>	<b>475,966</b>

**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**3 : Analysis of Expenditure**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2022**

	2022 Unrestricted £	2022 Restricted £	2022 Endowment £	2021 Total £
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
<b>Raising funds</b>				
Fees paid to fundraisers				
Costs of applying for grants				
Costs of giving envelopes and stewardship campaigns	181	-	181	211
Costs of fundraising events	215	-	215	153
Investment management costs				
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<b>Charitable activities</b>				
Giving to missionary societies	-	-	-	4,650
Giving - relief and development agencies	764	9,600	10,364	9,600
Home mission	800	3,238	4,038	4,448
Secular charities	460	-	460	-
Deanery Share	208,787	-	208,787	196,846
Assistant staff costs (Lay/Youth Workers etc.)	-	-	-	-
Salary of organist	1,290	-	1,290	800
PAYE, NI & Pension - Parish Admin & Support staff	32	-	32	64
Cleaner wage (church building)	-	-	-	391
Clergy working expenses	2,003	-	2,003	1,389
Council tax (clergy housing)	1,734	-	1,734	1,672
Housing expenses (clergy)	4,800	-	4,800	-
Water rates (clergy housing)	536	-	536	531
Telephone and broadband (clergy housing)	-	-	-	-
Sermon preparation materials and resources	-	-	-	10
Clergy training courses and education materials	176	225	49	320
Reader expenses and subscriptions	150	-	150	125
Visiting speakers / locums	106	90	196	-
Parish mission and evangelism costs	120	-	120	654
Alpha course costs etc.	-	-	-	-
Sunday School & Junior Church costs	548	502	1,051	14
Youth & Confirmation groups/organisations	366	-	366	42
General Mission/Support activities	148	1,364	1,512	1,740
Insurance premiums (church building)	4,189	1,462	5,651	5,213
Telephone (church building or office)	442	-	442	481
Organ / piano tuning and maintenance	1,051	16,151	17,202	528
Church building maintenance (routine)	4,077	2,663	6,740	3,875
Cleaning materials & equipment (church building)	329	-	329	587
Upkeep of services	4,362	493	4,855	5,151
Church consumable items	1,052	23	1,075	351
Upkeep of churchyard	13,172	9,387	22,559	12,563
Administration costs for parish	1,131	12	1,143	1,895
Governance costs & examination/audit fee	200	-	200	400
Banking charges	578	-	578	518
Church building - electric	5,391	170	5,561	5,122
Church building - gas	14,183	1,108	15,291	8,493
Church building - water	1,412	-	1,412	933
Church building - oil (heating system)	-	-	-	-
Magazine expenses including printing costs	3,018	-	3,018	3,614
Bookstall costs including new stock	-	-	-	-
Other Funds Expenses	-	-	-	55

Hall/Other building - oil (heating system)	-	-	-	-
Hall/Other building - electricity	2,400	19	2,381	1,763
Hall/Other building - gas	509	-	509	470
Hall/Other building - insurance premlums	-	-	-	316
Hall/Other building - maintenance (routine)	275	342	617	2,182
Hall/Other building - telephone and broadband	263	-	263	-
Hall/Other building - water rates	474	142	616	566
Hall/Other building - consumables	-	1,290	1,290	2,822
Hall/Other building - cleaning costs	28	-	28	28
PAYE, NI & Penslon - Hall/Community centre staff	-	-	-	-
Branch Organisation - payments	-	7,028	7,028	8,309
Church building major repairs - structure	-	58,526	58,526	267,247
Church building major repairs - installation	-	14,200	14,200	13,346
Church building interior and exterior decorating	-	-	-	-
Hall/Other building major repairs - structure	-	-	-	-
Hall/Other building major repairs - installation	-	-	-	-
Hall/Other building interior and exterior decorating	-	-	-	-
Other PCC property upkeep	-	-	-	429
New building - house for clergy	-	-	-	-
New building Church	-	-	-	-
New building Hall	-	-	-	-
	<b>280,885</b>	<b>127,998</b>	<b>408,883</b>	<b>570,351</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>281,281</b>	<b>127,998</b>	<b>409,279</b>	<b>570,716</b>

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**4. Tangible Assets**

	Freehold Land and buildings £	Church Equipment £	Total £
Cost of Valuation <b>as at 1 January 2021</b>	-		-
Additions Disposals			
Disposals			
Depreciation			
<b>as at 31 December 2021</b>	-		-

*Freehold land & buildings relates to the curates house at 79 Greenfields Crescent which was sold in Jan 2021 and the Church Hall at St Thomas Ashton-in-Makerfield*

**5. Investments**

Share investments	01-Jan-22 £	Revaluation £	31-Dec-22 £
Moyers fund 1	33,724 -	3,952	29,771
Moyers Fund 2	7,858 -	921	6,937
St Peters	3,064 -	359	2,705
<b>Total</b>	<b>44,645 -</b>	<b>5,232</b>	<b>39,413</b>

Note 10

**6. Debtors and accrued income**

	31-Dec-22 £	31-Dec-21 £
Hall and other rental	4,693	390
Unbanked deposits	1,509	1331
Gift aid to be claimed	25,239	24044
	<b>31,440</b>	<b>25,765</b>

**7. Creditors - Amounts falling due within one year**

	31-Dec-22 £	31-Dec-21 £
Utility costs	5,697	4,109
Deanery share	77,729	28,390
Other expenses	2,315	2,120
Agency collections	8,231	4,055
Independent Examiner fees	200	200
	<b>94,172</b>	<b>38,874</b>

**8. Staff costs**

	For the year ended 31-Dec-22 £	31-Dec-21 £
Wages & Salaries	1,258	1,055
Social Security Costs		-
Pension Costs		-
	<b>1,258</b>	<b>1,055</b>

The expenses paid to clergy may include a small immaterial proportion which relates to their function as a P.C.C. member.

No payments were made to P.C.C. members for acting as P.C.C. members.

**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**9 : Fund movement summary**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2022**

Funds	Fund balances bftwd	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Fund balances Cwfd
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted</b>						
Designated - St Aidan B: General	24,741	50,850	70,991		(4,873)	(473)
Designated - St Andrew G: General	7,868	19,957	16,604			11,221
Designated - St Luke SC: General	1,412	18,884	15,982			4,333
Designated - St Peter B: General	(5,686)	20,395	46,775		(359)	(32,426)
Designated - Holy Trinity AIM: General	12,059	32,468	35,927			8,600
Designated - St Thomas AIM: General	35,992	140,490	92,854	(39,564)		45,065
Designated - St Thomas AIM: Charities Fund	12,248		764	8,000		17,484
Designated - St Luke SC: Legacy Fund	77	1,000				1,077
Designated - St Aidan B: Childrens work	722		722			0
Designated - St Thomas AIM Sunday coffee (Farsi Services)		123				123
Designated - Wigan South: General		4,855	681			4,173
Designated - St Thomas AIM: Fixed Assets	0					0
<b>Total Unrestricted</b>	<b>90,433</b>	<b>288,822</b>	<b>281,281</b>	<b>(33,564)</b>	<b>(6,232)</b>	<b>59,178</b>
<b>Restricted</b>						
Restricted - St Aidan B: Building Fund	4,509		4,442			87
Restricted - St Aidan B: Boiler Fund		650				650
Restricted - St Aidan B: Choral Fund	200					200
Restricted - St Aidan B: Churchyard	20	340	360			0
Restricted - St Aidan B: Religious Education	16,159					16,159
Restricted - St Aidan B: Floodlights	140	30	170			0
Restricted - St Aidan B: Flowers		110	82			18
Restricted - St Aidan B: John Edleston Trust	333	1,600	502			1,431
Restricted - St Aidan B: Memorial Stone	4,860	1,881	5,490			1,051
Restricted - St Aidan B: Mission And Ministry	225		225			0
Restricted - St Aidan B: Organ Restoration fund		16,899	15,060			1,839
Restricted - St Aidan B: Puppet Ministry	391					391
Restricted - St Andrew G: Dementia Café	3,948	470	1,364			3,054
Restricted - St Andrew G: Maintenance Fund	2,909	4,431	1,920			5,420
Restricted - Holy Trinity AIM: Churchyard	58	375				431
Restricted - Holy Trinity AIM: Upkeep Of Specific Grave Plot	2,100	100	60			2,140
Restricted - Holy Trinity AIM: Compassion Fund		410	280			130
Restricted - Holy Trinity AIM: Restoration Fund	3,064	525	1,285			2,294
Restricted - St Luke SC: Building Fund	8,097					8,097
Restricted - St Luke SC: Education Fund	22,085	2	3,080			19,027
Restricted - St Peter B: Fabric (Fixtures & Fittings)	103					103
Restricted - St Peter B: Flower Fund	203		203			0
Restricted - St Peter B: Maintenance Fund	6,363					6,363
Restricted - St Peter B: Property	5					5
Restricted - St Peter B: Roof Fund	4,139					4,139
Restricted - St Peter B: Youth	80					80
Restricted - Wigan South: Oasls Project	5,968	1,305	3,029			4,245
Restricted - St Thomas AIM: Bowling Club	5,382		4,246			1,137
Restricted - St Thomas AIM: Children And Young People	617		36			581
Restricted - St Thomas AIM: Thursday Coffee Fund	2,719	376				3,096
Restricted - St Thomas AIM: Tuesday Coffee Fund	8,555	1,569	343			9,782
Restricted - St Thomas AIM: Duke Of Edinburgh Fund	1,765					1,765
Restricted - St Thomas AIM: FFF Audio Visual	108	41	16			131
Restricted - St Thomas AIM: FFF Heating Fund	70,140	8,639	69,877			9,101
Restricted - St Thomas AIM: Flower Gullid	1,043	529	240			1,332
Restricted - St Thomas AIM: Food Bank	505	(335)		(170)		0
Restricted - St Thomas AIM: Food Ministry	13,191	20,602	221	170		33,741
Restricted - St Thomas AIM: HR Graveyard	1,011	1,125				2,136
Restricted - St Thomas AIM: HR Legacy	40,639	5,000		33,564		79,203
Restricted - St Thomas AIM: Building Maintenance Fund	2,464	1,236				3,700
Restricted - St Thomas AIM: Organ Fund	2,098		1,091			1,007
Restricted - St Thomas AIM: Weenies	284	544	549			278
Restricted - St Thomas AIM: Warm Spaces		330				330
Restricted - St Thomas AIM: Youth Work	5,892					5,892
Restricted - Holy Trinity AIM: Children & Family Mission	1,647	298	727			1,219
Restricted - Holy Trinity AIM: Heating Fund	673	435	1,108			0
Restricted - St Thomas AIM: Churchyard	4,872	1,097	150			5,819
Restricted - St Thomas AIM: Church Hall	9,516	2,847	342			12,021
Restricted - St Thomas AIM: Africa	2,194	9,554	9,600			2,148
Restricted - St Thomas AIM: Asylum	3,289	1,705	2,101			2,894
<b>Total Restricted</b>	<b>262,669</b>	<b>84,522</b>	<b>127,998</b>	<b>33,564</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>252,648</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>362,992</b>	<b>373,344</b>	<b>409,279</b>	<b>- -</b>	<b>5,232</b>	<b>311,826</b>