



Report of the Trustees & Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

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The Trustees present their report and the independently examined financial statements of the charity for the year ended **31st December 2023**. The financial statements have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis and comply with the charity's governing documents, the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956, and the Charities Act 2011.

AIM & PURPOSES

St. Stephen's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, Matt Graham, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the St. Stephen's Church building, St. Stephen's Church Halls, and the former Curate's house, 89 Prenton Hall Road.

OBJECTIVES & ACTIVITIES

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible from the parish of Prenton to worship at St Stephen's and to become part of the St Stephen's church family. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can engage and reach the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship enable people to put their faith in Jesus into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

To facilitate our continued worship and witness, caring for the congregation as well as meeting the needs of the parish and reaching out effectively to them, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church of St. Stephen's and the Church Halls.

ACHIEVEMENTS & PERFORMANCE

From the Vicar

We began 2023 by focussing on the certainty of eternal life God's people can have because of Jesus. Our verse for the year – "I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life", 1 John 5:13 - set us up to study the whole letter, with a particular reminder that our access to the life Jesus gives comes via the eye-witness testimony of the Apostles in the Scriptures. At various points in the year, I highlighted the implications of this for us as a church in light of the wider LLF process. At our November PCC we determined to keep thinking through the challenges of being a church that holds on to the truth with grace and love.

Following some facilitated extra time as a PCC, we approved a vision statement. From this we embarked on an appointment process initially for a general discipleship role, and then upon not making an appointment, for a Youth and Children's role (ongoing at the start of 2024). This recognises our desire to see new believers ADDED to our number; increasing our effectiveness at CONNECTING well with those in our community, as well as growing DEEPER as a church family in our relationship with God. Under that last heading, our midweek ministry expanded with a new Wednesday and Thursday evening group. Despite the sadness of some members passing away, and others not being around, our statistics for mission return to the diocese continue to show slow but steady growth. We continue to pray that we would be at least 2% of the parish gathering regularly.

Under our renewed commitments to have a BUILDING that is fit for purpose and purposefully friendly, the glazing of the Lady Chapel was completed, enhancing the mid-week communion services, and giving the possibility for a greater flexibility in usage. Various other projects continued, including steps towards faculty permission for replacement chairs, AV updates and the Project 125 plans for accessible loos and hospitality servery.

Less progress was made in securing use of the former Prenton Dell Library, but this remains an exciting possibility. However, time was invested relationally in door knocking and raising awareness of those plans with very positive feedback.

Regular activities such as Little Seeds, CAMEO, Easter Eggstravaganza, summer pudding evening, Fun Day, Bright Party, Hot Pot Supper, and A Taste of Christmas provided opportunities for proclaiming the good news of Jesus and connecting with the parish. We were especially delighted at the numbers who came to our Café Carols, Carols by Candlelight, Film Night and Nativity over Christmas following the publicity that went to every home.

This brief report comes with thanks to all those who serve in so many varied and often unseen ways to make our life and ministry to one another and the community possible. Specific thanks go to Rosie for her stellar work and valued support as churchwarden over the past seven years!

If you have questions or concerns about any aspect of our life and ministry together, I am always more than happy to discuss, or explain anything as best I can.

Matt Graham (Vicar)

REPORTS

Birkenhead Deanery Synod Report

Three meetings were held in 2023, with February and June meetings comprising the last of the previous cycle, and the new synod meeting for the first time in October. Addresses were received by the Bishop of Birkenhead on poverty; Revd Stephen Torr on lament; and Revd Debbie Wilkinson on the Wirral Waterways project including synod's approval for a Bishop's Mission Order with the following objectives - To undertake missional initiatives in the Wirral Waters development, engaging with residents and with those in education, commerce and the voluntary sector, and to grow a sustainable worshipping community.

Matt Graham

The Church Wardens' Report

This will be my last report as Churchwarden, as I stand down after seven years in the role – a very Biblical number, I suppose! Last year's report referred to the expectation that the work on the Lady Chapel, intended as part of Project 125, would be completed in 2023, and this was indeed the case. I think most will agree that it looks very good. The contractors did a good job and were considerate of our needs, and smaller communion services are more comfortable now that they can take place in a discrete space. There is still electrical work to be done, including improvements to the lighting and heating, but it is great to see the glazing completed. I have contacted the Diocesan Adviser on Net Zero, for advice on possible grant funding and also asked her to refer our case to the Diocesan Heating Engineer.

The public notice period for the Faculty application for the toilets and servery at the south-west side of church is well under way at the time of writing and by the time of the APCM, I am hopeful that we will know the final outcome of the application. The architect is already asking for tenders for the work. The prospect of the new, improved facilities is even more exciting than the Lady Chapel work and I am looking forward to serving coffee from the new servery!

We have also had approval for the new chairs, so we should see them soon too. We are keeping the DAC very busy at the moment.

Last year, I remarked that British Gas Lite had proved providential in terms of the savings in gas prices. The contracts with them expired in December 2023 and we have renewed with them. These contracts were negotiated early last year by our brokers, Bionic, before the problems in the Middle East and the attacks on shipping in the Red Sea and the Gulf. The price of gas has more than doubled since we took out the previous contracts and we really are paying more than twice as much as before. So, forgive your friendly wardens if they make a fuss about closing doors and encourage you to "put on your Big Coat" – we are trying to save money as well as reduce greenhouse gases.

There has been work in and around the halls, but there is still more to do, in particular with reference to the lighting in the Barrett Hall, where the fluorescent tubes should be replaced with LED equivalents.

As usual there are lots of "thank yous", in particular to Chris and Emma Phillips, and especially to their son Daniel, whose generous offer of his time and expertise has saved St Stephen's a lot of money in the installation of the new sound system. Thanks to Jenny, for sending me meter readings at the drop of a hat, and for all her other work in the halls and generally. Also to Richard, Matt, the Standing Committee and the PCC, all of whom have made the job so much easier.

As I write this, no one has volunteered to stand as warden for 2024 onwards. Whoever takes over can be assured of my support, prayers and advice, once I have got the stress of dealing with utility companies out of my system. Being able to serve God and His people in this way has been an honour (no, really!). I have done more, probably, than is strictly necessary, so the job doesn't have to be that onerous and there are lots of people to help.

Rosie Earp – Churchwarden

PCC Secretary Report

The PCC began the year with 18 trustees, and closed the year with 17. Grace Blackmore, Paula Horton, Louise Martin and Marshall Thomas all retired. Robert Vague also retired after transferring his reader's license to a different church. Steve Vitty resigned. Thanks was noted to all for serving in this way. We welcomed Robert Wiltshire, Dave Bennett, Linda Cottier and Patrick Giblett to the PCC and Joel Giblett as another deanery synod rep.

The PCC met 6 times during the year. Each meeting began with a Bible reading and prayer and also ended with prayer.

Members for 2023 were:

The Rev Matt Graham	Vicar/Chairman
Mr Pete Earp	Lay Chairman/Reader
Mrs Rosie Earp	Church Warden
Mr Chris Phillips	Church Warden
Mrs Joan Potts	Deanery Synod Rep
Mr Richard Dunning	Retires 2024
Mrs June Macdonald	Retires 2024
Mrs Gill Monteith	Retires 2024
Mrs Julie Newman-Vidler	Retires 2024
Mr Daniel Davies	Retires 2025
Mr Richard Fearnley	Retires 2025
Mrs Jenny Webb	PCC Secretary / Deanery Synod Rep Retires 2025
Mr Robert Wiltshire	Retires 2026
Dr Dave Bennett	Retires 2026
Mr Patrick Giblett	Retires 2026
Mrs Linda Cottier	Retires 2026
Dr Joel Giblett	Deanery Synod Rep

The PCC has wide responsibilities, each member being a trustee, and has complied with the duty to have "due regard" to House of Bishops safeguarding policy and practice guidance.

At every meeting there was an opportunity to look back and look forward at events; reports were received from the various committees entrusted with the responsibility of aspects of the work of the PCC which included:

- Health & Safety
- Safeguarding
- Treasurer's Report
- Standing Committee Report
- Sites and Buildings Report for both church and Parish Halls
- OMG Report

Jenny Webb, PCC Secretary

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Treasurer's Report for year ending 31/12/2023

Format: In line with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) for the presentation of charity accounts generally, the accounts in the pages that follow include the following tables—

- *Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA)* – summarising the income and expenditure over the year by category of fund – general unrestricted, designated (i.e. halls income and expenditure), restricted and endowment, with the totals in 2022 for comparison.
- *Balance Sheet* – showing the assets held at the end of the year, fixed and current, as balanced against the different categories of fund held by the PCC.
- *Analysis of Income* – providing details of the income summarised in the SOFA, analysed into the relevant categories and funds, with totals in 2022 for comparison.
- *Analysis of Expenditure* – which provides details of the expenditure summarised in the SOFA, analysed into the relevant categories and funds, with totals in 2022 for comparison.
- *Charitable Giving* – providing details of the grants provided by the PCC for various mission, relief and development purposes during the year.
- *Church and Halls Major Works* – providing details of the cost of the major works and repairs carried out during the year.
- *Halls Income and Expenditure* – providing details of the income and expenditure arising in the designated fund that is used to record the Halls finances.
- *Fund Movements Summary* – recording the fund balances at the start and end of the year, and the income and expenditure during the year, for each of the funds held by the PCC.

Income: Following St Stephen's resuming a more normal pattern of activity in 2022, in the wake of the pandemic restrictions in 2020 and 2021, 2023 saw even more progress in this respect. In particular further letting out of the halls and function rooms, reflecting the usefulness of these to the local community and for various church functions, saw increases in both the income and, to a lesser extent, expenditure, resulting in a Halls surplus of £3,438 (compared to a loss of £66 in 2022). More widely, total income from donations and legacies was £133,322, compared with £170,782 in 2022. However, as noted in last year's accounts, the 2022 figure included three unusual one-off items totalling £65,769, compared with two such items in 2023, totalling £13,760. Accordingly, the underlying voluntary income in 2023 can be seen as remaining relatively buoyant.

Overall, the total unrestricted income in 2023 (including the designated income derived from the halls) amounted to £172,799, compared to £218,802, in 2022, a decrease of £46,003. However, as already noted, the 2022 figure was skewed by special factors, so that a more realistic comparison would be with the 2021 equivalent total of £147,440.

Expenditure: Unrestricted and designated fund expenditure in 2023 amounted to £150,812, compared to £170,793 in 2022, a decrease of £19,881. This overall reduction in unrestricted expenditure was a welcome achievement, particularly having regard to the increase in utility bills (£11,993 in 2023 as compared to £10,156 in 2022) and our having to pay £4,753 to complete upgrading the fire doors in the halls, as necessitated by the more rigorous regulations that now apply. The ability to do this has been boosted by the steps taken (as heralded in last year's Report) to place the majority of the church's cash reserves into the C of E's Central Board of Finance Deposit Fund, which pays interest at near money-market rates, allowing interest receipts to total £12,065, compared to the £1,723 received in 2022. During the course of the year, it has also been possible to have carried out the previously planned work to enable the side and rear elevations of the Lady Chapel glazed in, at a cost of £32,864, so as to provide a quieter and more comfortable environment for those using the chapel, whilst retaining the visual aesthetics of the space. The great majority of the cost has been borne out of the Mawby Endowment and Restricted Funds (see the table on page 12) and we are grateful to Dr Mawby and his family for providing the original funds that have enabled this to happen. The final phase of the work to the Lady Chapel, being the provision of upgraded heating facilities, is expected to be carried out in 2024, with the cost, again, being funded out of the Mawby Funds.

Summary: As shown in the SOFA below, though both unrestricted income and expenditure (including via the Halls Designated Fund) decreased compared to the equivalent figures in 2022, the overall outcome was a surplus of £21,986. In relation to the Halls finances, the continuing return to a more normal pre-Covid pattern has, as already mentioned, resulted in these showing a surplus of £3,437, which compares favourably to the small deficit of £66 in 2022. In relation to the various restricted funds, the primary movement in these relate to incurring expenditure on the glazing in of the Lady Chapel, already referred to.

In terms of the PCC's assets, as the Balance Sheet shows, these rose in value over the year by £979, from £419,816 to £420,759. However, the balance between the funds in which these assets are held has changed. In particular, the unrestricted (general and designated) funds rose from £319,089 on 01/01/2023 to £341,089 on 31/12/2023, whereas the total of the restricted and endowment funds fell over the same period from £100,023 to £79,424.

Finally, I would like to thank our Independent Examiner, Tim Odell, for once again checking that the accounts are in good order and comply with the appropriate charity accounting requirements.

Richard Fearnley, Treasurer

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

Background

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church; pastoral, ecclesiastical, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for St. Stephen's church, St. Stephen's church halls and the curate's house, which it owns.

Membership of the PCC and Trustees of the Parish

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. The Trustees listed in the PCC Secretary's Report served as members of the PCC during the year.

Incumbent & Clergy

Revd Matt Graham Vicar and Chair of Trustees

Committees

There are a number of committees that attend to different aspects of the business of the PCC. They are as follows:

Standing Committee

This is the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council.

Outreach and Mission Group

This committee exists to facilitate growth and reaching out into the community to further our aims and objectives as a parish.

Project 125 Building Committee

A working group to facilitate and progress plans for building works associated with our 125th anniversary.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number 1131998

Principal address Parish Office, St Stephen's Church Hall, 11 Prenton Lane, Birkenhead, Merseyside, CH42 8LA

Trustees PCC Members for 2022/23 (as listed in the PCC Secretary's report)

Independent examiner Timothy Odell FCA, CA(SA)

Bankers HSBC - Grange Precinct, Birkenhead

Reports and financial statements approved by order of the board of trustees (PCC) on 21st March 2024 and signed on its behalf by its Chairman, **Revd Matt Graham (Vicar)**

Signature _____



**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Parochial Church Council of St. Stephen's Church
Prenton**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Parochial Church Council of St. Stephen's Church Prenton for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report


As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- (3) the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed by  (Timothy Odell) on 1st April 2024

Statement of Financial Activities 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total Funds	
					2023	2022
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	115,254	-	17,067	-	132,322	170,782
Income from charitable activities	11,911	-	-	-	11,911	8,592
Other trading activities	4	22,721	-	-	22,724	18,745
Investments	22,865	-	948	-	23,812	12,296
Other income	44	-	-	-	44	12,144
Total income	150,078	22,721	18,015	-	190,813	222,559
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	487	-	66	-	554	476
Expenditure on charitable activities	130,560	19,283	25,737	10,890	186,471	170,870
Other expenditure	482	-	3,972	-	4,454	1,263
Total expenditure	131,529	19,283	29,776	10,890	191,479	172,608
Net income / (expenditure) before transfer	18,549	3,437	-11,761	-10,890	-665	49,951
Transfers:						
Gross transfers between funds – in	558	-	967	-	1,525	-
Gross transfers between funds – out	-967	-	-558	-	-1,525	-
Other recognised gains/losses						
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	1,644	1,644	-4,123
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, etc	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	18,140	3,437	-11,353	-9,246	979	45,828
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds b/f from 2022	315,269	4,524	69,119	30,904	419,816	373,988
Total funds carried forward	333,409	7,961	57,766	21,658	420,795	419,816

Represented by

Unrestricted

General Fund	333,409	-	-	-	333,409	315,269
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Designated

Halls Income And Expenditure Fund	-	7,961	-	-	7,961	4,524
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Restricted

Hall Equipment	-	-	1,164	-	1,164	217
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Len Ellis Restricted Fund	-	-	2,494	-	2,494	4,623
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Mawby Memorial Income Fund	-	-	49	-	49	24,309
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Ministry Support	-	-	13,300	-	13,300	-
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Mission To Young People	-	-	6,229	-	6,229	5,279
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Outreach Fund	-	-	-	-	-	83
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Project 125 Fund	-	-	33,559	-	33,559	33,559
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Staff Training	-	-	866	-	866	952
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Vicar's Discretionary Fund	-	-	105	-	105	98
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Endowment

Mawby Memorial Endowment Fund	-	-	-	21,658	21,658	30,904
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There may be minor discrepancies in the totals where the pence are not shown

Balance Sheet at 31 December 2023

	As at 31/12/2023	As at 31/12/2022
Fixed assets		
Former curate's house*	87,000	87,000
Total Fixed assets	87,000	87,000
Current assets		
Bank current account	15,844	19,264
Planned Giving Account	36	17
Bank deposit account	50,798	5,253
Mawby Income Account (R)	321	24,310
Len Ellis Account (R)	530	4,624
CCLA (CBF) deposit account	256,086	248,134
Mawby Endowment Investments	7,048	30,904
Petty Cash	200	200
Cash in hand	-	110
Accounts receivable	9,431	-
Total Current assets	340,295	332,816
Accounts payable	6,500	
Total Liabilities	6,500	
Net Asset surplus (deficit)	420,795	419,816
Reserves		
Excess/(deficit) to date	-665	49,951
Starting balances	419,816	373,988
Gains/(losses) on investment assets	1,644	-4,123
Total Reserves	420,795	419,816
Represented by Funds		
General (Unrestricted)	333,409	315,269
Designated (Halls Income and Expenditure)	7,961	4,524
Restricted	57,766	69,119
Endowment	21,658	30,904
Total	420,795	419,816

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** The value attributed to the former curate's house in the Balance Sheet is its original purchase in November 1998 on a historic cost basis. Its value on 31/12/2023 is estimated to be £398,000.*

Analysis of Income 2023

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total 2023	Total 2022
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies						
Gift Aided Donations by SO	77,625	-	-	-	77,625	73,665
Gift Aided Donations by Envelope	3,620	-	-	-	3,620	4,445
Other planned giving	5,474	-	-	-	5,474	10,150
Loose plate collections	2,598	-	-	-	2,598	3,453
One-off Gift Aid gifts	1,665	-	3,247	-	4,912	2,710
Donations appeals etc	201	-	520	-	721	745
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	23,450	-	-	-	23,450	36,650
Legacies	460	-	-	-	460	32,714
Non-recurring one-off grants	-	-	13,300	-	13,300	2,986
Other funds generated	161	-	-	-	161	3,265
Donations and legacies Totals	115,254	-	17,067	-	132,322	170,782
Income from charitable activities						
Income from Church Events	3,680	-	-	-	3,680	1,158
Votive candles	38	-	-	-	38	25
Catering/refreshments	2,143	-	-	-	2,143	2,039
Flowers	134	-	-	-	134	130
Fees for weddings and funerals	5,915	-	-	-	5,915	5,240
Income from charitable activities –	11,911	-	-	-	11,911	8,592
Other trading activities						
Traidcraft sales - fund raising	-	-	-	-	-	521
Church hall lettings - fund raising	-	22,721	-	-	22,721	18,224
Photocopying, etc	4	-	-	-	4	-
Other trading activities Totals	4	22,721	-	-	22,724	18,745
Investments						
Dividends	-	-	739	-	739	922
Bank interest	12,065	-	208	-	12,273	1,723
Rent from Curate's House	10,800	-	-	-	10,800	9,650
Investments Totals	22,865	-	948	-	23,812	12,296
Other income						
On-line shopping income	44	-	-	-	44	80
Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	-	12,064
Other income Totals	44	-	-	-	44	12,144
Income and endowments –	150,078	22,721	18,015	-	190,813	222,559

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Analysis of Expenditure 2023

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total 2023	Total 2022
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds						
Refreshments and other event	487	-	66	-	554	476
Raising funds Totals	487	-	66	-	554	476
Expenditure on charitable activities						
Missionary societies	4,400	-	-	-	4,400	5,000
Relief and development agencies	1,169	-	-	-	1,169	1,956
Home mission	5,500	-	1,123	-	6,623	2,887
Secular charities	1,100	-	-	-	1,100	1,000
Traidcraft	-	-	-	-	-	53
Parish share	71,757	-	-	-	71,757	69,667
Fees paid to Diocese	2,979	-	-	-	2,979	2,078
Assistant staff costs	47	-	-	-	47	-
Parish administrator	5,039	5,039	-	-	10,078	8,871
Clergy expenses	1,233	-	140	-	1,373	1,160
Council tax	2,767	-	-	-	2,767	2,501
Vicarage - water	650	-	-	-	650	804
Vicar's telephone	181	-	-	-	181	221
Publicity	232	-	-	-	232	206
Children's Work Expenses	-	-	927	-	927	145
Parish training and mission	60	-	-	-	60	-
Church insurance	5,619	-	-	-	5,619	4,516
Church office – telephone	-	810	-	-	810	569
Organ/piano tuning	438	-	-	-	438	-
Organist	3,800	-	-	-	3,800	3,200
Church maintenance	1,938	-	-	-	1,938	4,133
Cleaning	376	118	-	-	494	503
Upkeep of services	683	-	497	-	1,180	782
Flowers	154	-	-	-	154	116
Upkeep of churchyard	1,288	-	-	-	1,288	194
Administration	1,688	-	-	-	1,688	948
Church running - electricity	1,855	-	-	-	1,855	1,708
Church running - gas	5,362	-	-	-	5,362	4,658
Church running - water	533	-	-	-	533	392
Hall running - electricity	-	1,521	-	-	1,521	1,395
Hall running - gas	-	2,239	-	-	2,239	1,604
Hall running - insurance	-	2,499	-	-	2,499	1,522
Hall running - maintenance	-	4,669	-	-	4,669	7,959
Hall running - water	-	483	-	-	483	399
Church major repairs - structure	-	-	-	-	-	16,764
Church major repair - installation	719	-	21,255	10,890	32,864	-
Hall – major repairs - installation	4,753	240	-	-	4,993	19,729
Hall – interior/exterior decoration	-	495	-	-	495	-
Hall – Equipment	1,454	1,170	98	-	2,722	1,156
Curate's house - upkeep	2,470	-	-	-	2,470	2,074
Church equipment	317	-	1,696	-	2,013	-
Expenditure on charitable	130,560	19,283	25,737	10,890	186,471	170,870
Other expenditure						
Staff training	60	-	85	-	145	543
Bank charges	140	-	-	-	140	342
Professional fees	282	-	3,887	-	4,169	377
Other expenditure Totals	482	-	3,972	-	4,454	1,263
Expenditure Grand totals	131,529	19,283	29,776	10,890	191,479	172,608

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Charitable Giving 2023

Missionary societies

Crosslinks (re Alex & Susannah Maclean)	2,200
Crosslinks (general purposes)	1,100
Open Doors	1,100

Relief & Development Agencies

Tear Fund (collection)	69
Christian Aid	1,100

Home Mission

Charles Thompson Mission	1,200
North West Gospel Partnership	1,100
St Peter's Rock Ferry Youth Worker support	1,600
The Barn/Wirral Waters Project	1,600
Support for those in need locally	1,123

Secular Charities

Birkenhead Forum Housing	1,100
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TOTAL 13,292

Church and Halls Major Works 2023

	FUNDS		
	General	Mawby Restricted	Mawby Endowment
Church building			
Glazing in of Lady Chapel (Total: £32,864) ⁽¹⁾	719	21,255	10,890
Church Halls			
Replacement of doors ⁽²⁾	4,753		
Total	<u>5,472</u>	<u>21,255</u>	<u>10,890</u>

Notes

(1) The Mawby Restrictive and Endowment Funds are held for the purpose of repairing and improving the fabric of the church building, with particular reference to the Lady Chapel. It was determined by the PCC that the Endowment Fund had been created by the PCC itself in 1972, so that no Charity Commission consent to the use of the capital was required. The PCC then resolved that use of part of the capital of the Fund would be appropriate to allow the intended enhancements to the Lady Chapel to be completed.

(2) The work done in 2023 completes the scheme for replacing all the fire doors in the Church Halls, necessitated by the more stringent fire regulations that have been brought in in more recent years.

Halls Income and Expenditure 2023

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Income		
Income from hire of halls/rooms	22,721	18,224
Expenditure		
Parish Administrator (50%)	5,039	4,435
Electricity	1,521	1,395
Gas	2,239	1,603
Insurance	2,499	1,521
Maintenance	4,669	7,808
Telephone	810	569
Water	483	399
Equipment	1,170	522
Repairs	240	-
Decoration	495	-
Cleaning	118	-
Bank Charges	-	33
	19,283	18,289
Net surplus/loss	3,438	-66

Fund Movements Summary 2023

Fund	Balance 1 st Jan	Incoming Resource	Outgoing Resource	Gains/ Losses	Transfers	Balance 31 st Dec
Unrestricted						
General Fund	315,269	150,078	131,529	-	-408	333,409
Designated						
Halls Income And Expenditure Fund	4,524	22,721	19,283	-	-	7,961
Restricted						
Hall Equipment Fund	217	1,045	98	-	-	1,164
Len Ellis Fund	4,623	65	2,193	-	-	2,494
Mawby Memorial Income Fund	24,309	882	25,142	-	-	49
Ministry Support	-	13,300	-	-	-	13,300
Mission To Young People Fund	5,279	2,000	1,050	-	-	6,229
Outreach Fund	83	-	83	-	-	-
Project 125 Fund	33,559	-	-	-	-	33,559
Staff Training Fund	952	-	85	-	-	866
Vicar's Discretionary Fund	98	772	1,123	-	408	105
Endowment						
Mawby Memorial Endowment Fund	30,904	-	10,890	1644	-	21,658
Totals	419,816	190,813	191,479	1,644	-	420,795