

Parish of Tranmere, St Paul with St Luke

Report of the Trustees & Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

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The Trustees present their report and the independently examined financial statements of the charity for the year ended **31st December 2024**. The financial statements have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis as set out in the notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

Background

Membership of the PCC and Trustees of the Parish

Members of the PCC are either ex officio, co-opted, or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. The Trustees listed below served as members of the PCC during 2024

| | | |
|---|-----------------|----------------------------|
| Revd Mike Loach <i>Priest in Charge</i> /Chairman to 4/24 | Barbara Brayley | Retires 2026 |
| Edna Strefford Church Warden from 5/24 | Yvonne Smith | Retires 2026 |
| Robert Vague Church Warden from 5/24 | Gill Smith | Retires 2027 |
| | Sibi Thottathil | Retires 2027 |
| Richard Fitzpatrick Deanery Synod Rep | Beryl Smith | Ex-Officio/Pastoral Worker |
| Rachael Cruickshank Retires 2025 | Carol Vague | Ex-Officio/ Reader |
| Carol Raynor Retires 2025 | | PCC Secretary from 5/23 |

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. Members for 2024 were: Revd Mike Loach, Revd Andrew Mannings: Edna Strefford, Sibi Thottathil, Robert Vague

AIM & PURPOSES

St. Paul with St Luke's Parochial Church Council (PCC) had the responsibility of cooperating with the Priest in Charge, Mike Loach during his tenure and the Churchwardens following his departure, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, ecclesiastic, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of St. Paul's Church building, Church Hall, and the rental property at 29 Seymour Street.

OBJECTIVES

The PCC is entrusted with enabling as many people as possible from the parish to worship here, to become part of the church family, and to support them in putting faith into practice throughout the community.

ACHIEVEMENTS & PERFORMANCE

Report on the Parish for 2024

2024 has been filled with its fair share of demands and challenges but also many encouragements. It was marked by the departure of our Priest-in-Charge, the Rev Michael Loach. His 4 years of ministry among us developed a stronger sense of community and togetherness. He is already being sorely missed, but we look forward to what and who God has to offer us next.

The newly renovated Church Hall celebrated its 1st Birthday of re-opening. Some past users have returned and new ones have started to appreciate what a wonderful community space it is. Previous one-time users, such as party holders, are amazed at the transformation on their return. Rental of the hall brings in much-needed income and there are many spaces still available for weekly sessions/classes.

The Treasurer, Robert Vague, has continued to work on our Finances, determinedly scrutinising our outgoings, and, following enquiries into our inflated water bills, discovered yet another significant overpayment; this time to a duplicate account with the Water Utility company dating back several years, payments to which have since been refunded. He ensures that we claim back VAT on any works carried out around our Grade 2 listed site and also manages the rentals and income generated from the hire of the Hall. Despite the amounts received in rental income, both from the Hall and the rental property, we still need to increase our general income and it remains vital that all our members carefully consider how they might give to the church. However, Robert's efforts have brought some stability and we should all be very grateful for this.

Some of us from St Paul's were pleased to join and support the *Easter Experience* Team from CCHB in a visit to Well Lane Primary School to provide the "experience" to two of the upper classes. The photographs you may have seen displayed in our foyer, showed the children being involved and engaging well. The staff at the school are welcoming, very supportive, and are keen to maintain contact with St Paul's. A visit to our Church Building was arranged at the end of Advent for another 2 classes. Our Organist, Tim Asbridge, and the organ tuners were there at the same time and the children were excited to see the pipes and organ console and to hear it played, as well as finding all the church items and furniture they had been learning about in school. They also spent time searching for the characters from the Christmas story which had been "hidden" throughout the building. All in all a very successful visit.

The setting up of a Choir School for 8-12 year olds one full "school day" a week (9:00 – 15:30) during the school summer holidays, brought in 19 registrations. Not all children came every week (and a very few found it was not for them and only came the once) but there was a core group of 8 or 9 children who were there every week and really enjoyed it. Thanks are due to Tim Asbridge for the enormous amount of work he put in, to those who supported him, and also to those who were an invaluable help at lunch time to serve the meal and wash dishes afterwards etc. Some children were enthusiastic enough to be willing to continue to learn to sing and three have continued to attend choir practice from 4:00pm to 5:30pm on Friday evenings. They sang in public for the first time at our Nine Lessons & Carols Service on the Sunday before Christmas.

2025 has already not been without its challenges, but we do have some good reasons to feel hopeful about the future of our parish. Our numbers and attendance at services increased in 2024 and in the latter months the PCC worked hard to produce a frank and open Parish Profile to support the recruitment of a full-time priest to take up residence in the Vicarage and lead our congregation in expanding our mission to the local area and beyond. Please keep praying that God calls, they hear, and we recognise the right person to lead us forward and that we can find the necessary funds having a full time priest entails.

Since the end of April following the resignation of the Rev. Mike Loach as our Priest-in-Charge our Churchwardens have ensured that the running of Church and Parish affairs including Services and events have run as smoothly as possible. We have depended a great deal on the support of retired clergy, particularly our Hon Assistant Priest, Father Andrew Mannings, and the Rev. Andrew Haslam. Our grateful thanks are extended to them.

In Memoriam

We give thanks for the generosity and faithfulness of Edward (Ted) Ashley a long-standing member of our Congregation who died during 2024: May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

The Churchwardens' & Fabric Report

Both Edna and I are grateful to all of you for your support in our first year as your church wardens. We express our thanks to Revd Mike Loach for all that he did for us whilst priest in charge here and also Vicar of Christ Church Higher Bebington. Our newly refurbished church hall is a lasting reminder of what he has achieved at St Paul's. We wish him, Sarah, and his sons, every good wish for the future.

St Paul's depends upon a lot of people who give, freely, of their time and energy to make sure that things run smoothly in keeping our building looking as good as it does. So, our thanks to everyone who contributes to the smooth running of our services; greeters, readers, & intercessors; to those who count our collections each fortnight and the producer of the newsletter that miraculously appears each week; to those who come and clean the church and hall (particularly the toilets!); to those who make tea, coffee, and sometimes cakes for the refreshments after our Sunday morning service. Thanks too, to those who provide flowers and so beautifully decorate church as well as those who set up the Easter Garden and the Christmas Crib. Many thanks also to our clock winder, to those who cut grass, tidy the carpark, put out bins . . . and anyone who does a job we've forgotten. More volunteers are always welcome.

In the background, much has been happening to try to bring a new fulltime priest to St Paul's. In our vacancy, one of your wardens regularly checks that the vicarage is safe and secure, retrieves and deals with any post, and has opened it when it was necessary for the external doors to be replaced, for the fitting of a new alarm system and for the replacement of the immersion heater

Since May 2024, we have been reliant upon a number of retired clergy who have come to preside and preach at our Sunday parish Eucharist as well as our midweek service. Our honorary assistant priest, Fr Andrew Mannings, Revd Andrew Haslam, and Revd Colin Hart, have all kept us thinking with their different interpretations of scripture. In May, we welcomed Bishop Julie for a Confirmation service in which Lynda Pignot was confirmed. In September, a former curate from the 1980's, the Revd Canon Dr Rod Garner, came to preside and preach, meeting many old friends over refreshments in the hall as well as bringing copies of some of his books to be sold for church funds.

Sites and Buildings Report 2024

During 2024, maintenance work on both church and hall has been carried out as and when necessary, including the following:

- Guttering and drainage pipe work.
- Hall entrance roofing to stop a leak
- Hall men's toilet partition wall replaced, and ceiling repaired.
- Hall ladies' and disabled toilet repairs to eliminate leakage.
- Church vestry sink replaced
- Organ tuning and essential repairs.
- Working parties have kept our gardens tidy.
- Health and Safety checks including Fire Extinguishers are done on a regular basis

Robert Vague & Edna Strefford

PCC Secretary Report

The full PCC met 8 times during 2024. Each meeting began with prayer, occasionally a reading for the day and ended with prayer. Three were purely business meetings; two dealt solely with the preparation of the Parish Profile, and the remainder dealt with both. Archdeacon Michael Gilbertson & Peter Froggatt attended one meeting and Tim Asbridge another.

The PCC has wide responsibilities, each member being a trustee. At business meetings 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. These included:

- Sites and Buildings Report for both church and Parish Halls
- Risk Assessment and Health & Safety
- Treasurer's Report
- Safeguarding

Some of the many points covered during the year included:

- The duties of a Trustee
- Safeguarding policy
- Projected Budget
- Conflict of interest
- Holy Week Services
- Summer & Christmas Fairs
- Summer Choir School
- Building & maintenance updates for Church, Halls & Seymour Street
- Services during the Vacancy
- Parish Profile & Fact Sheet
- Decision on Parish Representatives
- Christmas services and timings
- Bookings for the Hall
- Dedication Lunch
- Thursday Community Café
- Christmas Fair

Carol Vague, PCC Secretary

Birkenhead Deanery Synod Report for 2024

During 2024, there have been three meetings of synod as follows:

February 2024 at St Paul with St Luke when the guest speaker was Katy Herrera who was the newly appointed Family, Children, and Youth Adviser for the Diocese. Revd Mike Loach as priest in charge led an act of worship during the meeting.

In June we met at St Peter's Rock Ferry to listen to the Revd Peter Froggatt presenting his topic which was "Together in Christ – sharing hope", a foretaste of an article he was to publish in September/October 2024.

The final meeting, in October, was at Holy Cross, Woodchurch, when the guest speakers were Revd Simon Chesters and Revd Jenny Bridgman speaking about ministry within the Diocese. Synod members were asked to discuss the question "Who has encouraged you?" Further information was provided in respect of Foundations for Ministry, Occasional Worship Leaders (OWLS), Licensed Lay Ministry, and Ordained Ministry.

Robert Vague Deanery Synod Representative

Choir Director/Organist Report

All seems to be developing as expected with regards the proposal and contract I submitted to PCC prior to my appointment. October 24 saw start of Treble Choir Practice. By Easter 25, there will be two choral Services per Month. One a full sung Sunday morning cantor led mass (Head Chorister on duty); and possibly a regular Choral Evensong. I may also trial a community choir for adults. Regarding the Organ. I have potentially two organ scholars lined up. Organ itself needs careful consideration. This is probably a matter for a future PCC meeting.

Tim Asbridge Choir Director & Organist

Coffee Markets & Fairs

Monthly Coffee Markets restarted in 2024 with refreshments, cakes, and various goods for sale. As well as drawing in much needed funds it provides a time for church people and members of the community to sit and chat together. They are always well attended. New ideas are planned for 2025 including a small raffle each month.

The Summer Fair took place on Saturday 20th July and the Christmas Fair on Saturday 14th December. These are both usually well attended by the local community, even if other Fairs are being held locally, with the Tombola quite often selling out! This year our usual Father Christmas returned, having missed in 2023. He brought his sleigh, which he left in the Car Park providing a wonderful advertisement.

Takings were a little down on the previous year, probably due to the difficult financial situation of many people. Consideration is being given to increasing our prices across all selling opportunities – particularly on the cake stall.

Many thanks for all the time and effort put in by many people, to those who attend and those who give so generously.

Community Café/Warm Hub

The community café and warm hub takes place on Thursday mornings 10am until 12noon. We have between 8 to 12 people who regularly attend. Occasionally we have people who decide to visit, after seeing the notice board outside. We serve tea, coffee, toast, crumpets, cake and biscuits and do not charge for the refreshments, but are grateful for any donations.

The Community Connectors from 'Involve' visit each week and people are able to speak to them regarding any issues that they may have in the community.

I should like to thank everyone who has helped and supported me during 2024.

Beryl Smith, Pastoral Worker/Mental Health First Aider.

KRAFTY Pals

Krafty Pals recommenced on 1st February 2024 and takes place on Thursday afternoons from 2pm - 4pm .

Everyone who attends enjoys tea/coffee accompanied by biscuits and cake. The charge is £2 per session, which goes towards materials and refreshments. People can choose what they would like to do from knitting, crocheting, card making, and glass painting to drawing. Some people just attend to have a chat as they live on their own and enjoy the company.

Attendance has grown during 2024 and it is hoped it will keep on growing. *Maureen Callender, Beryl Smith*

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Treasurer's Report for year ending 31/12/2024

2024 was a busy year as we now have a fully operational parish hall which has started to become popular as a children's party site. Last year I mentioned our debt of gratitude to the Revd Mike Loach for all his efforts to bring our hall back to life. This year, sadly, saw his departure as our priest in charge which we marked with a presentation at his last service with us. Please accept my thanks to everyone attending St Paul's for your continued support of our church and the work it tries to do in our parish.

This year there has not been as much activity in our account. We have started to receive a greater income from our hall now that it is available for hire throughout the year. We have now had a full year of rental income from our property in Seymour Street and try to be good landlords by making sure that any necessary repairs are dealt with quickly by our letting agents, Lesley Hooks Ltd. The property is proving to have become a good investment for the benefit of our church.

Turning to the accounts, you will see that expenditure on our electricity has continued to be lower than the previous year whereas our gas cost has almost tripled, due I believe, to a problem on the timer control which was malfunctioning and allowing the boiler to come on when the church was not in use. A new controller has been fitted, and we now have greater control over our boiler and costs have started to drop.

In my 2023 report I said that I was trying to lower our water bills and managed to recover £1,903.34 from Water Plus in respect of an account for a water supply which does not exist.

You may notice that in our 2024 accounts, we have not received income in respect of Gift Aid. I am still trying to get to grips with the processes involved with recovering this money and hope that we will make a recovery in the new Tax Year. Not having access to Elaine's computer records has made a significant impact on my work.

In my 2023 report, I mentioned a drop in income from plate income and sadly this has now affected our income from both Standing orders and Envelopes. I fully accept that we have lost some faithful givers in recent years and the gap between their contributions and what we now receive, seems to be growing. All I can ask is that each of you takes a look at what you give and try, if at all possible, to make an increase. I can supply envelopes if needed and also give you the standing order mandate form.

Following on from Mike's departure as parish priest, as you will have seen in other reports, we are trying to get a full-time priest as our vicar. On our accounts there is an entry for Parish Share, payable to the Diocese, for £60 which represents our payment for ministry in this church. When, if, we get a full-time priest, this will increase to about £2,500 per month. In order to pay for this, we, as members of St Paul's need to demonstrate our commitment to the church, by making an increase in our giving. We need also to remember that having a full-time priest will also incur other payments such as Water Rates and Council tax for the Vicarage, together with payments for mileage when using a car on parish duties as well as contributing to the cost of broadband for computer use in the vicarage.

As we have not had a full-time priest, I have tried to put amounts representing our saving in these areas, into our Deposit account as well as any other amounts not needed for payment of our monthly outgoings.

I fully appreciate that times are hard and that we all have our own domestic payments to look after, but St Paul's only receives income from our weekly or monthly giving, rental payments from our property and hall hire charges. Nothing comes from the Government or local authority.

Robert Vague, Treasurer

Parish of Tranmere, St Paul with St Luke – 2024 Accounts
PAYMENTS IN

| Financial Statement for period to 31st December 2024 | | | | |
|---|--|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <u>Voluntary Income</u> | <u>Unre- stricted funds</u> | <u>Restricted Funds</u> | <u>Section sub Total</u> | <u>2023</u> |
| | £ | | £ | £ |
| Stated Giving by Standing order | 6,945.00 | | | 7,886.00 |
| Stated Giving by envelope | 4,470.00 | | | 4,749.31 |
| Cash collections (via plate) | 1,756.22 | | | 2,110.04 |
| Occasional services (via plate) | 180.98 | | | 372.59 |
| Sub total | 13,352.20 | | 13,352.20 | 15,117.94 |
| <u>Other voluntary income</u> | | | | |
| Sunday coffee | 546.20 | | | 508.44 |
| Votive candles | 510.40 | | | 420.44 |
| Sub total | 1,056.60 | | 1,056.60 | 928.88 |
| <u>Other income</u> | | | | |
| Donations | 1,359.50 | | | 2,890.38 |
| Fund raising(Fairs, Coffee markets etc) | 3,669.78 | | | 2,255.32 |
| Grants | 0.00 | | | 5,070.00 |
| Hall Lettings | 7,955.00 | | | 5,085.00 |
| Insurance claims/refund | 182.73 | | | 116.15 |
| Legacies | 4,750.00 | | | 0.00 |
| Lottery Grant | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 9,900.00 |
| Refund Council tax | 1,137.33 | | | 0.00 |
| Refund from Water Plus | 1,903.34 | | | 0.00 |
| Seymour Street rental | 5,738.96 | | | 2,769.32 |
| St Paul's House Account (inactive) | 0.00 | | | 18,283.09 |
| St Paul's House Proceeds of sale | 0.00 | | | 187,324.00 |
| Vacancy receipts via CBF(Fees etc) | 1,934.40 | | | 0.00 |
| VAT Recovery | 0.00 | | | 20,419.00 |
| Wedding/funeral fees/Banns | 1,281.00 | | | 1,940.80 |
| Sub total | 29,912.04 | 0.00 | 29,912.04 | 256,053.06 |
| Total income | 44,320.84 | | 44,320.84 | 272,099.88 |
| Transfer from Deposit | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 55,000.00 |
| Total income (including transfers in) | 44,320.84 | | 44,320.84 | 327,099.88 |
| Transfer to Deposit | 24,276.23 | | 24,276.23 | 51,225.00 |
| Total payments | 35,364.88 | | 35,364.88 | 325,246.81 |
| Income minus payments | 8,955.96 | | 8,955.96 | 1,853.07 |
| Cash in hand and at bank as at 01/01/24 | 77,985.33 | 8,105.03 | 86,090.36 | |
| Cash at bank and in hand as at 31/12/24 | 87,973.95 | 21,908.02 | 109,881.97 | |

PAYMENTS OUT

| Costs to 31st December 2024 | | | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | <u>2024</u> | <u>2024</u> | <u>2024</u> | <u>2023</u> |
| All payments | <u>Unrestricted</u> | <u>Restricted</u> | <u>Totals</u> | <u>Totals</u> |
| Architects fees | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 1,152.00 |
| Assigned fees paid to Diocese | 180.40 | | 180.40 | 0.00 |
| Boiler repair/service | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 904.04 |
| Chester DBF Rent | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 6,400.00 |
| Clergy expenses | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 663.72 |
| Clock repairs etc | 234.00 | | 234.00 | 180.00 |
| Council tax vicarage | 192.00 | | 192.00 | 1,908.27 |
| Electricity | 2,380.00 | | 2,380.00 | 4,433.14 |
| Funeral Fees | 501.20 | | 501.20 | 259.20 |
| Gardening/brown bins | 86.50 | | 86.50 | 82.50 |
| Gas | 10,656.65 | | 10,656.65 | 3,207.34 |
| Hall Party Refunds (Damages) | 80.00 | | 80.00 | 0.00 |
| Insurance - church | 4,785.36 | | 4,785.36 | 4,614.42 |
| Insurance - halls | 1,348.14 | | 1,348.14 | 2,024.19 |
| Lottery Grant Payments | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,794.97 |
| Organ repairs/tuning | 960.00 | | 960.00 | 1,256.00 |
| Organist | 1,545.00 | | 1,545.00 | 140.00 |
| Parish share | 60.00 | | 60.00 | 60.00 |
| Photocopier | 1,422.34 | | 1,422.34 | 1,551.30 |
| Piano tuning | 80.00 | | 80.00 | 0.00 |
| Postage | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 23.75 |
| Repairs and renewals | 4,768.38 | | 4,768.38 | 6,816.66 |
| Retired clergy expenses | 446.93 | | 446.93 | 910.78 |
| Seymour St House insurance | 358.08 | | 358.08 | 360.69 |
| Seymour St House purchase | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 107,186.13 |
| Stationery | 177.72 | | 177.72 | 412.29 |
| Sundries | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 841.70 |
| Telephone | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 548.22 |
| Vacancy expenses | 2,430.40 | | 2,430.40 | 0.00 |
| Water - church | 522.01 | | 522.01 | 284.65 |
| Water - halls | 1,258.03 | | 1,258.03 | 979.61 |
| Water - vicarage | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 233.43 |
| Worship and services | 891.74 | | 891.74 | 676.91 |
| Total expenditure | 35,364.88 | 0.00 | 35,364.88 | 149,905.91 |
| Transfers to Deposit A/C | 24,276.23 | | 24,276.23 | 51,225.00 |
| Extraordinary costs | | | | |
| Hall Refurbishment | 0.00 | | | 124,115.90 |
| Total annual expenditure | 35,364.88 | 0.00 | 8,056.84 | 325,246.81 |

BANK ACCOUNTS, ASSETS, & LIABILITIES

| Accounts at year beginning 1st January 2024 | | | |
|--|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | |
| | £ | £ | Total |
| General Current account | 17,985.08 | 8,105.03 | 26,090.11 |
| General Deposit account | 60,000.25 | | 60,000.25 |
| Rhodes Legacy Deposit account | | | 0.00 |
| Wilcox Ordination Candidates' Fund | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Total | 77,985.33 | 8,105.03 | 86,090.36 |
| Accounts at year ending 31st December 2024 | | | |
| General Current account | 10,769.84 | 0.00 | 10,769.84 |
| General Deposit account | 77,204.11 | 8,105.03 | 85,309.14 |
| Rhodes Legacy deposit account | | 13,802.99 | 13,802.99 |
| Wilcox Ordination candidates' Fund * | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Total | 87,973.95 | 21,908.02 | 109,881.97 |
| <i>Account marked * no longer in use</i> | | | |
| Property owned by St Paul with St Luke | | | |
| 29 Seymour Street Purchase price 08/2023 | 107,186.13 | | |

| General Deposit Account - Unrestricted | | |
|---|----------|-----------|
| Opening balance at 01/01/2024 | | 60,000.25 |
| Receipts | | |
| 02/03/2024 | Interest | 222.57 |
| 03/06/2024 | Interest | 225.22 |
| 07/06/2024 | Tfr in | 1,903.34 |
| 02/07/2024 | Tfr in | 14,000.00 |
| 01/09/2024 | Interest | 275.73 |
| 04/11/2024 | Tfr in | 3,372.89 |
| 27/07/2024 | Tfr in | 5,000.00 |
| 02/12/2024 | Interest | 309.14 |
| Closing balance at 31/12/2024 | | 85,309.14 |
| Interest for the year | | 1,032.66 |

Notes on 2024 accounts

1. The unspent money from 2023 Lottery grant £8,105.03 has been transferred into our general deposit account and is shown as restricted money.
2. The Rhodes Legacy deposit account began 2024 as a zero balance. The original legacy was from Miss Rhodes in 1944 and stipulated that the account should be in the names of the vicar and the churchwardens. For information, the original amount was £2,900 with an additional £100 from the churchwardens. It was originally deposited in War bonds with a half yearly dividend but this ended in about 2008. The money being transferred to an account, held in London by CCLA on our behalf. In 2024 this account was closed and the balance transferred into the Rhodes Legacy deposit account. The funds in this account are shown as being restricted as they are used at the discretion of the incumbent and Churchwardens only.
3. Vacancy expenses - Fees for services at the £49.60 per service fee stipulated by the Diocese which is claimed for and refunded by Chester in arrears (eg December 2024's claim repaid in January 2025). Retired Clergy Expenses represents money paid to retired clergy for travel and other expenses.
4. Deposit account – I have moved surplus money from the Current account to Deposit so it can earn interest rather than sit unprofitably in the current account.
5. Assigned fees- the fees for funerals and weddings are determined by the Diocese and we, as a Parish, only keep a proportion of the fee. Some is paid to the retired priest for taking the service, some goes to the Diocese, and the balance comes to St Paul's. Each month, a return is sent to the Diocese showing our fees but mostly these are nil returns.

I hope these notes help but if you have any questions about anything on the accounts, please ask at the APCM or in person at any time.

Robert Vague, Treasurer

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Parochial Church Council
of the Parish of Tranmere, St Paul with St Luke**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Parochial Church Council of the Parish of Tranmere, St Paul with St Luke ended 31 December 2024.

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:

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; 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 audit.

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: *John Robert Thomas A.C.I.B* on: 15/02/2025.....

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number - to be applied for as and when necessary – Current Code No 609015

Principal address

St Paul's Church, Old Chester Road, Rock Ferry, Birkenhead, Merseyside, CH42 3XD

Trustees PCC Members for 2024 (as listed above)

Independent examiner John Thomas

Bankers Barclays, Grange Precinct, Birkenhead

Approved by order of the board of trustees on

and signed on its behalf by:

...*Carol Vague*.....

on ...*26th March 2025*.....