



Annual Parochial Church Meeting

St Margaret's Church Whalley Range Sunday 11th May 2025 at 11.30am

Trustees report for the Year 1st January – 31st December 2024

Achievements & Performance

- We were privileged to welcome Rt Rev David Walker, Bishop of Manchester to celebrate of 175 anniversary of the opening of St Margaret's Church on Sunday 28th April
- Revd Ian Harvey now in his last year of training.
- A Sunday morning service was held every week at 10.30 am in addition to special seasonal services.
- Continued our membership of 'Inclusive Church' and commitment to being an inclusive community church.
- The provision of pastoral and spiritual support beyond the congregation, particularly through offering ministry in baptism, marriages and funerals.
- Church space used by community groups to support their activities providing public benefit.
- Involvement with St Margaret's CofE Primary School particularly serving on the governing body. Additionally, we have taken part in an interfaith Care for Creation community event at the school.
- Continued to support Honeybears Nursery through the use of our Church Hall and facilities.
- In May we said farewell to the Ethiopian community who have moved to a larger church to accommodate their increasing congregation.
- Jenny Appleby re-authorised as children's Lay minister promoting out work with local families

Safeguarding

- The PCC believe they have fulfilled their duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults). During 2024, our policy has been reviewed and updated in line with updated Diocesan guidance, and this is now being implemented. Safeguarding is a core agenda item at all PCC meetings.

Finance Report

- The Financial Statements for 2024 have been prepared by John Adams, approved by the PCC, and submitted to the Independent Examiner. These show that income was above expenditure.
- Church running expenses and utility bills were slightly lower than in 2023, despite inflationary pressures.
- We were able to pay our Diocesan Parish Share Quota (£24,154) in full, thanks to the donations received from regular givers, income from Honeybears Nursery and the Ethiopian Church, and recovery of Gift Aid.

Building Report

- A Diocesan grant of £10,000 enabled us to undertake steeplejack repairs on the tower and spire masonry, pointing, and louvre windows.
- More decluttering has happened in the church, but it is an ongoing task.
- New floorboards in handbasin area of toilet
- Repair work to historic St Margaret's silver Chalice
- New audio equipment purchased
- Quotes acquired for repairs to damaged stained glass window in memorial Chapel.
- Acquired new chairs to improve community space within the church

Climate Emergency

- Energy Carbon Footprint in 2024 was 19.5 tonnes CO₂ equivalent.
- This is down from 20.8 tonnes in 2023 due to switching to a greener electricity tariff with Octopus.

Charity Commission

- Annual documents submitted on time

Deanery Synod

- Dementia Friendly Church had been discussed following a presentation in 2023. There is to be a pilot of 6 churches across the Diocese to start after Easter 2025.
- A presentation on ministry among asylum seekers was given.
- A presentation on the proposed Transformational Programme to 2030 was given. Members were invited to express their views.



Return of Parish Finance January to December 2024

Parish Name: St Margarets Whalley Range	If the form is NOT completed for the entire parish, please list below the churches included:	Parish Code (6 digits): 240094
		Deanery: South&Stretford
		Diocese: Manchester

30 Are your accounts Receipts and Payments [X] OR Accruals [] ? (indicate ONE)

RECEIPTS/INCOME			UNRESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESTRICTED (nearest £)	PAYMENTS/EXPENDITURE			UNRESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESTRICTED (nearest £)
Voluntary giving					Costs of generating funds				
1	Regular giving		£ 10,408	£ -	17	Costs of fundraising activities		£ 251	£ -
3	Collections at services		£ 703	£ -	Church activities				
4	All other giving and voluntary receipts, including special appeals (recurring and one-off)		£ 6,686	£ -	18	Mission giving and donations		£ -	£ -
6	Gift Aid recovered (regular giving and one-off donations)		£ 3,726	£ -	19	Diocesan parish share contribution		£ 19,586	£ -
7	Legacies received (capital value)		£ -	£ -	20	Salaries, wages and honoraria		£ -	£ -
8	Grants (include recurring and one-off)		£ -	£ 10,000	21	Clergy and staff expenses		£ 1,731	£ -
Total voluntary giving			£ 21,523	£ 10,000	Church expenses				
Activities for generating funds					22	Mission and evangelism costs		£ 22	£ -
9	Fundraising activities (gross proceeds)		£ 163	£ -	23	Church running expenses (including governance)		£ 10,460	£ -
Income from investments					24	Church utility bills		£ 1,764	£ -
10	Dividends, interest, income from property etc.		£ 1,379	£ -	25	Costs of trading		£ 8,423	£ -
Church activities					Major capital expenditure				
11	Fees retained by PCC (weddings, funerals etc.)		£ 209	£ -	27	Major repairs to the church building		£ 4,765	£ 10,000
12	Trading activities (gross proceeds), NOT fundraising		£ 42,602	£ -	28	Major repairs to church hall/other PCC property including redecoration		£ 550	£ -
Other incoming resources					29	New building work to the church, church hall, clergy housing or other PCC property.		£ -	£ -
13	Other receipts/income not already listed PLEASE NOTE BRIEF DETAILS IN BOX E		£ 871	£ -	Other expenditure				
Totals (from Financial Statements)			Unrestricted	Restricted	99	Other payments/expenditure not already listed PLEASE NOTE BRIEF DETAILS IN BOX E		£ 132	£ -
A	RECEIPTS/INCOME		£ 66,747	£ 10,000	Totals (from Financial Statements)			Unrestricted	Restricted
B	COMBINED TOTAL		£ 76,747		C	PAYMENTS/EXPENDITURE		£ 47,684	£ 10,000
PLANNED GIVERS AND LEGACIES					D	COMBINED TOTAL		£ 57,684	
14	Number of regular givers		21		CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES			UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED
16	Number of new legacies received in year		0		31	Cash and deposit balances as at 31/12/2024		£ 38,305	£ -
					32	Investments as at 31/12/2024		£ 47,680	£ -

Please refer to the accompanying notes to help clarify what is included in each section. The item numbers refer to RPF notes, consistent with the guidance provided in *PCC Accountability*, 5th edn..

Name	John Adams	Date	4th May 2025
Position	Treasurer		
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Looking back across 2024, was there any exceptional financial activity affecting movement on cash and investment balances? Please provide details in the box below.
These might include project or capital expenditure, major equipment purchases, property or asset disposals, new investment or investment sales, new loans or loan repayments.

Gift Aid (box 6): the recovered amount all went via the Gift Aid Lite scheme towards **Diocesan Parish Share Contributions** (box 19).
Other income (box 13): mainly from St Margaret's Community Centre in lieu of 2023 payments for their burglar alarm contract, and also some NatWest banking adjustments.
Other payments (box 99): further NatWest banking adjustments which offset the adjustments noted in box 13.

Charity Commission
PO Box 211
Bootle
L20 7YX

5th June 2025

To whom it may concern,

Parochial Church Council of St Margaret

In accordance with the engagement letter dated 8th May 2025, I have reviewed the accounts and provide to you an independent examination of charity accounts for Parochial Church Council of St Margaret from information and explanations that have been given to me.

As a practising member firm of the Institute of Financial Accountants, we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at [ifa.org.uk/smes-and-smeps/professional standards](http://ifa.org.uk/smes-and-smeps/professional-standards). To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than you, for our work or for this report.

You have prepared the accounts for the year and have acknowledged your responsibility for them, for the appropriateness of the financial reporting framework adopted and for providing all information and explanations necessary for their compilation.

I can hereby certify that based on my independent examination of the charity accounts that the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024 presents a fair and accurate representation of the financial performance for the period.

Should you require any further clarification or additional information please do not hesitate to contact me on 0161 865 8298.

Yours faithfully,



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