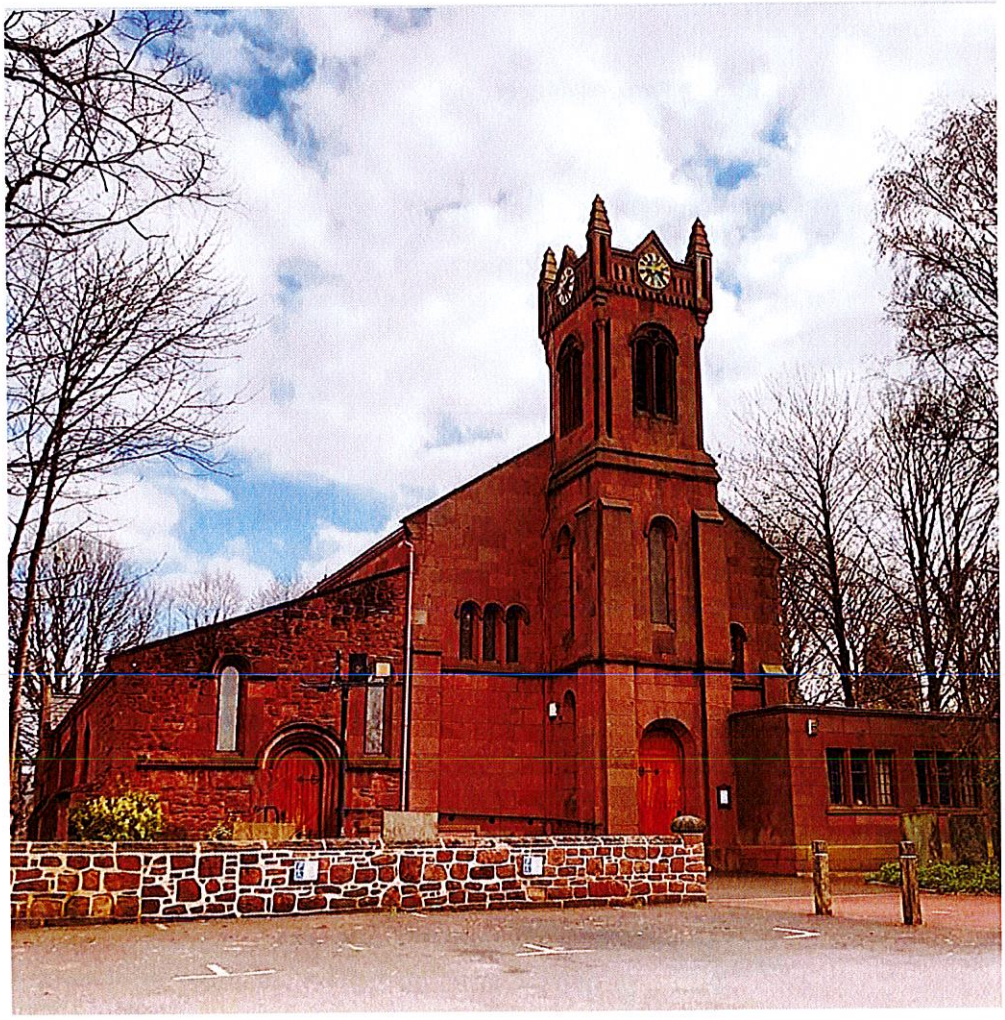
The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Rainhill St Ann

Charity Number 1134065



Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the year ending

31 December 2025

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Year ending 31 December 2025.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Trustees

Reverend Dr A R Conant Incumbent & Chairman (until 3 August 2025)

Miss R J Oxley Churchwarden & Joint Lay Chair

Mr M Hardman Churchwarden & Joint Lay Chair

Mr I Corcoran Assistant Churchwarden

Mr I Hayhurst Assistant Churchwarden (& Deanery Representative from 18 May 2025)

Mrs S Jones PCC Secretary

Mrs J Gorbutt Children & Vulnerable Persons Officer

Mr B Bolton-Maggs Deanery Representative

Mrs C Walpole Deanery Representative (until 18 May 2025)

Mrs J Turner

Mrs D Corcoran

Mr M French

Mrs M Nicholson

Mrs C Gibson

Mrs A Williams

Mrs M Lutner (until 18 May 2025)

Mrs J Pearson (from 18 May 2025)

Mrs R Roberts-Smith (from 18 May 2025)

Mrs L Brown (from 18 May 2025)

Mrs J Parr (from 18 May 2025)

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Principal Address	St Ann Parish Office View Road Rainhill Merseyside L35 0LE
Bankers	HSBC
Registered Charity Number	1134065
Independent Examiner	M R Heaton FCCA FCIE DChA K M Chartered Accountants 1st Floor, Block C The Wharf Manchester Road Burnley BB11 1JG

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Trustees Annual Report

The Trustees present their report and financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31 December 2025. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity governing document and the Charities Act 2011.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and Aims

The general functions of the PCC are stated within Section 2 of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956. At Rainhill St Ann we have a mission that states our aims as a church are **Connecting with God, one another and serving our wider community.** When planning our activities for the year, following prayerful discernment the PCC gave due consideration to the Charity Commissions guidance on public benefit and in particular the specific guidance to charities concerned with the advancement of religion.

Our commitment to follow the Diocesan Rule of Life (where we are called to Pray, Read and Learn and sent to Tell, Serve and Give) continued to be our driving vision. Our objectives for 2025 were to provide public benefits: to this aim a variety of different styles of worship service were provided both in our main church building and in St Ann Millennium Centre to facilitate public worship for as wide a cross section of our community as possible. This brings our community in but we also reach out and go out to our community in acts of service and love, to share the **Good News of Jesus** in word and deed.

Events and Highlights of the Year

Worship had been led by our Vicar Reverend Dr Alan Conant until he left the Parish for pastures new as Team Rector in Bromsgrove, he was supported by several retired clergy who now live in the parish, The Right Reverend Geoff Pearson, Reverend Julia Jesson and Reverend Ossie Jesson, who have continued to lead us in worship during the Interregnum, supported by the Churchwardens, Verger and PCC.

We continue to be a diverse worshipping community of different and overlapping congregations. Our strength is that we hold a community of different ages and traditions within the ministry of the parish. Services include traditional BCP Service on Sundays at 8.30am, Common Worship Service at 10.30am, including an All Together for Worship Service on the first Sunday monthly. Thursday morning communion at 9.30am. Platform 2 continues to meet in the Millennium Centre, although on a reduced monthly basis die to the extra work being undertaken by retired clergy currently. Stanley Bear Club continues to meet on Monday mornings during term time, this is church for the under 5's and their parents/carers. Home Study and support groups continue to be led by Jean Pearson and Reverend Julia Jesson.

School Links

Our links with Rainhill St Ann Primary School continue to flourish, with retired clergy and lay support during the Interregnum. Key Stage 2 pupils join for Thursday Communion. The whole school come into church for significant services and at the end of each term, when the children participate in the services and lead at the end of term.

TnT continues to be well attended, pupils from Rainhill High School drop in on their way home from school each Friday.

Pastoral Services

We continue to share the joys and sorrows of life with the church and the wider community through our pastoral services. We have a small number of weddings and a large demand for baptisms. Baptism preparation mornings now take place at regular intervals. We were delighted to welcome Debi Blagbrough as our Parish Administrator this year who arranges all occasional offices, either with the baptism families directly or with funeral directors acting on behalf of the bereaved families.

Civic Services especially Remembrance Sunday, continue to be well attended. Followed by a parade to the Village War Memorial. A small service is held to mark Merchant Seafarers Day in September

St Ann Millennium Centre continues to thrive and be self-sufficient financially. Our staff team of Becky, Ray & Mark provide a warm welcome to all and work very hard in their roles for which the Centre Management Committee are very grateful. The centre continues to be the base for Rainhill Farmers Market which is now firmly established in the life of the Church and the Village as a whole.

Financial Report

Whilst we continue to have a vacancy for a Treasurer, the role has been shared by Rachel Oxley, Mike Hardman and Bill Arnold. Our Parish Administrator Debi completes all aspects of finance on My Fund Accounting. The majority of people now give to Church via the Parish Giving Scheme and all are encouraged to switch to this method of giving when they can.

Church Buildings

The fabric of our building is regularly checked by our Church Wardens and Assistant Wardens on regular basis

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The accounts show general fund bank balances of £118,450.

The Parish Share of £75,096 (2024: £86,278) is our principal item of expenditure in a financial year.

A legacy was received in the year of £39,988.

The PCC are pleased with the financial performance for the year.

Reserves Policy

The PCC has a policy of maintaining reserves for emergencies which may arise, equivalent to 3 months normal expenditure (£40,000). The reserve of the PCC is currently £94,000..

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

St Ann Parochial Church Council is a body corporate and operates under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 and the Church Representation Rules. The PCC is a charity registered with the Charity Commission; Charity number 1134065.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church members are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Organisational structure

The PCC operates the following sub-committees:

The Standing Committee whose membership comprises of Rev Dr Alan Conant (until 3 August 2025), Miss R J Oxley, Mr M Hardman, Mrs S Jones, Mr I Corcoran & Mr I Hayhurst. It manages the Parish on behalf of the PCC between meetings and makes urgent decisions on behalf of the PCC.

The Wardens Committee (Including Fabrics Committee) whose membership comprises of Rev Dr Alan Conant (until 3 August 2025), Miss R J Oxley, Mr M Hardman, Mr I Corcoran & Mr I Hayhurst. In addition to regular work and decisions of the wardens it makes recommendations to the PCC regarding works required on fabric of the Church building and arranges and controls works so that services and offices of the Church are not disrupted unnecessarily.

The Finance Committee whose membership comprises Rev Dr Alan Conant (until 3 August 2025), Miss R J Oxley, Mr M Hardman and Mr I Corcoran. The following were co-opted Mr W Arnold, Mr K Morton (until 18 May 2025, Mr N Fagan (until 18 May 2025). It produces financial plans and monitors income and expenditure plus highlights sources of funds available to PCC.

The Social & Fundraising Committee whose membership comprises Miss R J Oxley, Mrs J Parr, Mrs A Williams, Mrs C Gibson, Mr M French, Ms M Nicholson, Mrs M Lutner (co-opted from 18 May 2025). The following are also co-opted Mrs E North, Mrs G Norris & Mrs D Callon It raises funds to provide an income to PCC which they decide how to allocate. It also performs a social need by arranging events and activities to promote fellowship within the Church and to encourage others to join in.

The Millennium Centre Management Committee whose membership comprises, Reverend Dr Alan Conant (until 3 August 2025), Mrs J Gorbutt, Mrs S Jones, Mrs J Turner, Mrs J Parr (from 18 May 2025), Mrs L Brown (from 18 May 2025) & Ms M Nicholson (from 18 May 2025). It oversees the day-to-day operation of St Ann Millennium Centre which is a registered charity in its own right (St Ann Parish Charity). It represents the PCC in this role and reports to PCC as the main trustee on a regular basis.

The Pastoral Committee whose membership comprises of Reverend Dr Alan Conant (until 3 August 2025), Miss R J Oxley (until 31 December 2025), Mrs C Walpole (until 18 May 2025), Mrs J Pearson, Mrs A Williams, Ms M Nicholson, Mrs M Lutner (co-opted from 18 May 2025) & Mrs G Norris (co-opted)

The Communications Committee whose membership comprises Reverend Dr Alan Conant (until 3 August 2025), Mrs D Corcoran, Mr B Bolton-Maggs & Mr I Hayhurst, who are responsible for the Rocket Magazine, the church website, updating information on 'A Church Near You' and Facebook page.

Related charities

St Ann's Parish Charity, charity number 701319, constituted by scheme of 2 November 1998 for the purpose of furthering the religious and other charitable work of the Church of England in the said ecclesiastical parish. The PCC is the sole trustee of this charity and prepares its own accounts. At the previous year end of 31st December 2024, the charity held funds of £18,059. The accounts for 2025 have not yet been prepared. Income for this is from both the PCC for building use and external users.

St Ann's Ecclesiastical Charity, charity number 512365 constituted by conveyance dated 31 July 1931 as amended by a scheme of 15 May 1980. The capital element of the trust is a permanent endowment and cannot be expended. Income derived from the capital sum invested can be used for furthering the religious and other charitable work of the Church of England in St Ann Ecclesiastical Parish. No income was received from the trust in 2025. The trust is administered by the incumbent and the churchwardens.

Approved by the PCC as managing trustees on 8th April 2026 and signed on its behalf by

Miss R J Oxley

Trustee

Mr M Hardman

Trustee

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of the St Ann, Rainhill

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's 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 the 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 matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

(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.

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 accounts to be reached.

M R Heaton FCCA FCIE DChA
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Chartered Accountants
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8th April 2026

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets	936,260	936,260
Current assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	152,977	95,662
Liabilities		
Agency collections	68	887
Net assets	1,089,748	1,031,035
Cash at bank and in hand		
Unrestricted		
General funds	118,450	53,840
Sutton Rainhill (Designated)		23,000
Restricted		
100 Club	1,532	1,600
Churchyard fund	259	253
Flower Guild	2,921	1,942
Forget Me Not	1,366	1,366
Friends of the choir	1,060	1,570
Heritage fund	-	
Platform 2	6,906	8,624
Rocket Window	17,105	
Sequestration	609	-
The Bible fund	2,701	2,581
Agency funds	68	887
	152,977	95,662

The accounts on pages 8 to 9 were approved by the PCC on 8th April 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

Miss R J Oxley

Trustee

Mr M Hardman

Trustee

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2025 £	Prior year 2024 £
Receipts				
Donations and legacies	148,635	24,047	172,682	117,984
Income from charitable activities	8,465	1,217	9,682	8,405
Other trading activities	7,934	-	7,934	7,593
Investments	10,958	142	11,100	16,016
	175,992	25,406	201,398	149,998
Payments				
Raising funds	250	2,557	2,807	1,000
Charitable activities	134,132	7,144	141,276	153,301
Agency funds	-	-	-	62
	134,382	9,701	144,083	154,362
Net Receipts/(Payments)	41,610	15,705	57,315	(4,365)
Reconciliation of funds				
Balance brought forward	76,840	18,822	95,662	100,027
Net Receipts/(Payments)	41,610	15,705	57,315	(4,365)
Balance carried forward	118,450	34,527	152,977	95,662

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1 These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis.

2 Fixed assets: Millenium Centre at cost of £822,945
Curate House at a cost of £93,200
Fixtures and fittings at cost of £210,115

3 There are no related party transactions other than individual giving of PCC members.