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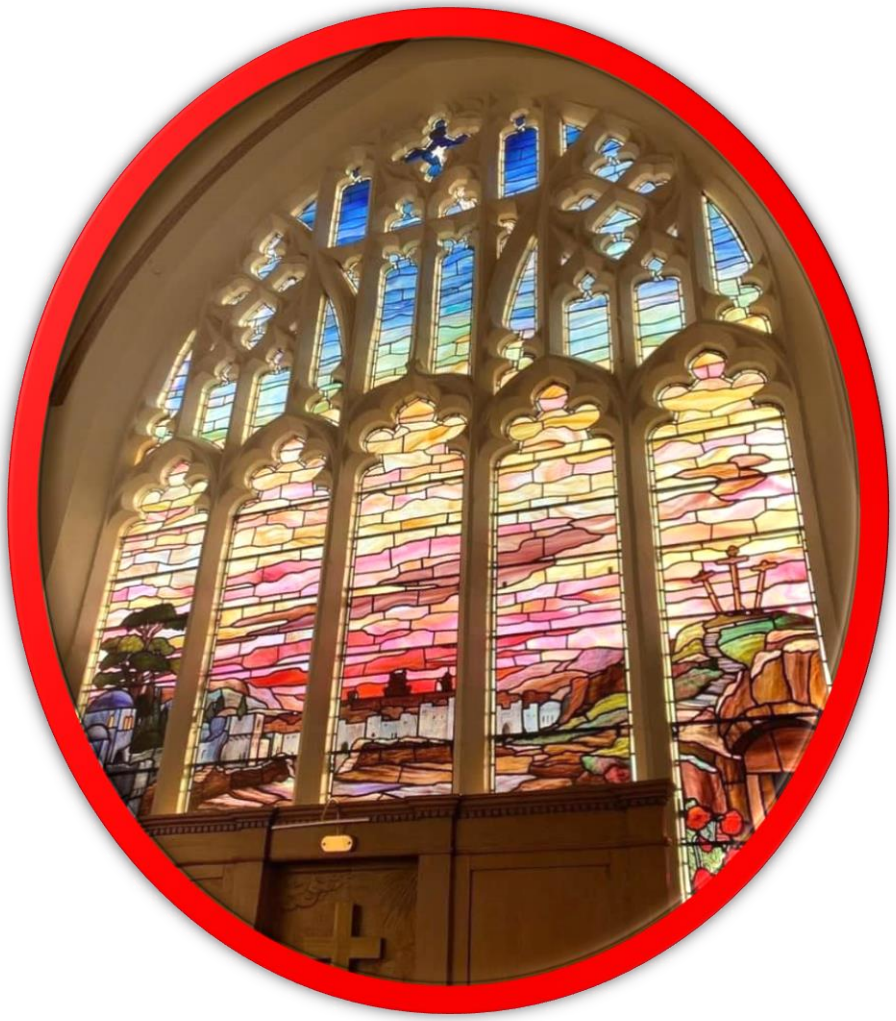
St. Johns Ainsdale



Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Ainsdale St John

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Introduction

As we approach our APCM 2026 we do so with grace and thankfulness.

These last 12 months have seen so much joy in so many aspects of our church family life.

We are growing, both numerically and spiritually which in turn brings us back to our vision statement of sharing God's love and serving one another in all of our thoughts, words and deeds.

We have welcomed many baptism families, a wonderful wedding couple along with so many interactions with our school family.

We have seen the birth of two significant groups in both our Ainsdale St John's fun club (ASJ FC) which is an afterschool club that supports approximately 20 children aged 7-11 each Monday during term time. This has been a wonderful resource and addition to our local community, and I would like to give thanks for the people who volunteer at this group with such vision and enthusiasm.

We also started our monthly LIGHT café, a bereavement group for anyone in our community who may be finding the pain of loss difficult. This has become a lifeline for many people and again I would like to thank all involved in this group.

We are also starting a monthly games café after Easter, for anyone to come along to for fun and fellowship.

We have also seen some changes in all aspects of church life, from changes in worship styles, changes in the set up of our church space, the beginning of a wildflower area in our church garden along with the wonderful ongoing transformation of our "Secret Garden" and for your openness to change I thank you all.

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens"

Ecclesiastes 3;1.

We have seen so many encounters with people in our local community through our own mission work such as a new Youth Alpha course, Ashes to go, more pastoral visits and care.

Alongside all of this we continued with our work and commitment to CTIA (Churches together in Ainsdale) through many different events such as our Pentecost outdoor service, Easter day sunrise service on the beach, the continuing work at IMPACT youth group, the Ainsdale show and the most wonderful covenant service.

Now as we move forward into the year we do so with enthusiasm and love, being those welcoming hands and feet of Jesus in Ainsdale.

I would like to also take this opportunity to thank you all for the support and love that you all give to me, and the blessings that you surround me with every day.

To the most wonderful church wardens, treasurer and PCC who go above and beyond to ensure that the love of God is carried throughout this church family and community in all decisions and challenges.

To our Mission team who inspire me continually with your vision and enthusiasm for all people.

To the devoted Care team who show so much love and care to those in our community who need that personal touch at different times in their lives.

To the Little John's team who tirelessly strive to make our baby and toddler group so a nurturing and welcoming place to be.

And finally, but not least, let us thank God, for calling us all into our differing ministries, to be stewards of this church in this village.

"I can do all this through him who gives me strength" Philippians 4;13.

God bless – Revd Jackie x

PCC Membership (to APCM 2026)

Incumbent	Rev Jackie Vasquez (PCC Chair)	
Reader	Eirlys Jessop	
Churchwardens	Chris Thursfield	
	Peter Hancock (PCC Vice Chair)	
Deanery Synod Reps	David Phipps	
	John Forshaw	
	Helen Parker (PCC secretary)	
	Jean Washbourne	
Elected members (and trustees)	Lindsay Jessop (PCC treasurer)	Giles Davies
	Linda Davies	John Forshaw
	Frank Hyland	Patricia Jameson
	Chloe Ormrod	Lesley Phipps
	Val Sinnott	Chris Treble
	Ann Walton	

Members of the PCC are the charity trustees and are the 'persons having the general control and management of the administration of the charity' (Charities Act 2011, S177).

Review of 2025

Worship and Pastoral Care

The Care Group

During 2025 the Care Group assisted Jackie in visiting and bringing communion to people who were housebound, in nursing homes or in hospital, and supported the bereaved by phone calls, visits and invitations.

The Prayer Circle responded to those in need with prayers and sharing of requests.

In October 2025 the Care Group, with help from other members of the congregation, organised a successful Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

The Men's Group continued to offer fellowship to those within and outside the church, meeting most weeks in one of the Ainsdale café bars over the past year.

Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support

Pattern of Worship

Our regular pattern of weekly worship continued through 2025 but we are always willing to try something different. We hold traditional quiet services at 8-30 on Sundays and 10-30 on Thursdays. At 10-30 on Sundays, we hold a range of different services including Holy communion, Praise and Worship, Parades and Baptisms. We also hold Agape (less formal) communion services which received very positive feedback. Our annual pet service was great fun. We continued to lead whole school worship in church every Monday which is a joyful experience.

The festivals provide us with opportunities to hold special services - Harvest festival, Easter and Christmas services were all a huge success. On Ash Wednesday the congregation were blessed with Ash and later on in the day Jackie offered to bless people with Ash at Ainsdale station. In 2025 we tried a different approach towards the Carol Service. We started with a Town Crier and then had a range of different music from the choir, the music group, SONG and finished with all the children singing Away in a Manger. This was a wonderful occasion with over 200 people attending.

We are grateful to all those who lead our services and the worship band, organist and choir. The Junior PCC have also successfully taken the lead with some of our special services which is a huge achievement.

There are opportunities for fellowship after the services when refreshments and cake are often served. We also hold several ‘Bring and Share’ lunches throughout the year.

Bible Study Group

Our Bible Study Group meets on Tuesday afternoons. In the year 2025 we continued to watch and discuss episodes from ‘Chosen’ which formed the basis of some interesting discussions. The group also looked at ‘women in the Bible’, lectionary readings and completed a Lent course focusing on the Philippians. We welcome new people and the number of people attending the sessions on a regular basis has grown.

Light Bereavement and grief café

This started in 2025 and is held once a month on the second Wednesday of the month. Everyone is welcome and it is an opportunity to talk and receive support from a friendly and sympathetic group.

Compassion Acts

This is a local charity dedicated to reducing poverty and increasing social well-being in Southport and surrounding areas. At St John’s we support this charity with monetary donations and by making regular donations of food and toiletries to their foodbank. During 2025 we received a fantastic response to our requests for donations and wish to thank everyone who contributed.

Children and Youth Mission

It is really rewarding to see the ministry with the young people and families in our church is growing. Every Sunday morning at all our 10.30 services, whether Holy Communion or Praise and Worship, we have a good number of children attending regularly with their families. A “children’s corner” is set up at the front of church so the children can see what is happening and can take an active part in the services. They have access to craft activities, to Bible books and to colouring opportunities. After the Notices are announced, the children are invited to share with the congregation what they have been creating.

As we want to give our young people a voice and for them to take leading roles in services, they are also given opportunities to lead prayers and intercessions, to do the Bible readings and to assist Jackie during the Eucharist. We use our church web site and Facebook pages to post updates and photos of our young people’s activities and send emails to our young families with details of upcoming events and items of interest.

Children taking an active part in church services

Junior PCC

Our Junior PCC was established to give our young people an avenue to participate more fully in the life of our church family here at St Johns. In this way they meet to plan and lead specific services. One of these is our annual Crib Service on Christmas Eve. This year they took over the entire responsibility and planning for this service, when we had a packed church, giving us all a wonderful start to the celebration of Jesus' birth. Some members are also part of our Worship group, using their voices and musical talents to enhance our worship. We are extremely proud of them and their contribution to our church life.

From September to November, Jackie and Linda led a number of **Youth Alpha sessions** In the Committee Room on Saturday mornings for some of the Junior PCC members. This was a great opportunity to engage and discuss matters of faith with them and how this affects and influences their lives. We plan to publicise and run another course in 2026.

Baptism Initiative / Ministry

Our Baptism services are held during the 10.30 Sunday services as we welcome the newly baptised into our church family. During the past year we have welcomed and baptised twelve children and one adult.

A Bible is gifted to all those who are baptised. The young children are also presented with a crocheted or knitted blanket, lovingly made by a member of our congregation along with their Baptism candle, symbolising that they are covered in God's love.

Our church family ensure that the families and their christening parties receive a very warm welcome. It will be wonderful to have more volunteers to help Vicar Jackie and Linda, our Baptism Coordinator to follow up those baptised as they continue their steps on a path of faith.

St Johns after school fun club

This Initiative began in June last year with a team of enthusiastic church volunteers and provides a fun and safe space, open to children in school Years 3,4,5 and 6.

We received funding through a grant from Southport Recovery VCF which helped to provide resources for the group, especially items for crafts.

We meet on Mondays in the church space between 3.20 and 4.30pm. Each session has a specific theme and comprises refreshments, game and craft activities, ending with a five-minute reflection.

We have 20 enthusiastic children coming regularly each week who enjoy this chill and fun time after their school day.

A quote from one of the children
"This is the best club I have ever been to"
praise indeed!

Impact Youth

Impact Youth is really special. It began here at St Johns a good many years ago as an aid to transition for our Year 6 pupils as they leave our church school and move on to their various high schools. During the reordering of our church, we moved our sessions over to the Methodist Church. We use their Sports Hall and cafe space and responsibility is now shared by SASWT and under the umbrella of CTiA.

I still enjoy being part of the team and cooking and baking for the sessions, while Tabz and Simon do such great work in leading and encouraging the youngsters. The team is **AINSDALE CHURCHES TOGETHER in action -** me from St John's, Joan from the Village Church, Anne from Sacred Heart, Caroline from Liverpool Road Methodist. Father Paul drops in on occasions to help too.

We have over twenty regulars and it is rewarding when we learn that for some of them it is the highlight of their week. It's a safe space and an opportunity to chill or play sports, have some food and then we have our "Cake Space" which comprises a short talk with lots of interaction and reflection.
I am grateful that St John's continues to support the SASWT, especially with IMPACT and its work within our schools. Please continue to pray for the work of the SASWT and the young people they serve. I am sure we will keep them in our prayers.

Linda Children's Work Co-ordinator

Whole school worship

School children enjoying worship in church

In addition to our Sunday services, Jackie, John and Linda lead whole school worship in church every Monday during term times and it is wonderful to see our church filled with over 200 pupils and their teachers; joining in wholeheartedly with worship songs and activities. Father Paul from St John Stone, Catholic church joins us on occasion and his involvement is an excellent witness to our unity with the other churches in our community. The school use the church space for class services and Christmas and Easter worship activities which include a very chaotic and very busy Christingle service.

Another joint activity between school and church is participation in our Travelling Nativity whereby the children take home a sack containing knitted figures from the Christmas story and a bag of sheep and story and prayers. The “family” stay at their “Inn” overnight and then the sack “travels on” to another family, but they are encouraged to retain one of the sheep to bring to our Christmas Eve Crib Service.

We are very fortunate to enjoy close ties with our church school – children and staff.

Little John’s Baby and Toddler

Lots of fun at Little John’s

This group continues to provide a safe space for parents, grandparents and carers and, more importantly, a space where children can play, have fun and learn to socialise with others. Numbers are still healthy, with 38 children attending the Christmas Party.

As well as the party, Revd Jackie led a Scratch Nativity where she told the Christmas Story and the children came dressed as shepherds, angels, kings, a real life Joseph and a very protective and possessive Mary. A good time was had by all.

We have few 3 year olds now as many have started to attend nursery. However, we do have babies and toddlers who keep us going.

Uniformed Groups

17th St John’s Guides

At Guides in 2025, we had a busy year with lots of activities.

- We did a bear hunt around Southport, finding the bears in and around the town.
- The Guides have had fun bowling, and we made fairy gardens for the Ainsdale show.
- In July we had a great time on our kayaking and raft building activity at Waterside lodge.
- We did some cooking on open fires at Scarisbrick.
- We had visiting paramedics teaching the Guides First Aid skills.
- The Guides have earned badges in photography skills as well as other awards throughout the year.
- We did some fundraising with an Easter Bingo, cake sale and collecting money alongside the Hesketh Round Table Santa sleigh.
- To finish off the year we had a cinema evening, where we chose to watch Home Alone and enjoyed a Christmas party with games and professional D.J.

15th Ainsdale Brownies

The Brownies had a busy year in 2025, including awarding lots of badges, craft nights, games, cake sales, Easter Bingo, an ice cream van and attending Church parades. Here are some more highlights.

A visit to Chocolate Whirled in Southport. The girls made some Easter Treats.

Painting plant pots at Crafty Badger, for the Ainsdale Show

We visited Ainsdale Discovery Centre with Jordan from Green Sefton and learnt about some of the wildlife living along our coastline and in particular about the natterjack toad. We went for a walk into the dunes and onto the beach. As litter is a threat to wildlife we all helped out by litter picking in the dunes and on the beach.

Emma and Jess who were awarded their Young Leaders Qualification

Gold awards were presented to Libby, Penny, Skye and Scarlett

A fun evening at Hillside Lawn Tennis club

A rather wet Remembrance Sunday

Helping Southport Hesketh RoundTable collect funds for local charities.

Christmas Jumper Evening, we raised £50:00

2nd Ainsdale Rainbows

Rainbows have had such a great year, it’s hard to think where to begin!

Our focus this year has been important themes such as nature, the seasons and environmental issues and helping girls to increase skills; builder and interest badges on these themes. To that end we have enjoyed going out into nature, building dens, forest exploration and for our final meeting before the summer break we organised a campsite BBQ, with hotdogs, s’mores and a final treat with an ice cream van arranging dessert.

Another important focus for us this year has being encouraging girls to live out their Rainbow Promise, in terms of kindness and beliefs. This has resulted in greater attendance at church parades and supporting church through participating in regular cake sales and the Easter Bingo evening to raise funds for our church.

Other successes have included girls obtaining a greater number of badges and entering the Ainsdale show fairy door competition with our girls taking first second and third prize places. In addition, two of our Rainbows moving up to Brownies achieved their Gold Award level.

Highlights of our last term of the year included a visit from Flora the Guide dog, who gave cuddles to everyone, attending the annual remembrance service on the village green and our last meeting of the year, saw Santa visit us after a very excited visit to the local chip shop!

Ainsdale St John CE Primary School

The past twelve months have been characterised by celebration, collaboration and growth, all rooted in our Christian values and our commitment to **enabling every child to flourish** at Ainsdale St. John's.

In May, our **Spring Fayre** proved to be the perfect occasion for the launch of our official Instagram page, @**AinsdaleStJohns**. It was wonderful to see families, staff and friends of the school gathering together, not only at the Spring event but also at the Christmas Fayre later in the year. We remain incredibly grateful to our **PTA** for bringing back these cherished community events, which so beautifully embody our value of ***community***.

During the summer term, we marked **80 years since VE Day** with a special themed day. Children and staff arrived dressed in red, white and blue, taking part in meaningful activities that helped them reflect on the importance of peace, resilience and remembrance. The highlight was a joyful picnic street party on the playground, which brought the whole school together in a spirit of gratitude and celebration.

This year saw the relaunch of our wraparound provision, now named **Rise and Shine**. With "bright starts and brilliant endings," this refreshed offer has been warmly received by our families. The children have loved exploring the new resources and activities, and it has been wonderful to see them beginning and ending their days in such a positive and nurturing environment.

September marked our first full year as members of the **Liverpool Diocesan Schools Trust (LDST)**. Being part of the Trust has already brought many benefits, including collaboration, shared expertise and opportunities for staff and pupils alike. We were proud to help shape the newly introduced **LDST Promise**, which ensures that all children across the Trust can access rich learning experiences that enable them to Love, Discover, Serve and Thrive Together. Our Year 6 pupils launched the Promise with a beautiful live-streamed worship on *Love*, delivered from our much-loved St. John's Church.

In November 2025, we were delighted to welcome **Bishop Ruth** to ASJ. She enjoyed a tour of the school led by our children, met with staff and took part in an engaging Q&A session. It was a wonderful opportunity to share with her the life and character of our school.

We continue to enhance our outdoor spaces, with the addition of a new **park** and the soon-to-be-installed **trim trail** on the KS1 playground. These improvements are already bringing joy to our children and will support active play for many years to come.

Recently were proud to contribute stained-glass-inspired artwork for the **Lightport** celebrations in Southport, working alongside other local schools to bring colour and creativity to the town. Our children thoroughly enjoyed contributing to this community event.

Finally, February 2026 brought our long-awaited **Ofsted inspection** - our first since 2013. While we await the report, we remain incredibly proud of our dedicated staff team and the vibrant, nurturing school they help shape each day.

As always, we give thanks for the continued support of St. John's Church, our families and our wider community. We look ahead with gratitude, hope and excitement for all that is yet to come.

Lorna O'Brien, Headteacher

Natterjacks Day Nursery

Wow, what a year! we have been busy with the introduction of our middle area with our tree house transforming it from grassy play area to now utilising this as our Tweenies preschool room, this has allowed us to give more opportunities for children to learn and flourish with us! We are therefore now able to take extra disadvantaged children that need our vital support.

We have provided lots of fun and exciting learning opportunities for every child in our care as we feel every child has the right to an education and a chance to grow in a warm family environment. We have opened our doors in January to Bear and Chip the Miniature Shetland ponies, as they brought our children's imaginations to life with a story of friendships and bravery.

In celebration of reptile week, we had Jo and all her weird and wonderful creatures join us for a very educational visit explaining to us about the spiders, snakes and our favourite,
"Lightening" the tortoise.
We have been practising our dancing skills in February with Mai-Ling, as she shares the story of Chinese New Year traditions and lion dances.

This year will see the completion of our outside area, with interactive musical wall, large scale mark making area and mud kitchen. We have created a large canopy allowing us to explore and have fun in all weather conditions.

With the huge help and support of our amazing vicar and her husband Jay, Elsies place at St Johns is coming on in leaps and bounds. This wouldn't be possible without the ongoing hard work and support from our community help team who have been out in all weathers creating this amazing space for all of us to enjoy and reflect.

At Christmas we enjoyed our annual Christmas sing along, it was a huge success. We've welcomed our families and community into our family with Tapas and wine evenings, craft days, stay and plays, coffee mornings, meet the team sessions and Grandparent days.

We look forward to seeing what the rest of this year brings us and look forward to all the new families that are joining us!!

Best Wishes
Mai-Ling, John, Becca, Clare and the Natterjacks team.

Community and Fellowship

Christian Aid

Christian Aid is an international development agency that enables us to respond to Christ's command to care for all in need. Everything Christian Aid does is in response to God's gift to the world, of his son Jesus Christ. Jesus promised 'good news' for the poor and 'freedom' for the oppressed, calling us all to action.

Jesus called his followers to 'love God and love your neighbour'. Through his life and teaching, his death and his resurrection, he inspired his followers to love God, love their neighbours and long for justice. Our faith in God, and in his loving relationship with us, gives us confidence and hope that poverty can be ended, despite all that might stand in the way.

For many years, St John's has supported the work of Christian Aid and now works with CTiA (Churches Together in Ainsdale) to raise funds and awareness. In 2025 for Christian Aid Week, we held a "Big Brekkie and cake sale" raising £478.61. Each church also held separate collections which raised another £750.17 bringing our ecumenical total to **£1228.78.** This money will be used to change and save lives of some of the most vulnerable people in the world.

We are also registered as an "Emergency church" so that when disaster strikes, we are able to respond quickly.

SASWT

St John's has been a long-time supporter of SASWT, a local charity which creates Safe Spaces where local children and young people can explore issues of life and faith. Many young people first connect with the Trust through Safe Space which helps them feel safe, known and connected.

In 2025 we continued to support the work of the Trust financially, prayerfully and through a church member being a Trustee. We continue to pray for the trust's ministry to be effective at both attracting more children and young people and giving them the skills to help develop their faith

Eco Group

Our church remains a proud member of the Eco Church scheme, currently holding the Silver award. This commitment directly supports the Fifth Mark of Mission: "To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the earth". Throughout 2025, the Eco Group has worked to reduce energy consumption and care for God's creation in practical, measurable ways.

In March, we upgraded our church heating controls and thermostat. These now offer remote access and weather compensation for the boilers, meaning that we only use the energy we truly need. We also replaced the church floodlight with an energy efficient LED model. A new wildflower patch was sown on the front lawn in October. This will serve as a home for pollinators and acts as a visible, nature friendly statement to our community.

St John's were represented at a Net Zero Carbon 2030 event at Liverpool Cathedral in April, and in June, we partnered the Coop for a joint event during the Big Green Week campaign to raise awareness of environmental issues.

Events

Throughout 2025 we have been blessed to receive help from a large number of people. There are too many to mention by name. People have organised the entertainment, prepared food, baked cakes, helped out with the licensed bar, the raffle and setting up and clearing away afterwards. We were also thankful to receive assistance from Moisters who helped with the organisation of the bingo evening and the Winter Wonderland. A big thank you to everyone involved with all the events.

Our programme of free and ticketed events for the whole community in 2025 were as follows:

- A Night of Music
- U3A band with tea and cake
- Two table top sales with tea and cake
- Barn dance and chilli evening
- Bingo evening
- Winter Wonderland – Christmas craft evening

These events raised welcome funds which help with the running costs of the church and the development of the secret garden. It was also an opportunity for the different congregations to meet in a social setting and for us to meet new people from the community.

The wider church

The Deanery Synod

The Deanery Synod met three times in 2025.

We considered the following:

- How to build relationships – looking at how we can grow in love with a commitment to get to know each other and other churches better.
- How the Parish Share could be divided fairly between the churches in the deanery – we need to revisit the formula for dividing the Parish Share between the churches.
- There is a direct link between Parish Share and the clergy in the deanery. At present some churches have the support of a full-time incumbent, some share an incumbent and others do not have anyone and rely on retired clergy to conduct their services. We need to consider how to work towards the equitable deployment of stipendiary clergy across the parishes.
- To gain better understanding of the work in the parishes by sharing news and looking at the worship and ministry at the different churches.
- At the November meeting Tabz made an impressive presentation about the work of SASWT. Tabz and his team are providing much needed support to young people in a troubled world. The deanery recognises the importance of supporting and developing work with children and young people.
- Towards the end of 2025, each PCC within the Deanery took a vote on whether they wished to join the Diocese Fit For Mission initiative. Each PCC voted not to join. Therefore, the Deanery structure will continue as it is for the time being, whilst we continue to work with the Diocese to address how best to resolve the current scenario whereby the Deanery has more churches than vicars.

Further information can be obtained from our representatives:
John Forshaw, David Phipps, Jean Washbourne and Helen Parker
Also, the Diocese of Liverpool website.

Churches together in Ainsdale

We had another year of working together in every area that we are able. We held a number of successful joint events:

- Lent Safari is different each year, but every year we travel around the churches in Ainsdale, learning more about each other.
- Sunrise service on Ainsdale beach every Easter Sunday at dawn, always a highlight of the year, singing and watching the sun rise.
- Ainsdale Show on the Green on 6 July 2025. We have a CTiA tent where we all offer something different at each stall, but on a theme.
- Sunday Tent Service on 7 July 2025. Each denomination takes a turn to host this. Dave Allen from Woodvale Chapel did it this year, with St John's worship group leading the singing.
- Remembrance Day on the green, led by Fr Paul hosted from St John's Stone and Sacred Heart. It was probably busier than we've ever seen it, we got completely drenched with rain and the hymn sheets crumbled!
- Schools Advent service on Monday 1 November. Fr Paul hosted this at St John Stone and all the children and teachers who came enjoyed it,
- Covenant Renewal Service Every five years, as CTiA, we renew our covenant to work together, to serve the people of Ainsdale. This was held in St John Stone, the Bishop of Liverpool was there with the ecumenical adviser for Liverpool, plus representatives from all the other denominations in Ainsdale. The church was completely packed.
- Youth and children's work. We have an ecumenical youth group, Impact, that meets in the Methodist church. Tabz runs it with his adult helpers.
- Blue Christmas Service held at Ainsdale village church on 20 December 2025. This is a quieter service for those who find traditional Christmas services difficult.
- Carols in the Co Op was held on Christmas Eve and was another joyful experience. We sang Christmas carols in the entrance.
- Week of prayer for Christian unity, from 18 to 25 January. Each church takes it in turn each day to host this.

Web and Social media

Our Website

Our Website provides information on all our Services and Events and allows those far and wide to access information on our Church.

Our Main Website https://www.stjohnsainsdale.org.uk site attracted 3,431 Views in the last year, which is on average 286 Views per month.

On Our https://www.achurchnearyou.com site attracted 12,786 Views in the last year, which is on average 1,066 views per month.

I'm always wanting to attract more website views/uses, if you have any suggestions on how we could do this don't hesitate to get in touch. Our sites are updated each week and hopefully provide our audience with an accurate record of what is happening at St John's.

Here's to more views, 'likes' and 'follows' in 2026!!!

Christopher Doragh Website Manager

Facebook

As times change so does how we interact with people in many differing ways.
From face-to-face contact, to speaking on the telephone to our interactions on social media.
Here at St John's Ainsdale, we use our Facebook page to endorse who we are as a church presence in Ainsdale.

And we do that with daily scripture readings and prayers being posted on our page.

Alongside all of this we post all of our upcoming events and things to celebrate.

This is proving to be a valuable resource for us, as we are able to reach many people far and wide who may not be able to attend our church for many different reasons.

Yet the seeds are being sown. The love is being shared. The invitations are being seen.

Over the last 12 months we have seen our page grow and we now have 1202 people who are interactive followers of St John's. 76% female and 24% male.

We have 90% recommended status.

From all of the above and the daily postings we have seen people interact via messenger along with several people joining our Advent/Lent daily reflections WhatsApp group.

Jesus said, **"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation" Mark 16;15.**

God bless - Revd Jackie.

Enabling Mission

Buildings and grounds

Church Building

Part of AV equipment replaced. Satisfactory quinquennial inspection report. No significant action required. Car park lighting renewed. Fire and Security inspections were undertaken.

Church Hall

Routine maintenance carried out. Outside play area renewed by Nursery.

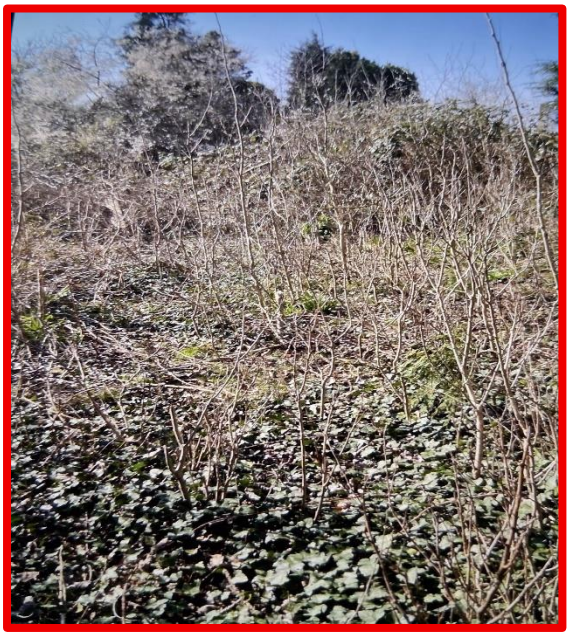
Grounds

Seasonal maintenance undertaken.

Secret Garden

In 2025 the area was being transformed into a landscaped community space for children thanks to work and contributions by a number of individuals and organisations. Planned completion is early Spring 2026.

Incredible progress made with the Secret Garden
Before work began



Clearing the site

Current position

Annual Financial report to 31 December 2025

Financial highlights 2025

Overall, our total income for the year remained stable at £146,965 compared with £146,200 (2024).

Income highlights:

- Hall hire and Nursery rental incomes rose by 7% to £47,473 – we value the support of Natterjack's nursery - this income stream / rental helps to ensure that our church remains open and welcoming
- Parish giving contributions reduced from £45,900 in 2024 to £41,802
- Envelope collections increased from £7,300 in 2024 to £8,243 in 2025
- Plate collections were up again by 15% to £8,038
- Fundraising income was up slightly to £2,649
- We also received 1 off grants of £5,750, and legacies of £6,000

Overall, our expenditure returned to normal levels, at £125,018 – having cleared temporary loans and debts in 2024.

Expenditure highlights:

- Our Parish Share reduced by 12% in 2025 to £71,322, due to Diocese adjustments within all Parishes. This however, remains the main source of our expenditure
- Salary payments remained at similar levels to 2024, c £8,000
- Utility costs were slightly down on 2024, by c 3% (despite increased costs) to £15,715 – due in the main to the installation of a Hive system giving us greater control of our heating
- Home mission increased by 15% to £5,153
- Building maintenance, gardening, cleaning and general repair costs remained stable

Our 2025 accounts are now being examined by our Accountants and will be available to view ASAP

Donations and Legacies

If you are considering making a significant donation or leaving a legacy in your Will, please discuss this with our Treasurer or the Wardens. Giving back to the church through our Wills can help sustain our Church and its mission in Ainsdale.

We value the support of our congregation at St John's who have responded by regular giving in difficult financial times.

Charitable support

St John's continues to support other charitable organisations such as SASWT, through direct donations and in-kind support such as making the church building and car park available for others to use.

In addition, we make the church freely available to school and Uniformed Organisations, the latter making welcomed donations for the use of our church.

We are also proud to help support SONG, the award-winning junior theatre group, who rehearse regularly in Church on Sunday afternoons and make regular donations to St John's for the use of our main building and committee room, for which we are very grateful.

In summary

- We The PCC took the decision to continue funding key mission activities including SASWT. Our annual donation of £2,000 was made in November 2025
- We also continued to pay our Parish Share in full to support the wider work of the Diocese and those churches impacted worse than us
- Natterjack's regular income also helped us to maintain a healthy financial status. This and hall hire charges are reviewed annually to ensure we maximise our income

Overall, 2025 was a good year, financially. We managed costs effectively, and maintained income, allowing us to build a healthy reserve to cover any unforeseen costs – but we must remain vigilant and not complacent.

Management and Governance

Electoral roll

All church members are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. In accordance with the rules a new Electoral Roll was prepared in 2025 in time for the annual meeting. At that time the new roll stood at 121. As at 31 December 2025 the Roll stood at 120, one entry having been removed since the annual meeting.

PCC

Individual PCC members, as Trustees of the Church, receive information, instruction and training when deemed appropriate. This may include information about Trustee responsibilities, health and safety, risk assessment and safeguarding procedures. The PCC is the decision-making body of The Church with any Committee making recommendations to the PCC for consideration.

Deputy Wardens

We have a team of deputy wardens who give the wardens invaluable support throughout the year:

Val Sinnott
Chris Treble
Heather Treble
Lindsay Jessop
Kate Corey
Sheila Chadwick

Risk Assessments

Procedures are in place to manage risks and minimise their impact on the wellbeing of church and hall users. Action in the main areas of risk is managed as follows:

The PCC routinely review **health and safety and fire arrangements** and any relevant risk assessments. The wardens carry out regular inspections as part of their duties. Matters noted were either rectified or reported to the PCC for further action. The fire system and exits in the church and hall were maintained in working order and inspected by certified competent persons in accordance with the safety requirements. The electrical system and equipment are subject to statutory inspection.

During the year the generic risk assessments were applied to manage **operational risks**. There were no activities requiring additional risk assessments. The PCC continue to require a condition of hire that all hirers provide suitable and sufficient risk assessments to cover their activities.

Safeguarding Procedures

Throughout 2025 we remained compliant with relevant documentation, training and checks. Correct procedures were followed when dealing with incidents connected with vulnerable members of the congregation.

It is important to stress that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and that in the event of concerns, correct procedures are followed. Any concern must be passed on to the Parish Safeguarding Officer and/or Revd Jackie who will then address the concerns appropriately.

Administrative Information

St John's Church is situated in Ainsdale, a suburb of Southport. It is part of the Diocese of Liverpool within the Church of England. The address of the Church is: 627-629 Liverpool Road Ainsdale Southport PR8 3NG The PCC is a body corporate and operates under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 and the Church Representation Rules 2017 and was registered with the Charity Commission on 3 April 2009.

Thank You

We wish to thank Jackie, our wonderful vicar, and all the people who support the work of our church family in so many different ways. There are too many to mention individually. They all work together as a team to have a meaningful impact on our Mission work. We are very grateful for everything they do,

If you are interested in joining or helping with any of the activities highlighted in this report, then please make contact with the leaders listed – they would love to hear from you!

PCC, wardens and welcomers/sidespeople)	Chris Thursfield and Peter Hancock
Choir	Paul Ellis
Worship band	John Forshaw
St John's Care Group	Nancy Lloyd Parry
Children and young people's ministry	Linda Davies
Impact youth club	Linda Davies
Baptisms	Linda Davies
Little John's	Chris Thursfield & Clare Lord
Guides	Jackie McKee
Brownies	Joanne York
Rainbows	Pam Davies
Refreshments & parish lunches	Nina Haddock
Deanery Synod	David Phipps & John Forshaw
Ainsdale St John's CE Primary School	Lorna O'Brien (Headteacher) John Forshaw (Chair of Governors)
Natterjack's Day Nursery at St John's	Mai-Ling & John Duckworth (Owners/managers) Becca Phillipson (Nursery Manager)
Eco Group	Chris Treble
Church Buildings and grounds	Frank Hyland
Gift Aid	Heather Treble
Finance, Giving and Fundraising	Lindsay Jessop (Church Treasurer)
St John's Website	Chris Doragh
St John's Facebook Page	Jackie Vasquez
Electoral roll	Paul Olive
Christian Aid	Eirlys Jessop
Churches Together in Ainsdale (CTiA)	Jean Washbourne & Eirlys Jessop
Safeguarding	Chris Thursfield

PCC Membership

	To APCM 2025	From APCM 2025
Incumbent	Rev Jackie Vasquez – PCC Chair	Rev Jackie Vasquez - PCC Chair
Reader	Eirlys Jessop	Eirlys Jessop
Churchwardens	Chris Thursfield - Peter Hancock – PCC Vice Chair	Chris Thursfield Peter Hancock – PCC Vice Chair
Deanery Synod Reps	Jean Washbourne David Phipps Helen Parker John Forshaw	Jean Washbourne David Phipps Helen Parker John Forshaw
Elected PCC Members	Giles Davies Linda Davies John Forshaw Frank Hyland Patricia Jameson Lindsay Jessop - Treasurer Chloe Ormrod Lesley Phipps Val Sinnott Chris Treble Ann Walton	Giles Davies Linda Davies John Forshaw Frank Hyland Patricia Jameson Lindsay Jessop - Treasurer Chloe Ormrod Lesley Phipps Val Sinnott Chris Treble Ann Walton
Co-opted members of PCC	We currently have two vacancies for co-opted members	

PCC approved roles

PCC Chair	Jackie Vasquez
PCC Vice chair	Peter Hancock
PCC Secretary	Helen Parker
Treasurer	Lindsay Jessop
Bankers	The Co-Operative Bank
Independent Examiner	John Moores University (JMU) – the Accountancy Clinic
Electoral Roll Officer	Paul Olive
Safeguarding Officer	Chris Thursfield
Online stats officer	Paul Ellis
Children's Work Co-ordinator	Linda Davies
Health & Safety Advisor	Frank Hyland
Gift aid Secretary	Heather Treble
Church calendar and hire bookings	Deb Bishop
Responsibility for Church Website	Chris Doragh
Responsibility for Church Facebook page	Jackie Vasquez
Chairperson of eco group	Chris Treble
Day to day Management	Jackie Vasquez and the Wardens

Receipts and Payments Account

Ainsdale, St John (Charity Reg. 1128996)
Sofa Separate Designated
For the period from 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	87,360.90	-	5,851.05	-	93,211.95	97,750.56
Income from charitable activities	16,366.91	-	-	-	16,366.91	10,113.40
Other trading activities	3,369.42	-	-	-	3,369.42	11,142.79
Investments	32,909.07	-	-	-	32,909.07	31,220.28
Other income	1,057.87	-	50.00	-	1,107.87	508.45
Total income	**141,064.17**	**-**	**5,901.05**	**-**	**146,965.22**	**150,735.48**
Payments						
Raising funds	948.28	-	10.70	-	958.98	1,242.43
Expenditure on charitable activities	122,272.76	-	2,745.40	-	125,018.16	140,686.82
Other expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure	**123,221.04**	**-**	**2,756.10**	**-**	**125,977.14**	**141,929.25**
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	**17,843.13**	**-**	**3,144.95**	**-**	**20,988.08**	**8,806.23**
Transfers:						
Gross transfers between funds - in	2,125.00	-	500.00	-	2,625.00	5,574.42
Gross transfers between funds - out	(500.00)	-	(2,125.00)	-	(2,625.00)	(5,574.42)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-	8.11
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	**19,468.13**	**-**	**1,519.95**	**-**	**20,988.08**	**8,814.34**
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward	**22,983.80**	**362.56**	**1,281.08**	**-**	**24,627.44**	**15,813.10**
Total funds carried forward	**42,451.93**	**362.56**	**2,801.03**	**-**	**45,615.52**	**24,627.44**

Ainsdale, St John (Charity Reg. 1128996)

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by fund)
As at: 31 December 2025

			Balance	Previous balance
Investments				
6441: Shares & CBF investments (691.000) 016				
Investment Fund	Designated		362.56	362.56
			362.56	**362.56**
		Investments	**362.56**	**362.56**
Cash At Bank And In Hand				
6501: Co-op current account 660				
After School Fund	Restricted		(85.14)	-
General Fund	Unrestricted		11,847.60	12,776.18
Secret Garden	Restricted		1,605.95	-
Flower Fund	Restricted		111.11	61.11
Little Johns	Restricted		155.57	468.77
Mission Fund	Restricted		161.95	285.18
Tea & Coffee Fund	Restricted		851.59	466.02
Agency collection	Restricted		(438.50)	150.00
			14,210.13	**14,207.26**
6521: Co-op savings account				
General Fund	Unrestricted		30,444.62	10,207.62
			30,444.62	**10,207.62**
		Cash At Bank And In Hand	**44,654.75**	**24,414.88**
Agency Accounts				
6699: Agency collections				
Agency collection	Restricted		(438.50)	150.00
			(438.50)	**150.00**
		Agency Accounts	**(438.50)**	**150.00**
		Grand Total	**45,455.81**	**24,627.44**

Ainsdale, St John (Charity Reg. 1128996)

Analysis of Receipts and Payments
Selected period: 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This year	Total Last year
Receipts						
Donations and legacies						
0101 - Gift Aid - Parish Giving Scheme	5,831.26	-	-	-	5,831.26	23,437.80
0102 - Gift Aid - Bank (Standing Orders)	-	-	-	-	-	1,195.80
0110 - Gift Aid - Envelopes	-	-	-	-	-	1,708.75
0201 - Other planned giving - Parish Giving Scheme	35,970.96	-	-	-	35,970.96	22,472.45
0202 - Other planned giving - Bank (Standing Orders)	1,805.00	-	-	-	1,805.00	840.00
0210 - Other planned giving - Envelopes (GASDS eligible)	6,378.50	-	-	-	6,378.50	6,514.30
0215 - Other planned giving - Envelopes (not GASDS eligible)	1,865.00	-	-	-	1,865.00	737.30
0301 - Loose plate collections (GASDS eligible)	8,038.73	-	-	-	8,038.73	7,006.01
0305 - Loose plate collections (not GASDS eligible)	-	-	-	-	-	-
0310 - Retiring collections	-	-	-	-	-	206.70
0320 - One-off Gift Aid donations (declaration on envelope)	3,450.00	-	-	-	3,450.00	1,172.37
0401 - Gift days	-	-	-	-	-	-
0405 - Ad-hoc donations: non Gift Aid (GASDS eligible)	2,116.14	-	590.05	-	2,706.19	5,376.50
0410 - Giving through church boxes	-	-	-	-	-	-
0415 - Ad-hoc donations: non Gift Aid (not GASDS eligible)	6,362.42	-	-	-	6,362.42	11,676.83
0420 - One-off Gift Aid donations	-	-	-	-	-	600.00
0450 - Special or specific appeals etc.	668.10	-	-	-	668.10	1,361.17
0601 - Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	5,394.69	-	-	-	5,394.69	7,566.86
0610 - GASDS Tax relief	555.84	-	-	-	555.84	-
0701 - Legacies	5,000.00	-	1,000.00	-	6,000.00	-
0801 - Recurring grants	-	-	-	-	-	-
08A1 - Non-recurring one-off grants	1,489.39	-	4,261.00	-	5,750.39	3,500.00
0901 - Fundraising (general)	2,434.87	-	-	-	2,434.87	2,377.72
Donations and legacies Totals	**87,360.90**	**-**	**5,851.05**	**-**	**93,211.95**	**97,750.56**
Income from charitable activities						
1101 - Parish fee for wedding or funeral	2,164.00	-	-	-	2,164.00	5,133.90
1110 - Churchyard maintenance fee	-	-	-	-	-	-
1210 - Bookstall sales to promote objectives	-	-	-	-	-	-
1230 - Church or Hall lettings - objectives	12,711.50	-	-	-	12,711.50	4,882.50
1280 - Church event income	1,491.41	-	-	-	1,491.41	97.00
1290 - Branch organisations - receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Income from charitable activities Totals	**16,366.91**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**16,366.91**	**10,113.40**
Other trading activities						
0910 - Fundraising (Attic, Car Boot, Table top, Jumble sales)	60.00	-	-	-	60.00	449.70
1220 - Bookstall sales - fund raising	40.28	-	-	-	40.28	-
1240 - Church or Hall lettings - fund raising	2,110.55	-	-	-	2,110.55	8,327.50
1250 - Magazine income - advertising	-	-	-	-	-	-
1260 - Magazine income - sales	-	-	-	-	-	-
1270 - Other funds generated	1,158.59	-	-	-	1,158.59	2,365.59
Other trading activities Totals	**3,369.42**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**3,369.42**	**11,142.79**

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This year	Total Last year
Investments						
1001 - Dividends from shares	10.07	-	-	-	10.07	9.84
1020 - Bank and building society interest	237.00	-	-	-	237.00	102.66
1025 - CBF Deposit account interest	-	-	-	-	-	-
1030 - Rent from leased lands or buildings	32,662.00	-	-	-	32,662.00	31,107.78
Investments Totals	**32,909.07**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**32,909.07**	**31,220.28**
Other income						
1310 - Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	-	-
1320 - Surplus - sales of fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
1330 - Refunds from previous year expenditure	1,057.87	-	50.00	-	1,107.87	508.45
Other income Totals	**1,057.87**	**-**	**50.00**	**-**	**1,107.87**	**508.45**
Receipts Grand Totals	**141,064.17**	**-**	**5,901.05**	**-**	**146,965.22**	**150,735.48**
Payments						
Raising funds						
1701 - Fees paid to fundraisers	-	-	-	-	-	-
1710 - Costs of applying for grants	-	-	-	-	-	-
1720 - Costs of giving envelopes and stewardship	62.34	-	-	-	62.34	57.54
1730 - Costs of fundraising events	885.94	-	10.70	-	896.64	1,184.89
1740 - Investment management costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Raising funds Totals	**948.28**	**-**	**10.70**	**-**	**958.98**	**1,242.43**
Expenditure on charitable activities						
1801 - Giving to missionary societies	418.51	-	-	-	418.51	2,000.00
1830 - Giving to relief and development agencies	265.42	-	-	-	265.42	251.50
1850 - Home mission	3,276.97	-	1,876.57	-	5,153.54	4,053.83
1870 - Secular charities	250.00	-	-	-	250.00	-
1890 - Alms	-	-	-	-	-	-
1910 - Deanery/Parish Share	71,322.12	-	-	-	71,322.12	81,817.92
2001 - Assistant staff salaries (Lay/Youth Workers)	-	-	-	-	-	-
2010 - Salary of organist/musicians	60.00	-	-	-	60.00	989.87
2050 - Staff Salaries	-	-	-	-	-	4,377.09
2055 - PAYE, NI & Pension - Parish Admin & Support	172.35	-	-	-	172.35	100.80
2060 - Cleaner wage (church building)	-	-	-	-	-	1,660.00
2101 - Clergy working expenses	-	-	-	-	-	26.33
2120 - Council tax (clergy housing)	3,969.44	-	-	-	3,969.44	1,323.02
2130 - Housing expenses (clergy)	-	-	-	-	-	5,000.00
2140 - Water charges (clergy housing)	516.13	-	-	-	516.13	123.01
2150 - Telephone and broadband (clergy housing)	-	-	-	-	-	382.10
2160 - Sermon preparation materials and resources	48.80	-	-	-	48.80	-
2170 - Clergy training courses and education material	510.00	-	-	-	510.00	-
2180 - Reader expenses and subscriptions	50.00	-	-	-	50.00	50.00
2185 - Assistant Staff costs (Ministry)	-	-	-	-	-	-
2190 - Visiting speakers / locums	729.90	-	-	-	729.90	4,179.00
2201 - Parish mission and evangelism costs	81.59	-	-	-	81.59	-
2210 - Discipleship course costs (e.g. Alpha, etc.)	-	-	-	-	-	-
2220 - Sunday School & Junior Church costs	-	-	-	-	-	-

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This year	Total Last year
2230 - Youth & Confirmation groups/organisations	-	-	-	-	-	-
2250 - General Mission/Support activities	655.25	-	-	-	655.25	257.50
2301 - Insurance premiums (church building)	3,850.40	-	-	-	3,850.40	3,727.97
2310 - Telephone (church building/parish office)	763.18	-	-	-	763.18	324.10
2320 - Organ / piano tuning and maintenance	252.00	-	-	-	252.00	252.00
2330 - Church building maintenance (routine)	4,431.60	-	-	-	4,431.60	239.60
2331 - Cleaning materials & equipment (church building)	351.91	-	-	-	351.91	163.44
2335 - Church equipment costs	2,117.92	-	159.18	-	2,277.10	87.20
2340 - Upkeep of services	1,235.06	-	-	-	1,235.06	50.00
2345 - Church consumable items	350.79	-	7.50	-	358.29	6,609.66
2350 - Upkeep of churchyard & grounds	1,030.95	-	675.05	-	1,706.00	540.00
2360 - Administration costs for parish	64.19	-	-	-	64.19	2,821.69
2361 - Governance costs & examination/audit fee	-	-	-	-	-	216.00
2362 - Banking charges	-	-	-	-	-	-
2401 - Church building - electric	4,802.04	-	-	-	4,802.04	5,471.63
2410 - Church building - gas	8,666.49	-	-	-	8,666.49	9,543.24
2420 - Church building - water	1,999.55	-	-	-	1,999.55	1,170.28
2430 - Church building - oil (heating system)	-	-	-	-	-	-
2501 - Magazine expenses including printing costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
2510 - Bookstall costs including new stock	-	-	-	-	-	-
2515 - Other trading expenditure	57.00	-	27.10	-	84.10	594.72
2520 - Hall/Other building - oil (heating system)	-	-	-	-	-	-
2530 - Hall/Other building - electricity	-	-	-	-	-	-
2540 - Hall/Other building - gas	-	-	-	-	-	-
2550 - Hall/Other building - insurance premiums	-	-	-	-	-	-
2560 - Hall/Other building - maintenance (routine)	1,953.40	-	-	-	1,953.40	-
2565 - Hall/Other building - equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-
2570 - Hall/Other building - telephone and broadband	62.69	-	-	-	62.69	-
2580 - Hall/Other building - water charges	247.11	-	-	-	247.11	104.19
2585 - Hall/Other building - consumables	-	-	-	-	-	-
2590 - Hall/Other building - staff costs	-	-	-	-	-	1,314.00
2595 - PAYE, NI & Pension - Hall/Community centre	-	-	-	-	-	-
2599 - Branch Organisation - payments	-	-	-	-	-	-
2701 - Church building major repairs - structure	-	-	-	-	-	-
2710 - Church building major repairs - installation	-	-	-	-	-	-
2720 - Church building interior and exterior decoration	-	-	-	-	-	-
2801 - Hall/Other building major repairs - structure	-	-	-	-	-	-
2820 - Hall/Other building major repairs - installation	-	-	-	-	-	-
2830 - Hall/Other building interior and exterior decoration	-	-	-	-	-	-
2840 - Other PCC property upkeep	-	-	-	-	-	129.79
2910 - New building - house for clergy	-	-	-	-	-	-
2920 - New building Church	-	-	-	-	-	-
2930 - New building Hall/Other	-	-	-	-	-	-
9910 - Asset depreciation	14.49	-	-	-	14.49	-
9940 - Contribution to parish	-	-	-	-	-	-
9950 - Inter-parish transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-
SHP1 - Net salary payment	7,175.51	-	-	-	7,175.51	677.74
SHP4 - Paye Payment	520.00	-	-	-	520.00	57.60
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	**122,272.76**	**-**	**2,745.40**	**-**	**125,018.16**	**140,686.82**

Other expenditure

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This year	Total Last year
Other expenditure Totals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payments Grand Totals	**123,221.04**	**-**	**2,756.10**	**-**	**125,977.14**	**141,929.25**

These annual accounts have been approved and signed for and on behalf of the board of trustees, at our APCM on Sunday 17th May 2026

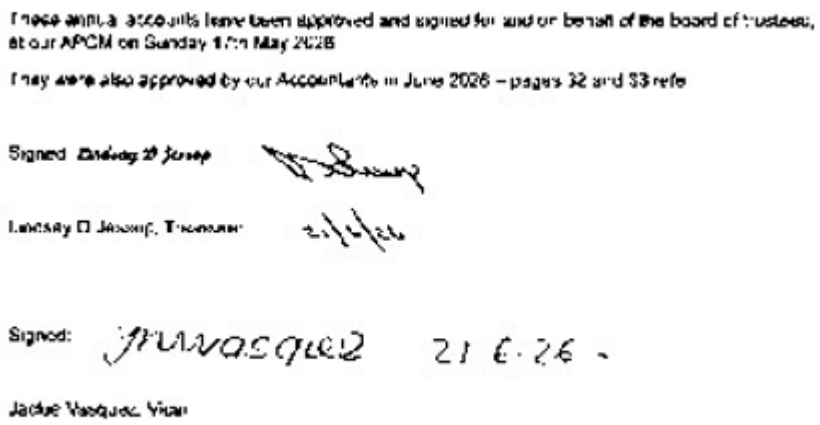
They were also approved by our Accountants in June 2026 – pages 32 and 33 refer.

Signed: *Lindsay D Jessop*

Lindsay D Jessop, Treasurer

Signed: *Jackie Vasquez*

Jackie Vasquez, Vicar



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Ainsdale St John		
On accounts for the year ended	31 December 2025	**Charity no (if any)**	1128998
Set out on pages	26 and 27		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/12/2025**

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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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 material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

Signed:		**Date:**	22nd June 2026
Name:	Euan Robert Aitken		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	FCA		
Address:	Liverpool Business School Accounting Clinic Redmond Building, Brownlow Hill, Liverpool L3 5UG		

Section B	Disclosure
	Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).
Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.	