



Working with Jesus to see transformed people and transformed places in the neighbourhoods of the Parish of Wigan Town Centre



WIGAN TOWN CENTRE PARISH

ANNUAL REPORT 2024

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and Activities

SUMMARY OF PURPOSE

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of Wigan Town Centre is a charity registered with the Charity Commission by statutory instrument. It has the responsibility of cooperating with the Team Rector of Wigan to promote in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church, missional, pastoral, social and ecumenical. It is also responsible for the maintenance of the churches of All Saint's Wigan, St Michael & All Angel's Swinley, St Mark's Newtown and St George's Wigan as well as the Bluecoat, St Michael's Institute and St Michael and All Angel's Parish Hall.

The general functions of the PCC are stated within Section 2 of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956. The PCC will ensure that the Ecclesiastical Parish of Wigan Town Centre is governed in accordance with the following governing documents: the *Church Wigan CRR Scheme 2019*, the current *Church Representation Rules* and the *Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956*.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

The Parish of Wigan Town Centre is relatively new, one of seven new parishes formed in January 2020 as part of the establishment of the new ecclesiastical Benefice of Wigan, known as *Church Wigan*, bringing together the former parishes of All Saint's Wigan, St Michael & All Angel's Swinley, St Mark's Newtown and St George's Wigan.

The PCC works in close partnership with the Joint Council that oversees the benefice as a whole. It shares the vision of Church Wigan is to see our congregations refreshed and many new worshipping communities planted. Its prayer and work is to see 'Through Jesus transformed people, transformed places.'

Thus the parish aims and objectives are to:

- Refresh our existing congregations so that they may grow as disciples in love for each other and for the surrounding community;
- Grow new worshipping communities serving the neighbourhoods, networks and communities that exist in the parish;
- Serve our local schools and community partners;
- Embody the vision of Liverpool Diocese in all we do: 'We are praying for a bigger church making a bigger difference, more people knowing Jesus and more justice in the world' and reflect the values of Fit for Mission.

The PCC will ensure Wigan Town Centre is a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment that is open to all and which enables all to thrive and flourish in the love of God.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Achievements and Performance

A YEAR OF PROGRESS

The Town Centre Hub still continued with its main agreed objectives, namely: growing parish relationships, leadership and mission in the community and schools; maintaining the position on finances; and completing the buildings review. Progress continued with the growth objectives, which has made 2024 a productive year.

The strategic realignment of the parishes of Wigan Central and Wigan Town Centre together into one Mission Hub, continued throughout 2024 with these changes in leadership, continuing to bring expertise from both parishes into one place for the benefit of mission. As part of this, the two PCCs met on a number of social occasions, promoting unity and fellowship throughout both Hubs. Also, a new Hub Leadership Team (HLT) was formed combining the two Hubs, its aim: To lead mission across both Hubs, seeking ways in which Town Centre and Central Hubs can work closer with each other. This work continues.

Progress has also been seen in our engagement with local schools. A schools Ministry Team has been established, again across the two Hubs, and through this team we have been able to build on our relationships with schools both in Town Centre Hub and Central Hub. We have already seen a sharing of good practice as well as practical ways for our Worshipping communities to welcome schools within our buildings.

One observation from the above is the vital role our laity play in our mission. Within each worshipping community there is a dedicated group of people working tirelessly to support mission and ministry both within their worshipping community and across the Hub. This cannot be stated enough as without them, our Hub could not function.

Contactless giving was installed in all churches which has seen giving increase, particularly at weddings, baptisms and funerals, further supporting the financial health of the Hub.

The PCC spent some time considering how best to communicate, including with each other; the Joint Council and the wider parish, as well as looking at refreshing websites and use of social media.

Safeguarding remained an important priority for the Hub. Fortunately, there were very few safeguarding issues, but those that occurred were dealt with and resolved promptly. The PCC welcomed and engaged with all safeguarding training and maintain it as a standing item on the agenda.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE: BUILDING NEEDS

The Church Wigan-wide Right Buildings Review completed in September 2023 rated All Saints as amber, meaning that further understanding would be needed as to whether to recommend that church for retaining or release. The PCC recommended review group was formed and they recommended retaining All Saints based on completing a series of next steps, which was taken to Joint Council.

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The next steps focused significantly on the reordering project for the Parish Church, the plans for which continued to evolve over the year, with the support of the Archdeacon.

The PCC reacted swiftly to ensure any remedial works required, particularly in the wake of Storm Darragh, were completed promptly and as cost-effectively as possible.

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Financial Review

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

For the fourth year in a row, 2024 has seen an increase in the overall funds of the parish. On the SOFA, it can be clearly seen that both our receipts and payments are both lower compared to 2023. The main reason the income is lower this year is because we had a large legacy of £175,000 in 2023. If you take this into account, the 2024 income is higher than 2023. Payments are lower this year as there was a large repair bill for St Marks in 2023 and again if you take this into account the expenses are about the same for both years.

The accounts have been prepared on an accrual and prepayment basis again this year. This means we don't just include anything paid or received within the year but need to make provision for any income or expenditure which relates to 2024 but was only received or paid out in 2025.

I will highlight the reasons for the biggest changes in income between 2024 and 2023. Firstly, donations have increased by about £18,900 when compared to 2023. These are covered by codes 0320-0450. This is a significant increase but can be explained. Included in 0415 is a £10,000 donation given to St Michaels by Wigan Lourdes Association. 0420 includes 3 larger gifts totalling £6500 given to All Saints and 0450 includes about £2500 donated for the kitchen extension at St Marks which will be completed early in 2025. Secondly, Gift Aid tax refunds codes 0601-0610 are lower than last year as the 2023 and 2024 gift aid claims haven't been completed yet for St Michaels. Thirdly, grants received codes 0801 and 0801A are a lot less than 2023, as last year we received grants for Sam due to her role as Area Dean. We also received our share of the National Churches grant to help pay our gas and electric bills of £8,571 and a grant of £9200 for the Vat on the large repair bill for St Marks. Fourthly, fundraising code 0901 has increased over the same period last year mainly due to St Michaels concerts and events income. Also, our churches and hall have been rented out more this year seeing an increase in income on 1240. Finally, bank interest code 1020 has increased due to the rise in interest rates and the increased amount of money held in the consolidated bank account of All Saints which is for the reordering.

We have seen an increase again this year in parishioners joining the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS). This is really encouraging and is something we will continue to promote within our churches. This is because the PGS has shown itself to be the most cost effective and safest method to give to our respective church communities. While the PGS ensures that gifts are allocated to the correct funds, it also reduces the time burden from those who must open giving envelopes, count and record the contents and then get money to the bank. Similarly, PGS also reduces the workload of our church Gift Aid Secretaries by reducing the number of records they need to maintain, while also increasing the frequency of Gift Aid reclaim pay outs.

Most of the expense codes remain steady when you compare both years. However, there are a few things to note. Cost of fundraising events code 1730 has increased in line with fundraising code 0901 increasing as these are the expenses paid out for the events. Deanery Share has decreased as expected, as we are no longer paying the WDT element of Parish Share to the Diocese but direct to WDT and this is shown under the new code 2070. At this point I would like to say we are still the only Parish of the seven in Wigan who have paid their Parish Share in full. My thanks go to all our parishioners who continue to give generously to

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make this possible. There has been a change in the way clergy housing costs are dealt with. This is because the Joint Council have taken over all payments for clergy housing (council tax, water). This is why codes 2120 and 2140 are nil and code 2125 are the JC payments. Code 2101 are Roland and Johns expense claims which are being shared between Town Centre and Central equally. Routine church maintenance code 2330 has increased this year. All Saints had a large bill for finding and repairing a leak and some of the work from the minor repairs and improvement grant approved for St Marks has been completed. Our gas and electric bills have reduced over the year. I'm not sure if this is because we have got better deals or because we have managed the usage better. Either way it is good news. You will notice there are expenses in the major repair codes 2701-2801. These are items which I don't think fall into the church maintenance (routine) code 2330. 2701 is repairs to the lightening protection system at All Saints, 2710 is the architect fees for all Saints reorder to stage 3 and a new alarm system and emergency lightening at St Marks (paid out of the grant money) and 2801 is for repairs to the stage ceiling in St Michaels Hall.

FIXED ASSETS

Tangible Assets referenced on the summary balance sheet refer to St Marks Boys Brigade equipment with a value of £2390, St Mark's office equipment and electricals with a value of £26180 and St Michael's church hall with a value of £237,601.

RESERVES

The PCC's aim is to retain within its unrestricted funds, as freely available reserves, a sum at least equivalent to four months of the year's annual expenditure.

At the end of the year free reserves in unrestricted funds comprised shares and CBF investments for All Saints of £2497 and combined church reserves across multiple bank accounts with balances carried forward of £445,888. These sums do not include fixed assets of £263,781 (St Michael's church hall £237,601 and St Mark's office equipment and electricals £26,180) which are not freely available. Free reserves were therefore significantly above the minimum aim (c£80,000). The PCC will continue to review the appropriate level of funds held as unrestricted reserves.

RISK

An annual budget is prepared to help the PCC identify areas of significant risk. During each financial year the PCC also receives and can examine bimonthly financial reports showing actual against budget comparison reports.

Investments and reserves are only held in low-risk Church of England, Central Board of Finance funds. Bank accounts are maintained at those amounts required for operational purposes only. All assets are insured, with insurance levels periodically reviewed in conjunction with the insurance provider's team. Wigan Town Centre's insurance provider is Kingdom insurance. The PCC has agreed internal controls for the handling of cash and cheques, both as receipts and as payments.

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Finally, I would like to thank Bill and Jean as assistant treasurers for their help and support over the year and anyone else who has contributed towards the management of our Parish finances including gift aid secretaries, money counters and money bankers.

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts:				
Donations and legacies	199,424	3,241	202,665	381,276
Income from charitable activities	7,673	1,613	9,286	8,225
Other trading activities	20,807	-	20,807	18,201
Investments	8,601	1,130	9,731	6,294
Other income	-	-	-	550
Total income	236,505	5,984	242,490	414,546
Payments:				
Raising funds	4,824	-	4,824	1,862
Expenditure on charitable activities	227,521	2,741	230,262	290,181
Other expenditure	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure	232,345	2,741	235,086	292,043
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	4,161	3,243	7,404	122,503
Transfers				
Gross transfers between funds – in	13,217	-	13,217	8,008
Gross transfers between funds - out	(13,217)	-	(13,217)	(8,008)
Other recognised gains / losses				
Gains/losses on investment assets	56	156	212	804
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	4,217	3,399	7,616	123,307
Total funds brought forward	707,950	118,497	826,447	703,142
Total funds carried forward	712,166	121,897	834,063	826,447

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Balance Sheet (Summary)

	As at 31/12/2024	As at 31/12/2023
Fixed assets		
Tangible Assets	266,171	267,284
Investments	9,484	9,272
	275,655	276,556
Current assets		
Debtors	11,062	10,728
Cash At Bank And In Hand	553,367	546,681
	564,429	557,409
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	6,021	7,518
	6,021	7,518
Net current assets less current liabilities	558,408	549,891
Total assets less current liabilities	834,063	826,447
Liabilities		
	-	-
Total net assets less liabilities	834,063	826,447
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Designated		
Designated - All Saints: Mission Plans	101,912	95,152
Designated - St George: General	5,189	4,818
Designated - St Mark N: Bereavement Fund	1,186	1,186
Designated - St Mark N: Fixed Assets	26,180	26,871
Designated - St Mark N: General	122,091	112,313
Designated - St Mark N: Holiday Welfare Fund	478	478
Designated - St Michael & All Angels: General	217,409	198,528
Designated - St Michael And All Angels: Fixed Assets	237,601	237,601
Designated - St Michael And All Angels: Social Committee	121	121
Designated - Wigan Town Centre: General	-	30,882

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Restricted

Restricted - All Saints: Abbott Trust - For Children Of The Parish	10,132	10,132
Restricted - All Saints: Bluecoat Furniture	115	115
Restricted - All Saints: Crawford Chapel Altar Frontal	292	292
Restricted - All Saints: Flower Fund	1,144	1,194
Restricted - All Saints: Mission Plans	11,899	11,899
Restricted - All Saints: Organ Fund - Major Repairs	1,230	1,230
Restricted - All Saints: Prosser White Trust - Church Music	744	907
Restricted - All Saints: Sainly Stitches - Church Fabric	1,496	1,496
Restricted - All Saints: Clergy Vestments	127	560
Restricted - All Saints: Town Relief - Asylum Seekers	740	740
Restricted - St Mark N: Kitchen	2,961	-
Restricted - St Mark N: Boys' Brigade	695	676
Restricted - St Mark N: Building Purposes	399	346
Restricted - St Mark N: Fixed Assets	2,390	2,812
Restricted - St Mark N: Mission Fund	17,519	16,676
Restricted - St Mark N: Youth Development	7,725	7,336
Restricted - St Michael & All Angels: Flower Fund	692	412
Restricted - St Michael And All Angels: Education Fund - Children's Work	11,463	11,463
Restricted - St Michael And All Angels: Hall Kitchen Fund	5,844	5,844
Restricted - St Michael And All Angels: Lunch Club	3,980	3,980
Restricted - St Michael And All Angels: Organ Fund	-	80
Restricted - St Michael And All Angels: Prosser White Trust - Church Music	1,511	1,511
Restricted - St Michael And All Angels: Roof Fund	38,795	38,795
Fund Totals	834,063	826,447

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FUND MOVEMENT SUMMARY Fund	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Journal Entries	Fund balances Carried forward
ASWAbbott - All Saints: Abbott Trust - For Children Of The Parish	10,132	-	-	-	-	-	10,132
ASWAltarFrnt - All Saints: Crawford Chapel Altar Frontal	292	-	-	-	-	-	292
ASWBluecoat - All Saints: Bluecoat Furniture	115	-	-	-	-	-	115
ASWFlwr - All Saints: Flower Fund	1,194	-	50	-	-	-	1,144
ASWGen - All Saints: General	-	59,222	66,473	7,195	56	-	-
ASWMission - All Saints: Mission Plans	107,051	10,250	3,490	-	-	-	113,811
ASWOrgan - All Saints: Organ Fund - Major Repairs	1,230	-	-	-	-	-	1,230
ASWProsWhite - All Saints: Prosser White Trust - Church Music	907	-	163	-	-	-	744
ASWStStitch - All Saints: Saintly Stitchers - Church Fabric	1,496	-	-	-	-	-	1,496
ASWTown Relief - All Saints: Asylum Seekers	740	-	-	-	-	-	740
ASWVestments - All Saints: Clergy Vestments	560	-	433	-	-	-	127
GEWGen - St George: General	4,818	371	-	-	-	-	5,189
MASEducate - St Michael And All Angels: Education Fund - Children's Work	11,463	-	-	-	-	-	11,463
MASFlwr - St Michael & All Angels: Flower Fund	412	280	-	-	-	-	692
MASFxAsset - St Michael And All Angels: Fixed Assets	237,601	-	-	-	-	-	237,601
MASGen - St Michael & All Angels: General	198,528	92,237	70,903	(2,453)	-	-	217,409
MASKitchen - St Michael And All Angels: Hall Kitchen Fund	5,844	-	-	-	-	-	5,844
MASLunch - St Michael And All Angels: Lunch Club	3,980	-	-	-	-	-	3,980
MASOrgan - St Michael And All Angels: Organ Fund	80	-	80	-	-	-	-
MASProsWhite - St Michael And All Angels: Prosser White Trust - Church Music	1,511	-	-	-	-	-	1,511

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MASRoof - St Michael And All Angels: Roof Fund	38,795	-	-	-	-	-	38,795
MASSocial - St Michael And All Angels: Social Committee	121	-	-	-	-	-	121
MKNBereavement - St Mark N: Bereavement Fund	1,186	-	-	-	-	-	1,186
MKNBldPurps - St Mark N: Building Purposes	346	33	-	-	21	-	399
MKNBoysBrigade - St Mark N: Boys' Brigade	676	1,613	1,594	-	-	-	695
MKNFxAAsset - St Mark N: Fixed Assets	29,683	-	4,682	3,569	-	-	28,570
MKNGen - St Mark N: General	112,313	74,426	53,884	(10,764)	-	-	122,091
MKNHolWelfare - St Mark N: Holiday Welfare Fund	478	-	-	-	-	-	478
MKNKitchen - St Mark N: Kitchen	-	2,961	-	-	-	-	2,961
MKNMission - St Mark N: Mission Fund	16,676	708	-	-	136	-	17,519
MKNYthDev - St Mark N: Youth Development	7,336	389	-	-	-	-	7,725
TCGeneral - Wigan Town Centre: General	30,882	-	33,334	2,453	-	-	-
Totals	826,447	242,490	235,086	-	212	-	834,063

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Analysis of income and expenditure

				Total	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
RECEIPTS:					
Donations and legacies					
0101 - Gift Aid - Parish Giving Scheme	-	50,171	300	50,471	43,041
0102 - Gift Aid - Bank (Standing Order)	-	15,199	-	15,199	15,765
0110 - Gift Aid - Envelopes	-	12,592	-	12,592	13,651
0201 - Other planned giving - Parish Giving Scheme	-	7,728	-	7,728	7,426
0202 - Other planned giving - Bank (Standing Order)	-	2,212	-	2,212	2,120
0210 - Other planned giving - Envelopes	-	4,964	-	4,964	5,727
0301 - Loose plate collections (GASDS eligible)	-	30,462	-	30,462	27,670
0305 - Loose plate collections (not GASDS eligible)	-	3,510	50	3,560	2,220
0320 - One-off Gift Aid donations (declaration on envelope)	-	1,042	-	1,042	2,514
0405 - Ad-hoc donations: non Gift Aid (GASDS eligible)	-	1,940	-	1,940	775
0410 - Giving through church boxes	-	223	-	223	893
0415 - Ad-hoc donations: non Gift Aid (not GASDS eligible)	-	16,002	230	16,232	4,717
0420 - One-off Gift Aid donations	-	9,085	-	9,085	2,730
0450 - Special or specific appeals etc	-	55	2,586	2,641	635
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	-	18,325	75	18,400	21,235
0610 - GASDS Tax relief	-	2,853	-	2,853	7,121
0701 - Legacies	-	5,500	-	5,500	191,600
0801 - Recurring grants	-	750	-	750	7,375
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	-	7,098	-	7,098	20,710
0901 - Fundraising (general)	-	9,714	-	9,714	3,351
Donations and legacies Totals	-	199,424	3,241	202,665	381,276
Income from charitable activities					
1101 - Parish fee for wedding or funeral	-	6,458	-	6,458	6,034
1230 - Church/Hall lettings – objectives	-	-	-	-	40
1280 - Church event income	-	1,215	-	1,215	634
1290 - Branch organisations - receipts	-	-	1,613	1,613	1,517
Income from charitable activities Totals	-	7,673	1,613	9,286	8,225

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Other trading activities

0910 – Fundraising (Attic, Car Boot, Table top etc)	-	450	-	450	-
1240 - Church/Hall lettings - fund raising	-	9,558	-	9,558	5,794
1260 - Parish magazine sales	-	-	-	-	94
1270 - Other funds generated	-	10,799	-	10,799	12,313
Other trading activities Totals	-	20,807	-	20,807	18,201

Investments

1020 - Bank and building society interest	-	7,121	-	7,121	4,209
1025 - CBF Deposit account interest	-	1,480	1,130	2,610	2,085
Investments Totals	-	8,601	1,130	9,731	6,294

Other income

1310 - Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	550
Other income Totals	-	-	-	-	550
Receipts Grand totals	-	236,505	5,984	242,490	414,546

PAYMENTS:

Raising funds

1720 - Costs of giving envelopes and stewardship campaigns	-	300	-	300	402
1730 - Costs of fundraising events	-	4,524	-	4,524	1,460
Raising funds Totals	-	4,824	-	4,824	1,862

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Expenditure on charitable activities

1830 - Giving - relief and development agencies	-	360	-	360	420
1850 - Home mission	-	1,655	-	1,655	385
1910 - Deanery Share	-	108,194	-	108,194	125,015
2010 - Salary of organist/musicians	-	3,456	-	3,456	3,456
2050 - Salary of parish/deanery administrator	-	4,080	-	4,080	4,202
2055 - PAYE, NI & Pension - Parish Admin & Support staff	-	1,884	-	1,884	2,119
2070 - Administration Support	-	12,400	-	12,400	-
2101 - Clergy working expenses	-	2,001	433	2,433	1,858
2120 - Council tax (clergy housing)	-	-	-	-	1,405
2125 - Clergy costs (Joint Council)	-	5,628	-	5,628	4,704
2140 - Water rates (clergy housing)	-	-	-	-	266
2180 - Reader expenses and subscriptions	-	50	-	50	50
2201 - Parish mission and evangelism costs	-	-	-	-	21
2220 - Sunday School & Junior Church costs	-	20	-	20	60
2250 - General Mission/Support activities	-	-	-	-	300
2301 - Insurance premiums (church building)	-	13,152	-	13,152	13,684
2310 - Telephone (church building/parish office)	-	1,169	-	1,169	919
2320 - Organ / piano tuning and maintenance	-	1,695	80	1,775	1,204
2330 - Church building maintenance (routine)	-	8,121	-	8,121	6,728
2331 - Cleaning materials & equipment (church building)	-	1,172	-	1,172	736
2335 - Church equipment costs	-	4,260	422	4,682	5,238
2340 - Upkeep of services	-	2,029	50	2,079	2,552
2345 - Church consumable items	-	-	-	-	83
2360 - Administration costs for parish	-	3,051	163	3,214	2,060
2361 - Governance costs & examination/audit fee	-	47	-	47	34
2362 - Banking charges	-	255	-	255	473
2401 - Church building - electric	-	7,388	-	7,388	9,141
2410 - Church building - gas	-	20,697	-	20,697	22,104
2420 - Church building - water	-	1,265	-	1,265	2,889
2515 - Other Funds Expenses	-	3,711	-	3,711	5,939
2530 - Hall/Other building - electricity	-	1,992	-	1,992	3,617
2540 - Hall/Other building - gas	-	3,794	-	3,794	4,950
2550 - Hall/Other building - insurance premiums	-	428	-	428	686
2560 - Hall/Other building - maintenance (routine)	-	397	-	397	564
2580 - Hall/Other building - water rates	-	1,107	-	1,107	1,142
2585 - Hall/Other building - consumables	-	8	-	8	8
2590 - Hall/Other building - cleaning costs	-	1,514	-	1,514	1,451
2599 - Branch Organisation - payments	-	-	1,594	1,594	1,343
2701 - Church building major repairs - structure	-	2,635	-	2,635	58,375
2710 - Church building major repairs - installation	-	5,924	-	5,924	-
2801 - Hall/Other building major repairs - structure	-	1,980	-	1,980	-
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	-	227,521	2,741	230,262	290,181
Payments Grand totals	-	232,345	2,741	235,086	292,043

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Plans for the Future

The PCC shares the vision and mission of Church Wigan of working with Jesus to see transformed people and transformed places within the Parish of Wigan Town Centre. It understands its role of nurturing a culture in the parish which is hopeful, safe and centred on the kingdom of God,¹ and which actively encourages a focus on refreshing existing members and worshipping communities and growing fresh new ones.

Priorities for 2025 include:

GROWING MISSION

Key drivers of missional growth will likely be in new worship communities and partnerships with schools. Therefore the PCC will encourage the continued growth of Growing Hope in Newtown, the Saturday Club in Swinley and the Café in Newtown as well as looking to work more in Worsley Hall. Similarly, the PCC would like to see significant progress towards growing a new worshipping community linked to a school.

BUILDING OPERATIONAL RESILIENCE

Recognising the vulnerability of placing too much responsibility on one or two volunteers and the difficulties in finding such people, the PCC will create teams for delivering the financial and building operations of the parish, which spread the workload and build in resilience.

REVIEWING BUILDINGS

The PCC will commit to the Wigan Right Buildings Review, participating in positive dialogue with the Right Buildings Team's proposal and consulting well with members and other local stakeholders.

¹ This is the term used by Jesus Christ to describe God's activity in the world which produces goodness and love, justice for the oppressed and marginalised, and peace and hope for all.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Structure, Governance and Management

GOVERNING DOCUMENTS

- Church Wigan Church Representation Rules Scheme 2019
- Church Representation Rules (which are part of the Synodical Government Measure 1969)
- PCCs (Powers) Measure 1959

APPOINTMENT AND ELECTION OF MEMBERS

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. It operates according to the measures above and is a charity currently registered with the Charity Commission.

PCC members are appointed in accordance with the Church Representation Rules 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, including mandatory safeguarding training.

Members defined by the governing documents are:

- Team Rector, Benefice of Wigan
- The Team Vicars licensed as Hub Leader or Associate Hub Leader of the parish
- All Team Vicars licensed to the Benefice of Wigan
- Two Churchwardens elected each year by the Annual Meeting of Parishioners (sometimes referred to as the Vestry Meeting)
- Twelve Members directly elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting serving three year terms
- Five Deanery Synod representatives who hold an ex-officio position on the PCC

QUORUM

Quorum is one third of members. For decision making there must be a lay majority in attendance.

STANDING COMMITTEE

Day to Day management of the church is exercised by the Standing Committee, the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact PCC business between PCC meetings and considers strategic issues which may affect the parish.

Members of the Standing Committee are appointed each year by the PCC immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting and must have a lay majority for decision making. In 2024 it comprised: Rev Roland Harvey, Michael Marsh, James Hunter, Wendy Kay and Neil Meadow.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

	LIST OF PCC MEMBERS		
Name	Office	Year Joined	Term of Office Left
Rev Roland Harvey	Team Vicar, PCC Chair (Hub Leader)	Ex-officio	Ex-officio
Rev Canon Sam Nicholson	Team Vicar (Assistant Hub Leader)	Ex-officio	Ex-officio
Rev Stan Higginson	Team Vicar	Ex-officio	Ex-officio
Rev John Keeley	Assistant Curate	Ex-officio	Ex-officio
Karl Greenall	Deanery Synod Rep	2023	2 years
Ruth Laemmel	Deanery Synod Rep	2023	2 years
Jim Nicholson	Deanery Synod Rep	2023	2 years
Martin O'Kane	Deanery Synod Rep	2023	2 years
Elaine Smith	Deanery Synod Rep, Safeguarding Officer	2023	2 years
Tim Smith	Deanery Synod Rep	2023	2 years
James Hunter	Elected member; Secretary	2022	1 year
Wendy Kay	Elected member, Treasurer	2023	2 years
Michael Marsh	Elected member, Vice-Chair	2022	1 year
Ruth Clough	Elected member	2024	3 years
Richard Edwards	Elected member	2023	2 years
Mark Fairhurst	Elected member	2024	3 years
John Gostelow	Elected member	2024	3 years
Sandra Kassama	Elected member	2024	3 years
Peter Layland	Elected member	2022	1 year
Neil Meadow	Churchwarden	Ex-officio	Ex-officio
Andrew Edgar	Elected member	2023	2 years
David Sixsmith	Elected member	2022	1 year
VACANCY	Elected member	-	-
Rev Canon Neil Cook	Team Rector	Ex-officio	Ex-officio
Rev Frances Shoesmith	Team Vicar	Ex-officio	Ex-officio
Rev Dorothy Gosling	Team Vicar	Ex-officio	Ex-officio
Rev Stephen Beck	Team Vicar	Ex-officio	Ex-officio
Rev Susan Fulford	Team Vicar	Ex-officio	Ex-officio
Rev Catherine Cosslett	Team Vicar	Ex-officio	Ex-officio
Rev Frances Humphry	Team Vicar	Ex-officio	Ex-officio
Rev Sandra Jones	Team Vicar	Ex-officio	Ex-officio

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity Name | **The Parochial Church Council of Wigan Town Centre** (Charity Number 1204271)

Principal address | **Church Wigan Office, Wigan Investment Centre, Waterside Drive, Wigan, WN3 5BA**

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

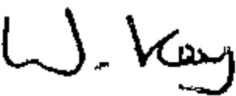
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

DECLARATIONS

The members declare that they have approved the Annual Report above.

Signed on behalf of the members of the PCC by:

SIGNATURE		
	<i>ROLAND HARVEY</i>	
Full Name	Rev Roland Harvey	Wendy Kay
Position	Team Vicar	Treasurer
Date		



Working with Jesus to see transformed people and transformed places in the neighbourhoods of the Parish of Wigan Town Centre



WIGAN TOWN CENTRE PARISH

ANNUAL REPORT 2024

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and Activities

SUMMARY OF PURPOSE

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of Wigan Town Centre is a charity registered with the Charity Commission by statutory instrument. It has the responsibility of cooperating with the Team Rector of Wigan to promote in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church, missional, pastoral, social and ecumenical. It is also responsible for the maintenance of the churches of All Saint's Wigan, St Michael & All Angel's Swinley, St Mark's Newtown and St George's Wigan as well as the Bluecoat, St Michael's Institute and St Michael and All Angel's Parish Hall.

The general functions of the PCC are stated within Section 2 of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956. The PCC will ensure that the Ecclesiastical Parish of Wigan Town Centre is governed in accordance with the following governing documents: the *Church Wigan CRR Scheme 2019*, the current *Church Representation Rules* and the *Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956*.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

The Parish of Wigan Town Centre is relatively new, one of seven new parishes formed in January 2020 as part of the establishment of the new ecclesiastical Benefice of Wigan, known as *Church Wigan*, bringing together the former parishes of All Saint's Wigan, St Michael & All Angel's Swinley, St Mark's Newtown and St George's Wigan.

The PCC works in close partnership with the Joint Council that oversees the benefice as a whole. It shares the vision of Church Wigan is to see our congregations refreshed and many new worshipping communities planted. Its prayer and work is to see 'Through Jesus transformed people, transformed places.'

Thus the parish aims and objectives are to:

- Refresh our existing congregations so that they may grow as disciples in love for each other and for the surrounding community;
- Grow new worshipping communities serving the neighbourhoods, networks and communities that exist in the parish;
- Serve our local schools and community partners;
- Embody the vision of Liverpool Diocese in all we do: 'We are praying for a bigger church making a bigger difference, more people knowing Jesus and more justice in the world' and reflect the values of Fit for Mission.

The PCC will ensure Wigan Town Centre is a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment that is open to all and which enables all to thrive and flourish in the love of God.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Achievements and Performance

A YEAR OF PROGRESS

The Town Centre Hub still continued with its main agreed objectives, namely: growing parish relationships, leadership and mission in the community and schools; maintaining the position on finances; and completing the buildings review. Progress continued with the growth objectives, which has made 2024 a productive year.

The strategic realignment of the parishes of Wigan Central and Wigan Town Centre together into one Mission Hub, continued throughout 2024 with these changes in leadership, continuing to bring expertise from both parishes into one place for the benefit of mission. As part of this, the two PCCs met on a number of social occasions, promoting unity and fellowship throughout both Hubs. Also, a new Hub Leadership Team (HLT) was formed combining the two Hubs, its aim: To lead mission across both Hubs, seeking ways in which Town Centre and Central Hubs can work closer with each other. This work continues.

Progress has also been seen in our engagement with local schools. A schools Ministry Team has been established, again across the two Hubs, and through this team we have been able to build on our relationships with schools both in Town Centre Hub and Central Hub. We have already seen a sharing of good practice as well as practical ways for our Worshipping communities to welcome schools within our buildings.

One observation from the above is the vital role our laity play in our mission. Within each worshipping community there is a dedicated group of people working tirelessly to support mission and ministry both within their worshipping community and across the Hub. This cannot be stated enough as without them, our Hub could not function.

Contactless giving was installed in all churches which has seen giving increase, particularly at weddings, baptisms and funerals, further supporting the financial health of the Hub.

The PCC spent some time considering how best to communicate, including with each other; the Joint Council and the wider parish, as well as looking at refreshing websites and use of social media.

Safeguarding remained an important priority for the Hub. Fortunately, there were very few safeguarding issues, but those that occurred were dealt with and resolved promptly. The PCC welcomed and engaged with all safeguarding training and maintain it as a standing item on the agenda.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE: BUILDING NEEDS

The Church Wigan-wide Right Buildings Review completed in September 2023 rated All Saints as amber, meaning that further understanding would be needed as to whether to recommend that church for retaining or release. The PCC recommended review group was formed and they recommended retaining All Saints based on completing a series of next steps, which was taken to Joint Council.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The next steps focused significantly on the reordering project for the Parish Church, the plans for which continued to evolve over the year, with the support of the Archdeacon.

The PCC reacted swiftly to ensure any remedial works required, particularly in the wake of Storm Darragh, were completed promptly and as cost-effectively as possible.

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Financial Review

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

For the fourth year in a row, 2024 has seen an increase in the overall funds of the parish. On the SOFA, it can be clearly seen that both our receipts and payments are both lower compared to 2023. The main reason the income is lower this year is because we had a large legacy of £175,000 in 2023. If you take this into account, the 2024 income is higher than 2023. Payments are lower this year as there was a large repair bill for St Marks in 2023 and again if you take this into account the expenses are about the same for both years.

The accounts have been prepared on an accrual and prepayment basis again this year. This means we don't just include anything paid or received within the year but need to make provision for any income or expenditure which relates to 2024 but was only received or paid out in 2025.

I will highlight the reasons for the biggest changes in income between 2024 and 2023. Firstly, donations have increased by about £18,900 when compared to 2023. These are covered by codes 0320-0450. This is a significant increase but can be explained. Included in 0415 is a £10,000 donation given to St Michaels by Wigan Lourdes Association. 0420 includes 3 larger gifts totalling £6500 given to All Saints and 0450 includes about £2500 donated for the kitchen extension at St Marks which will be completed early in 2025. Secondly, Gift Aid tax refunds codes 0601-0610 are lower than last year as the 2023 and 2024 gift aid claims haven't been completed yet for St Michaels. Thirdly, grants received codes 0801 and 0801A are a lot less than 2023, as last year we received grants for Sam due to her role as Area Dean. We also received our share of the National Churches grant to help pay our gas and electric bills of £8,571 and a grant of £9200 for the Vat on the large repair bill for St Marks. Fourthly, fundraising code 0901 has increased over the same period last year mainly due to St Michaels concerts and events income. Also, our churches and hall have been rented out more this year seeing an increase in income on 1240. Finally, bank interest code 1020 has increased due to the rise in interest rates and the increased amount of money held in the consolidated bank account of All Saints which is for the reordering.

We have seen an increase again this year in parishioners joining the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS). This is really encouraging and is something we will continue to promote within our churches. This is because the PGS has shown itself to be the most cost effective and safest method to give to our respective church communities. While the PGS ensures that gifts are allocated to the correct funds, it also reduces the time burden from those who must open giving envelopes, count and record the contents and then get money to the bank. Similarly, PGS also reduces the workload of our church Gift Aid Secretaries by reducing the number of records they need to maintain, while also increasing the frequency of Gift Aid reclaim pay outs.

Most of the expense codes remain steady when you compare both years. However, there are a few things to note. Cost of fundraising events code 1730 has increased in line with fundraising code 0901 increasing as these are the expenses paid out for the events. Deanery Share has decreased as expected, as we are no longer paying the WDT element of Parish Share to the Diocese but direct to WDT and this is shown under the new code 2070. At this point I would like to say we are still the only Parish of the seven in Wigan who have paid their Parish Share in full. My thanks go to all our parishioners who continue to give generously to

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make this possible. There has been a change in the way clergy housing costs are dealt with. This is because the Joint Council have taken over all payments for clergy housing (council tax, water). This is why codes 2120 and 2140 are nil and code 2125 are the JC payments. Code 2101 are Roland and Johns expense claims which are being shared between Town Centre and Central equally. Routine church maintenance code 2330 has increased this year. All Saints had a large bill for finding and repairing a leak and some of the work from the minor repairs and improvement grant approved for St Marks has been completed. Our gas and electric bills have reduced over the year. I'm not sure if this is because we have got better deals or because we have managed the usage better. Either way it is good news. You will notice there are expenses in the major repair codes 2701-2801. These are items which I don't think fall into the church maintenance (routine) code 2330. 2701 is repairs to the lightening protection system at All Saints, 2710 is the architect fees for all Saints reorder to stage 3 and a new alarm system and emergency lightening at St Marks (paid out of the grant money) and 2801 is for repairs to the stage ceiling in St Michaels Hall.

FIXED ASSETS

Tangible Assets referenced on the summary balance sheet refer to St Marks Boys Brigade equipment with a value of £2390, St Mark's office equipment and electricals with a value of £26180 and St Michael's church hall with a value of £237,601.

RESERVES

The PCC's aim is to retain within its unrestricted funds, as freely available reserves, a sum at least equivalent to four months of the year's annual expenditure.

At the end of the year free reserves in unrestricted funds comprised shares and CBF investments for All Saints of £2497 and combined church reserves across multiple bank accounts with balances carried forward of £445,888. These sums do not include fixed assets of £263,781 (St Michael's church hall £237,601 and St Mark's office equipment and electricals £26,180) which are not freely available. Free reserves were therefore significantly above the minimum aim (c£80,000). The PCC will continue to review the appropriate level of funds held as unrestricted reserves.

RISK

An annual budget is prepared to help the PCC identify areas of significant risk. During each financial year the PCC also receives and can examine bimonthly financial reports showing actual against budget comparison reports.

Investments and reserves are only held in low-risk Church of England, Central Board of Finance funds. Bank accounts are maintained at those amounts required for operational purposes only. All assets are insured, with insurance levels periodically reviewed in conjunction with the insurance provider's team. Wigan Town Centre's insurance provider is Kingdom insurance. The PCC has agreed internal controls for the handling of cash and cheques, both as receipts and as payments.

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Finally, I would like to thank Bill and Jean as assistant treasurers for their help and support over the year and anyone else who has contributed towards the management of our Parish finances including gift aid secretaries, money counters and money bankers.

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts:				
Donations and legacies	199,424	3,241	202,665	381,276
Income from charitable activities	7,673	1,613	9,286	8,225
Other trading activities	20,807	-	20,807	18,201
Investments	8,601	1,130	9,731	6,294
Other income	-	-	-	550
Total income	236,505	5,984	242,490	414,546
Payments:				
Raising funds	4,824	-	4,824	1,862
Expenditure on charitable activities	227,521	2,741	230,262	290,181
Other expenditure	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure	232,345	2,741	235,086	292,043
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	4,161	3,243	7,404	122,503
Transfers				
Gross transfers between funds – in	13,217	-	13,217	8,008
Gross transfers between funds - out	(13,217)	-	(13,217)	(8,008)
Other recognised gains / losses				
Gains/losses on investment assets	56	156	212	804
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	4,217	3,399	7,616	123,307
Total funds brought forward	707,950	118,497	826,447	703,142
Total funds carried forward	712,166	121,897	834,063	826,447

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Balance Sheet (Summary)

	As at 31/12/2024	As at 31/12/2023
Fixed assets		
Tangible Assets	266,171	267,284
Investments	9,484	9,272
	275,655	276,556
Current assets		
Debtors	11,062	10,728
Cash At Bank And In Hand	553,367	546,681
	564,429	557,409
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year	6,021	7,518
	6,021	7,518
Net current assets less current liabilities	558,408	549,891
Total assets less current liabilities	834,063	826,447
Liabilities		
	-	-
Total net assets less liabilities	834,063	826,447
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Designated		
Designated - All Saints: Mission Plans	101,912	95,152
Designated - St George: General	5,189	4,818
Designated - St Mark N: Bereavement Fund	1,186	1,186
Designated - St Mark N: Fixed Assets	26,180	26,871
Designated - St Mark N: General	122,091	112,313
Designated - St Mark N: Holiday Welfare Fund	478	478
Designated - St Michael & All Angels: General	217,409	198,528
Designated - St Michael And All Angels: Fixed Assets	237,601	237,601
Designated - St Michael And All Angels: Social Committee	121	121
Designated - Wigan Town Centre: General	-	30,882

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Restricted

Restricted - All Saints: Abbott Trust - For Children Of The Parish	10,132	10,132
Restricted - All Saints: Bluecoat Furniture	115	115
Restricted - All Saints: Crawford Chapel Altar Frontal	292	292
Restricted - All Saints: Flower Fund	1,144	1,194
Restricted - All Saints: Mission Plans	11,899	11,899
Restricted - All Saints: Organ Fund - Major Repairs	1,230	1,230
Restricted - All Saints: Prosser White Trust - Church Music	744	907
Restricted - All Saints: Sainly Stitches - Church Fabric	1,496	1,496
Restricted - All Saints: Clergy Vestments	127	560
Restricted - All Saints: Town Relief - Asylum Seekers	740	740
Restricted - St Mark N: Kitchen	2,961	-
Restricted - St Mark N: Boys' Brigade	695	676
Restricted - St Mark N: Building Purposes	399	346
Restricted - St Mark N: Fixed Assets	2,390	2,812
Restricted - St Mark N: Mission Fund	17,519	16,676
Restricted - St Mark N: Youth Development	7,725	7,336
Restricted - St Michael & All Angels: Flower Fund	692	412
Restricted - St Michael And All Angels: Education Fund - Children's Work	11,463	11,463
Restricted - St Michael And All Angels: Hall Kitchen Fund	5,844	5,844
Restricted - St Michael And All Angels: Lunch Club	3,980	3,980
Restricted - St Michael And All Angels: Organ Fund	-	80
Restricted - St Michael And All Angels: Prosser White Trust - Church Music	1,511	1,511
Restricted - St Michael And All Angels: Roof Fund	38,795	38,795
Fund Totals	834,063	826,447

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FUND MOVEMENT SUMMARY Fund	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Journal Entries	Fund balances Carried forward
ASWAbbott - All Saints: Abbott Trust - For Children Of The Parish	10,132	-	-	-	-	-	10,132
ASWAltarFrnt - All Saints: Crawford Chapel Altar Frontal	292	-	-	-	-	-	292
ASWBluecoat - All Saints: Bluecoat Furniture	115	-	-	-	-	-	115
ASWFlwr - All Saints: Flower Fund	1,194	-	50	-	-	-	1,144
ASWGen - All Saints: General	-	59,222	66,473	7,195	56	-	-
ASWMission - All Saints: Mission Plans	107,051	10,250	3,490	-	-	-	113,811
ASWOrgan - All Saints: Organ Fund - Major Repairs	1,230	-	-	-	-	-	1,230
ASWProsWhite - All Saints: Prosser White Trust - Church Music	907	-	163	-	-	-	744
ASWStStitch - All Saints: Saintly Stitchers - Church Fabric	1,496	-	-	-	-	-	1,496
ASWTown Relief - All Saints: Asylum Seekers	740	-	-	-	-	-	740
ASWVestments - All Saints: Clergy Vestments	560	-	433	-	-	-	127
GEWGen - St George: General	4,818	371	-	-	-	-	5,189
MASEducate - St Michael And All Angels: Education Fund - Children's Work	11,463	-	-	-	-	-	11,463
MASFlwr - St Michael & All Angels: Flower Fund	412	280	-	-	-	-	692
MASFxAsset - St Michael And All Angels: Fixed Assets	237,601	-	-	-	-	-	237,601
MASGen - St Michael & All Angels: General	198,528	92,237	70,903	(2,453)	-	-	217,409
MASKitchen - St Michael And All Angels: Hall Kitchen Fund	5,844	-	-	-	-	-	5,844
MASLunch - St Michael And All Angels: Lunch Club	3,980	-	-	-	-	-	3,980
MASOrgan - St Michael And All Angels: Organ Fund	80	-	80	-	-	-	-
MASProsWhite - St Michael And All Angels: Prosser White Trust - Church Music	1,511	-	-	-	-	-	1,511

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MASRoof - St Michael And All Angels: Roof Fund	38,795	-	-	-	-	-	38,795
MASSocial - St Michael And All Angels: Social Committee	121	-	-	-	-	-	121
MKNBereavement - St Mark N: Bereavement Fund	1,186	-	-	-	-	-	1,186
MKNBldPurps - St Mark N: Building Purposes	346	33	-	-	21	-	399
MKNBoysBrigade - St Mark N: Boys' Brigade	676	1,613	1,594	-	-	-	695
MKNFxAAsset - St Mark N: Fixed Assets	29,683	-	4,682	3,569	-	-	28,570
MKNGen - St Mark N: General	112,313	74,426	53,884	(10,764)	-	-	122,091
MKNHolWelfare - St Mark N: Holiday Welfare Fund	478	-	-	-	-	-	478
MKNKitchen - St Mark N: Kitchen	-	2,961	-	-	-	-	2,961
MKNMission - St Mark N: Mission Fund	16,676	708	-	-	136	-	17,519
MKNYthDev - St Mark N: Youth Development	7,336	389	-	-	-	-	7,725
TCGeneral - Wigan Town Centre: General	30,882	-	33,334	2,453	-	-	-
Totals	826,447	242,490	235,086	-	212	-	834,063

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Analysis of income and expenditure

				Total	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
RECEIPTS:					
Donations and legacies					
0101 - Gift Aid - Parish Giving Scheme	-	50,171	300	50,471	43,041
0102 - Gift Aid - Bank (Standing Order)	-	15,199	-	15,199	15,765
0110 - Gift Aid - Envelopes	-	12,592	-	12,592	13,651
0201 - Other planned giving - Parish Giving Scheme	-	7,728	-	7,728	7,426
0202 - Other planned giving - Bank (Standing Order)	-	2,212	-	2,212	2,120
0210 - Other planned giving - Envelopes	-	4,964	-	4,964	5,727
0301 - Loose plate collections (GASDS eligible)	-	30,462	-	30,462	27,670
0305 - Loose plate collections (not GASDS eligible)	-	3,510	50	3,560	2,220
0320 - One-off Gift Aid donations (declaration on envelope)	-	1,042	-	1,042	2,514
0405 - Ad-hoc donations: non Gift Aid (GASDS eligible)	-	1,940	-	1,940	775
0410 - Giving through church boxes	-	223	-	223	893
0415 - Ad-hoc donations: non Gift Aid (not GASDS eligible)	-	16,002	230	16,232	4,717
0420 - One-off Gift Aid donations	-	9,085	-	9,085	2,730
0450 - Special or specific appeals etc	-	55	2,586	2,641	635
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	-	18,325	75	18,400	21,235
0610 - GASDS Tax relief	-	2,853	-	2,853	7,121
0701 - Legacies	-	5,500	-	5,500	191,600
0801 - Recurring grants	-	750	-	750	7,375
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	-	7,098	-	7,098	20,710
0901 - Fundraising (general)	-	9,714	-	9,714	3,351
Donations and legacies Totals	-	199,424	3,241	202,665	381,276
Income from charitable activities					
1101 - Parish fee for wedding or funeral	-	6,458	-	6,458	6,034
1230 - Church/Hall lettings – objectives	-	-	-	-	40
1280 - Church event income	-	1,215	-	1,215	634
1290 - Branch organisations - receipts	-	-	1,613	1,613	1,517
Income from charitable activities Totals	-	7,673	1,613	9,286	8,225

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Other trading activities

0910 – Fundraising (Attic, Car Boot, Table top etc)	-	450	-	450	-
1240 - Church/Hall lettings - fund raising	-	9,558	-	9,558	5,794
1260 - Parish magazine sales	-	-	-	-	94
1270 - Other funds generated	-	10,799	-	10,799	12,313
Other trading activities Totals	-	20,807	-	20,807	18,201

Investments

1020 - Bank and building society interest	-	7,121	-	7,121	4,209
1025 - CBF Deposit account interest	-	1,480	1,130	2,610	2,085
Investments Totals	-	8,601	1,130	9,731	6,294

Other income

1310 - Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	550
Other income Totals	-	-	-	-	550
Receipts Grand totals	-	236,505	5,984	242,490	414,546

PAYMENTS:

Raising funds

1720 - Costs of giving envelopes and stewardship campaigns	-	300	-	300	402
1730 - Costs of fundraising events	-	4,524	-	4,524	1,460
Raising funds Totals	-	4,824	-	4,824	1,862

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Expenditure on charitable activities

1830 - Giving - relief and development agencies	-	360	-	360	420
1850 - Home mission	-	1,655	-	1,655	385
1910 - Deanery Share	-	108,194	-	108,194	125,015
2010 - Salary of organist/musicians	-	3,456	-	3,456	3,456
2050 - Salary of parish/deanery administrator	-	4,080	-	4,080	4,202
2055 - PAYE, NI & Pension - Parish Admin & Support staff	-	1,884	-	1,884	2,119
2070 - Administration Support	-	12,400	-	12,400	-
2101 - Clergy working expenses	-	2,001	433	2,433	1,858
2120 - Council tax (clergy housing)	-	-	-	-	1,405
2125 - Clergy costs (Joint Council)	-	5,628	-	5,628	4,704
2140 - Water rates (clergy housing)	-	-	-	-	266
2180 - Reader expenses and subscriptions	-	50	-	50	50
2201 - Parish mission and evangelism costs	-	-	-	-	21
2220 - Sunday School & Junior Church costs	-	20	-	20	60
2250 - General Mission/Support activities	-	-	-	-	300
2301 - Insurance premiums (church building)	-	13,152	-	13,152	13,684
2310 - Telephone (church building/parish office)	-	1,169	-	1,169	919
2320 - Organ / piano tuning and maintenance	-	1,695	80	1,775	1,204
2330 - Church building maintenance (routine)	-	8,121	-	8,121	6,728
2331 - Cleaning materials & equipment (church building)	-	1,172	-	1,172	736
2335 - Church equipment costs	-	4,260	422	4,682	5,238
2340 - Upkeep of services	-	2,029	50	2,079	2,552
2345 - Church consumable items	-	-	-	-	83
2360 - Administration costs for parish	-	3,051	163	3,214	2,060
2361 - Governance costs & examination/audit fee	-	47	-	47	34
2362 - Banking charges	-	255	-	255	473
2401 - Church building - electric	-	7,388	-	7,388	9,141
2410 - Church building - gas	-	20,697	-	20,697	22,104
2420 - Church building - water	-	1,265	-	1,265	2,889
2515 - Other Funds Expenses	-	3,711	-	3,711	5,939
2530 - Hall/Other building - electricity	-	1,992	-	1,992	3,617
2540 - Hall/Other building - gas	-	3,794	-	3,794	4,950
2550 - Hall/Other building - insurance premiums	-	428	-	428	686
2560 - Hall/Other building - maintenance (routine)	-	397	-	397	564
2580 - Hall/Other building - water rates	-	1,107	-	1,107	1,142
2585 - Hall/Other building - consumables	-	8	-	8	8
2590 - Hall/Other building - cleaning costs	-	1,514	-	1,514	1,451
2599 - Branch Organisation - payments	-	-	1,594	1,594	1,343
2701 - Church building major repairs - structure	-	2,635	-	2,635	58,375
2710 - Church building major repairs - installation	-	5,924	-	5,924	-
2801 - Hall/Other building major repairs - structure	-	1,980	-	1,980	-
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	-	227,521	2,741	230,262	290,181
Payments Grand totals	-	232,345	2,741	235,086	292,043

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Plans for the Future

The PCC shares the vision and mission of Church Wigan of working with Jesus to see transformed people and transformed places within the Parish of Wigan Town Centre. It understands its role of nurturing a culture in the parish which is hopeful, safe and centred on the kingdom of God,¹ and which actively encourages a focus on refreshing existing members and worshipping communities and growing fresh new ones.

Priorities for 2025 include:

GROWING MISSION

Key drivers of missional growth will likely be in new worship communities and partnerships with schools. Therefore the PCC will encourage the continued growth of Growing Hope in Newtown, the Saturday Club in Swinley and the Café in Newtown as well as looking to work more in Worsley Hall. Similarly, the PCC would like to see significant progress towards growing a new worshipping community linked to a school.

BUILDING OPERATIONAL RESILIENCE

Recognising the vulnerability of placing too much responsibility on one or two volunteers and the difficulties in finding such people, the PCC will create teams for delivering the financial and building operations of the parish, which spread the workload and build in resilience.

REVIEWING BUILDINGS

The PCC will commit to the Wigan Right Buildings Review, participating in positive dialogue with the Right Buildings Team's proposal and consulting well with members and other local stakeholders.

¹ This is the term used by Jesus Christ to describe God's activity in the world which produces goodness and love, justice for the oppressed and marginalised, and peace and hope for all.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Structure, Governance and Management

GOVERNING DOCUMENTS

- Church Wigan Church Representation Rules Scheme 2019
- Church Representation Rules (which are part of the Synodical Government Measure 1969)
- PCCs (Powers) Measure 1959

APPOINTMENT AND ELECTION OF MEMBERS

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. It operates according to the measures above and is a charity currently registered with the Charity Commission.

PCC members are appointed in accordance with the Church Representation Rules 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, including mandatory safeguarding training.

Members defined by the governing documents are:

- Team Rector, Benefice of Wigan
- The Team Vicars licensed as Hub Leader or Associate Hub Leader of the parish
- All Team Vicars licensed to the Benefice of Wigan
- Two Churchwardens elected each year by the Annual Meeting of Parishioners (sometimes referred to as the Vestry Meeting)
- Twelve Members directly elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting serving three year terms
- Five Deanery Synod representatives who hold an ex-officio position on the PCC

QUORUM

Quorum is one third of members. For decision making there must be a lay majority in attendance.

STANDING COMMITTEE

Day to Day management of the church is exercised by the Standing Committee, the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact PCC business between PCC meetings and considers strategic issues which may affect the parish.

Members of the Standing Committee are appointed each year by the PCC immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting and must have a lay majority for decision making. In 2024 it comprised: Rev Roland Harvey, Michael Marsh, James Hunter, Wendy Kay and Neil Meadow.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

	LIST OF PCC MEMBERS		
Name	Office	Year Joined	Term of Office Left
Rev Roland Harvey	Team Vicar, PCC Chair (Hub Leader)	Ex-officio	Ex-officio
Rev Canon Sam Nicholson	Team Vicar (Assistant Hub Leader)	Ex-officio	Ex-officio
Rev Stan Higginson	Team Vicar	Ex-officio	Ex-officio
Rev John Keeley	Assistant Curate	Ex-officio	Ex-officio
Karl Greenall	Deanery Synod Rep	2023	2 years
Ruth Laemmel	Deanery Synod Rep	2023	2 years
Jim Nicholson	Deanery Synod Rep	2023	2 years
Martin O'Kane	Deanery Synod Rep	2023	2 years
Elaine Smith	Deanery Synod Rep, Safeguarding Officer	2023	2 years
Tim Smith	Deanery Synod Rep	2023	2 years
James Hunter	Elected member; Secretary	2022	1 year
Wendy Kay	Elected member, Treasurer	2023	2 years
Michael Marsh	Elected member, Vice-Chair	2022	1 year
Ruth Clough	Elected member	2024	3 years
Richard Edwards	Elected member	2023	2 years
Mark Fairhurst	Elected member	2024	3 years
John Gostelow	Elected member	2024	3 years
Sandra Kassama	Elected member	2024	3 years
Peter Layland	Elected member	2022	1 year
Neil Meadow	Churchwarden	Ex-officio	Ex-officio
Andrew Edgar	Elected member	2023	2 years
David Sixsmith	Elected member	2022	1 year
VACANCY	Elected member	-	-
Rev Canon Neil Cook	Team Rector	Ex-officio	Ex-officio
Rev Frances Shoesmith	Team Vicar	Ex-officio	Ex-officio
Rev Dorothy Gosling	Team Vicar	Ex-officio	Ex-officio
Rev Stephen Beck	Team Vicar	Ex-officio	Ex-officio
Rev Susan Fulford	Team Vicar	Ex-officio	Ex-officio
Rev Catherine Cosslett	Team Vicar	Ex-officio	Ex-officio
Rev Frances Humphry	Team Vicar	Ex-officio	Ex-officio
Rev Sandra Jones	Team Vicar	Ex-officio	Ex-officio

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity Name | **The Parochial Church Council of Wigan Town Centre** (Charity Number 1204271)

Principal address | **Church Wigan Office, Wigan Investment Centre, Waterside Drive, Wigan, WN3 5BA**

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

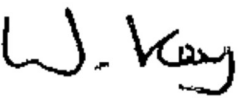
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

DECLARATIONS

The members declare that they have approved the Annual Report above.

Signed on behalf of the members of the PCC by:

SIGNATURE		
	<i>ROLAND HARVEY</i>	
Full Name	Rev Roland Harvey	Wendy Kay
Position	Team Vicar	Treasurer
Date		

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of WIGAN TOWN CONGREGATION
on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024, as set out on
pages 1 to 17 of your Annual Report.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this 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 independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the PCC concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in 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:

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: J Mading

Date: 3 MAY 2025

IE's Name: JEFFREY HACKING FCCA

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