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Annual Report

For the year ended

31st December 2025





Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it."

Isaiah 30:21

Administrative information

The Parish of All saints Liverpool has two church buildings which hold Sunday and mid-week Worship:

All Saints Liverpool Parish Church, Irvine Street, Liverpool, L7 8SY

All Saints Worship Centre Kensington, Sheil Road, Liverpool L6 3AB

The parish is part of the Diocese of Liverpool, and its official correspondence address is: All Saints Liverpool, The Hub, 55 Sheil Road, Liverpool, L6 3AB

Telephone: 0151 345 3208. email: info@allsaintsliverpool.org

Vicar: Rev. Helen Purcell

From the 2025 APCM, the following people served on the Parochial Church Council

Wardens: Irene Banks (elected 2024, 1 year)
Joan Barwise (elected 2024, 1 year)

Treasurer: Vacant

PCC Secretary: Vacant

Deanery Synod Reps: Jim Huthwaite (resigned 2025)
Pauline Tregilgas (elected 2023, 3 years)

Elected PCC Members: Julia Buckingham (elected 2023, 3 years)
Snezana Skovina (elected 2023, 3 years)
Helen Gallagher (elected 2023, 3 years)
Don Lawton (elected 2023, 3 years)
Di Jones (elected 2023, 3 years)
Celine Hay (resigned 2025)
Dave Rycroft (elected 2024, 3 years)
Lin Bodell (elected 2024, 3 years)
Ann Moore (elected 2024, 3 years)
Andrew Leece (elected 2025, 3 years)
Claire Kelly (elected 2025, 3 years)
Sue Power (elected 2025, 3 years)

Readers: Oluwashina Rufus

Other Officers not on PCC: Terry Burke (PCC Secretary)
Rev. Paul Ellis (Book-keeper)

Safeguarding Officer: Vacant

Electoral Roll Officers: Inoka Samaraweera

Readers (PTO): Di Jones
Liz Mooney
Chris Turner
Peter Tregilgas
Pauline Tregilgas

Electoral Roll: On the 31st December 2025 there were 108 names on the Electoral Roll 38 of whom were not resident in the Parish.

Banking: Co-operative Bank, Business Customer Services, PO Box 250, Skelmersdale WN8 6WT

Independent Examiner: Not yet appointed

Architects: Robin Woolley, The Studio, Efenechtyd, Denbighshire, LL15 2PW

Structure, Management and Governance:
All Saints Liverpool PCC is a body corporate and operates under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) measure 1956 and the Church Representation Rules.

All Saints Liverpool is a charity registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales, no. 1155516

The Standing Committee is the only committee required by law. The Committee functions under Rule 15 (appendix 2 paragraph 14) of the Church Representation Rules. It has the power to transact PCC business between PCC meetings and considers strategic issues which may affect the church, subject to any directions given by the Council.
It is considered that all PCC members and any others as applicable are deemed to 'Fit and Proper' persons Finance Act 2010

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. One third of the PCC elected membership usually come up for election each year, at the annual Church meeting. PCC members are not limited in the number of terms that they may serve. However, since 2014 serving more than two consecutive terms should be considered only in exceptional circumstances. Co-options are at the discretion of the PCC subject to the Church Representation Rules.

The PCC operates two sub-committees: the Standing Committee and the Finance Committee.

Membership Comprises
Standing Committee: Rev. Helen Purcell; Irene Banks; Joan Barwise; PCC Lay chair Julia Buckingham, Treasurer (vacant)

Finance Committee Rev. Helen Purcell; Treasurer (vacant); Di Jones;
Julia Buckingham; Inoka Samaraweera.

Safeguarding: All Saints Liverpool takes its duty and obligation to protect all extremely seriously. We have adopted all of the national Church of England's robust procedures and guidelines. You can find out more about the national policies and procedures at www.churchofengland.org

Objectives and Activities:
The general functions of the PCC are stated within section 2 of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956: to 'co-operate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical'.
As a Christian presence in our community; we grow together learning to love God and seeking to show God's love to the community around us.

Main Activities:
Working with the Incumbent, the PCC exercises oversight of the provision of public worship and of occasional offices in service of the church and wider community. The church strives to offer pastoral care and to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

The PCC is responsible for the maintenance and repair of our church buildings and grounds, acting on the recommendations of the Quinquennial inspection and ensuring the church is open to all as a place of public worship and private prayer.
The PCC also exercises oversight of the financial, volunteer and other resources which sustain the life, ministry and mission of the Church, now and into the future.

When planning its activities for the year the PCC gave due consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance to charities concerned with the advancement of religion.

Other related Trusts: All Saints Community Network (Registered Charity No. 1167987). Was closed January 2025 with all final reports submitted to the Charity Commission

Financial Review:
The decision to start using MyFundAccounting (MFAO) for church finances has given more visibility and clarity on our financial situation and confidence going forward. In addition to this Rev. Paul Ellis (retired) has helped us to input our data into MFAO and the PCC has now approved his appointment as our book-keeper. The appointment of a Treasurer still needs to be made to ensure we have regular oversight of our whole financial position.

Use of the Parish Giving Scheme is strong and provides us with stable regular, planned giving and monthly Gift Aid claims. Other income streams, notably other regular giving, donations and hall rental income also continue to provide a regular stream of income. However, reliance on hall income to sustain our finances brings its own risk as we discovered during Covid and when maintenance issues prevent us from renting the space.

Grant income, in the main from the Deanery Mission & Growth Fund has enabled us to continue to employ our Community Pastor, Charity Shop Manager and Children's Worker and we are grateful the continued support of Deanery Synod to our applications. All of these grants are time limited and the need to find other sources to support our missional needs to be looked at as a priority. We would benefit from having someone who is able to source and apply for grant funding to enable our ministries to continue on a long-term basis. If you can help please let us know.

We have continued to pay our full parish share. However, we have requested a review of our liability as the amount we currently pay is one of the highest in the Deanery and is based on an historical calculation of four parishes and multiple clergy.

Reserves Policy:
The PCC has agreed to put in place a Reserves Policy within unrestricted funds which equates to at least three months unrestricted payments. We will begin to build up this fund over the next few years. In addition to this we also hold a redundancy fund within our CCLA investment account held by Liverpool Diocesan Board of Finance.

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Parish Report 2025

This report is made on behalf of the PCC of All Saints Liverpool for the APCM 2025. Reports from the ministries that take place as part of All Saints are given as an addition to this document.

It is important as we look back on all that took place during 2025 that we first of all pause to say thank you. Thank you, to God for guiding us through the last year and thank you to the people of All Saints for their willingness to use their many different gifts and talents to serve him. Often many of these roles are seen but there are also many that are unseen! Together we continue to ask God to guide us to be the place of sanctuary, justice, community and discipleship we seek to be.

I ended last years' report with the words, "Finally, we begin to look forward as we have once again journeyed through a period of change. In 2025 We must put our trust in God for the future as there will undoubtedly be more challenges ahead of us." Little did we know how true this would be. Having been led to understand that there would be a simple transition after Mike's retirement, one of our church Patrons CPAS had other ideas. And so began a long drawn-out discussion regarding my appointment as Vicar between the PCC, the Diocese and our other Patron with CPAS to bring this matter to a conclusion. It took nearly 12 months to be resolved, 12 months that were difficult for us as a family, not really knowing what the outcome would be and difficult for the church as the future was again uncertain.

Thanks to the determination and persistence of the PCC and the support of the Diocese the appointment was agreed, and I was finally Licenced by Bishop Ruth at the beginning of December. Thank you to you all for your support, prayers and encouragement during the last couple of years, it really is appreciated.

Despite the conversations that were taking place in the background, life at All Saints continued. Fittingly our bible verse for the year was, Isaiah 30:21, Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it." And that is what we tried to do together.

We began the year with a week of prayer for Christian Unity; it was uplifting to join with other Christians across Kensington as we prayed and shared lunch with one another. In addition to our usual meetings in January and on Good Friday for the Walk of Witness, it was agreed that we should try to come together more often and so a further week of prayer was planned for September 2025 with a summer Picnic also to take place. Thanks to Julia Buckingham for her commitment to keeping us connected with our brothers and sisters from other Christian communities in and around Kensington.

During Lent we enjoyed a Series that gave the opportunity for some to share their faith story, enabling us to see how God is at work in our lives and the transformation he can bring. It was an encouragement to us all. We are thankful for those who were willing to be so open about their journey and their personal struggles.

In May, Mark Eheide our Children's worker advised us he would be leaving his role for full time employment. We thank Mark for all he did in rebuilding our relationships with local schools and building the foundation for our After School Club in Kensington Primary School. Recognising the importance of this role we advertised for a new Children's Worker, interviews took place in early September and Olivia Purcell was appointed. Olivia has taken up the mantel of After School Club, building a new team of volunteers and building relationships with the children. In addition to this she started a Youth Group that meets once a month during the Sunday Service and at other times for social activities.

We have been praying that we would be able to restart a group for younger children again and thanks to a team of volunteers we also began a monthly Children's group in September for those age 5-11. Slowly we have seen a growth in the number of children and young people attending on a Sunday and for this we give thanks. We must continue to build on this

and discern the way forward together. Thank you to all those who have given their time to any aspect of this important ministry.

The regular ministry of the Charity Shop, New Horizons, Pardis, Community Garden, Food Pantry, Foodbank and Friday Café all continued alongside the provision offered through the Hub that plays an important role for those seeking support. In addition to our own ministry the Worship Centre is in use every day, used by both community groups and local services, all serving our community in different ways.

Sadly, in April we had to take the decision to close the Food Pantry as the food would no longer be supplied by St Andrew's Community Network. We were invited to continue with them in a different way but this would have involved and ongoing commitment to find at least £10K per year, funds we sadly do not have. Thank you to the large team of volunteers who helped at the Pantry during the years it was open. We will continue to seek new ways to support the food poverty in our community.

With this in mind we thank Greggs for their continued supply of food, enabling us to regularly feed those who need it. And thanks also to those who are involved in collecting the food from Greggs or distributing it at the door, with a smile and a kind word. We also thank Irene Banks for giving her time every Friday to help those seeking support via Foodbank vouchers and for the provision of the Foodbank itself open on Saturday mornings.

During 2025 we continued to invest in our relationships with each other, building a greater sense of community. This was helped by a monthly joint service often with the opportunity to stay and share food together afterwards.
We also arranged another Parish Weekend away at Beechwood Court, Conwy. As in the previous year this provided an opportunity for friendships to develop and for us to spend quality time with God and one another. This year's highlights included not just an impressive talent show but also a Superhero fancy dress competition! Who knew there were so many hidden gifts at All Saints! It was also a blessing to see the children and young people spending time in each other's company.

As a church family that welcomes those who seek asylum from countries across the world we are used to having to say goodbye to people as they are moved to other areas of the country. However, in 2025 we also said goodbye to some long-standing members of the congregation as they moved out of the area. Our prayers go with Jim & Deb Huthwaite, Celine Hay and Rod & Veronica Evans and we thank them for all they gave to the life of All Saints over the years.

Advent & Christmas was as usual a busy time. At the beginning of Advent, we welcomed 180 Year 7 young people from St Francis of Assisi for an Advent Experience day. We hope to build on this and connect with the school in other ways in the future.

We offered a daily reflection through Advent called 'Small Wonder' and connected this to our Sunday sermons through Advent. We arranged 'Posada' as part of our Christmas celebrations and a Christmas Community Celebration with crafts, circus skills, the retelling of the Nativity story at regular intervals during the evening and of course a visit from Santa. This year we brought together the Carol Service with the Christingle Service and moved it to

a Sunday afternoon. This was very successful and was the best attended service over the Christmas period.

As a church we also supported those who would struggle at Christmas time. In addition to giving food hampers out through New Horizons. We also, connected with local schools to identify families that would go without this year. Over thirty families from Kensington Primary and New Park schools were provided with gifts for the children and a food hamper. The schools were overwhelmed by the generosity of the All Saints family in providing this. Thanks, to those who gave their time to shop for food, sort out toys and put the hampers together.

Regular corporate prayer plays an important role at All Saints as we bring our concerns for our community and the world to God. Zoom prayers took place throughout the week and in person prayers in the Hub on a Thursday. The opportunity to experience Contemplative prayer was provided on a regular basis in the Hub by Deb Huthwaite until she moved away. We are grateful for the opportunity this gives us to have a time of quiet and stillness in God's presence. We pray for Pauline Tregilgas as she takes over responsibility for this group. We also met together at other times to pray into specific situations both worldwide and local. Our prayer life whether corporate or individual is essential in underpinning all we do.

In terms of finance, we continue to struggle to make ends meet. The rising cost of energy and everyday services has impacted our choices and resulted in the PCC taking the decision to stop using the Parish Church during the Winter, with the long-term plan to move eventually towards closure of the building. This, however, does not mean that the building is now closed, we will now use it in different ways.

We continue to try and sustain the ministry of All Saints across the Parish as best we can, while also recognising that in terms of clergy the numbers are significantly reduced from what they were in the past and we can often struggle to have enough volunteers. All of these challenges mean that some significant and difficult changes will be necessary in the future. These will be made prayerfully and with the full involvement of the PCC.

We continue to seek a Treasurer and a Parish Safeguarding Officer and would welcome a conversation with anyone who may feel called to either of these important roles.

And so, we begin to look forward at what finally seems to be a new chapter in the life of All Saints. We look ahead with hope and expectation putting our trust in God in all things. We move forward knowing that we follow Jesus, the one who inspires change, transformation, and renewal and in doing so may we continue to grow in our love for Him, each other and our community.

This report was approved by the PCC on 23rd March 2026

Rev. Helen Purcell



All Saints Music Group Report 2025-2026

Over the past twelve months the music group has continued to support and lead worship in both places of worship and some recently playing through 09.30 and 11.00 am services as we transit a change in venue. Throughout the year we have welcomed new recruits who have come along to practices and occasionally sung with the group. The core of the group is constant but new volunteers are always encouraged to join when they feel able.

The Music Group is always ready to receive new members who can commit to playing and singing regularly. Of course they would need to talk with our church leadership prior to coming along to a Worship Group practice. We are currently hoping to recruit a percussionist. It was lovely to have Aaditya at a recent practice in this role. We were sad to say goodbye to Celine but pray she will be blessed in her new church family.

The range of musical talent in the worship group is broad in scope but all members give from their hearts and seek to inspire sung worship for our church family. Our aim as always is to strive to be more effective in leading worship.

The introduction of new audio equipment in the Worship Centre has enhanced the sound and also in remaining in place has dispensed with the dismantling of microphones and music stands after each service. Our thanks go to the church for agreeing to fund this amazing set up and to Andrew and Ben who oversaw its installation. This means we can focus more on learning new worship songs and improve more familiar ones.

Finally, music at our church has improved greatly this year and the commitment of each member has been an essential part of this. Thanks also goes to those who assist with the tech side and who operate the sound desk and computer. We seek to continue to improve and prayerfully attract more talent. God has blessed us with an harmonious base and a joy in singing and playing together; for this we are indebted to those who lead.

Blessings

Ben, Tya, David, Pauline, Jane, Sarah, Ann, Rachel, Betty and Aaditya

2025 Foodbank Report

After yet another challenging year, our Foodbank which is part of St Andrews Community Network (funded by the Trussell Trust), continues to provide people in our area with a source of food. As we enter our 12th year, we find ourselves in more troubled times as the conflicts around the world affect our economy, with rising prices and stock shortages. Thankfully we have survived due to the hard work put in by our volunteers.

We operate from our Church Hall every Saturday morning. Volunteers arrive at 9.15am to set up and unpack deliveries and we are open to the public from 10am until 12 noon.

During this winter, St Andrews obtained funding to provide some additional winter vegetables. These were very gratefully received by our clients, who normally receive tinned fruit and vegetables.

In March 2026 we planned to return to the format we had when we first opened up 12 years ago, by sitting our clients at a table and chatting with them over tea and biscuits. However, to do this we had to have sufficient volunteers and on the last weekend in March 2026, we successfully achieved this! Chatting over a cup of tea and a biscuit can be an opportunity for people to open up and if they want to, pray together.

If anyone could spare 2 – 3 hours once a month, to be part of our Foodbank, I would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact me at All Saints.

Liz Mooney
Foodbank Co-ordinator

YOUTH GROUP

Our Youth Group began on 16th November 2025, ran by both me and Terry, and has been very successful. We have an average of 10 young people aged 10 - 16 attending both Sunday sessions and socials. Our Sunday sessions are held on the third Sunday of every month.

Last year, we were unable to hold a Sunday meeting in December due to the timing around Christmas. So instead, we held our first games night. It went so well that we will now have them bi-monthly going forward.

Our Sunday sessions focus on questions that the young people wrote during our first meeting. Each session, one question is chosen at random as our topic. By letting them guide the sessions, we focus on what's important to them as they grow in their relationships with God. Alongside those questions, we also started a Taskmaster-esque series where the young people (and Terry) complete challenges for points, and the winner will be announced at the end of 2026.

The long-term goal of our youth group is to equip them with the tools they need to seek answers about their faith independently.

It's been incredible to see our young people connect so quickly and form such a supportive group. The support you have given me, and especially them, as we continue to grow, has been truly special!

I'm so proud of how hard they have worked and look forward to seeing what lies ahead for both our youth club and for them as individuals.

Olivia Purcell
Children's Worker

After School Club

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Our After School Club/Impact Club held once a month at Kensington Community Primary School had been running before I was hired in October 2025, so since it restarted in November we've been doing a series with the children on Jesus' Parables.

We have had a regular group of around 10 KS2 Children, some of which came to Impact club when it was run by Mark. We've been so blessed with such a lovely group of children who all really engage with the sessions, our November 2025 session was based on The Good Samaritan, and our December session based around the birth of Jesus/Christingle. Though the sessions centre around a bible story we focus on the lessons the children can take from it such as being kind to people even when they are different. By doing it this way it makes sure that the children of different faiths or no faith at all can engage with the work we're doing. The school has been pleased with the work we've been doing and would like us to do more, unfortunately we are limited by the number of volunteers we have.

We have been fortunate enough to have a group of volunteers in rotation who have been brilliant. I am always looking for extra help so if you're available one Wednesday a month between 2.30pm and 5pm and would like to volunteer please let me know.

Thank you so much for all your support and a big thank you to all the volunteers, without you it wouldn't be possible.

Olivia Purcell

Children's Worker

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

Over the past year we have continued to support Adelaide house (approved women's premises) with welcome bags, Easter and Christmas gifts.

Our members and friends of MU have been knitting, blankets, teddies and hearts for palliative care wards at Aintree.

Our Diocesan projects which we supported; welcome bags for students , items for prisoners plus cards for them to give to family.

Donated Christmas decorations for Alder Hey to make a winter wonderland for the children, plus fundraiser to buy gifts for the 67 staff who work in the cancer wards and teenage hub.

Attended modern day slavery service at cathedral .

Honoured to organise Passover service and meal at All Saints.

Along with other members of All Saints we helped with Christmas Hampers.

We provided flowers for Mother's Day.

Enjoyed many wonderful social events including ...a trip on a barge as our MU day out . Trip to theatre to see 'it's a wonderful life'.Day out on a 'ferry cross the Mersey ' to celebrate Branch leaders retirement. VE anniversary celebrations at a members home . Christmas meal out in Widnes, to support member who moved address.

Our meetings are very informal (1st Tuesday each month) at the heart is prayer.

We believe in faith, fun and fellowship, our biggest strength is supporting each other.

2026 is a big year for Mothers Union , we celebrate our 150th birthday , we hope you can join us in celebrating.



Gardening Club Report

God's faithfulness and wonder in the gardens this year have been amazing. Both greenhouses were planted and cropped with tomatoes, cucumbers and bell peppers.

There was a very successful harvest of green beans and potatoes, and many will remember the pumpkins picked for Harvest. But as we all know to achieve harvest lots of work and commitment is needed throughout the year. The flower meadow garden has really suffered from my inability to keep on top of the heavier jobs. Thanks to Linda, Sue and Ian who have helped when they could. We've all appreciated how beautiful our green spaces around church can be.

Please pray for more volunteers and energy to carry on.

Valerie Morris

New Horizons has continued to meet twice a week. Chill out, which is held on a Monday provides a safe, warm environment where the community can come for support and connection. We provide a safe warm space, with refreshments and food. The drop-in is frequented by those who are living in abject poverty. Many are homeless, struggling with addiction, have poor mental health and struggle with day-to-day living. This is a meeting place for people who struggle making connections or suffer with isolation. We get to build relationships and rapport with people who may never access the church through other routes. We use this time to pray for people and talk to them about Jesus.

On a Friday we have a more structured approach. We have the same members of the community who frequent Friday too. This group is more Christ focused. I will invite people to come and share their testimonies at group time and we also hold bible teachings or devotionals. We will often use this time to play some worship music and prayer time. This session is all about group participation and we hold an open share time to encourage people to get to know each other and build relationships. After the group session we sit together for a home cooked family dinner and spend time in fellowship with one another.

Many people who initially came to use our service are now volunteers. They are committed to helping out each week lifting their self-esteem as they take on some responsibilities. It gives people a place where they can feel heard, seen, loved and supported. Many of the volunteers that give up their time have also been in addiction or suffered with mental health issues, and it shows hope for those using our service and for them its giving back.

We had a beautiful summer and made full use of that with some outdoor activities. An old school sports day event, games of rounders and we finished each outdoor event with a community barbecue.

We held an Easter meal which our group helped set up and we planned together. They took part in several crafts to give out as gifts on the day and decorations for the table. We had live worship from one of our volunteers and a guest speaker talking to us about Jesus and his washing of the disciples feet.

Christmas we all took part in the Christmas story. Making costumes and setting the scene. Everyone took part and we ended with a full Christmas dinner and a visit from Father Christmas in his sleigh with presents that had kindly been donated from the KOP podcast.

Helen Gallagher
Community Pastor



The ASK Shop has continued to provide reasonably priced, good quality items for our local community. However, the shop is much more than that as it has become a place of welcome, acceptance and prayer.

Our motto is "the kettle's on and a chat and biscuit follow". Open on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday - it is an extension of All Saints in a diverse community. It's also open on selected Wednesday mornings for small groups.

I am excited about the future potential of the shop as we move forward and I thank the Church Family for their generous donations, support and prayer and a big thank you to all of our volunteers who give their time so generously.

God bless
Paul Twist
Charity Shop Manager



372nd Liverpool Rainbows

We have 21 rainbows age 4-6 years at present
We follow the Girlguiding program that covers 6 areas to earn badges
We have had days out to the Odeon cinema in December.Had an overnight stay at Woodbank activity centre in St Helens we also had thinking day service in Our Lady with St Nicholas which we took part in
At present we have 2 girls on the waiting list.

Thank you for the support of using the hall

Sue Power
Leader


foodbank

worship group

Brownies

372nd Liverpool Brownies 2025

Our Brownies have had another busy and varied year!
It has been lovely to watch friendships develop and girls grow in confidence in our weekly meetings and through the various other activities we have been able to offer.

The Brownies finished the "Take Action" theme award, finding out about different ways in which we can all help the environment. They completed the "Zero Waste" interest badge and had a very interesting visit to the Recycling Discovery Centre in Gillmoss, where we all learned about what happens to our rubbish once it is collected.

In June we joined with Brownies from all over Merseyside for a fun day out at "Eureka Science and Discovery" on The Wirral.

Sadly, in July we had to say goodbye to Alice, aka Barn Owl, a Physics student at Liverpool University who had been with us for 4 years. Before she left, we were treated to a fascinating session in the University's inflatable planetarium, learning about the stars and planets. This helped towards the girls gaining their "Space" Interest badge and the "Have Adventures" theme award.

In September the Brownies started working on the "Skills for my Future" theme award. This brought a wide range of fun activities, including making tasty fajitas, recognising and knowing how to use simple tools (very carefully!) as well as practising basic money skills when shopping.

The year ended with a Christmas sleepover at Gulliver's World, where the girls had a wonderful time walking through the Land of Lights, before taking the Polar Express to see Santa! They had a great time on the rides and met lots of fun characters – an unforgettable experience, despite the lack of sleep!!

We were delighted to be able to award our very first Gold awards (all 6 theme awards completed) and send the two proud recipients up to Guides to continue their guiding journeys.

As ever, thank you to everyone for your prayers and support, we really do appreciate it!

Jan Hughes

Diocese of Liverpool

Walton & North Liverpool Deanery Synod Report 2025

On the agenda this past year has been the discussion and implementation of the Fit for Mission programme embraced by Liverpool Diocese, Deanery finance and the retirement and appointment of incumbents.
Although all parish share payments are up to date. We reminded the Deanery that our parish share continued to reflect the two incumbent situation which existed while Mike Coates was still in place. We asked the Deanery to review the overpayment and eventually this year that has been rectified.

There have been continuous discussions throughout this last year about how to address the FfM programme the Deanery Leadership team presented different ways of making it work within the Deanery. The conclusion was that due to the lack of clergy and the very vocal opposition by some church representatives the programme would be put on hold for the present. There are at least seven vacancies within the deanery and although these have been advertised no one has applied. It was suggested that the posts would be advertised as a team ministry to make it more appealing to prospective applicants.
At the DLT it was agreed that for 2026 we should maintain 14 stipends as the Deanery entitlement. It was further agreed that during 2026 the Synod should discuss and decide whether we wanted to maintain that figure for 2027. It was noted that the Diocesan Synod had agreed an increase in Parish Share for 2026 of 2%. The Diocese proposes to do some work next year on the basis on which Parish Share should be calculated in the future.

We welcomed the appointment of Rev Philip Anderson (formerly Canon of Liverpool Cathedral) as Rector to the Liverpool Parish Church of St Nicholas and our own vicar Helen who was finally licensed at All Saints before Christmas last year after a long period of uncertainty for her and her family. Local deanery clergy past and present, archdeacon Miranda and Bishop Ruth welcomed our Helen in a wonderful licensing service at the Worship Centre. Both appointments took a long time to be confirmed reflecting some of the difficulties faced by the leadership of the Diocese. We are delighted that all has been resolved.

Sadly after many years as our joint Deanery Representative Jim Huthwaite has now moved away and has resigned his post. He has been so committed to attending each meeting when possible and he will be sorely missed. I hear on the grapevine that our loss has been St Bridget's West Kirby's gain. We wish him and Deb God's blessing in their new church family.

Deanery Representative
Pauline Tregilgas

Fellowship cafe

Parish Church Cafe opened from 1-4pm every Friday. We serve Tea, Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Juice, savoury snacks, biscuits + soup, Toast and Toasted Fruit Bread and more recently (Made Without) snacks. All 20p or free if no money.

Our usual activities include Jenga, word games, information sharing, themed days which Veronica covered beautifully with her decorating talent ie pretty tables with flowers and hanging decs and if there is a birthday, we celebrate with a card from all of us and cake!

Visitors include students from the nearby university, far from home, needing some fellowship, or a time of prayer. Some visitors are homeless, one Polish chap lived in a tent and loved playing Jenga, a happy break from the harshness of his life. Another chap couldn't stop crying because of the cafe's kindness to him, he wouldn't come in but sat outside with his cuppa and food, and even picked a flower and put in his empty cup for us. He came not so long ago, he was much improved thanks be to God.

Our Ethos has always been to help visitors to be drawn to God's light through us, give people hope and encouragement, a bit of relaxation and fun, forgetting their troubles for a bit. We offer a listening ear and if need be, professional help by signposting . We held a fundraising day for McMillan Cancer Charity and raised £76.74. We are Dementia Friendly, one of our regulars being from the local Care Home and another from church.

Visitors also come in search of their ancestry. History tours are often asked for and volunteers like Chris, Peter, Rod and others assist.

Betty's Granddaughter Sophie put us on TikTok, David, Betty's Son has done all our leaflets & banners for free, only charging for the firms print outs. Betty's family and neighbours have supported the cafe in school holidays when they could. Rod has also designed leaflets. Jane provided us with a music system to play taped music. Rod and Veronica have done all the shopping and Marge and Joe also provided shopping and some board games. Andy has been our IT Guru. Mike has kept the place tidy and winds the clock. Betty does the admin. Many others have donated and helped too. We have been mightily Blessed. Sadly, a decision was made to close in December but we hope to meet at a local hotel monthly to have some fellowship.

Betty Stoddart, Veronica + Rod Evans. Mike Browne, Andrew Leece. Marge and Joe Lunt.

Sunday Children's Group

This report provides an overview of the progress of the Sunday School over the past year, following a period in which sessions had stopped. Restarting Sunday School after a year's break proved challenging, particularly in the aftermath of COVID-19. However, with the support of dedicated volunteers and youth helpers, the programme was successfully reintroduced. At the beginning, attendance was low, with approximately 3–4 children attending irregularly.

Over time, attendance has steadily improved. More recently, around 12 children have been attending sessions, with increasing consistency. It is encouraging to see more families returning, with many parents now bringing their children on a Sunday on a more regular basis.

The sessions include Bible passages, interactive activities such as painting, and group discussions that encourage children to explore and share their understanding of faith. These activities have supported engagement and participation, creating a positive and welcoming environment for the children.

Overall, the Sunday School has made strong progress since restarting and can be considered a success. With continued support and consistency, there is good potential for further growth in both attendance and engagement.



Pardis

I'm happy to share an update on our activities in Pardis over the past year.

Overall, things have been going well. We continue to meet every Friday at 10:30 AM, both in person and online, and we follow the same pattern of discussing the Sunday Bible reading. Peter continues to speak regularly, and I still provide translation or occasionally give talks myself.

We are truly grateful for the church's ongoing support, which continues to be a vital part of our group. This year, I'm excited to focus on expanding our fellowship. I plan to take the group out more often—picnics, coffee shop visits, and other casual outings—to revive the social aspect. In addition, I hope to actively reach out beyond our current group, inviting new people to Pardis so we can grow.

Once again, thank you so much for your steadfast support and for walking alongside us. It means the world to us.

John Hojjati

The Guides have been in a period of growth, with more girls than for over a decade. We also have a more stable leadership team with a second leader in training and a unit helper who comes regularly. This is fantastic and makes more varied activities possible.

The girls have had several trips, including to Speke and the Lake District. They have been offered overnight opportunities but have been reluctant to take them up. Two Guides are volunteering with Rainbows.

Julia Buckingham
Leader

Return of Parish Finance

January to December 2025

Church Number: 604	Church Name:Liverpool, All Saints	Deanery: Liverpool North and Walton
Looking back across 2025, were there any exceptional circumstances that may have led to unusual figures? Please provide brief details with this form.		Diocese: Liverpool

	INCOMING RESOURCES	UNRESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESTRICTED (nearest £)
	Voluntary Giving		
1	Tax efficient planned giving (reglular Gift Aid giving)	£ 38,106	-
2	Other planned giving (non Gift Aid)	£ 6,467	£ 1,000
3	Collections at services	£ 7,929	£ 46
4	All other giving and voluntary receipts, including Special Appeals (recurring and one-off)	£ 9,089	-
			-
6	Gift Aid recovered	£ 30,138	-
6a	Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme repayment		
7	Legacies received (capital value)	£ 15,167	£ 22,000
8	Grants (include recurring and one-off)	£ -	£ -
A	**SUB-TOTAL Voluntary Giving:**	**£ 106,896**	**£ 23,046**
	Activities for generating funds		
9	Income from fundraising activities (gross proceeds)	-	
	Income from investments		
10	Dividends, interest, income from property etc.	£ 3,194	
	Church Activities		
11	Statutory fees retained by the PCC (weddings, funerals, etc.)	£ 657	
12	Trading activities (gross proceeds) e.g. hall lettings, magazine, bookstall. NOT fundraising.	£ 72,081	£ 2,389
	Other		
13	Any other income/receipts not already listed		
	TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES (FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS)		
B	Column Totals (Line A plus lines 9 to 13)	**£ 182,828**	**£ 25,435**
	PLANNED GIVERS AND LEGACIES		
14	Number of regular Gift Aid givers (include PGS givers)		
15	Number of regular non Gift Aid givers (inc. PGS givers)		
16	Number of new legacies received during year		
C	**Grand Total Receipts/Income**		**£ 208,263**
G	**Grand Total Payments/Expenditure**		**£ 173,872**

	RESOURCES EXPENDED	UNRESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESTRICTED (nearest £)
	Cost of generating funds		
17	Fund-raising activites (costs and payments)	£ 216	
	Church Activities & Church Expenses		
18	Mission giving and donations	£ 1,917	£ 514
19	Deanery Share/Parish Share contribution	£ 33,372	
20	Salaries, wages and honararia	£ 35,875	£ 18,330
21	Clergy and staff expenses	£ 3,874	£ 12
22	Mission and evangelism costs	£ 14,961	£ 3,879
23	a. Church running expenses (inc. Governance)	£ 28,057	£ 1,155
	b. Church building maintenance costs	£ 1,883	£ -
	c. Church building insurance (inc. contents)	£ 4,368	£ -
24	Church utility bills	£ 12,496	
25	Cost of trading	£ 10,858	£ 2,105
D	**SUB-TOTAL for Church Activities & Raising Funds:**	**£ 147,877**	**£ 25,995**
	Major expenditure		
27	Major repairs to the church building	£ -	
28	Major repairs to church hall or other PCC property, including redecoration	£ -	
29	New building work to the church, church hall, clergy housing or other PCC property	£ -	
E	**SUB-TOTAL for Major expenditure:**	**£ -**	**£ -**
99	Other payments/expenditure not already listed		
	TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED (FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS)		
F	Column Totals (Lines D and E plus 99)	**£ 147,877**	**£ 25,995**
	Cash and Investment Balances	**UNRESTRICTED**	**RESTRICTED**
31	Cash and deposit balance as at 31st December	£ 146,509	£ 3,658
32	Investments valued as at 31st December	£ 39	
33	Liabilities due within 1 year		
	Are your accounts Receipts&Payments or Accruals (indicate ONE)?		
30	**Receipts and payments [Y]**	**Accruals [ ]**	

Please refer to the notes available from our diocesan webpage to help clarify what is included in each section. (https://liverpoolcofe.org/governance-matters/statistics/return-of-parish-finance/)

Date	11-May-26
Name	Rev Helen Purcell
Position	Vicar
Tel or Email	helen@allsaintsliverpool.org

Note: Please complete this return directly online. Contact G Fath or Central Services at St James' House for details.

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of All Saints, Liverpool on the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2025, as set out on the following pages: Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, and Notes.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The PCC are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. 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 the independent Examiner's statement.

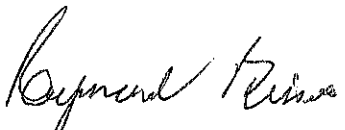
My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements 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 financial statements 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 material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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



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Date: 21 September 2026