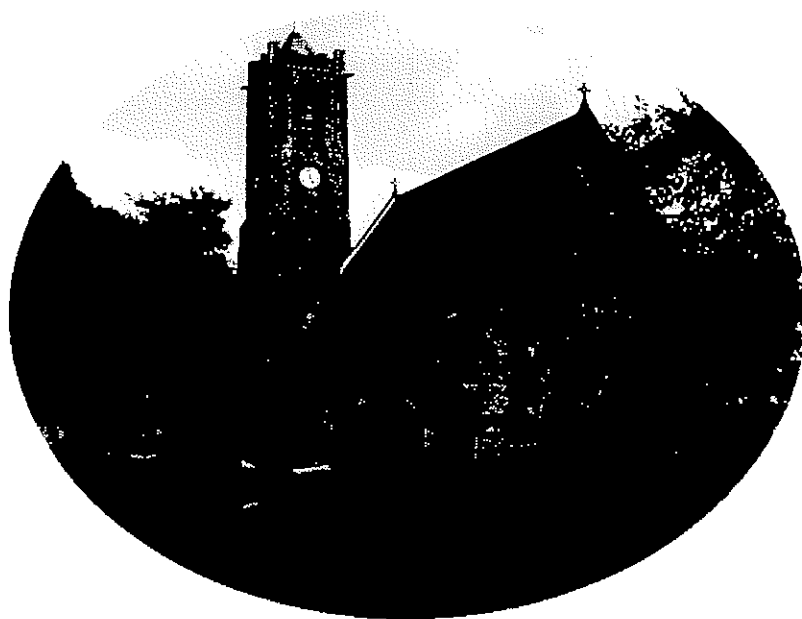




THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, RAINFORD
ANNUAL REPORT & UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023



REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1127817



Diocese of Liverpool

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

Aims and Purpose

The general functions of the Parochial Church Council of The Parish of All Saints, Rainford ("PCC") are stated within section 2 of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956.

The PCC has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, Revd Janet Heighton, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also responsible for the maintenance of the Church and Parish Church Hall in Church Road, Rainford.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at All Saints. The PCC continues to develop the vision of the church following the diocesan vision of a "Bigger Church making a Bigger Difference" and promotes the Diocesan Rule of Life – "Called to pray, read and learn. Sent to tell, serve and give."

The PCC maintains an overview of worship and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship, prayer and learning about the gospel;
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish;
- Mission and outreach work within our community;
- Fellowship;
- Concern for world issues;

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church of All Saints and the Parish Church Hall.

Support for Charities

The PCC decides on which charities to support, having regard to need. Details of charities benefiting in 2023 are set out in the Achievements and performance section of this Trustees' report.

Objectives for 2023

Our specific objectives at the start of 2023 were to continue to work to the Diocesan growth agenda and develop the mission of the church. We aimed to:

- Engage with the Diocesan and Deanery Fit for Mission discussion
- Develop our work with baptism families and encourage the recruitment of young families and adults
- Expand our provision of discipleship courses
- Encourage members of the congregation to develop lay ministry
- Look further at developing the facilities we have and the facilities we need to further our mission
- Continue to reflect on the use of the balance of the Keith Orrell bequest in the light of the above and the Mission Plan

Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is. In particular we want to mention our Churchwarden Ralph Rigby, who retired from the full role in May 2023 and took up the role of Deputy Churchwarden, alongside the other Deputy Churchwardens Janet Davies, Ivor Fingard, Myra Hartley and Rupert Nichols. It should be noted that no Churchwardens were appointed at the APCM in May 2023 and both posts have remained vacant for the rest of the year. The duties of Churchwarden have been shared by the Deputy Churchwardens.

A considerable amount of hours are given each year by all our volunteers in their work for the church and we are most grateful to everyone who helps in any way with the smooth running of the church and our mission and ministry.

Clergy Team

Revd Janet Heighton continues as Vicar and was on Sabbatical from January – March 2023. Revd Noel Mc Garrigle completed his time as Assistant Curate in June 2023 and moved on to be Incumbent of the Parishes of Helsby and Dunham on the Hill in the Chester Diocese, we wished him well in his future ministry. Revd Jayne Shepherd (Priest) and Revd Martin Duerden (Priest) both continue to hold the Bishop's Permission to Officiate. We are grateful to them for all their work and support in the parish.

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Achievements and Performance

Worship and prayer

The PCC is keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling.

Everyone is welcome at our services and the reported figure for the Church's Electoral Roll in 2023, following a number of bereavements and people moving away from the parish was 214 (2022 – 232).

Average attendance figures for 2023:

	2023 <i>(2022 comparison)</i>
Sundays	
8.00am in Church	10 (11)
10.30am Family service	118 (103)
10.30am Morning Service	62 (75)
Evening services	16 (20)
Thurs morning Communion	25 (24)

Attendance at:

- Services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day in church were attended by 419 adults and children (2022 - 400 adults and children)
- Services on Easter Day in church attended by 139 (2022 - 193)

	2023 <i>(2022 comparison)</i>
Occasional offices	
Baptisms	24 (27)
Confirmation	0 (0)
Weddings	3 (10)
Funerals in church	45 (35)
Funerals direct to crematorium	19 (17)

Consideration has been given to making the most of the opportunities provided by occasional offices and using the Church of England resources.

Messy Church started in October 2022 and has continued to meet monthly, on the third Sunday at 9am in the Church Hall. The format is 15 mins each of Craft, Prayer and Breakfast. The service

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has been well received by families with young children, many of whom have previously attended Tots Worship but few had attended Sunday Services. The average attendance for 2023 was 30 adults and 23 children.

Church building and hall

In addition to the programme of services, the Church is generally used by the Bell-ringers and the Church Choir for regular weekly practice, and for Tots' Time worship on a Wednesday morning. The hall is generally used throughout the year by various church organisations, including Wednesday Welcome, Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association, Mothers' Union, Men's' Fellowship, Craft Group and Rainford Parish Church Amateur Dramatic Society, and for Parish lunches and coffee mornings.

Outside lettings of the hall have increased throughout 2023 with additional weekly lettings for exercise classes and parent and baby groups.

The review of the facilities we need in order to meet the objectives of the mission plan was put on hold in March 2020 at the start of the pandemic. This will now be reviewed again in 2024, particularly alongside the Diocesan Fit for Mission Strategy.

Churchyard and Field

The PCC have responsibility for the upkeep and maintenance of the churchyard and field. Previously the PCC used an outside contractor for the maintenance of the churchyard and field, however, in 2022 a working party of willing helpers was put together, led by Andrew Rigby, who have continued to maintain the churchyard and field throughout the year and we are grateful for their commitment. The church receives no outside assistance in this area, and all costs and expense are borne by the Parishioners of All Saints. Whilst the working party does not eliminate costs entirely it has dramatically reduced the financial burden in this area on the church.

The PCC sought planning permission for the siting of a container in the church hall car park for the storage of the equipment needed.

The church field was again used by Silcocks Fair for Walking Day and for the Bonfire organised by the Scouts and Rotary. In addition, it was used by a touring Circus in April.

Pastoral care

Pastoral visits and home communions continued during 2023, undertaken by Revd Janet, Revd Noel, Revd Martin and Revd Jayne. Consideration is now being given to the re-formation of a Pastoral visiting team.

Mission and evangelism

The Mission and Pastoral Committee has continued to encourage commitment to the Diocesan Rule of Life. Pam Davenport took over as Chairman of the Mission and Pastoral committee and over the summer the committee and PCC worked at developing a new action plan. The committee also made plans for an At Home day to be held in February 2024, based on fellowship and spirituality.

Revd Martin and Sue Duerden continued the development of study groups by running Christianity Explored in the autumn. These groups have continued to help members of the congregation grow in confidence in their faith.

At the start of the year we took part in the Government Warm Space initiative, addressing the cost of living and fuel crisis, by opening the Church Hall on a Monday 12 – 2pm and offering a free light lunch. This proved very popular, particularly for offering fellowship and combating loneliness, and therefore it continued weekly throughout the year, changing the name to Fellowship Group. Although lunch is offered free for anyone who wishes, attendees offer their own donations, making the group self-sustainable.

This year's Christmas event was, again, a Christmas Tree Festival, with many organisations, schools and local businesses being involved. Money raised was split 50% to Church funds, 25% to Teardrops and 25% Mary's Meals.

Our Church School Partnership continues with Rainford CE School. Revd Janet, Revd Martin and Diane Pennington, continue to be committed in their roles as Foundation Governors and Keith Gratton, who was appointed to the PCC in May 2023, as a Co-opted Governor. Revd Janet and Revd Martin have continued to offer weekly Collective Worship in school and we were also able to offer Easter Experience and Pentecost Experience in Church. The School has used the church building for Harvest and Christmas.

Our relationship with Brook Lodge School has continued. Revd Janet has taken part in assemblies and we were able to welcome the school to church for the Easter Journey Celebration and the Crib Service at Christmas.

Our Parish magazine and Facebook page keep our parishioners informed of the important matters affecting our Church and Parish. The weekly newsletter continues to be distributed to all on our Electoral Roll who have provided email addresses and to all on our mailing list who have signed up under GDPR. The weekly circulation is approximately 190 copies.

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Charities Supported

Charities we have supported during the year, included within our accounts, are:-

	£
Church generally	
Shelter – Christmas Charity 2022 (Paid in 2023)	1,000
DEC Appeal for Turkey	365
Local food bank – Coronation Concert	940
Local food bank – Messy Church Smartie Tube Lent	
Appeal	120
Poppy Appeal	100
St Helens Carers - Men's Fellowship donation	30
Teardrops Christmas Charity 2023 (Collected in 2023, paid out in 2024)	1,664
Mary's Meals Christmas Charity 2023 (Collected in 2023, paid out in 2024)	1,664
Children's Society (cash from Christingle Collection)	310
Boys Brigade and Girls Association	
Local foodbank	1,593
Wythenshawe Hospital	153
Rainford Girl Guides	50
Alzheimer	25
Poppy Appeal	40
Chocolate Orange Appeal	149

The total raised for the Children's Society through the Christingle Services collection was £1,137. £310 in cash as reported above and £827 in cheques banked with them direct. A special collection was made for a local family following a tragedy and raised £550, which was given to them.

In addition to these monetary contributions, donations-in-kind were made in the year to support local charities: The Church acts as a collection point for food donations, regularly sent to the Skelmersdale Food Bank for distribution, and at the Family Service in December, our "Toy service", members of the congregation brought in toys and other gifts which were taken to the St Helens Women's Refuge Centre. Harvest produce was donated to YMCA St Helens and the local foodbanks.

Ecumenical relationships

The church is a member of Churches Together in Rainford and the Clergy of the churches have worked closely together and met regularly throughout the year to reflect and offer support. The 2023 Service of Christian Unity took place at All Saints. The Good Friday Walk of Witness took place as usual as did the annual Walking Day in June. The Ecumenical Service for Remembrance at All Saints was very well attended.

We were able to distribute both Easter cards and Christmas Cards throughout the village, with messages of hope and took part in a joint Lent Group.

Deanery Synod

Five members of the PCC sit on the Deanery Synod, along with the clergy (although from May 2023 this was four, with one vacancy). This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider Church. The main topic of discussion over the year was the Diocesan Fit for Mission Plan, with Ormskirk Deanery being part of Cohort 2.

Diocesan Fit for Mission Plan

Over the year the PCC members took part in many extra meetings exploring the Diocesan Fit for Mission Plan. In November all parishes were asked to vote on four options about whether to continue the journey into a two year engagement and evaluation process. The PCC concluded that it is in our interests to participate with this process but raised a number of important issues that we require to be addressed and resolved during this process before any further decisions are made by the PCC on Rainford's future participation in the FFM programme.

Financial review

Record keeping and controls

The Trustees are responsible for the day to day management of the PCC and approve income and expenditure. Accounts are kept using "MyFundAccounting", a software package specifically for churches. The power of the software is now being utilised to assist with ongoing budgeting.

Income and expenditure

The Parish Giving Scheme continues to be promoted and more people have now transferred. By the end of the year the number continuing to use envelopes had reduced to four. Planned giving increased by £513, although we did lose a few of our regular givers, who sadly died.

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The deficit of unrestricted funds (including designated) showing in the accounts to the General Fund is £48,778 (previous year gain £2,670).

Total receipts of unrestricted funds were £198,184 (previous year £198,438). Two legacies, totalling £1,509 were received in the year (previous year £5,995). Other unrestricted voluntary donations were £68,831 (previous year £92,813, which included three special donations totalling £26,000). Collections from loose plate increased by £1,045. Gift Aid and GASDS has been claimed on eligible donations for the year £11,746 (previous year £16,437, which included Gift Aid on a large special donation).

£225,635 (previous year £179,050) was spent from unrestricted funds on charitable activities and to provide Christian ministry.

The diocesan parish share for 2023 was £86,093 (previous year £82,086). The Parish Share is supplemented by the Church Commissioners to provide: Clergy stipends and National Insurance, Clergy pensions, Clergy housing, Clergy training and Reader training. The total amount for all churches in the diocese is shared between those churches applying a formula which takes into account nationally determined deprivation statistics and each church's Sunday adult congregation attendance.

Repayments of the Government Business Bounce Back loan, received in 2020, continued monthly throughout the year.

Our major fundraising event, the annual Church shop, returned in full in May and generated a net profit of £20,000.

Fee income is always variable due to the number of services. In 2023 the number of funerals rose considerably. The amount received from wedding and funeral fees was £28,963 (2022 £24,022).

The PCC are continuing to rationalise expenditure in order to maximise the effective use of resources and generate additional income.

It should be noted that, following the vestry fire reported in 2019, the refurbishment of the vestry took place in 2023. In 2022, £15,924 remained in the account from the insurance claim, which has now all been cleared.

Investments are actively managed by an investment manager Quilter Cheviot. During 2023 we had to draw down £50,082 in order to maintain cashflow. The investments have generated interest of £2,714.

In June 2023, with the departure of Revd Noel Mc Garrigle, the Curate's House became vacant. £6,821 was spent in refurbishment ready for rental. The house was let from September 2023 and returns an income of £1,300 per month.

Reserves Policy

It is still the policy of the PCC to try to maintain a balance in the general current account of unrestricted funds that equates to at least two months of unrestricted payments and covers emergency situations that may arise from time to time. Close management of the accounts has been undertaken and funds have only been drawn down from investments when necessary. In order to protect the Charities interest and minimise loss, the PCC decided not to draw down money from investments to aid cashflow in previous years but to use the Government Business Bounce Back loan, held in a Reserve account, to assist short term cashflow issues. Quilter Cheviot, as Investment Managers, have been kept informed of potential cashflow needs in the new year, in order to sell shares at an appropriate time and keep this in a cash account.

Legacy policy

It is the PCC's policy to record any legacies received and, if given without any restriction, to use them in such a way that wherever possible reflects the person who has given the legacy. Restricted legacies will be used in accordance with the restriction. Two legacies were received in the year, amounting to £1,509.

Health and safety matters

Deputy Churchwardens have overall responsibility for Health and Safety. Any issues are reported at the Fabrics meeting and to the PCC. Our Health and Safety Policy will be reviewed again in 2024. The Policy covers all aspects of Health and Safety including: Accidents, Alarms, Evacuation of Buildings, Fires, Food Hygiene, Graveyard, Plant and Machinery, Paths, Trees and Walls, Working at Height. Copies of the Policy are held by each PCC member, leaders of organisations, and in the Church Hall Office, as are the Registers of periodic checks and accident book. We endeavour to ensure that our policy is maintained and kept up to date.

Risk Assessments

The PCC undertakes a programme of risk assessments to identify major risks. Procedures are put in place to manage those risks and minimise their impact on the life of the church.

- Compliance with Laws and Regulations

In order to comply with The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005, we have a written Fire Risk Assessment.

All Risk Assessments are also up to date and at the date of writing this report there have been no RIDDOR notifiable incidences.

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RIDDOR is a law that requires us as an employer to report certain types of accidents, incidents and ill-health to the Health and Safety Executive (HSE). RIDDOR stands for the Reporting of incidents, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations.

Safeguarding

The PCC is responsible for ensuring the church has a safeguarding policy which is agreed, understood and enacted. We have again approved our Safeguarding Policy in line with the Diocese of Liverpool's and will keep it under review annually. This is to keep it in line with current expectations and to ensure it meets our own needs. The PCC routinely receives reports to enable them to track the safe recruitment of volunteers where their roles bring them into contact with children and/or vulnerable adults in their 'official' capacity. ('Safe recruiting' involves a DBS check, the uptake of references, a clear role description, an induction interview and an assessment of training needs.)

Our church is committed to and will champion the protection of children, young people and vulnerable adults. Everyone who meets us, comes to us, or works with us should feel safe and cared for irrespective of their social background, culture, their abilities, religious belief or any other factor. It is the responsibility of all of us, individually as well as collectively, to make these aspirations real, to look out for one another and to pass on any concerns.

As required by the Diocese, we have a designated safeguarding officer, Diane Pennington, who was appointed in May 2018. In addition the PCC has also approved the appointment of Pamela Davenport as a second DBS Recruiter. This has also been approved by the Diocese of Liverpool. We have an approved policy to guide our actions. The Safeguarding Officer's role is to support, advise and deal with certain specific issues for which she has been trained – but she does not 'do safeguarding' for us; we are all responsible for doing the right thing.

Further information about safeguarding including contact details for reporting (in confidence) any concern is available from the church website and the Diocese of Liverpool website.

This last year the PCC and/or safeguarding officer has continued to:

- Review its policies and procedures
- Review the safeguarding audit and action plan
- Updated expiring DBS checks
- Ensure that ALL Trustees are DBS Checked in line with legal requirements

General Data Protection Regulation

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) came into force in the UK on the 25th May 2018, and affects all organisations, including churches, which store personal information about individuals. The Regulation is designed to give individuals more rights when it comes to how their information is gathered, stored and used. It will build on current Data Protection legislation to ensure that all organisations are acting transparently and fairly when it comes to personal information. The GDPR aims to ensure an individual's right to make sure their data is held securely, correctly, and in a manner which is easily accessible and is under one of GDPR's six lawful bases, one of which is consent. In line with this regulation the PCC continues to issue data consent forms to all new members and contacts. These are processed in line with the regulations and are securely stored.

Plans for the future

In 2024 we will continue to work to the Diocesan growth agenda and develop the mission of the church.

We wish to:

- Continue with the Engagement and Evaluation phase of the Deanery Fit for Mission programme
- Develop our work with baptism families and encourage the recruitment of young families and adults
- Expand our provision of discipleship courses
- Encourage members of the congregation to develop lay ministry
- Look further at developing the facilities we have and the facilities we need to further our mission
- Continue to reflect on the use of the balance of the Keith Orrell bequest in the light of the above and the Mission Plan

Structure, governance and management

The PCC is a corporate body established by the Church of England. It operates under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 and the Church Representation Rules and is a charity registered 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 ("APCM")

All those who attend as members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. Individual members of the PCC receive information on appointment, including the health and safety and safeguarding policies, and external training as and when deemed appropriate by the PCC. This includes courses and events run by the Diocese.

The PCC met during 2023 on seven occasions: 6th Feb, 27th Mar, 24th Apr, 5th June, 10th Jul, 18th Sept and 20th Nov.

There are two paid employees: caretaker and parish secretary. Our caretaker is Martin Cox. The role of parish secretary is performed by Pippa Wisedale. We would like to thank them for all their hard work. It should be noted that Pippa Wisedale became a PCC Member and Trustee in April 2019. Her role as trustee is voluntary and no part of her salary includes her role as trustee.

Salaries are set annually by the PCC, and paid monthly after deduction of appropriate PAYE, employee pension contributions and National Insurance. The PCC uses The People's Pension, provided by B&CE, as the workplace pension for its employees.

The Organist and Choir Master, Mike Jones, is self-employed. It should be noted that he became a PCC Member and Trustee in May 2022. His role as trustee is voluntary and no payments are made for his role as Trustee. Due to ongoing health reasons, Mike has been unable to fulfil his role as Organist and Choir Master during 2023, he remains in our prayers. Music support has been provided by occasional Organists and the use of recorded music.

Sue Duerden has taken on some of the role of Verger. The various other responsibilities of the Verger have been undertaken by the Clergy and various other volunteers.

Committees

PCC main committees:

- Standing
- Mission and Pastoral
- Finance and Resources
- Fabrics and Health and Safety
- Churchyard and Field

Other committees

- Magazine
- Social
- Walking Day
- Church shop

Church groups and representatives:

- Ecumenical representatives
- Cathedral representative
- Choir
- Bellringers
- Tots' Time and Wednesday Welcome
- 1st Rainford Boys' Brigade & Girls' Association
- Mothers' Union
- Men's Fellowship
- Rainford Parish Church Amateur Dramatic Society

Membership of the main committees is decided at the first PCC meeting after the APCM. The Vicar and Churchwardens are ex-officio members of each.

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 church. The Committee functions under Rule 15 (appendix 2, para 14) of the Church Representation Rules of the Synodical Government Measure 1969.

The Standing Committee during 2023 were Reverend Janet Heighton, Ralph Rigby (until APCM May 2023), Myra Hartley (until May 2023), David Burgess, Janet Davies, Rupert Nicholls (from May 2023), Pippa Wisedale (from May 2023), Lorraine Wynne (from May 2023).

Reference and Administrative details

All Saints Church is situated in Church Road, Rainford, in the Ormskirk Deanery of the Diocese of Liverpool, within the Church of England All correspondence should be addressed to Rainford Parish Church Hall, Church Road, Rainford WA11 8HE. Charity trustees on the PCC from the start of the financial year 2023 until approval of the financial statements in 2024 are set out below.

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PCC Members**

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Name	Office / Dates
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Ex officio members:

The Reverend Janet Heighton	Incumbent and Chairman
The Reverend Noel McGarrigle	Assistant Curate (resigned June 2023)
Ralph Rigby	Church Warden and Vice Chairman (retired May 2023)
Churchwarden Post Vacant from May 2023	

Deanery Synod appointed members:

David Burgess	Vice Chairman (appointed VC May 2023)
June Burgess	Parish Giving Officer
Mike Potterill	(resigned May 2023)
Pippa Wisedale	
Rupert Nicholls	Deputy Warden

Elected members:

Diane Pennington	(retired May 2023)
Judith Collins	
Pam Davenport	
Janet Davies	PCC Secretary, Deputy Warden
Sue Duerden	(appointed May 2023)
Janet Foster	(appointed May 2023)
Keith Gratton	(appointed May 2023)
Anne Harrington	
Myra Hartley	(retired 2023) Deputy Warden
Mike Jones	
Anne Morris	(appointed May 2023)
Andrew Rigby	(resigned June 2023)
Diane Wesley	
Sarah Wright	
Lorraine Wynne	

1 vacancy of Deanery Synod rep from APCM 2023

Co-opted members:

None

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Bankers

National Westminster Bank plc
5 Ormskirk Street
St Helens
WA10 1DR

CCLA
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85 Queen Victoria Street London
EC4V 4ET

Investment manager & Stockbroker

Quilter Cheviot
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Liverpool
L3 9SJ

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BWM Chartered Accountants
Tempest
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12 Tithebarn Street
Liverpool
L2 2DT

Solicitors

Hill Dickinson LLP
1 St Paul's Square
Liverpool
L3 9SJ

Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others

Agency Transactions

The PCC acted as a financial agent for the following people/organisations in the year.

Liverpool Diocesan Board of Finance ("LDBF")

£12,789 (2022 £11,630) was received as fees from Funeral Directors and private individuals in respect of LDBF fees for funerals, burials and weddings. This money was distributed in accordance with current diocesan guidance.

Church organist, vergers, other organists and clergy

£2,755 (2022 £4,817) was received as fees from Funeral Directors and private individuals for funerals, burials and weddings. This money is passed on to the relevant individuals who all deal with their own tax payments.

Bell-ringers and Rainford Ladies' Choir

Both receive cash payments for Wedding bookings, payable to themselves. This money does not go through the church account.

Going Concern

Although the accounts still show a surplus of payments over receipts in the general account, at no time has the account been overdrawn. Trustees took the decision to use designated funds within the general account to aid the cashflow, while allowing the investments to recover from the initial COVID drop. Money can be transferred from the investments immediately if needed.

Funds within the investments, partly from the Orrell bequest, had been designated for use in developing the facilities we have in the light of our missional needs. Due to the continuing financial situation, Trustees have currently put these plans on hold. Trustees are continuing to work on ways to minimise any deficit by raising the awareness of stewardship and by addressing the need to market the hall to bring in additional income.

The Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus, the Trustees continue to adopt the "going concern" basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees (the PCC) by clergy:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Heighton', with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

The Reverend Janet Heighton

Approved for signature at PCC meeting 29th March 2024, subject to any amendments received from BWM.
Authorisation of minor amendments delegated to Vicar and Vice Chairman

23.05.24

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the Parish of All Saints Rainford

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Parish of All Saints, Rainford PCC (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My examination has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my examination, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent Examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records;

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



Mr Tony Stanley ACA
BWM. Chartered Accountants. Tempest Suite 5.1, 12 Tithebarn Street,
Liverpool L2 2DT

23 May 2024
Date:

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Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
Receipts and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	94,528	3,009	97,537	125,435
Income from charitable activities	54,719	1,111	55,830	57,068
Other trading activities	38,602	1,060	39,662	33,185
Investments	6,013	120	6,133	7,100
Other income	4,322	-	4,322	5,614
Total income	198,184	5,300	203,484	228,401
Payments on:				
Raising funds	10,679	-	10,679	6,407
Expenditure on charitable activities	225,635	25,677	251,312	202,053
Other expenditure	10,648	-	10,648	10,648
Total expenditure	246,962	25,677	272,639	219,108
Net receipts / (payments)	-48,778	-20,377	-69,155	9,293

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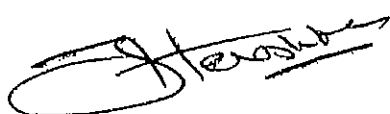
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Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2023

Class and nominal code	General (Unrestricted)	Designated	Restricted	2023	2022
Fixed Asset - Investments					
6450: Shares portfolio	-	123,946	-	123,946	166,232
Total	-	123,946	-	123,946	166,232
Fixed Asset - Tangible Assets					
6410: Church Hall	-	280,200	-	280,200	280,200
6415: 59 Cross Pit Lane	-	249,219	-	249,219	249,219
6420: Church Field	-	30,000	-	30,000	30,000
6430: Plant & Equipment	-	31,978	-	31,978	31,978
6440: The Anchor (Boys' Brigade)	-	14,400	-	14,400	14,400
Total	-	605,796	-	605,796	605,796
Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand					
6501: Main NatWest bank current account	-5,466	13,222	7,395	15,152	28,879
6505: 'W' NatWest bank current account	-	-	-	-	48
6510: Business Reserve bank deposit account	2,140	-	-	2,140	2,115
6520: CCLA (CBF) deposit account - Main	2,120	-	4,904	7,023	6,805
6525: CCLA (CBF) deposit account - Fabric	872	-	13,054	13,925	13,493
6551: Organisation - Boys' Brigade	-	-	14,181	14,181	20,356
6553: Organisation - Amateur Dramatics	-	7,981	-	7,981	9,704
6555: Organisation - Men's Fellowship	-	181	-	181	134
6595: Cash in church safe	46	-	310	357	1,167
Total	-288	21,384	39,844	60,940	80,700
Liability - Agency Accounts					
6699: Agency collections	-	-	1,065	1,065	1,753
Total	-	-	1,065	1,065	1,753
Liability - Creditors					
Loan repayable	29,058	-	-	29,058	38,841
Total	29,058	-	-	29,058	38,841

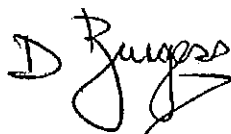
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Revd Janet Heighon - Vicar

23.5.24



David Burgess - Vice Chairman