

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:

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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

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
Wigan
WN4 9PL

Telephone

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 |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|--|
| Architect | Schafer Associates | 55 Belvedere Road Ashton in Makerfield Wigan, WN4 9PL |
| Independent Examiner | 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

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

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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 31st 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.), 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 is reached.

Signed.

Name

Alan A Clements
Rev'd. 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 |
|---|----------|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| | | Unrestricted | Restricted | Endowment | Total | Total |
| | | funds | funds | funds | | |
| | Notes | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| 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 |
| Total income | 2 | 300,019 | 65,512 | 0 | 365,532 | 373,344 |
| Expenditure on: | | | | | | |
| Raising funds | | 297 | 246 | | 543 | 396 |
| Expenditure on charitable activities | | 299,450 | 35,688 | | 335,138 | 408,883 |
| Other expenditure | | | | | | |
| Total expenditure | 3 | 299,747 | 35,934 | 0 | 335,681 | 409,279 |
| Net income / (expenditure) resources before | | 272 | 29,579 | 0 | 29,851 | (35,935) |
| 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 | | | | | | |
| Net movement in funds | | 1,358 | 32,233 | 0 | 33,591 | (41,167) |
| Reconciliation of funds | | | | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | | 59,178 | 231,148 | 21,500 | 311,825 | 352,992 |
| Total funds carried forward | 9 | 60,536 | 263,381 | 21,500 | 345,417 | 311,825 |

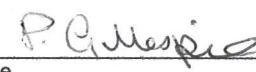
The notes on pages 5-9 form part of the financial statements

Balance Sheet
as at 31 December 2023

| | Notes | As at 31/12/2023 | | | As at 31/12/2022 |
|--|-------|---------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------------|
| | | Unrestricted | Restricted | Endowment | Total £ |
| Fixed assets | | | | | |
| Tangible Assets | 4 | - | | | - |
| Current assets | | | | | |
| 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 |
| | | 166,688 | 267,453 | 21,500 | 455,641 |
| Liabilities | | | | | |
| Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year | 7 | 106,152 | 4,073 | | 110,225 |
| | | 106,152 | 4,073 | - | 110,225 |
| Net current assets less current liabilities | | 60,536 | 263,381 | 21,500 | 345,417 |
| Total assets less current liabilities | | 60,536 | 263,381 | 21,500 | 345,417 |
| Total net assets less liabilities | 9 | 60,536 | 263,381 | 21,500 | 345,417 |

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 £ |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Income and endowments from: | | | | | |
| Donations and legacies | | | | | |
| 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 Collections | - | - | | - | 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 |
| | 194,939 | 41,535 | - | 236,475 | 286,613 |
| Charitable activities | | | | | |
| 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 |
| | 34,452 | 1,810 | 0 | 36,262 | 32,660 |
| Other trading activities | | | | | |
| 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 |
| | 25,539 | 19,250 | - | 44,789 | 39,047 |
| Investments | | | | | |
| 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 |
| | 1,910 | 2,917 | - | 4,827 | 1,749 |
| Other income | | | | | |
| Insurance claims | 43,179 | 0 | | 43,179 | 13,276 |
| Surplus - sales of fixed assets | 0 | 0 | | 0 | - |
| | 43,179 | 0 | 0 | 43,179 | 13,276 |
| Total | 300,019 | 65,512 | - | 365,532 | 373,344 |

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

| | 2023 Unrestricted | 2023 Restricted | 2023 Endowment | 2022 Total |
|---|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Expenditure on: | | | | |
| Raising funds | | | | |
| 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 | | | | |
| | 297 | 246 | 543 | 396 |
| Charitable activities | | | | |
| 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 | - | - | - | - |
| | 299,450 | 35,688 | 335,138 | 408,883 |
| Total Expenditure | 299,747 | 35,934 | 335,681 | 409,279 |

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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 | | | |
| as at 31 December 2023 | - | | - |

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-23 £ | Revaluation £ | 31-Dec-23 £ |
|-------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| Moyers fund 1 | 29,771 | 2,825 | 32,597 |
| Moyers Fund 2 | 6,937 | 658 | 7,595 |
| St Peters | 2,705 | 256 | 2,961 |
| Total | 39,413 | 3,740 | 43,153 |

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 |
| | 17,176 | 31,440 |

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 |
| | 110,225 | 94,172 |

8. Staff costs

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

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 bfwd | Incoming Resources | Outgoing Resources | Transfers | Gains and Losses | Fund balances Cwfd |
|--|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Unrestricted | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| 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 |
| Total Unrestricted | 59,178 | 300,019 | 299,747 | (2,654) | 3,740 | 60,536 |
| Restricted | | | | | | |
| 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 Energy 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 |
| Total Restricted | 252,647 | 65,512 | 36,571 | 2,654 | 0 | 284,243 |

**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 31st 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.), 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 is reached.

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

Date 22nd. May 2024,

Fellow Association of Charity Independent Examiners.

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