

**Parish Church of St John the Divine
Menston with Woodhead**

**Annual Report of the
Parochial Church Council
for the year ended 31 December
2022 presented at the APCM on
Sunday 30 April 2023**

incorporating the
Financial Statements
of the
Parochial Church Council



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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

St John The Divine, Menston with Woodhead, is situated in Burley Lane, Menston. It is part of the Diocese of Leeds within the Church of England.

MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE OF THE PCC January 2022 to December 2022

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

During the year the following served as members of the PCC. Meetings attended out of a possible 9 during 2022 are in brackets; # indicates members of the Standing Committee.

Ex-officio Members of PCC

Incumbent # Revd S Proudlove (9:9) *Chairman* Revd A
Howorth (8:9)

Churchwarden # Mrs H Feathers (7:9)

Churchwarden # Mr D Mercer (7:9)

Licensed Lay Minister Mrs W Thornhill (5:9)

Representatives on Deanery Synod [and PCC]

Mrs M Banister (6:9) [until May 2023]

Miss S Smith (9:9) [until May 2023]

2 Vacancies [until May 2023]

Elected Members of PCC

(* indicates that a PCC member is serving a second term of office and is not eligible for re-election for one year following completion of their second term).

Treasurer # Dr C Alexander (8:9) (until APCM 2023) Mrs H

Needle (4:9) (until APCM 2023)

Mr G Druett* (0:9) (until APCM 2023)

1 Vacancy

Mrs S Lee* (8:9) (until APCM 2024)

Mr I Johnson (9:9) (until APCM 2024)

Mr R Banister (8:9) (until APCM 2024)

1 Vacancy

Mrs C Meakin* (9:9) (until APCM 2025)
Miss S Smith* (9:9) (until APCM 2025)
Mrs J West (9:9) (until APCM 2025)

1 Vacancy

Mrs J Dixon (0:9) (Menston Methodist)

Secretary # Ms L Shelley (3:9) (co-opted to PCC Sept 2022 until
APCM 2023)

The PCC operates with a Standing Committee, which also functions as the Finance Committee.

The Standing Committee is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, if this is deemed appropriate, subject to any direction given by the Council.

ELECTORAL ROLL

The Electoral Roll should be revised annually. Every sixth year the preparation of new church electoral rolls takes place, which means that everyone must come off the roll and re-apply. The next occasion for the preparation of new rolls is 2025.

Following the new Church Representation Rules, names no longer need to be removed from the roll during the course of the year; this only happens at the annual revision. Names can continue to be added to the Electoral Roll throughout the year.

There are 103 names on the revised Electoral Roll. The numbers can be broken down into the following groups:

Females 79

Males 24

Residents 85

Non-residents 18

Individuals 69

Family Units 17

If your name is not on the Roll, please ask for a form to complete and return to me.

Elizabeth Leopold

The average usual Sunday attendance during 2022 was 69.

ANNUAL REVIEW FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The method of appointment of PCC

members is set out in the church Representation Rules. All church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Objectives and Activities

St John the Divine, Menston with Woodhead PCC has the

responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the fabric of the church, the Parish Room and the churchyard.

Achievements and Performance

1. Worship

2022 saw the return of our normal pattern of services and communion.

The Zest service is held each Sunday morning at 9.30am, followed by refreshments in the

and is an informal service in church on the first and third Sundays of the month. It offers all members of the congregation an opportunity to reflect and discuss on passages from the Bible.

The Den is held each Sunday evening from 7–8 pm and offers a ministry to pre-teens and teenagers. Once a month they

Parish Room at 10.30am, followed by a Parish Eucharist at 11am.

Sunday services were unaffected by the work of new roof and we were grateful to the wardens for ensuring that the church was clean before Sunday Services. Mid-week Communion was held in the Parish Room.

The Core, aimed at 7–11 year olds, with meetings on the third Sunday of the month from 3–4.15 pm, has had a busy year with a wide range of activities.

The Junction changed its name to the 6pm Service in October

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join with All Saints, Ilkley for their youth group, Release.

Zest, The Core and The Den work actively to encourage young families and children to grow in faith. As part of this, St John's led a Platinum Jubilee service focusing on young people for the whole village at 9.30am on 5 June.

The Bible Study small groups

continued to meet.

We have been able to resume weekly face to face meetings and events as well as an online presence via our website, Zoom and social media.

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Licensed Chalcists: Mrs K Roberts, Mr R Banister, Mrs M Banister, Mr P Willbraham, Mrs Sue Lee, Mr G Druett, Mrs S Druett, Mrs D Slater, Mrs J Steele.

Lay Eucharist Ministers: Mrs K Roberts, Mr P Willbraham, Mrs S Finch, Mrs D Beaumont.

Music has always been an essential element of our

worship. Singing recommenced in each of our services as soon as it was permitted. The PCC is immensely grateful for this work by organists Mrs M Harvey and Mrs E Leopold who continue to share duties.

The choir unfortunately has been unable to reconvene since the ease of Covid restrictions.

2. PCC Overview

The PCC and SCM meetings have been undertaken via video Zoom meetings and occasional face to face meetings.

The PCC met 9 occasions during the year with an average level of

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attendance of 75%. A record of individual attendance is shown on the previous page. Vacancies for both 3 and 2 years were unfilled.

The Standing Committee met on 7 occasions to plan agendas for PCC meetings, act on referred matters and discuss urgent issues.

The new church roof dominated much of PCC's agenda during 2022 and there were extensive discussions to determine the best way forward due to steep rises in the cost of building materials. See the Treasurer's report on page 23 for full details. Work began on the new roof on 13 June and was completed within three months. Our thanks to Steve and Hilary

Feathers for the wonderful new finial – a fine addition to the new roof. A celebration service was held on Sunday 25 September to which all donors were invited. PCC are now actively considering how St John's can best serve the whole community and how we can grow in faith.

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During the building work the Parish Office was closed, the administer working from home. It is now open one morning per week.

The PCC discussed a wide variety of issues during the year. Much time was spent addressing issues of declining parish income and an increase in our Parish Share. Many

appreciated and formally acknowledged.

St John's church and its environs were maintained in good condition with the installation of the new roof. Additionally, a variety of work was carried out during the year by volunteers, including regular

activities and income opportunities have not picked up to pre-Covid levels.

A fundraising team was established and several events were organised including a monthly Craft and Cake stall.

The new system of voting to choose the three charities St John's supports seems to be successful. All members of the congregation are given the opportunity to express their preference.

The generosity of time and work undertaken by everyone to both maintain and grow St John's, making it a safe, welcoming, and varied church, is greatly

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cleaning, ground maintenance, grass cutting, leaf clearing and maintenance of the flower borders.

Catherine Meakin continued in her role as Safeguarding Officer and Elizabeth Leopold as Electoral Roll Officer. PCC is grateful for their hard work in these roles.

Our administrator, Amy Elliott, continues to provide excellent ongoing support, taking on a range of additional tasks that ensure the vicar is appropriately supported and the office is run efficiently.

The church continues to be hugely supported by a wide range of volunteers supporting the outreach work, pastoral

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care and the day-to-day activity of the church, including floral decoration of the church, serving coffee and leaf clearing to name but a few.

The PCC greatly appreciates the devotion and care given to our church and our congregation.

Lynda Shelley
PCC secretary

**Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Parish Church Council of
St John the Divine, Menston with Woodhead Charity no 1129823 on
accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022, pages 12—22**

On accounts for the year ended	31 st December 2022	Charity no	1129823
Set out on pages	2-12		

Signed:		Date:	07/03/23
Name:	K P Bonney		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body	Chartered Accountant		
Address:	35 Moorland Crescent		
	The Homestead		
	Menston, Ilkley LS29 6PB		

**Parochial Church Council of St John the Divine, Menston with
Woodhead STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ended
31st December 2022**

INCOMING RESOURCES Design'd Restricted Total Funds Unrestricted

Funds Funds Funds 2022 2021

Note

Donations and legacies 2a 87,384 0 39,956 127,341 163,679 Income from

charitable activities 2b 4,349 0 0 4,349 2,539 Other trading activities 2c 2,240 29
 1,138 3,407 4,313 Income from investment 2d 132 0 104 236 21 Other incoming
 resources 2e 0 0 0 0 0 **TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES 94,106 29 41,199 135,334**
170,552

RESOURCES EXPENDED

Mission activities 3a 4,627 0 0 4,627 4,452 Ministry 3b 45,498 0 317 45,815 74,005
 Maintenance 3c 32,914 0 189,018 221,931 17,553 Support 3d 11,637 0 0 11,637
 10,140 Costs of generating funds 3e 459 459 886 **TOTAL RESOURCES**
EXPENDED 94,675 0 189,794 284,469 107,035

NET Incoming/-Outgoing RESOURCES before Transfer

-570 29 -148,595 -149,135 63,516

TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS - in 0 0 0 0 1,504 -out 0 0 0 0 -1,504

NET Incoming/Outgoing RESOURCES -570 29 -148,595 -149,135 63,516

BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD 20,556 1,144 152,517 174,218 110,702 at 1st
 January 2022

BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD 19,987 1,173 3,923 25,083 174,218 at 31st
 December 2022

Parochial Church Council of St John the Divine, Menston
with Woodhead BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st December
2022

	<i>Note</i> Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total funds
		Funds	Funds	Funds
		2022	2021	2021

FIXED ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets 5 0 0 0 0 0 **0 0 0 0 0**

CURRENT ASSETS

Debtors 6 4,300 0 108 4,407 8,868 Investments 7 6,350 0 1,557 £7,907 40,171
 Cash at bank & in hand 8 10,172 1,173 3,209 14,555 126,537 **20,823 1,173 4,873**
26,869 175,576

LIABILITIES FALLING DUE

WITHIN ONE YEAR 9 836 0 951 1,787 1,358 **NET CURRENT ASSETS** 19,987

1,173 3,923 25,083 174,218

TOTAL NET ASSETS 19,987 1,173 3,923 25,083 174,218

FUNDS 10

Restricted 0 0 3,923 3,923 152,517 Unrestricted 19,987 1,173 0 21,160 21,701
19,987 1,173 3,923 25,083 174,218



Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 23rd January 2023

and signed by:

Rev'd S Proudlove (Chairman)

Dr C Alexander (Treasurer)

The notes on the following pages form part of these financial statements.

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under the historical cost convention.

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP 2015. The financial statements have been prepared

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings

of church members.

FUNDS

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from investment of the endowment may be used as either restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established.

Restricted funds represent donations or grants received for a
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specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest

separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes. These may include monies designated by the PCC for a particular purpose.

INCOMING RESOURCES

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognized when received. Tax refunds are recognized when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, and interest is accounted for as it accrues. All other income is recognized when it is receivable.

All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

FIXED ASSETS

Consecrated and beneficed property is not included in the accounts in accordance with

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s.96 (2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

Moveable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything

acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. There have been no acquisitions since 1 January 2000.

All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings, individual items under £1,500 or on the repair of moveable church furnishings acquired before 1 January 2000 is written off.

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a
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straight line basis over 4 years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £1,500 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

INVESTMENTS

Investments are valued at market

value at 31 December.

CURRENT ASSETS

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents, tax refunds or other income are shown as debtors. Short term deposits are funds held on deposit in The CBF Church of England Funds with CCLA Investment Management Ltd.

LIABILITIES

We have recently been advised by the Diocese of Leeds that payments toward the Diocesan Share are regarded as donations to the Diocese and there is no liability to pay any shortfall in the future.

Any shortfall should not therefore be recorded as a contingent liability in the accounts.

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INCOME

Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	2022
								2021

Regular giving: via bank 60,120 0 0 60,120 60,304 via envelopes 5,481 0 0 5,481 5,956
Income Tax recoverable on reg giving 14,343 0 0 14,343 14,157 Irregular giving 2,572 0
305 2,877 549 Collections (open plate) at all services 2,191 0 10 2,201 1,659 Special
collections 25 0 0 25 0 Grants 0 0 0 0 16,500 Appeals 0 0 37,976 37,976 50,351 Legacies
2,000 0 0 2,000 2,095 Income Tax recoverable on irreg giving 653 0 1,666 2,318 12,108
87,384 0 39,956 127,341 163,679

2b Income from charitable activities

Service fees 3,288 0 0 3,288 1,370 Magazine sales 1,061 0 0 1,061 1,168 Sale of
books/leaflets 0 0 0 0 0 Educational events 0 0 0 0 0 **4,349 0 0 4,349 2,539**

2c Other trading activities

Parish Room lettings 1,365 0 0 1,365 707 Magazine advertising 841 0 0 841 919 Office
income 12 0 0 12 50 Fund raising events 23 29 1,138 1,190 2,637 Income Tax recoverable
0 0 0 0 0 **2,240 29 1,138 3,407 4,313**

2d Income from Investments

Interest 132 104 236 21 **132 0 104 236 21**

2e Other income

Other Income 0 0 0 0 0 SMP reimbursement 0 0 0 0 0 **0 0 0 0 0**

TOTAL INCOME 94,106 29 41,199 135,334 170,552

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Parochial Church Council of St John the Divine, Menston with Woodhead

Notes to the Financial statements for the year ended 31st

December 2022 3 a Mission activities

EXPENDITURE Designated Restricted Total Funds Unrestricted

Funds Funds Funds 2022 2021

Overseas - missionary societies 1,534 0 0 1,534 1,484 **3 b Ministry**

Overseas - relief and development agencies 0 0 0 0 0 Home missions and other relief
organisations 3,093 0 0 3,093 2,968 **4,627 0 0 4,627 4,452**

Diocesan parish share 44,000 0 0 44,000 72,682 Fees 348 0 0 348 9 6

Arrears of parish share paid off 0 0 0 0 0 Magazine costs 6 1 0 0 6 1 7 1

Clergy costs 485 0 0 485 597 Service expenses 604 0 317 922 559

3 c Maintenance

45,498 0 317 45,815 74,005

Church 21,606 0 187,851 209,458 8,043 Equipment depreciation 0 0 0 0 2,295 Utilities

4,538 0 0 4,538 3,413 Insurance 2,690 0 0 2,690 2,177 3 d *Support*

Upkeep of churchyard 3,537 0 1,166 4,704 1,460 Parish Room maintenance 542 0 0 542

165 **32,914 0 189,018 221,931 17,553**

Employment costs 9,057 0 0 9,057 8,604 Bank charges 251 0 0 251 1 8

Subscriptions and licences 917 0 0 917 780 Other expenses 6 9 0 0 6 9 3 0

Office running costs 1,217 0 0 1,217 708 Office equipment 126 0 0 126 0

3 e Costs of generating funds

11,637 0 0 11,637 10,140

Fundraising costs 0 0 459 459 **886 TOTAL EXPENDITURE 94,675 0 189,794 284,469 107,035**

Parochial Church Council of St John the Divine, Menston with Woodhead Notes to the Financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2022

Expenditure cont'd

Total Funds

2022 2021

4 Staff Costs

PAYE 8 7 2 4

Administrator's salary 8,970 8,580 Organists fees 348 9 6

Pension contributions 0 0

9,405 8,700

During the year the PCC employed a part-time organist and an administrator, neither of whom earned more than £50,000 pa. No payments were made to trustees.

5 FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC

Total Funds
2022 2021

COST

Audiovisual equipment purchased 2017 9,180 9,180 9,180 9,180

DEPRECIATION

at 31st December 2021 9,180 6,885 Charge for the year (25% purchase price) 0 2,295 at 31st December 2021 9,180 9,180

NET BOOK VALUE

at 31st December 2022 0 0

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**Parochial Church Council of St John the Divine, Menston with
Woodhead Notes to the Financial statements for the year
ended 31st December 2022**

6 DEBTORS Unrestricted Restricted 2022 2021

Income Tax recoverable 3,724 108 3,831 8,538 Prepayments 576 0
576 330 **4,300 108 4,407 8,868**

Choir 0 6 9 6 9 6 8

7 SHORT TERM DEPOSITS Unrestricted Restricted 2022 2021

held in CBF Church of England Funds

Churchyard 304 823 1,128 1,113 Donations 0 173 173 171 Fabric
0 491 491 19,905 General Purposes 6,046 0 6,046 18,914 **6,350**
1,557 7,907 40,171

8 CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND Unrestricted Restricted 2022 2021

HSBC Main Account 11,335 3,209 14,544 126,527 Office Cashbook 1
1 0 1 1 1 1
HSBC Magazine Account(closed) 0 0 0 0 Catering Cashbook 0 0 0 0

11,345 3,209 14,555 126,537

9 LIABILITIES Unrestricted Agencies 2022 2021 amounts falling due within one year

Funds held for Housebound Party 0 467 467 467 Inn Churches
 Christmas collections 0 484 484 177 Accruals 836 0 836 715 Other
 creditors 0 0 0 0 **836 951 1,787 979**

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**Parochial Church Council of St John the Divine, Menston
 with Woodhead Notes to the Financial statements for year
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10a FUND MOVEMENT SUMMARY

	Incoming Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/ Total Funds	
	Resources	Resources	Losses	2022 2021
	Churchyard Fund	1 5 1,166 0 0 7 1,159		
Fabric Fund	40,972 188,310 0 0 4,018 151,356	Choir Fund	1 0 0 0 4 3	
Altar Flower Fund	238 317 0 0 888 967	Donations Fund	2 0 0 0 173 171	
Mission Fund	0 0 0 0 -1 -1	Churchyard Planting Fund	0 0 0 0 6 6	General
Fund	94,106 94,675 0 0 19,987 20,556	135,334 284,469 0 0 25,082		174,218

Deposit acc. Interest 8 7 0 0 0 8 7

**10b Fabric Fund Incoming
 Outgoing**

Total Funds

Resources Resources Losses 2022 2021

Legacies 0 0 0 0 0 Church Roof appeal 39,718 0 0 0 39,718 Church
 roof upgrade 187,851 0 0 -187,851 Fundraising events 1,167 459 0

1 1 Contingent liabilities**40,972 188,310 0 0 4,018 151,356**

We have been advised by the Diocese of Leeds that payments toward the Diocesan Share are regarded as donations to the Diocese and there is no liability to pay any shortfall in the future. Any shortfall should not therefore be recorded as a contingent liability in the accounts.

MENSTON PCC - General Fund - BUDGET 2023**Budget 2022 Actual 2022****INCOME**

60,000 Planned Giving - via bank 60,000 60,120 6,000 Planned Giving - via envelopes 6,000 5,481 15,000 Gift Aid Tax reclaimable 15,000 14,996 2,000 Cash Collections 2,000 2,191 3,000 Fees 2,000 3,288 0 Legacies 0 2,000 50 Office Income 100 12 1,500 Parish Room letting 1,000 1,365 30 Interest 20 132 2,000 Magazine 2,000 1,902 2,000 Irregular Income 1,000 2,572 0 Fund Raising 3,000 23 0 Special collections 0 25 **91,580 Total Income 92,120 94,106**

EXPENDITURE

86,598 Diocesan Share 79,950 44,000 500 Clergy Expenses 500 485 2,000 Church maintenance 1,500 21,606 600 Service expenses 500 604 4,500 Utilities 6,000 4,538 2,400 Church Insurance 2,200 2,690 100 Parish Magazine 100 61 300 Parish Room 300 542 300 Churchyard 300 3,537 300 Organists 200 348 0 Vergers 0 0 0 Fundraising expenses 500 0 400 Office - printing/stationery 300 461 450 - telecoms 300 438 9,200 - administrators salaries + SMP 8,800 9,057 150 - equipment replace/repair 150 126 900 - subs/licences/computer support 800 915 200 -office sundry expenses 100 318 300 Sundries 0 289 4,600 General Fund donations 4,500 4,627 0 Special collections 0 0 **113,798 Total Expenditure 107,000 94,675 -22,218**
Surplus(-Deficit) -14,880 -569

Extracts from the Financial Statements 31/12/2022
Church Roof Replacement Project
Charitable Donations

2022 2021 Funded by Exp

Mission Giving Grants 16,500 USPG 1534 Congregation 100,760
 BEACON 1534 Community 10,015 Church Action on Poverty 1534
 Fundraising events 17,253 **4,602 4,452** Gift Aid claimed 19,777

Fabric fund reserve 34,443

% of unrestricted income 5.00% 5.00% General fund 15,267 Pickles
 Roofing 191,377

Architect Fees 19,968

Finial & lightning conductor 2,670

Special collections Totals at 31/12/22 214,015 214,015

Bradford Food Bank 306

Children's Society 2 5 **Final totals 219,903 219,903**

DEC Afghanistan Appeal 293 Retentions due Oct 2023 5,888 DEC Ukraine

Appeal 512 General fund 5,888

Parish Room Inc Exp Net

Lettings 1,365

Utilities 2022 2021 Utilities 1,339 kWh kWh Cleaning 240

Use Gas 33,984 43,313 Maintenance 148 Electricity 4,951 4,014 **1,365 1,727**

-362 Change in gas usage -22%

Change in electric usage 23% **Magazine Inc Exp Net** Change in gas costs 33%

Sales 1,061 Change in electricity costs 23% Adverts 841 Production/distrib costs
 379

1,902 379 1,523

FINANCIAL REVIEW

January 2023

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE 2022 (GENERAL FUND)

The financial year has been

rather dominated by finally
 being able to proceed with
 replacement of the church roof.
 While an extraordinary sum of
 £149,710 was raised through

grants and donations and drawing on £34,400 from the fabric fund reserve, a shortfall of £20,000 in order to proceed with the work was identified. The PCC agreed to fund this from the General Fund at the cost of reducing our payment of Diocesan Share. The project has been completed at a cost of £214,015 with an additional retention fee of £5,888 due in Oct 2023. The generosity of donors and the time and effort of those involved in managing the project is much appreciated.

Levels of giving, income from use of the Parish Room and service fees all increased slightly but income from all fundraising events was allocated to the Roof Fund, resulting in only a small overall increase in general fund income. One legacy of £2,000 was received.

additional £3,923 in restricted funds). This policy will be reviewed in twelve months.

BUDGET 2023

The budget assumes full

Expenditure on utilities and support costs increased, the cost of the roof was subsidised by £20,000 from the General Funds, and Mission Giving of 5% of general income was maintained. Due to the subsidy to the Roof Fund and the proceeds of all fundraising events being allocated to the Roof Fund we managed to pay only £44,000 of the £79,950 requested Diocesan Share.

RESERVES POLICY

It is the policy of this church to keep 3 months general running costs (£24,000) in the general fund to cover unforeseen emergencies. By defaulting on payment of the Diocesan Share we have maintained a general reserve of £21,160 (with an

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payment of the increased Diocesan Share (£86,598) and includes the final payment to the roofing contractors due in October 2023. It also assumes that the PCC remains committed to Mission Giving. It does not include any estimate

of fundraising events income, as I am not aware of anything planned as yet.

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I do not anticipate any significant changes to other income/expenditure, so I therefore believe that there is likely to be a deficit of £22,000. This level of deficit is not sustainable as the reserve is

already below required level.

The PCC will have to give serious consideration to means of increasing income and/or to default on our commitments to paying the Diocesan Share and/or 5% Mission Giving.

C M Alexander (Treasurer)

CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT

Our second full year as wardens has continued to be interesting and fulfilling, but not without some challenges! We have continued to emerge from Covid restrictions and to look to re-establish various aspects of church life.

There have also been some major achievements, not least

a magnificent new roof and finial. For a while in 2022 we did not think that the roof would be completed. Rocketing costs relating to building materials meant several adjustments to the overall budget. However, due to the fantastic generosity of the church and local community we got there!

It has been a great achievement for us all and something that will ensure the church building lasts for coming generations.

We also ... finally (again by donation) replaced the lanterns at the church entrance. We think you will agree they look spectacular!

Church maintenance is, however, never done as we have learnt. So, just as the lanterns had gone back up, looking splendid, the lantern over the church doorway was found to need repairing!

There is also an ongoing programme of maintenance jobs and we will be holding a couple of 'come and repair' events over the summer to try and sort some of these jobs. Part of rebuilding the church community and 'reaching out' to the local community is being visible in Menston. We have had a number of well attended events in 2022. The open air Jubilee service was a great success followed by a lovely

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lunch (thank you to those who organised).

We had several hundred people attend the Carol service and

Nativity and it was great to see the church so full for these events.

We want to continue to have these kinds of events and we thank everyone who has been involved in them. We would also want to thank all those who help clean, maintain and fix things within the church, and also keep the church grounds looking so lovely, especially in spring.

We have also been very fortunate to recruit two new deputy wardens, Judith and Dominic whose help (along with existing deputy Roger) has been invaluable.

Finally, we thank Steve, Andrew and Wendy for guidance and support over 2022 and to you all for your support of us as wardens.

*Hilary Feathers
& David Mercer*

SOUTH CRAVEN AND WHARFEDALE DEANERY SYNOD REPORT

Deanery Synod Representatives

House of Clergy: Revd Steve Proudlove
House of Laity: Marilyn Banister & Sally Smith (2 vacancies)
(The Deanery Synod representatives need re-electing in 2023)

As many of you know, our Deanery runs from Menston up the Wharfe Valley as far as Addingham and then over to Silsden, and includes Kildwick, Cononley and Bradley, plus Sutton, Cowling and Lothersdale. We met three times in 2022, with the February meeting on Zoom. Reverend Liz Morton led the Zoom meeting, giving a presentation on Growing Young People as Christians, especially since the pandemic. She suggested that we look at how we are engaging with young people, how to nurture and disciple them, and to encourage them to be leaders. We finished by working on what our first step would be to take that work forward.

In June, we met in person at Cononley to think about how to get people back into church after Covid. There were plenty of different approaches being tried and it was useful to hear what

was working and what was not! Reverend Mike Green was installed as the new Vicar for Kildwick, Cononley and Bradley, in July after Reverend Julie Bacon moved to Sheffield.

‘How we are raising the question of reaching net zero in our churches and how far we have got,’ was the topic in October when we met here in Menston. There was a lot of sharing of experiences, although not all churches were represented. We did learn that Lothersdale does not have mains gas or water! Some churches have or are working on becoming Eco churches under the A Rocha award scheme, and some are working with climate action groups to share expertise. As the cost-of-living crisis was becoming more prominent in the news, some churches were opening as Warm Spaces.

The Bradford Episcopal Area Forum (BEAF) took place in May, when we considered how we

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share our stories. In November we learned more about Bradford 2025 City of Culture and thought about how our churches can be

involved. We also heard more about the area's response to the cost of living crisis by the provision of Warm Spaces.

As you will be aware, each Parish is asked to contribute from its funds to Diocesan Share. Covid has had a big impact, but the Diocese received slightly more in share in '22 than '21 - although the Bradford area did less well.

Looking ahead, Burley in Wharfedale is in the process of finding a new vicar and Sutton,
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Cowling and Lothersdale will have a vacancy from June 2023 when the Assistant Area Dean, Reverend Helen Collings moves to the Lay

Training role for the Diocese.

Reverend Mike Coe from All Saint's, Ilkley continues as Area Dean. We anticipate continuing a mixed economy of online and face to face meetings.

Deanery elections take place at the APCM in 2023 - Menston has four places for laity. Currently Sally Smith and I represent Menston. Do please consider whether you would like to get involved. I enjoy hearing about how other congregations are responding to the needs in their particular place. Do ask me if you would like to know more.

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	Request ed share for 2022 (£)	Paid (£)	Percentage paid in 2022	Percenta ge paid in 2021
Diocese of Leeds	15,443,486	12,116,862	78%	76%
Bradford Episcopal area	2,761,132	2,175,750	79%	81%
SC & W Deanery	813,055	629,463	77%	81%
Churches that paid in full in SC and W Deanery	Addingham	Burley in Wharfedale	Cowling	Lothersdale

