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Activities

Objects: Promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church.

Activities: Church of England Services; Church related meetings; Outreach to the community; Mother & Toddler Group; Youth Group;

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Calderdale

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£149,414	£143,769	-	-
2024-12-31	£294,500	£118,402	-	-
2023-12-31	£109,067	£120,215	-	-
2022-12-31	£101,445	£126,163	-	-
2021-12-31	£102,000	£94,000	-	-
2020-12-31	£116,397	£116,269	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alan John Gerrard		2020-10-21
Caroline Pemberton		2023-04-23
Charles Henderson		2026-05-10
Christine Henderson		2022-04-24
David E MacGregor		2026-05-10
Diane Williams		2020-10-21
Dianne Bates		2017-04-06
IAN BYFIELD		
Rev Jennifer Ann Middleton		2021-10-31
Richard Mullen		2023-04-23
Ruth Ingham		2023-04-23
Susan Blackwell		2022-04-24
Susan Marjorie Bythell		2025-04-27

Accounts



APCM REPORT BOOK 2025-26



**He who was seated on the throne said,
'I am making everything new!'
Revelation 21v5**

Welcome to our report book for 2025-26

It gives you a snapshot of some of the activities that the church has been involved with over the last 12 months. It won't contain everything, the work of the Spirit is always so much bigger than we can contain.

If you have a question you might want to start by asking the report writer - please ask if you're not sure how to get in contact with them.

Please use this booklet to reflect on all that has been and pray for all that is to come.

Creche

Our crèche, with 'See & Know' ministry has had 3 regular children and occasional visitors. We have looked at Bible stories relating to our senses and this term we have had colours as our theme. Our sessions include playing with the toys, stories with songs and a craft activity.

Parents/carers can leave their children with the leaders during the session if they are happy and settled.

Wilma MacGregor & Sheila Batty

School aged Sunday morning groups

We have had another great year with the primary school children's group. We continue to have a wonderful group of children who ask great questions and really engage with the Bible studies. Our weekly attendance varies from between 3

to 11 children; but the average number is 8 or 9 kids per week. The group has been led by Sammy and Caroline, with much valued support from Natasha, Roy and John. Our group spans from our youngest member at 4 years old, to our older kids who are 10 and 11 years old. In the next academic year we will see three of the oldest children move up to the secondary school group; and hopefully we will welcome several of the boys who are currently in crèche. We continue to work with the resources which ran alongside the weekly Bible readings last year. In 2026 we have returned to the Energize



The parable of the faithful servant by Isabelle

resources, provided by Urban Saints, with a series called "Christian Lifestyle", which focuses on what it means for our children to live like Jesus. We would greatly value an extra leader and helper, which would then allow our team to join with the congregation more regularly. Please speak to Rev Jen if you would like to know more.

Our secondary age group has slightly less children than the primary age group, although we still sometimes have up to 5 young people, which is a nice size for discussions. This group is run by Judith Brandon and Sarah Frank. Last year before the summer break we continued our series on Jesus' life, and did some work on faith into action – thinking about fairtrade and community action. In the autumn we had a short series where we asked a few members of the congregation to come and tell their faith stories to the group – thank you to those who came up and chatted to them, it was really interesting. In the new year, the kids decided they would like to focus on a series (again from the Energize resources used by both groups) called 'Encounters with Jesus' - where we have been looking at interactions Jesus had with people – and what we can learn from him for our lives. We hope that we combine teaching with fun.

Caroline Pemberton and Sarah Frank



Ice creams at our summer picnics in the park

Youth group

The youth group meet fortnightly on a Sunday evening, with about six 11 to 18 year olds attending. We share food, play silly games and this year have been going through the 'origins' series on prayer which is produced by 24/7 prayer.

Thank you to everyone who has been praying for the group. Please continue to pray that the young people will continue to grow in faith, that new members will feel welcome and those who have left will continue in faith.

Judith Brandon



Some of the Christmas Eve team!

Toddler Group

We had a great final year at the parent and toddler group each Tuesday morning and afternoon during term time. Our faithful team of volunteers (mostly church members) have provided a safe and stimulating place for children and their carers each week during term time for 34 years in the Parish Hall and 23 years in Copley (closed 2020).

The Parish Hall Group closed at the end of December 2025 due to retirement of the leaders and helpers but a new vision for outreach to the youngest children and their families in the community will continue.

We are pleased that the toys from the groups will be used in a toy library coming soon via the Repair Café.

We would like to thank everyone who has supported our groups over the years, Paula and I have loved running them and count it a privilege to be part of the lives of so many people. We have made many friends and now, as grandparents, look forward to what God has for us to do next.

Wilma MacGregor & Paula Straw



Toddler morning and afternoon
teams!

Open the book

The Open the Book team continues to visit All Saints' CE (VA) Primary school once a fortnight to tell stories from the Bible using the Open the Book Storytelling Bible and Handbook. It is a well-planned intergenerational project with stories that teach important lessons which are suitable for people of all faiths and those of none.

Our regular team of eight work hard to be at school early to rehearse. Often, we can incorporate parts for the children, which makes the story come to life for the rest of the children.

This year we returned to the Old Testament book of Genesis to learn more about God's plan for Abraham and his family. We moved on to the Joseph stories and learnt more about Moses. A particular favourite was the retelling of the burning bush because we were



Can you guess the story?

able to recreate the bush using digital aids which really captured the children's attention. Nothing is too tricky for our team of creatives who worked out how we could tell the story of Gideon and his intrepid army being victorious over the Midianites.

This Spring, we visited Christchurch -Pellon CE (VC) Primary School to tell the story of Joseph the Dreamer, their school vision Bible story. We were able to work with the children there too. A big thank you to our super team of volunteers.

If you would like to join our team, let the church office know.

Yolande Shire

All Saints' School

Reverend Jen is an integral part of our school community, offering both spiritual insight and practical support that positively impacts pupils, staff, and families. As Chair of Governors, she provides strong and thoughtful leadership, ensuring that the school's Christian vision remains central to every decision. Reverend Jen is actively involved in school life - joining educational visits, supporting pupils, and enriching their experiences with meaningful faith-based reflections.



Blessing of the school bags

Our relationship with the church is one we truly value. The church maintains an open-door approach, warmly welcoming all members of the community. The church building provides a calm and inviting space where people can gather to worship, celebrate special events, or simply pause for quiet reflection. It is a place where everyone is included and appreciated.

Our weekly celebration assemblies are a standout part of school life, made even more special by the ongoing support of the church congregation. Members regularly join us, greeting families with warmth and often offering refreshments as part of their hospitality. Their presence strengthens the connection between school and church, reinforcing the sense of community we cherish.

Lauren Watson (Head)

Growing Hope

Growing Hope Siblings Group is a 7 week course for primary school children who have a brother or sister with additional needs. It helps siblings process emotions and share experiences of the unique challenges they often face using creative activities like puppets, drawing, and painting.



Christmas Day

During 2026 the second Siblings Course took place, this time for older children in key stage two. Refreshments were provided for parents and carers in the church lounge, giving them the opportunity for some down time.

It has been really great to have another volunteer, Don Bishop, who after completing the training is now a facilitator along with Jane and Dianne.

Our biggest challenge has been trying to increase awareness about the course and reach those families who could benefit. However we have been recently contacted by a co-ordinator from Calderdale Young Carers Service who has informed us she has a number of children that she feels would really benefit from what we are offering.

The Growing Hope's website states 'We believe that Jesus offers hope to everyone and that he knows and loves each of us'. Their vision is to make therapy, support and accessibility to church easier for families of children with additional needs.

The success and aims of the Growing Hope initiative has prompted The Church of England to award them a £600,000 grant by the Strategic Mission and Ministry Investment Board.

Growing Hope is one of the chosen charities currently supported by All Saints.

Dianne Bates, Jane Appleyard

Mothers' Union

Mothers' Union is a Christian Charity started back in 1876, when a vicar's wife, Mary Sumner, saw the need to give young parents with families, support to guide their children towards a faith and a caring upbringing. 150 years later that same ethos is uppermost within MU members, who work with people facing everyday challenges, to try to change their lives for the better by combatting poverty, injustice and violence, locally and worldwide.

Here at All Saints' we are a small Branch, but we work and pray alongside all MU members, in an attempt to further the aims of supporting family life.



MU cream teas!

We have had a positive and fruitful 2025 and as a result of our fundraising have been able to donate £1,000 towards MU projects, an amazing amount and it's through your generosity as members and friends.

It's not all hard work, we have had fun, interesting meetings and social events throughout the year. A highlight in April was a "Cakes and Bakes" afternoon

when roughly 50 friends and Church members enjoyed a sociable afternoon while tea and cakes were on a continual conveyor belt. This event raised around £500 which was donated to projects including AFIA (Away From It All Holidays) - our Diocese owns 2 caravans on the East Coast which are hired out, free of charge, to families who have met with hard times, financially or medically.

Our March meeting was a busy affair, one of our branch's projects is to prepare toiletry bags, consisting of facecloth and soap, toothbrush and paste and a comb. These are taken, with our love and prayers on behalf of Mothers' Union, to the Hospital, to be given to patients who unexpectedly find themselves there and unable to get their own toiletries. At this meeting we made up 350 bags along with a lot of fun, laughter and of course a treat of tea and cake afterwards. 40 bags are taken down every 2 months to the



Always a busy afternoon

Assessment Wards.

In June we acquired 350 new and used bras from Harveys - quite a surprise - but MU members never look a potential gift horse in the mouth. After enquiries as to where they may be most useful, 170 went out to Uganda, and 190 went to Women's Refuges in Huddersfield - we never know what charitable work we may be about to do.

We have enjoyed several speakers at our meetings ranging from learning about the Camino da Santiago Pilgrimage, to Guiding around the world and the Passion Plays in Oberammergau. 2025 concluded with our AGM in November when we also hold a Festive Gift Stall, always a crowd- pleaser and money-raiser, this year totalling £210.

Lots going on here in your MU Branch, and lots more going on around the Diocese, projects supporting Mothers and Babies in Prison, Food Banks, Refuges, Ukranian soldiers, Homeless Shelters. We believe in transforming the lives of those families in need - not necessarily with hands-on help, but through fund raising and donations and through prayer - MU is grounded in prayer.

If you would like to come along and enjoy our meetings, our social events and support our beliefs of helping others in need, do join us - we meet on the last Thursday in the month. Our 2026 programme is extensive and interesting, we would love to have you on board, you will be made very welcome.

Margaret Cowie

Church Walks 2025

A gentle walk in March started off our year, taking the path from Luddenden Foot to Mytholmroyd, stopping for a drink at the local pub and then taking the canal path back to Luddenden. The weather was glorious and there were 11 people and 4 dogs.

Our June walk was in Greetland, starting at the Community Centre at 1.30pm. The plan was to walk along fields and bridalway to Norland



Never lost...

Moor and circle round coming back with a stop at The Sportsman pub at the end. However, as soon as the 11 people and 1 dog started across the fields the heavens opened and we were soaked within minutes! Luckily the trees nearby offered some shelter and we waited for it to turn from a downpour to a steady drizzle. Starting out again we walked along the bridalway and decided to continue on this and round to the pub. We stopped and refreshed at The



No one fell in!

Sportsman and then decided to walk back the way we had come (which had taken us about 50 minutes) so we got back to the cars at 4pm. The weather wasn't too bad on the way back, and it was interesting to see calves in one field and a goat and highland cow in another. It was an enjoyable walk, despite the weather, and one we wouldn't forget in a hurry!

In July we were in the Scholes/Cleckheaton area. There were 12 adults. It was a hot day so dogs were left at home! We parked at Tesco in Cleckheaton and took 'The Greenway' to Whitechapel Road, then walked down that and over the bridge which crosses the motorway and into the fields beyond. We walked down the fields, saying hello to some horses we met on the way, and then through Scholes village to The Walkers Arms, where we had a half hour drink and toilet stop. We then circled round using Scholes Lane, the bridleways and then Westgate back along to Tesco. We were back just in time to collect cars before the 3 hour parking limit was reached. It was a very pleasant, easy walk, which we took our time over due to the heat.

Our September Walk took us from church, down Salterhebble Hill and along the canal path to Sowerby Bridge. We stopped at The

Moorings Pub, sitting outside in the sunshine to have a drink, then returned via the canal path to Copley. There we split into smaller groups depending on where people wanted to return to. There were eleven adults, three children and two dogs and all enjoyed this gentle stroll along the busy canal path. The weather was ideal and we chatted with various people we passed along the way, including a couple who were navigating the Salterhebble Lock.

Our last walk of the year in November was on a cold but bright day. There had been heavy rain for a few days before, so there were some muddy patches, especially when we went through a farmyard! This proved to be quite entertaining. The walk was led by Sue up at Wainstalls, starting at The Crossroads Inn. It was about 4 miles long and the terrain was mainly fields. It was a lovely amble, with good views, especially since everything had been made green by the rain! There were 7 adults and a dog. Refreshment was enjoyed afterward.

We hope to resume again when the weather is better in Spring 2026. Everyone welcome to join us!

Diane Williams



Hedgehog houses

Eco Group Report 2025

During 2025 we looked in detail at the newly revised A Rocha UK survey which has more detailed and demanding targets that must be met in order to achieve the different award stages. We were pleased to discover that we have done enough to remain

at the Silver Level, so continue to work towards Gold.

Important aspects of eco-church continue to be embedded in our community. These include praying regularly in church intercessions for climate change and environmental matters; lifestyle tips and advice on caring for the environment included in the weekly newsletter and on the website. The Household Lifestyle Audit on the Creation Care website and our alternative paper version were promoted early in the year as usual. The Repair Café has taken place every other month and the Pennine Cropshare veg shed continues to be used by the local community.

Unfortunately, the replacement of lighting in church with LED fittings has not been progressed due to a continuing hold up with work needed on the church roof.

To further promote Eco Church and keep the congregation up to date with eco events, a display board has been hung in the church lounge. It also includes general information about the scheme and a monthly eco tip.

Outdoor activities and events have been taking place through the year. A popular outdoor Sunday 10:30 service was held towards the end of the summer, the worship focussing on God's creation and the part that we can play in protecting our immediate and wider environment.

The Reception class at All Saints Primary spent some time raising money to help purchase some hedgehog houses to go in the churchyard. Once they were in place information was shared with the church community about hedgehogs and how we can encourage and protect them in our own gardens. A Hedgehog Trail

was also set up in the churchyard to further increase awareness of these endangered animals.

The Soil Association's 'Organic September' in 2025 was promoted, encouraging parishioners to buy and eat organically.

In order to tie in with the revised A Rocha UK scheme more closely, a new All Saints Church Environmental Policy was written and taken to PCC for approval at the November meeting. This includes an outline of our commitment in each of the five areas and ways this can be applied. An Action Plan for 2026 outlining several tasks in each area was also presented. Each document was approved by PCC and the Action Plan will be reviewed towards the end of the year.

Please continue to pray for environmental issues in our locality and the wider world but please pray for the work we are doing here at All Saints, that there will be an increased awareness in our congregation and that we can move forward and make a difference protecting God's Creation.

Dianne Bates



Coffee after
our outdoor
summer
service

Repair Café

Skircoat Repair Café continues to thrive as an independent, community-run initiative, supported by people of any faith or none. We remain linked with the global Repair Café International movement, and we're grateful for the ongoing support from the congregations at All Saints' and other churches across our Churches Together group. It's been encouraging to see people from across the area working side by side with a shared commitment to reducing waste, strengthening community, and offering practical help to those feeling the pressures of the cost-of-living crisis.

Our volunteers fall broadly into three groups: the front-of-house team, the café team, and of course our dedicated fixers.

The front-of-house volunteers keep the day running smoothly. Every item brought in is logged on a form—partly for our records, and partly to make clear that all repairs are carried out by volunteers rather than professionals. Not every item can be repaired, and occasionally something breaks during the attempt, so transparency is important. The team also matches visitors with the right fixer and helps maintain an orderly flow throughout the session.



Maundy Thursday meal

While visitors wait for a fixer, they're welcome to enjoy a drink and a snack from our pop-up café. Many people now drop in even without an item to repair, simply to enjoy a cuppa, a slice of cake, and some friendly company.

Our fixers are the heart of the Repair Café—people who genuinely enjoy bringing things back to life. We're

fortunate to have volunteers with skills in bikes, electrics, electronics, clockwork, knife sharpening, jewellery, sewing, and general repairs. Wherever possible, our fixers share their knowledge so visitors can learn more about their items and how to care for them. Any electrical item that is successfully repaired is PAT tested by our trained volunteer.

We are always keen to welcome new fixers, front of house or café team members. As in previous years, we are especially looking for people with electrical or electronic repair skills, anyone who might be able to repair sewing machines, and volunteers willing to train as PAT testers (we can cover the cost of the course, and we already have the equipment). If you're interested, please get in touch at skircoatrepaircafe@gmail.com.

Both the café and the repair service operate on a donation basis, allowing visitors to contribute whatever they feel able to. This approach continues to work well, and we're pleased to say that donations have enabled us to remain financially stable and cover our running costs. In fact, we had a surplus of funds last year such that we were able to fund a community Christmas tree – which was erected outside Jay Byrne's Hairdressers (with thanks to Jay for his space and electricity, and the small team who pulled together to arrange the tree, fix the stand, and generally make this happen). We also arranged a 'Christmas lights switch on' with a local choir and hot drinks donated by 'Social' café – which was enjoyed by all despite torrential rain throughout.

We continue to operate on the 3rd Saturday of every other month from the Parish Hall – pop and see us!

Sarah Frank

Welcome Garden

Our committed Garden Team of five meet on a Wednesday between 10 and 11.30am from March until December. We also have had one or two extra volunteers who help us from time to time. You don't need to be an expert, so please join us if you can.

We try and manage the garden in an environmentally friendly way which means it doesn't necessarily look perfect all the time but we try and ensure a variety of colour to the borders and flower beds by introducing new plants as the season progresses.

We have seen a variety of church and school activities take place in the garden throughout the year as well providing a quiet place for small groups to sit and chat and enjoy the outdoors.

Paul Gunningham

Deanery Synod

17th March, St Michaels Church, Mytholmroyd

Jen was licensed as the assistant area dean. Rev Robb Sutherland thanked Jen for her support with the deanery to date and welcomed her to the new role. Helen Pedley, Eco mission enabler for our Deanery, provided an update on the Diocesan action plan for carbon neutral 2030. Natasha Lee, Diocesan disability access champion, talked about potential disability access funding. Shaughn Bevan was appointed to the standing committee.



All kinds of visitors are
welcome in the garden

23rd June - Trinity Academy

This meeting was a listening exercise with the Deanery children and youth. A selection of young people from the Deanery had recently been on a Bowling trip together and spared their evening to talk to the Deanery synod members about their experiences of being in church. Questions covered: what keeps them coming back to church, whether they felt valued, what was their place in the church and how could the Deanery support young people? Bailey provided his testimony and experiences of being a young person in the Deanery. The Deanery synod members then discussed how we would like to support young people.



One of our All Age Services

October 22nd - Sowerby St Peters.

Rev Robb Sutherland presided and we opened with a meditation. We then heard from Rev Jude Smith from Barnabas Leeds who explained what the Barnabus program was, and how the Deanery could access the resources and

training. Rev Robb then shared an update on the Diocesan parish share position, which at the time of the meeting was a £1.9m deficit, and encouraged the Deanery to foster a culture of abundance and generosity.

Caroline Pemberton, Diane Williams, Christine Henderson

Building

During the past 12 months work has continued in response to recommendations from the Quinquennial Report, alongside routine inspections, maintenance and minor repairs to the church buildings.

Several routine checks and preventative measures have been carried out during the year. The boiler received its annual service to ensure the heating system continues to operate safely and efficiently. The Lightning Protection System also underwent its annual test and inspection, and the gutters were cleared as part of the regular maintenance programme. In addition, SelectaDNA metal marking was applied to vulnerable metal items as a security measure to help deter theft and assist with identification if items were stolen.

A small number of repairs were required during the year. The flush mechanism in one of the toilets was repaired to restore normal operation. As in previous years, these smaller repairs form part of the ongoing effort to maintain the buildings and prevent minor issues from developing into larger problems.



The main focus of the buildings team this year has been progressing plans for roof repairs identified in the Quinquennial Report. Approval has now been obtained for repairs to several areas of roofing across the church

complex, including sections of the main church roof, the creche roof, the back lobby and the storeroom roof, along with repairs to the south aisle roof. These works represent an important step in addressing areas of deterioration that have developed over time.

With the necessary approvals now in place, these roofing works are expected to be carried out within the next six months. Completing these repairs will help protect the fabric of the building and reduce the risk of water ingress causing further damage.

While the amount of physical work completed during the year has been relatively modest, significant progress has been made in securing permissions and preparing for these larger repair projects. The coming year should therefore see substantial work undertaken to address the roofing issues and continue the ongoing care of the church buildings.

Richard Mullen

Parish Hall

Although the Parish Hall has lost a few regular hirers this year it has continued to provide a community venue for a wide variety of activities. The existing groups are thriving but we are looking to fill gaps in the timetable in the early half of the week during the daytime.

The trustees have organised improvements by installing new fixed dehumidifiers in the toilets, redecoration to the back lobby and new external noticeboards. We are now looking to improve the energy efficiency of the building through a grant application to the North power grid Foundation.



Part of the lantern trail at the
hall

As ever we are grateful to Sue Blackwell for her 'behind the scenes' work in managing the hall and Diane Williams for her role as treasurer.

Some of the trustees are quite mature so we are looking for some young blood to join us. Please contact me for more details.

Paul Gunningham

Coffee Morning

2025 proved to be another enjoyable year for Thursday coffee morning.

We continue to meet weekly with short breaks for Christmas , Easter and a 4-week break during the Summer, welcoming people from both the church and wider local community.

Coffee morning continues to be run by myself and Roy Croft. In September we were blessed to have Lynne Leedham join us as a regular helper

May was a busy month. We celebrated the 80th anniversary of VE day , with cream scones .

We welcomed a representative from Wiltshire farm foods who gave a short talk about their meal delivery service and provided hot samples of their meals to try.

We also marked Christian Aid week with a "Big brekkie" event .

During 2025 we have been able to make donations to Christian Aid, and also to the church fund.

We always aim to provide a welcoming and inclusive environment for everyone who attends.



Celebrations at Coffee Morning

Pauline Stead

Ladies who paint

Now in our 16th year, Ladies Who paint have again covered a variety of subjects from a Chinese brush painting workshop to Tiffany style landscapes and hydrangeas using bubble wrap!

I asked the Ladies to help with this report and comment on what they have most enjoyed and gained from the group:

“The painting class has been a lifesaver for me, having joined two years ago after a head injury. I love attending. It’s my favourite time of the month.”

“From absolute beginners, to those with more experience, there is something for everyone, and the group is friendly and supportive”

“Love the sessions, love the fellowship.”

“Friendly, calming, knowledgeable, inspirational. Time away from the every day.”

“Without this class, I would not have discovered art. It provides me with an oasis of calm. The classes are inspiring and provide fellowship, wonder and joy.”

“A haven of creativity and friendship.”

“When I first joined this group I was made very welcome by all the ladies. We are all encouraged and guided, even though we may be at different levels. I love this group and the lovely ladies who attend. It has introduced me to something completely new.”

“It’s two hours of ‘me’ time., which is sometimes hard to find, but Ladies Who Paint chat, discover hidden depths and leave feeling stronger in mind and body (and we get coffee and biscuits too!). It’s a happy place and we appreciate it so much.”

“I’m a newcomer, but I’ve been made to feel extremely welcome. I really enjoy the painting group and wish it was 3 hours long, not 2! We are helped with any problems or questions. I attended to help with my own mental health issues, and it has. I do feel part of the group.”



Sunrise in the Churchyard

“I love art...not just drawing, but learning new techniques and styles. We do have fun interacting whilst being taught and improving.”

We have gained three new members this year.

I sometimes find it challenging to come up with a subject that we haven’t done, to deliver an enjoyable experience and satisfying result for the ladies. It can be frustrating at times, but the ladies will

always have a go! I get lots of satisfaction knowing that the ladies choose to come, and I am grateful that I can pass on the knowledge and skills that I have gleaned over the years. I enjoy seeing their artistic ability grow and produce satisfying results.

Sue Blackwell

Appleyard Home Group

This group meets fortnightly at 7.30 in the church lounge. It's a very informal group with everyone chipping in with ideas and questions.

Our aim is to keep the discussions accessible to everyone and relevant to our lives and journeys.

As well as using study guides we've also more recently listened to extracts from podcasts. It's been a great way of looking beyond our church community and group, to see what God's doing in the outside world.

It's good to have the time to celebrate blessings and support each other through battles.



Pub evenings, socials and impromptu meet ups for meals are thrown into the mix.

Keith and Jane Appleyard

Gathering with the community to stand
against racism

MacGregor Group

Our housegroup has 13 adult and 3 teenage members, with children of members who join in for periodic social events, giving us an age range from 10 to over 80, although we are rarely all able to attend a meeting. We meet every Monday evening, with one or more of the teenagers coming most weeks. As a group take turns in leading the various elements of each meeting, with members encouraged to try new things, although no one is ever pressurised into leading if they don't want to.

The aims of our group are to meet with God, to rejoice with those who are rejoicing, to walk alongside those who are mourning, and to challenge and encourage each other to grow in our faith. We aim to be real with each other, be that in sharing doubts and questions, or joys and triumphs.

Most of our meetings comprise a mixture of a Bible study (sometimes using study guides on a book or theme, and sometimes following a study course with online or video input), worship, prayer and, importantly, coffee, cake and a chance to talk.



Gathering together

Finally, I would say that we are always open to gaining new members, so if you are on the lookout for a housegroup, feel free to give us a go.

David and Wilma MacGregor

Whitaker Group

Our house group currently has 6 members, the numbers having reduced over the years due to members going on to be with the Lord and others unable to attend due to age related problems. We meet every Wednesday evening for a couple of hours. This happens at the residence of Audrey and Brain Roberts for three weeks of the month and at the residence of Joan Nuttall during the fourth week.

We sing songs, have a prayer time and also a Bible study. The Bible study is based on either one of the books of the Bible or we use a study book that is available in church. This provides a good opportunity for each one of us to contribute to the discussions and the study and thus to learn and understand Gods word in a way that will help us to live our lives for the Kingdom of God. We support each other in dealing with the various problems that we face and therefore continue to grow in faith as a group. We do meet out for a meal every now and then.

We would be very happy to welcome anyone who would like to join the group.

Roy Abraham



Some of our
summer
holiday
crafts

Music Group

The Music Group continues to spend time and effort in preparing and leading our sung worship. This year has seen a number of changes with the addition of guitarist and singer Adam; singer Helen; and pianist and singer Lucy. Paula has taken on responsibility for creating a rota to ensure that we have both the opportunity to take part on Sunday, but also to have a break.

Currently we have eight instrumentalists, many of whom sing; and four singers. We meet to practise during the week. Anyone interested in joining us should have a word with me.

Ian Byfield

Safeguarding

The PCC has complied with the duty to have due regard to the house of Bishop's safeguarding policy and practice guidance.

We have continued to review our policies and practices to ensure we are fulfilling best practice, and report any concerns raised about children or vulnerable adults within our community to the relevant people.

This year you will have seen people wearing a safeguarding lanyard at services and events to act as a visual reminder of who to speak to if someone has a concern.



Lantern parade

The team have also worked with our children's groups using the 'raise your roar' resource from 31:8 (a national safeguarding charity) to ensure that our children know what to do if they have a concern.

Christine Bouckley stepped down as Parish Safeguarding officer, when she moved away at the end of the year. Alan Gerrard has stepped in temporarily as PSO, whilst we have been appointing a new person and following the necessary safer recruitment process. We're looking forward to Becky Hill stepping into this role in the near future.

Jen Middleton



PCC discussing how to make sure safeguarding is everyone's priority



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End of Year Financial Statements

Year ending 2025

• Introduction

Our giving has grown slightly this year, but not quite as much as anticipated. At the end of 2024 we promoted the Parish Giving Scheme and a number of our parishioners moved across to this scheme; many who had given by bank standing order previously. One advantage of this is that the Gift Aid is claimed monthly, so we got a bit more in this year as we usually claim the following year. Envelope giving has reduced, with only a few parishioners now choosing to donate this way and the contactless giving has remained similar. We gratefully received a £500 legacy from the estate of Barbara Booth, which the PCC have decided will go toward kitchen refurbishments in due course.

We changed insurance provider mid-year when our contract was up for renewal, and decided to pay annually rather than monthly. This has cut the insurance by about £1,000, but seems higher this year due to the change in the way paid. We have managed to reduce our utility bills slightly by turning down the thermostat, putting heat on timers and using economic light bulbs where possible.

We paid £60,000 of Parish Share to the diocese, £1,000 more than we budgeted. However, this is still below the £77,000 requested.

Our budget was tight, but we ended the year with a positive amount. This was due to funds being released from an investment, held by the church in case the Parish Hall trustees needed help, but which they have now taken over and invested their own money in. This meant we received back £7,000. However, this was a one-off.

Fund Analysis and Description, Balances at Year End:

General Fund	£31,611.67	
Church Maintenance Fund	£10,487.04	A reserve fund where PCC policy is to maintain a balance of £5,000 in the fund.
Church Reserves Fund	£18,818.11	The CCLA General Reserve and CCLA Harrison investments. PCC Policy is to maintain £5,000 in the general reserve. The Harrison account was originally for use at Copley.
Susan James Memorial Fund	£10,166.54	An endowment fund. The balance in excess of £10,000 may be used for Christian Education purposes. The balance may be drawn down to £9,000 if necessary.
Trustees of the Parish Hall Parish Hall Reserve	£7,080.44	Made up of: This is now a Reserved fund as monies in it belong to the Trustees of the Parish Hall. It is intended only to be utilized when it is considered that day-to-day running expenses of the Parish Hall cannot be met from their general funds.
Virgin Parish Hall	£11,512.86	and A Restricted fund for the purpose of maintaining the fabric of the building and the day-to-day running of the Parish Hall. This fund is administered by the Trustees of the Hall and not available for Church use.
Virgin (Garden) Project	£5,652.13	A Restricted Project fund, at present used for the Welcome Garden Project

Parkin Legacy	£169,551	A designated fund from a legacy received in 2024. £150,000 of was invested in the CCLA Church Maintenance Account. £19,551 left in the Church Project Account, as roof repairs are being arranged.
Music Group Fund	£1,638.08	A Restricted fund for purchases for music and worship
Coffee Morning	£1,337.37	This is a restricted fund for the coffee morning group, funded by donations.
Toddler Group	£365.26	A new, restricted fund which is the money transferred from the group's own bank account when the group ceased to operate due to retirements. The money is restricted for use by whatever new enterprise is set-up in future for pre-school children.
Garden	£10	A designated fund of donations for the maintenance of the garden
Budgets set by PCC:		Budget funds allocated from General Fund to be used in 2025 and set annually for Events & Training and Children and Youth

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	95,905.32	2,122.48	—	98,027.80	275,173.94
Income from charitable activities	1,918.75	—	—	1,918.75	2,945.10
Other trading activities	—	13,887.00	—	13,887.00	14,238.50
Investments	27,698.88	7,435.20	446.48	35,580.56	2,142.91
Total income	125,522.95	23,444.68	446.48	149,414.11	294,500.45
Expenditure on:					
Expenditure on charitable activities	101,728.30	9,296.80	—	111,025.10	114,563.74
Other expenditure	8,936.56	23,807.08	—	32,743.64	3,838.00
Total expenditure	110,664.86	33,103.88	—	143,768.74	118,401.74
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	—
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	14,858.09	(9,659.20)	446.48	5,645.37	176,098.71
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	1,696.05	7,116.57	—	8,812.62	—
Gross transfers between funds - out	(8,812.62)	—	—	(8,812.62)	—
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	7,741.52	(2,542.63)	446.48	5,645.37	176,098.71
Total funds brought forward	244,488.17	29,807.12	9,720.06	284,015.35	107,916.64
Total funds carried forward	252,229.69	27,264.49	10,166.54	289,660.72	284,015.35
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	31,611.67	—	—	31,611.67	30,448.08
Designated					
Bible Notes	10.76	—	—	10.76	25.14
Children and Youth	—	—	—	—	—
Church building	10,487.04	—	—	10,487.04	4,795.57
Church reserves	18,818.11	—	—	18,818.11	18,003.35
Events and Training	—	—	—	—	—

Fixed Asset	19,984.00	—	—	19,984.00	19,984.00
Garden	10.00	—	—	10.00	—
Investments held by Leeds Diocese	1,757.11	—	—	1,757.11	1,681.03
Parkin Legacy	169,551.00	—	—	169,551.00	169,551.00
Restricted					
Coffee Morning	—	1,337.37	—	1,337.37	1,325.62
Music Group	—	1,638.08	—	1,638.08	1,751.00
Parents and Toddlers	—	365.26	—	365.26	—
Project (Welcome Garden)	—	5,652.13	—	5,652.13	5,683.57
Trustees of the Parish Hall	—	18,271.65	—	18,271.65	21,046.93
Endowment					
Susan James Fund	—	—	10,166.54	10,166.54	9,720.06

Balance sheet

Class and code	Description	This year	Last year
Fixed assets			
6430	Parish hall and Garages	19,984.00	19,984.00
	Total Fixed assets	19,984.00	19,984.00
Current assets			
6501	Virgin General Account	23,567.75	20,181.13
6502	Virgin Parish Hall Account	11,512.86	14,168.55
6505	Virgin Project Account	25,203.13	25,234.57
6510	CCLA Harrison Account	11,067.80	10,588.60
6511	CCLA General Reserve Account	7,750.31	7,414.75
6512	CCLA Church Maintenance Account	160,487.04	154,795.57
6513	CCLA Parish Hall Reserve Account	7,080.44	6,878.38
6514	CCLA SJ Endowment Account	10,166.54	9,720.06
6515	Investments held by Leeds Diocese	1,757.11	1,681.03
Z05	Accounts Receivable	13,000.00	15,847.75
	Total Current assets	271,592.98	266,510.39
Liabilities			
Z04	Accounts Payable	1,916.26	2,479.04
	Total Liabilities	1,916.26	2,479.04
	Net Asset surplus(deficit)	289,660.72	284,015.35
Reserves			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	5,645.37	—
Z01	Starting balances	284,015.35	107,916.64
	Total Reserves	289,660.72	284,015.35
	Represented by funds		
	Unrestricted	31,611.67	30,448.08
	Designated	220,618.02	214,040.09
	Restricted	27,264.49	29,807.12
	Endowment	10,166.54	9,720.06
	Total	289,660.72	284,015.35

Statement of assets and liabilities

	This year	Last year
Tangible assets		
Parish hall and Garages		
Fixed Asset (Designated) -	19,984.00	19,984.00
	19,984.00	19,984.00
Total for Tangible assets	19,984.00	19,984.00

Cash at bank and in hand		
Virgin General Account		
Bible Notes (Designated) -	10.76	25.14
Coffee Morning (Restricted) -	1,337.37	1,325.62
Garden (Designated) -	10.00	—
Music Group (Restricted) -	1,638.08	1,751.00
Parents and Toddlers (Restricted) -	365.26	—
General fund (Unrestricted) -	20,206.28	17,079.37
	23,567.75	20,181.13
Virgin Parish Hall Account		
Trustees of the Parish Hall (Restricted) -	11,437.86	14,168.55
General fund (Unrestricted) -	75.00	—
	11,512.86	14,168.55
Virgin Project Account		
Parkin Legacy (Designated) -	19,551.00	19,551.00
Project (Welcome Garden) (Restricted) -	5,652.13	5,683.57
	25,203.13	25,234.57
Total for Cash at bank and in hand	60,283.74	59,584.25
Debtors		
Accounts Receivable		
General fund (Unrestricted) -	13,000.00	15,847.75
	13,000.00	15,847.75
Total for Debtors	13,000.00	15,847.75
Investments		
CCLA Harrison Account		
Church reserves (Designated) -	11,067.80	10,588.60
	11,067.80	10,588.60
CCLA General Reserve Account		
Church reserves (Designated) -	7,750.31	7,414.75
	7,750.31	7,414.75
CCLA Church Maintenance Account		
Church building (Designated) -	10,487.04	4,795.57
Parkin Legacy (Designated) -	150,000.00	150,000.00
	160,487.04	154,795.57
CCLA Parish Hall Reserve Account		
Trustees of the Parish Hall (Restricted) -	80.44	6,878.38
General fund (Unrestricted) -	7,000.00	—
	7,080.44	6,878.38
CCLA SJ Endowment Account		
Susan James Fund (Endowment) -	10,166.54	9,720.06
	10,166.54	9,720.06
Investments held by Leeds Diocese		
Investments held by Leeds Diocese (Designated) -	1,757.11	1,681.03
	1,757.11	1,681.03
Total for Investments	198,309.24	191,078.39
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year		
Accounts Payable		
Trustees of the Parish Hall (Restricted) -	(363.22)	—
General fund (Unrestricted) -	(1,553.04)	(2,479.04)
Total for Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	(1,916.26)	(2,479.04)
Grand total	289,660.72	284,015.35

Fund movement by type

		Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Journals	Closing
Bible - Bible Notes								
Designated		25.14	85.00	99.38	—	—	—	10.76
	Sub-total for Bible	25.14	85.00	99.38	—	—	—	10.76
ChildYouth - Children and Youth								
Designated		—	—	1,152.30	1,152.30	—	—	—
	Sub-total for ChildYouth	—	—	1,152.30	1,152.30	—	—	—
ChurchRsv - Church reserves								
Designated		18,003.35	814.76	—	—	—	—	18,818.11
	Sub-total for ChurchRsv	18,003.35	814.76	—	—	—	—	18,818.11
Coffee - Coffee Morning								
Restricted		1,325.62	224.89	213.14	—	—	—	1,337.37
	Sub-total for Coffee	1,325.62	224.89	213.14	—	—	—	1,337.37
Events - Events and Training								
Designated		—	—	543.75	543.75	—	—	—
	Sub-total for Events	—	—	543.75	543.75	—	—	—
FixAsset - Fixed Asset								
Designated		19,984.00	—	—	—	—	—	19,984.00
	Sub-total for FixAsset	19,984.00	—	—	—	—	—	19,984.00
Garden - Garden								
Designated		—	10.00	—	—	—	—	10.00
	Sub-total for Garden	—	10.00	—	—	—	—	10.00
InvestDio - Investments held by Diocese								
Designated		1,681.03	76.08	—	—	—	—	1,757.11
	Sub-total for InvestDio	1,681.03	76.08	—	—	—	—	1,757.11
Maintain - Church building								
Designated		4,795.57	5,691.47	—	—	—	—	10,487.04
	Sub-total for Maintain	4,795.57	5,691.47	—	—	—	—	10,487.04
Music - Music Group								
Restricted		1,751.00	—	112.92	—	—	—	1,638.08
	Sub-total for Music	1,751.00	—	112.92	—	—	—	1,638.08
PHall - Trustees of the Parish Hall								
Restricted		21,046.93	21,937.16	31,829.01	7,116.57	—	—	18,271.65
	Sub-total for PHall	21,046.93	21,937.16	31,829.01	7,116.57	—	—	18,271.65
Parkin - Parkin Legacy								
Designated		169,551.00	—	—	—	—	—	169,551.00
	Sub-total for Parkin	169,551.00	—	—	—	—	—	169,551.00
Project - Project (Welcome Garden)								
Restricted		5,683.57	—	31.44	—	—	—	5,652.13
	Sub-total for Project	5,683.57	—	31.44	—	—	—	5,652.13
SJEndow - Susan James Fund								
Endowment		9,720.06	446.48	—	—	—	—	10,166.54
	Sub-total for SJEndow	9,720.06	446.48	—	—	—	—	10,166.54
Toddlers - Parents and Toddlers								
Restricted		—	1,282.63	917.37	—	—	—	365.26
	Sub-total for Toddlers	—	1,282.63	917.37	—	—	—	365.26
General - General fund								
Unrestricted		30,448.08	118,845.64	108,869.43	(8,812.62)	—	—	31,611.67
	Sub-total for General	30,448.08	118,845.64	108,869.43	(8,812.62)	—	—	31,611.67
	Grand total	284,015.35	149,414.11	143,768.74	—	—	—	289,660.72

Analysis of income and expenditure

					Total	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS						
Donations and legacies						
0101 - Bank Giving	49,654.23	—	—	—	49,654.23	62,285.55
0102 - Parish Giving Scheme	13,761.50	—	—	—	13,761.50	—
0110 - Envelope Giving	3,844.00	—	—	—	3,844.00	5,738.50
0201 - Contactless Giving	5,266.71	—	—	—	5,266.71	5,227.71
0301 - Loose plate collections	2,736.35	—	—	—	2,736.35	7,090.02
0501 - Specific Donations	2,338.43	95.00	2,122.48	—	4,555.91	1,501.20
0601 - Gift Aid claimed	17,709.10	—	—	—	17,709.10	16,179.96
0701 - Legacies	500.00	—	—	—	500.00	177,151.00
Total	95,810.32	95.00	2,122.48	—	98,027.80	275,173.94
Income from charitable activities						
1101 - PCC Fees	1,458.75	—	—	—	1,458.75	2,468.20
1102 - Coffee Morning	—	—	—	—	—	120.00
1103 - Bible Notes	—	—	—	—	—	136.90
1230 - Church Building Hire	460.00	—	—	—	460.00	220.00
Total	1,918.75	—	—	—	1,918.75	2,945.10
Other trading activities						
1240 - Parish Hall Hire	—	—	11,592.00	—	11,592.00	11,858.50
1241 - Parish Hall Garage Rental	—	—	2,295.00	—	2,295.00	2,380.00
Total	—	—	13,887.00	—	13,887.00	14,238.50
Investments						
1020 - Interest on investments	(116.57)	6,582.31	435.20	446.48	7,347.42	2,142.91
1021 - Investments	21,233.14	—	7,000.00	—	28,233.14	—
Total	21,116.57	6,582.31	7,435.20	446.48	35,580.56	2,142.91
INCOME TOTAL	118,845.64	6,677.31	23,444.68	446.48	149,414.11	294,500.45

EXPENDITURE

Expenditure on charitable activities

1801 - Charity Giving	8,644.95	—	120.89	—	8,765.84	7,905.00
1910 - Parish Share	60,000.00	—	—	—	60,000.00	58,000.00
2050 - Wages-administrator	7,426.92	—	—	—	7,426.92	7,515.76
2101 - Clergy Expenses	108.80	—	—	—	108.80	66.05
2201 - Parish training and mission	—	—	—	—	—	2,043.48
2202 - Church Running-Youth work	—	1,470.45	—	—	1,470.45	281.06
2203 - Church running-worship	284.75	225.60	112.92	—	623.27	272.25
2204 - Toddler Group	—	—	917.37	—	917.37	—
2301 - Church Running - insurance	6,738.37	—	—	—	6,738.37	4,746.51
2302 - Church Running - Hospitality	579.16	—	92.25	—	671.41	265.55
2310 - Church Running - internet and phone	758.80	—	—	—	758.80	1,056.01
2311 - Church Running - photocopier	1,164.79	—	—	—	1,164.79	1,101.79
2330 - Church maintenance	160.00	—	—	—	160.00	2,864.60
2331 - Wages-Cleaning	1,999.63	—	—	—	1,999.63	1,881.60
2360 - Church running – Administration	193.51	—	—	—	193.51	1,575.47
2361 - Bible Notes	—	99.38	—	—	99.38	74.71
2362 - Coffee Morning	—	—	—	—	—	145.38
2400 – Garden	—	—	31.44	—	31.44	135.07

2401 - Church Running - electric	6,909.72	—	—	—	6,909.72	8,191.73
2410 - Church Running – gas	4,154.89	—	—	—	4,154.89	5,254.33
2420 - Church Running – water	768.84	—	—	—	768.84	889.46
2530 - Parish Hall running - gas and electric	—	—	2,727.99	—	2,727.99	3,473.32
2550 - Parish Hall running - insurance	—	—	997.10	—	997.10	1,069.89
2560 - Parish Hall running – maintenance	39.74	—	3,835.03	—	3,874.77	5,167.08
2580 - Parish Hall running - water	—	—	461.81	—	461.81	587.64
2601 - Governance costs examination/audit fee	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	99,932.87	1,795.43	9,296.80	—	111,025.10	114,563.74

Other expenditure

1024 – Investments	7,000.00	—	14,233.14	—	21,233.14	—
1025 - Parish Hall Investments	—	—	7,000.00	—	7,000.00	—
2051 - Wages – HMRC Sdds	735.94	—	—	—	735.94	365.36
2332 - Parish hall Cleaning Wages	—	—	2,573.94	—	2,573.94	2,443.98
2430 - Church running-health and safety	1,200.62	—	—	—	1,200.62	1,028.66
Total	8,936.56	—	23,807.08	—	32,743.64	3,838.00
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	108,869.43	1,795.43	33,103.88	—	143,768.74	118,401.74
GRAND TOTAL	9,976.21	4,881.88	(9,659.20)	446.48	5,645.37	176,098.71

• Conclusion

The PCC has set a provisional budget for 2026. This looks like we will again be a few thousand pounds short and therefore running a negative budget. Although we do have investments, we try to budget from our planned giving and other income. This then leaves the other monies for bigger projects like church maintenance. We have repairs to the roof being arranged, and there are other areas that also need attention. Our parishioners are generous in their giving, but costs continue to rise, and we don't have many more savings we can make to minimize our outgoings. Therefore, we really do need to consider our personal giving, as well as considering new ways of bringing income into the church. The PCC continues to grapple with this and would welcome any ideas parishioners may have.

This report dated: 1st March 2026

By Diane Williams, treasurer on behalf of the PCC

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As the members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirements of The Regulations and S.43 (2) of The Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the term of The Regulations.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under S.43 (7) (b) of The Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of The Act; and to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the requirements of the Act, and the Regulations, have not been met

or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn, in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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March 2026

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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH
OF ALL SAINTS' HALIFAX

Charity registration number: 1130479

Aims and Purposes

All Saints' Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of working with the priest-in-charge, the Reverend Jennifer Middleton, in promoting the whole mission of this Church of England in the Parish of Skircoat Green, Salterhebble and Copley. This Christian mission is pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical in serving the Parish community.

There is a linked community Parish Hall run by trustees.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of the parish community.

We are committed to developing strong ties with All Saints' C. of E. Primary School and also fostering good relations with the primary and schools in Copley and Salterhebble.

We try to enable people in our local community to live out their faith as part of our parish community through: worship and prayer, learning about the Gospel and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus. By providing pastoral support and care and in missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church of All Saints' and the Parish Hall.

Achievements and Performance

Throughout 2024 we held two services on a Sunday: 9am Holy Communion and 10.30am Service (which alternated between Morning

Worship, All-age and Holy Communion style services). The crèche facility was available every week, with a church volunteer running 'See and Know' ministry when there wasn't an all-age service.

The Kids' Church ran two groups on Sundays during term-time, one aimed at primary-aged children and one at secondary.

Youth Group held meetings fortnightly during term-time on a Sunday evening.

As well as our regular services, we held a leavers service for All Saints' Year 6 in July; a Blessing of the School Bags service at the beginning of the new school year in September, nativity services for the local schools in December; a Carol Concert for Ravenscliffe School, a Christingle and Carol Services for All Saints' School and a Lantern Parade for the community. There was also a Pancake Café on Shrove Tuesday and Easter Holy Week activity session on Good Friday. All Saints' school regularly use the church for performances, assemblies and other events. Rev. Jennifer regularly has classes visits from the local schools as part of their RS curriculum, looking at places of worship.

There were 4 baptisms (2 adult) and one thanksgiving for the birth of a child service held in the church this year, 3 weddings, 6 funerals and two interment of ashes.

An Alpha course was run this year, in the church lounge.

Training was undertaken with the charity Growing Hope in order for us to be able to run Siblings Courses for siblings of children with additional needs in 2025. We ran a successful first course in January for KS1 age children and are about to run a second for KS2 Age children.

Welcome to our Report Book for 2024-25

It gives you a snapshot of some of the activities that the church has been involved over the last 12 months. It won't contain everything, the work of the Spirit is always so much bigger than we can contain.

If you have a question you might want to start by asking the report writer, please ask if you're not sure how to get in contact with them.

Please use this booklet to reflect on all that has been and pray for all that is to come.



Children's Sunday Morning Groups

Crèche

Our crèche with 'See & Know' ministry has enjoyed 3 regular children with occasional visitors. Our theme last term was Old Testament stories and this term we have looked at Creation and God's beautiful world. We reinforce our teaching with singing and a craft activity. Children can be left in the crèche to allow parents to stay in the service, if they are happy and settled, on condition that there are two adults present.

Wilma MacGregor & Sheila Batty

Sunday Children's groups

The younger children's group has had another positive year. This group is aimed at primary school children and we have a good range of ages from 4 to 11 years old. We have approximately 13 children who attend, with weekly numbers still ranging between 3-10. The children continue to be a real blessing, actively engaging in group discussions and activities.

The group is currently led by Sammy Mullen and Caroline Pemberton, with much appreciated support provided by Margaret, Roy, Pauline, Natasha and John.

We continued with the Old Testament characters up until Christmas using the Energize resources provided by Urban Saints.

Since Christmas we have been trialling using Bible Explore resources provided by the New Zealand Anglican Church which follows the Lectionary.



The older children's group is aimed at secondary age children – and has 5 children who attend, although it unusual to have them all on the same day! This group is led by Judith Brandon and Sarah Frank.

Over the last year we have been following Jesus's life.

The older children are always particularly keen to get involved in 'hands on' activities – if anyone has any ideas or suggestions for things that they could bless the congregation with do let us know. Please do continue to pray for the children work in the church; in particular that we would be able to recruit more leaders to ensure the current team can regularly attend the main church service. If you would like to find out more about what the role would entail, please do speak to one of the leaders or to Jen.

Caroline Pemberton and Sarah Frank

Youth Group

The youth group meet fortnightly on a Sunday evening during term time, with 5 to 10 kids aged 11-17 attending each time. Each meeting includes a time to share food, play games and learn more about the Christian faith.

In the past year we have had a talk from the Bishop, made a Christmas display for the welcome garden and learnt about spiritual gifts.



Thank you to everyone who has been praying for the group. Please pray for guidance for the leaders, and for the kids that they will grow in faith. Please especially keep in your prayers those who will be doing exams next term and those who will be moving on this year.

Judith Brandon

Parent & Toddler Group

We hold two sessions on Tuesdays during term time at the Parish Hall, Godfrey Road.

Session 1: 9.30 – 11.15am

Session 2: 12.45 – 2.30pm

Suitable for children from birth – 4years

Children must be accompanied by a parent, Grandparent or carer.

Cost is £2 per family

We provide a safe and stimulating environment for babies and carers to play and socialise. We have lots of toys

to play with, a craft at the messy table and group singing before a hot drink for adults and a cold drink for children and biscuits.

The morning session is busiest with around 25 children and the afternoon session is quieter with around 10 children.



Wilma MacGregor and Paula Straw

Open the Book

Our Open the Book team has been in action for over 6 years now delivering fortnightly worship sessions to the children at All Saints' CE Primary School. In July, two of our original team members retired. We thank Jackie Henderson and Irene Briggs for their service and commitment over the years. We also said a sad goodbye to our storytelling friend Peter Thurman. Along with Jackie and Irene, he was instrumental in setting up the team to plan, prepare and present Bible Stories to the children.

We were very pleased to welcome Paula Straw as a new team member this year.

Another change is that all storytellers need to join the Open the Book Membership scheme and this needs to be renewed annually. We then get issued with the new Storytelling Bible and Handbook. We have worked hard to get to grips with the new publication, often finding creative ways to keeping the story alive and to be engaging to the children. We continue to follow the biblical year in chronological order finishing the academic year with stories about Jesus' healing. In September, we began the Old Testament again, with the story of Creation this time stressing the three key relationships God established with us, with other people and with the world. Of course, one of the most popular stories has been Rebellion with Adam and Eve.

Our thanks go to Roy for creating some super props to enhance our story telling for example a Noah's Ark or the door to the temple in Jerusalem. Look out for him carrying it back and forth down the church path! Most of all, we thank our lovely team of storytellers that continue to support this very worthwhile scheme of presenting important Bible stories in a lively and imaginative way. They look forward to our visits.

Yolande Shire



All Saints School

Reverend Jen plays an invaluable role in supporting our school community, offering both spiritual and practical guidance that positively impacts pupils, staff, and families. As Chair of Governors, she provides strong leadership and ensures that the school's Christian values are upheld in every decision. Reverend Jen is actively involved in school trips, accompanying pupils and enriching their experiences with faith-based reflections. She has been essential in supporting the school's development in relation to the SIAMS framework, helping maintain high standards in spiritual life and the school's Christian ethos. Her work in developing the Spirituality Policy ensures that faith is woven into every aspect of school life. Beyond her work with pupils, Reverend Jen offers wellbeing support to staff, providing a safe space for them to share concerns and find encouragement. She also supports the Headteacher's wellbeing, offering guidance and spiritual support in a leadership role. Reverend Jen's warmth shines through during special moments, such as the blessing of new reception children's book bags and her welcoming of new families with parent wellbeing packs. Her collaboration with the school community fosters an environment where faith, learning, and love thrive, making her a cornerstone of our school family.

At our school, we truly feel that the church has an open-door policy, welcoming everyone with warmth and openness. The church space is always available to our community, providing a safe and inviting environment where we can gather, reflect, and grow together. Whether it's for worship, special events, or simply as a place of solace, the church offers its doors to all, ensuring that everyone feels included and valued.

Our weekly celebration assemblies are a highlight of the school's calendar, and we are incredibly grateful for the support of the church and its congregation. Members of the church community are always there, welcoming parents and offering them a warm drink. This support strengthens the bond between our school and the church,

reinforcing the importance of community.

Additionally, our Junior Leadership Team is warmly welcomed to the weekly coffee mornings, where they have the opportunity to connect with members of the church community. These mornings allow our young leaders to share their thoughts, ideas, and experiences, while also fostering a greater sense of belonging and collaboration between the school and church. The openness of the church and the generosity of the community create a space where everyone is encouraged to participate, reflect, and grow together.

We value the church's unwavering support, guidance, and sense of community, as it plays an essential role in nurturing our school's spiritual life and helping us grow together within our community.

Lauren Watson



Growing Hope – Siblings Group

Growing Hope is a charity providing free therapy for children with additional needs and support for their families. It does this in collaboration with local churches across the UK.

Although Growing Hope is a Christian charity the course has no faith basis and is open to all children regardless of their background or beliefs. After attending training to run the Siblings Group at the charity's headquarters last year, we launched the first course here at All Saints Church in January 2025.

The Siblings Group aims to enable brothers and sisters of children with additional needs to share their experiences and feelings about being a sibling and connect with children in similar circumstances.

The sessions included activities such as using puppets, painting, writing and drawing. We also teach the children simple relaxation strategies to use if they feel stressed or anxious.

We have both really enjoyed running this first course and learnt a lot along the way. Children are great teachers!

Our first course was for children in key stage one, and we are looking to run another in the coming year aimed at children at key stage two.



A big thankyou must go to Jackie and Margaret who gave such a warm welcome to parents who stayed in the church lounge after the children had left them. The parents were served refreshments and given the opportunity to chat together and enjoy a much-needed break.

Jane Appleyard and Dianne Bates

Mothers' Union

Mothers' Union is a Christian Charity with over 4 million members, both men and women, reaching out to 84 countries. Our Branch at All Saints' is just one tiny part (28 members at present) of this world wide organisation, but we are very proud of the contribution we make towards helping families, here and abroad, to build better, safer and self-sustaining lives, whether it's through money we have raised, which amounted to £700 in 2024, or much needed items collected which included toiletries for patients in our local hospital, candles to be sent to soldiers in The Ukraine, items given to Women's Refuges, baby items sent to the New Hall Women's Prison and help for Overseas Projects. As we continue each year to help the Mothers' Union we meet as a group in the Church Lounge each month and enjoy speakers or social events together. 2024 was a really diverse and entertaining year, starting with a particularly interesting meeting in February, when representatives from The Yorkshire Air Ambulance Service entertained us with information, stories and pictures. May found us enjoying a bus tour around historical Halifax organised by Halifax Heritage. We were joined by several interested friends and we shared coffee and cakes in the Church Lounge afterwards. It was the sort of day anyone and everyone could enjoy.

A particularly special event was held during the 10.30 Church Service in April to acknowledge our Long Serving members. Our MU Area President presented certificates to ladies with membership ranging from 25 to 55 years. A large congregation were present to learn more about the Mothers' Union and were later treated to home-made buns.



Our year was filled with interesting speakers, visits, social events, and Afternoon Tea - why wouldn't you want to be part of our Branch? You can join in with us at any time, you don't have to be an MU member and of course, gentlemen are just as welcome as ladies - I know the name is confusing !! We have a busy 2025 planned, so as leader of All Saints' MU I extend a warm welcome to anyone who would like to join us for just one meeting or lots of meetings.



Margaret Cowie

Walking Group

In 2024 we had 4 walks led by different people. There was an average of 8-10 people and dogs.

On February 18th the walk started at Stoney Royd Cemetery, Whitegate Road entrance. We went up cobbled lane to fields above Siddal, coming down Rosemary Lane to Siddal Top Lane, down Phoebe Lane and back to cars. It took about an hour and a half and some of us then stopped off at a pub on the way back to warm up as the weather was bright but cold.



On March 24th we started at Mytholmroyd train station car park at 1.30pm and did a gentle 5 mile walk, suitable for all, along the valley bottom to just beyond Luddenden Foot then back along the canal towpath to Mytholmroyd. We were very lucky with the weather again and had beautiful views. A few people stayed for a drink in a local pub afterward, and a couple even had their evening meal there too!

On June 23rd at 2pm we did an easy 4 mile walk around Lightcliffe and Norwood Green, through two woods and across fields.

On August 25th we met at Coley Church at 1.30pm. We walked into Priestley Green, up to Lightcliffe and then Hipperholme and back to Coley - a circular walk which took a couple of hours. Again we were lucky with the weather which was cloudy but dry.

There was a break for the next few months as people were very busy and walks couldn't be arranged, but we came back with a strong showing of 11 people and 5 dogs on March 9th 2025 walking from Luddenden Foot to Mytholmroyd, stopping for refreshment and loos at a pub (sitting in the beer garden in the sun even!) and then walking back along the canal.

It is a lovely activity where everyone can socialise with each other whilst getting some fresh air, beautiful Yorkshire views and a bit of exercise. Keep a look-out in the notice sheet for where we will get to next!

Diane Williams

Eco Group

In 2024 a team was put together to maintain the church building. All the members of the Eco Group Team were part of this group so it was decided, as much of the building work focussed on environmental issues, to combine the two groups.

As a church we continue to use the A Rocha UK award scheme to work towards our Gold Award.

Some aspects of eco-church are now embedded in our community. These include praying regularly in church intercessions for climate change and environmental matters; lifestyle tips and advice on caring for the environment included in the weekly newsletter and on the website.

A Repair Café was set up in January in All Saints Church Hall where people can bring items to be repaired instead of throwing them away and buying new. This is run by members of several local churches, including a regular team from All Saints.

In August some of the local community came together to build a bug hotel behind church.

In September, an organisation called Pennine Cropshare placed one of their sheds in the church grounds. Bags of organic, locally sourced vegetables can be ordered and collected there by people in the local community.

At the beginning of each year since we started our eco-church journey, we have been encouraging members of our congregation to complete a Household Lifestyle Audit on the Creation Care website looking at ways they can become more environmentally aware. This has had limited response in the past so at the turn of the year a further option of completing a paper copy of a similar survey was offered. Feedback from Creation Care showed five households had been involved but a further fifteen had taken the paper survey. This increased awareness will surely have an impact and further the change we are committed to making as a church.

Options for making the church building more environmentally sound have been considered during the past year. A meeting with the church architect to discuss options helped rule out certain ideas but to move forward it was agreed to arrange an energy audit of the whole building. This has been agreed at PCC but has not yet taken place.

Replacing the current lighting in the main body of the church with an LED system to save energy has been explored. Meetings have taken place with two electrical companies. They have each created designs and given quotes for completing the work but repairs to the church roof have had to be prioritised in the meantime, so unfortunately the lighting scheme has had to be postponed.

In October 2024 I attended an eco-church conference in Bradford organised by the diocese. Jen and I went to a talk in November giving teams who are looking to achieve the Gold Award advice and ideas. A Rocha UK have recently launched a new survey.

'This updated survey reflects the urgency and complexity of the climate and biodiversity crises, and is designed to match the scale of action needed.'

These meetings and the renewed survey provide endless ideas for ways we can move forward. If you have an interest in the environment and would like to contribute to the work we are doing please speak to me or Jen.

And PRAY ... continue to pray for environmental issues in our locality and the wider world but please pray for the work we are doing here at All Saints, that there will be an increased awareness in our congregation and that we can move forward and make a difference protecting God's Creation.

Dianne Bates



Repair Café

Skircoat Repair Café is an independent group – run by people of any faith or none and is linked to the worldwide charity Repair Café international. However, is very much supported by the congregations both at All Saints' and other churches across our Churches Together group.



It's great to work together with people from across the area with a shared aim to reduce waste, develop community and support people who may be affected by the cost-of-living crisis.

There are 3 main groups of volunteers at our repair café –front of house, café team, and of course fixers.

The front of house team are involved in the general running of the day – each item that is brought into the café has a form which must be filled in – partly for our records, and partly to ensure that the people who attend know that we are all volunteers – there is a clear statement that we are not running a professional service. Not everything can be fixed – and some items are broken while attempting a fix. The front of house team matches up attendees with fixers and aim to do this in an orderly manner.

While attendees wait for the appropriate fixer to become available, they can grab a drink and a snack from the pop-up café. This adds a real sense of community to the event – people are very welcome to drop in even if they don't have anything to fix, just to have a piece of cake and a cuppa.

Sarah Frank

Welcome Garden APCM Report -2025

Our dedicated and enthusiastic Garden Team, with one new member this last year, have continued to garden on a weekly basis from March to December.

We have continued to do battle with the weeds, prune shrubs and introduce a few new plants and we have discovered an ingenious way to get rid of the moss on the paths in an eco friendly way. We continue the work to improve the grassy areas mindful that we are not trying to make a perfect lawn but we would like to maintain an attractive space for people to sit, children to run around and outdoor groups to meet.

We have adapted the homemade bird feeders to encourage songbirds and provided a metal mesh sheet over the pond in the graveyard to protect small animals that live in the pond from predators and for health and safety reasons.

Spring life is returning to the garden.

Paul Gunningham



Deanery Synod

There were three Deanery Synod meetings in 2024.

The first session took place on 24/04/24 at St John's Warley. Each church was asked to create a display to showcase two things they did well as a church. Synod members then had a chance to rotate and find out more about what is happening elsewhere in the deanery. A whole group discussion then took place to identify strengths in our deanery and areas of possible improvement. Archdeacon Bill Braviner and Revd Helen Collings from Leeds Diocesan Lay Training Department attended.

The second session took place on 18/06/24 at St Thomas Heptonstall. Archdeacon Bill Braviner and Revd Helen Collings from Leeds Diocesan Lay Training Department attended again to lead a second session looking at identifying deanery strengths and what support we would like to continue to develop other areas.

The last session took place on 04/11/24 at St Jude's. Revd Helen Collings returned to report back on the signposting of resources available which might be of use to the deanery. The Area Dean discussed trying to build a deanery brand and the benefits of having a strong identity and the possibility of working together, particularly at events such as the Charity Gala, Halifax Show, Calderdale Pride. Rev Jen gave a presentation on Eco-Church awards. An update was provided on the Trinity Academy church plant.

This year the three deanery synod representatives have been Diane Williams, Margaret Greaves and Caroline Pemberton.



Building Fabric Report 2024

During the previous 12 months work has been carried out in response to actions required in the Quinquennial Report, ongoing repairs have been completed and annual checks and maintenance have taken place.

Several works were carried out, responding to actions deemed essential on the latest Quinquennial Report. New timer fans were installed in each of the toilets and extra sockets were installed in the main office. Gravestones that had been labelled unsafe by the Calderdale Bereavement Services were laid down and the bell tower gulley was cleaned out.

Repairs were necessary in several areas; a fill and flush valve was replaced in one of the toilets; a leak on the lounge boiler was resealed but further problems have required parts to be replaced more recently; the wireless temperature control unit for the heating system was replaced and protection glass from one of the windows had to be replaced due to a breakage.

Routine maintenance included the annual Lightning Protection System Test and Inspection in September; the bi-annual fire alarm and the Annual Fire Extinguisher maintenance. The gutters were cleared in November.

The buildings team have been working on two major projects this year; the church roof and replacing the lighting in the main body of the church.

Lighting designs, and quotes for the completion of the work, have been acquired from two companies. Unfortunately, this project had to be put on hold as work on the roof was considered a higher priority and the team have been pursuing this for a number of months.

Work needs to be carried out to repair part of the creche roof and to repair the flat roof above the storeroom at the back of church and the back door lobby. The PCC have agreed that this work can go ahead along with a patch repair to the south aisle roof. A faculty has been sought to complete this work but negotiations are still ongoing with the church architect and the Diocesan Advisory Committee.

Quotes have also been sought to replace the south aisle roof (another recommendation in the quinquennial) but it was decided to put this on hold until an energy audit had been completed so any recommendations from the audit could be incorporated into the roofing project if necessary.

Most of the work completed during this past year has been of a minor nature, however, the preparation and ongoing discussions about the lighting and roof works should mean these major projects can begin in the next few months.

Dianne Bates





Parish Hall

The Parish Hall is held in Trust and is managed by eight Trustees who meet on a quarterly basis. We are well supported by Sue Blackwell who does much of the day to day management and minor maintenance in the Hall and Diane who is our Treasurer. Over the last 12 months we have gained a new regular hirer, a musical activity class for very young children, that meet on Thursday mornings. Also the Skircoat Green Repair Café was launched in January 2024. It meets every 2 months on a Saturday afternoon. Some come in to get something repaired and some come in for refreshments and a chat. The Hall continues to be used for a wide range of activities, particularly during term time, which provides life enhancing benefits to a large number of people in the community. We also hire the Hall for parties and meetings at weekends and during the holidays.

We continue to make improvements to the Hall and are looking to add to our number of Trustees over the next year. Please get in touch with me if you are interested, it's good fun and not too onerous.

Paul Gunningham

Music Group

The Music Group continues to meet in various combinations to provide songs appropriate to the service themes including late 20 century “classics” and 21st century standards, while introducing new songs to the repertoire regularly.

There are currently 11 active members of the Group which includes three Leaders, who choose the songs, organise the practice and take charge in services; six instrumentalists and five specific vocalists.

Our aim is to lead the music in such a way that congregations can worship God in song in an uplifting way.

Ian Byfield

Coffee Morning

Thursday coffee morning has continued to run weekly throughout 2024 with short breaks for Christmas, Easter and summer. It is run by myself and Roy Croft. Our aim is to provide a warm and friendly welcome to everyone who attends. Our average weekly attendance is around 16 people from both the church and the wider local community joining us , for hot drinks , toast and biscuits.



During 2024 we held several special events.

During Christian Aid week in May we held a coffee and cake event

In September we celebrated Fairtrade week, Diane Williams prepared a display, gave a short talk and provided a selection of Fairtrade goods for people to sample. The event raised £52 for the Fairtrade foundation.

We recently welcomed the head teacher (Mrs Watson) and some year 6 pupils from All Saints school. Our members enjoyed chatting with them and sampling the lovely cakes they brought with them! .

We also celebrate Easter, Harvest, Christmas and birthdays . We continue to run on a nominal voluntary donation.

During 2024 we have been able to make charitable donations to Christian Aid and Fairtrade. We have also made donations to the church account.

Pauline Stead

Ladies Who Paint

The group, now in its 15th year, continues to thrive. We have 18 ladies who attend regularly, or now and again, and they are all enthusiastic. We have a good mix of those who are church members and those who aren't, some of whom have found out about it via the website!

Watercolour has been our primary focus this year with a session on pencil crayon. We've produced paintings including sea/land abstract pieces, landscapes. Celtic lettering, kitten/fox head, Japanese cherry blossom, calligraphy, puffin, feathers and a quirky harbour in line and wash. Coming up in 2025 there will be a workshop, lead by Anne Allen on Chinese brush painting.

A highlight of 2024 was an exhibition of our work, in the church lounge, over three weekends. Many pictures were sold and 1/3 donated to church funds.

continue to enjoy leading this group, even when it gets difficult to find subjects we haven't covered over the years! I am grateful that we still have ladies attending who have done so right from the beginning!

Sue Blackwell

Quilting

The group now consists of 20 members, we have regular members who attend monthly and they account for about 16 each month. We have been doing many projects, such as, making small purses, table runner, fabric tubs, knitting, embroidery, appliqué and much more.

We welcomed 3 new comers to the group and they are enjoying it. The group members are extremely supportive and caring as well as being helpful to new members.

We offer refreshments throughout the day and generally sit together for lunch. The team offer pastoral support to those who feel they need someone to talk to privately.

It is a very cohesive group. We all appreciate the venue as it's close to where the majority of members live.

Rosslyn Gowers



Alpha

The Alpha course commenced in January 2025 with 3 delegates enrolled, plus a further 4 email enquires from individuals who were invited but did not attend.

A further delegate joined at week 3 as the partner of those who commenced initially.

The Alpha team (John and Christine Bouckley and David and Wilma MacGregor) have been supported in the facilitation of the meals by Roy Croft and Paula Straw, and with a prayer support team of Alethea Earnshaw and Christine Henderson.

This season we have met in the church lounge each week and provided a simple meal before watching the videos and engaging in group conversations. We have started to pray at each session from week 4, and the Holy Spirit session is to be held in church on Saturday 8th March.

One of the delegates is regularly attending worship at All Saints, and the others are peripherally connected to the church having moved into the Parish. All delegates seem to be engaging with the course materials and topics, and gaining confidence in discussing their questions and thoughts and experiences around their faith.

Christine Bouckley



Appleyard Small Group

Our group meets fortnightly in the church lounge. We're a mixed bunch of folk, some who are newer to their Christian faith and others who are further along their journey.

We decide as a group what we'd like to focus on for a few weeks' 'study'. It's a very informal group where everyone is welcome to contribute to the discussion as we listen to each other's opinions and share our thoughts.

We look at various stories, books and people in the Bible using different resources to help us dig a bit deeper.

Perhaps as important as the Bible study is the support we give each other as we do life with all its battles and blessings.

Jane and Keith Appleyard

Bouckley Small group

The group which usually meets alternate weeks in our home has been suspended to facilitate the Alpha course, with key homegroup members actively attending each week to share a meal, join the discussions, and support the catering needs for the course. This has helped to deepen their involvement within church and mission, and drawn us together as a group.

In order to maintain contact with our wider more peripheral members, we have regular WhatsApp chat and had a meal out in February as a social event, and aim to re-start a more usual pattern of meetings after Easter.

The Group is small, and whilst open to all, seeks especially to welcome those exploring faith, or who are new to church.

John and Christine Bouckley

MacGregor Small group

Our small group has 12 adult and 3 teenage members, with children of members who join in for periodic social events, giving us an age range from 8 to over 80, although we are rarely all able to attend a meeting. We meet every Monday evening, with one or more of the teenagers coming about 2 in every 3 weeks, depending on homework and exam commitments. As a group we continue to take turns in leading, be that leading Bible studies, choosing worship songs, or bringing cake (an important part of our meetings). We each play to our strengths, and no one is ever pressurised into leading. The aims of our group are to meet with God, to help each other grow in faith, to bear one another's burdens, and to learn to walk more closely with Jesus in our daily lives. The picture below is one of my favourite illustrations of one of these aims.

During the last year we have gone through the "Practicing the Way Course" particularly with the aim of answering one of our teenagers question's, "How do I live as a Christian day by day?" We are also getting to the end of a series looking at the life of Abraham, and we are about to embark on a series of studies looking at the Sermon on the Mount.

Finally, I would say that we are always open to gaining new members, so if you are on the lookout for a housegroup, feel free to give us a go.

David and Wilma MacGregor



Whitaker Small Group

Our small group currently has 6 members, the numbers have reduced over the years due to members going to be with the Lord and others unable to attend due to age related problems. We meet every Wednesday evening for a couple of hours. This happens at the residence of Audrey and Brian Roberts for three weeks of the month and at Joan Nuttall's during the fourth week.

We sing songs, have a prayer time and also a Bible study. The Bible study is based on either one of the books of the Bible or we use a theme study. Together we learn to understand God's word together and in a way that helps us live our lives for the Kingdom of God. We support each other in dealing with the various problems that we face and therefore continue to grow in faith as a group. We do meet out for a meal every now and then.

We would be very happy to welcome anyone who would like to join the group.

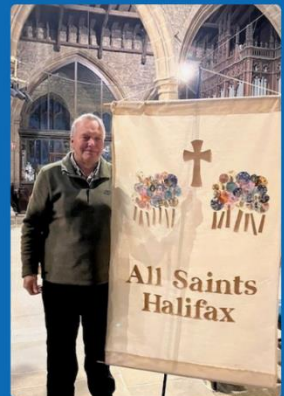
Brian Roberts.

Safeguarding

The PCC has complied with the duty to have due regard to the House of Bishops safeguarding policy and practice guidance.

the Safeguarding team continue to review and test our procedures and aim to grow our church awareness and culture around safeguarding.

We keep confidential notes of any concerns and share with the Diocesan team where there are safeguarding concerns to escalate.



There are clear links between the Diocese team and the local team at All Saints and known offenders are highlighted to us if it is deemed they may be likely to attend our services.

Whilst we hold to the principle that all are welcome to worship, there are processes in place to maintain the safety of our vulnerable members (of any age) should these situations arise.

Our local progress in safeguarding policy is mapped within a parish safeguarding dashboard which is shared with the Diocesan safeguarding team, and includes elements such as the scope of our remit of responsibility, safer recruiting of volunteers, and a register of appropriate training.

We aim to ensure there are clear personal boundaries of behaviour to ensure we maintain a transparent and open culture where safeguarding of all is ensured. This means that we are all personally responsible and accountable for our own actions or omissions. We are all “eyes and ears” and are reminded to consider raising any concerns to the Safeguarding officer, team member or leader. To improve the visibility of the safeguarding team there is a new poster in the lounge with information, and the “designated person” will wear a lanyard at the morning service.

We are investigating a new resource for our younger members called “Find your Roar” which we hope will be suitable for use within the Sunday clubs and embolden our children to speak out if they have any concerns.

Following a disclosure, the PSO or deputy will liaise with the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor to ensure a co-ordinated support is facilitated and appropriate support is offered.

Statutory services may also be included such as the police or social services.

Information leaflets for victims and survivors of abuse is available with regard to independent support available (Safe Spaces).

Christine Bouckley

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End of Year Financial Statements

Year ending 2024

Introduction:

We have had a better year financially, although are still running a negative budget due to rising costs. The PCC made a number of cuts last year which have helped to balance the books. These included cutting admin and cleaning hours, adjusting our heating usage and cutting our charity giving slightly from 10% to 8%.

We received a legacy from the estate of Mary Parkin for which we were extremely grateful, and this has been invested at present whilst the PCC consider the best of use of this money.

Fund Analysis and Description, Balances at Year End:

General Fund	£20,181.13	The general bank account, balance of funds end year.
Church Maintenance Fund	£4,795.57	A reserve fund where PCC Policy is to endeavour to maintain a balance of £5,000 in the fund. £980 was used from this fund for roof repairs this year.
	£150,000	In addition we invested most of the Parkin Legacy in this account
General Reserve Fund	£7,414.75	PCC Policy is to endeavour to maintain £5,000 in this fund.
Harrison Bequest	£10,588.60	This fund is designated for use within the Copley Area
Susan James Memorial Fund	£9,720.06	An endowment fund. The balance in excess of £10,000 may be used for Christian Education purposes. The balance may be drawn down to £9,000 if necessary. Some was used this year for training for the Growing hope Sibling Course.

Parish Hall Reserve Fund	£6,878.38	A designated fund, intended only to be utilized when it is considered that day-to-day running expenses of the Parish Hall cannot be met from their general funds. Policy is to maintain a balance of £5,000.
Virgin Garden Project	£5,683.57	A Restricted Project fund, at present used for the Welcome Garden Project.
Virgin Parish Hall	£14,168.55	A Restricted fund for the Purpose of maintaining the fabric of the building and the day-to-day running of the Parish Hall. This fund is administered by the Trustees of the Hall and not available for Church use.
Music and Worship Fund	£1,751.61	A Restricted fund for purchases for music and worship
Coffee Morning	£1,325.62	This is a restricted fund for the coffee morning group, funded by donations.

Last year we reported a unresolved amount of £33,410.47 which was due to a software issue. The independent examiner has found that the fund amounts were incorrectly added by the software, probably due to trying to re-designate them and alter the funds to reflect current usage. The correct amounts have now been put in as our starting balances and this covers the unresolved amount.

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024	Prior Year Total Funds
Incoming resources						
Voluntary Income	81,508.98		14,238.50		95,747.48	75,985.80
Investment Income		1,610.50		532.41	2,142.91	906.29
Other incoming resources	18,868.16	177,151.00	590.90		196,610.06	19,917.65
Total Income	100,377.14	178,761.50	14,829.40	532.41	£294,500.45	£96,809.74
Resources Used						
Charitable Activities	65,905.00	2,324.54	257.14	843.00	£69,329.68	9,033.00
Running Costs	36,039.55		13,032.51		£49,072.06	74,196.30
Other					£0.00	25,479.01
Total expenditure	101,944.55	2,324.54	13,289.65	843.00	£118,401.74	£108,708.31
Net income/(expenditure) resources before transfer	1,567.41	176,436.96	1,539.75	310.59	£176,098.71	£11,898.57
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds -in	3567.07					
Gross transfers between funds -out		6335.07	2768			
Net movement in funds	1999.66	170101.8	4307.75	-310.59	£176,098.71	

Balance Sheet

	This Year 2024	Prior Year 2023
Fixed Assets		
Parish Hall	19,984.00	19,984.00
Total Fixed Assets	19,984.00	
Current Assets		
401 Virgin General	20,181.13	17,550.95
402 Virgin Project (designated)		
-garden	5,683.57	5,818.64
-Parkin legacy	19,551.00	0.00
403 Virgin Parish Hall (restricted)	14,168.55	12,962.56
404 CCLA Harrison (designated)	10,588.60	10,054.91
405 CCLA General Reserve (designated)	7,414.75	7,041.03
406 CCLA Church Maintenance (designated)	4,795.57	4,553.86
Parkin legacy (designated)	150,000.00	0.00
407 CCLA Parish Hall Reserve (designated)	6,878.38	6,531.69
408 CCLA Susan James (Endowment)	9,720.06	10,030.65
409 Investments held with Diocese (designated)	1,681.03	1,566.34
Z05 Accounts Receivable	15,847.75	15,707.06
Total Current Assets	£266,510.39	£91,817.69

Liabilities

Z04 Accounts Payable	2,479.04	3,885.05
Total Liabilities	£2,479.04	£3,885.05
Net Asset Surplus (deficit)	£284,015.35	£107,916.64

Reserves

Excess/deficit to date	176,098.71	11,147.88
Z01 Starting Balances	107,916.64	119,064.52
Total reserves	284,015.35	107,916.64

Represented by Funds

Unrestricted	31,372.62	29,372.96
Designated	205,668.36	35,566.47
Restricted	37,254.31	32,946.56
Endowment	9,720.06	10,030.65
Total	£284,015.35	107,916.64

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Fixed Assets- Parish Hall			19,984.00		19,984.00	19,984.00
Current Assets - cash at bank and in hand						
Virgin Money General	18,003.91	-924.54	3,101.76		20,181.13	17,550.95
Virgin Money Project legacy		19,551.00			19,551.00	0.00
Virgin Money Project garden		5,683.57			5,683.57	5,818.64
Virgin Money Parish Hall			14,168.55		14,168.55	12,962.56
Totals					59,584.25	36,332.15
Current assets - debtors						
accounts receivable	15,847.75					
Totals					15,847.75	15,707.06
Current assets - investments						
CCLA Church Maintenance		4,795.57			4,795.57	4,553.86
CCLA Church Maintenance Legacy		150,000.00			150,000.00	0.00
CCLA General reserve Fund		7,414.75			7,414.75	7,041.03
CCLA Harrison bequest		10,588.60			10,588.60	10,054.91
CCLA Parish Hall reserve fund		6,878.38			6,878.38	6,531.69
CCLA Susan James Endowment				9,720.06	9,720.06	10,030.65
Diocesan Investments		1,681.03			1,681.03	1,566.34
Totals					191,078.39	39,778.48
Liabilities - Creditors: amounts falling due in one year						
accounts payable	-2479.04				2,479.04	3,885.05
Totals	31,372.62	205,668.36	37,254.31	9,720.06	284,015.35	107,916.64

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of All Saints' Church, Halifax

This report on the accounts of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) for the year ended 31st December 2024, which are set out in the Annual Report, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('The Regulations') and S.43 of the Charities Act 1993 ('The Act').

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirements of The Regulations and S.43 (2) of The Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the term of The Regulations.

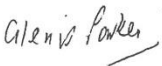
Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under S.43 (7) (b) of The Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of The Act; and to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the requirements of the Act, and the Regulations, have not been met
- or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn, in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Mrs Glenis Parker

16 Heath Avenue, Halifax

March 2025

2025 Provisional Budget

'working' income, does not include investments accounts

Income	2024 proposed	2024 Actual	2025 proposed	Notes
Giving	£75,000	£80,342 £1,167 (specific donations from groups etc)	£82,000	(estimated on giving at end of Dec.2024)
Miscellaneous		£7,600 and £843 from investment accounts		
Gift Aid Claim	£15,000	£15,679	£16,000	
Building Hire	£150	£220	£200	
Fees Charged	£1,500	£2,468	£2,000	mainly from funerals and weddings
Total	£91,650	£99,876	£100,200	

Outgoings	2024 proposed	2024 spent	2025 Proposed	Notes																				
Parish Share	£50,000	£58,000 (inc. £7,600 from legacy money)	£59,000	Asked for £77,231																				
Wages (cleaning/admin)	£10,200	£9,979	£9,998.55	Calculated for rise in Living Wage.																				
Clergy expenses		£66	£65																					
Charity Giving	£7,500	£9,305	£8,000	'8% tithe' amount plus other donations from parishioners eg. Christian Aid, Harvest																				
Church Building +quinquennial inspection	£8,000 £1,500	£8,314	£8,500																					
Church Running	£17,000 (inc. outreach budgets seen in last column)	£18,085 (£843 taken from fund for training)	£18,000	(events £2,043.43 though £843 taken from CCLA Susan James education fund in 2024) <table><tr><td>Groups</td><td>2024 proposed budgets</td><td>2024 spent</td><td>2025 proposed</td></tr><tr><td>Alpha</td><td>£50</td><td>£0</td><td>£50</td></tr><tr><td>Youth & Children</td><td>£300</td><td>£281</td><td>£300</td></tr><tr><td>Events</td><td>£1,000</td><td>£2,043</td><td>£1,000</td></tr><tr><td>Small Groups</td><td>£50</td><td>£0</td><td>£50</td></tr></table>	Groups	2024 proposed budgets	2024 spent	2025 proposed	Alpha	£50	£0	£50	Youth & Children	£300	£281	£300	Events	£1,000	£2,043	£1,000	Small Groups	£50	£0	£50
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EcoChurch																								
Total	£94,200	£103,749 -£3,873	£103,565 -£3,365																					

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Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for 2023-2024

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ALL SAINTS' HALIFAX

Charity registration number: 1130479

Aims and Purposes

All Saints' Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of working with the priest-in-charge, the Reverend Jennifer Middleton, in promoting the whole mission of this Church of England in the Parish of Skircoat Green, Salterhebble and Copley. This Christian mission is pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical in serving the Parish community.

There is a linked community Parish Hall run by trustees.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of the parish community.

We are committed to developing strong ties with All Saints' C. of E. Primary School and also fostering good relations with the primary schools in Copley and Salterhebble.

We try to enable people in our local community to live out their faith as part of our parish community through: worship and prayer, learning about the Gospel and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus. By providing pastoral support and care and in missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church of All Saints' and the Parish Hall.

Achievements and Performance

Throughout 2023 we held two services on a Sunday: 9am Holy Communion and 10.30am Service (which alternated between Morning Worship, All-age and Holy Communion style services). The crèche facility was available every week, with a church volunteer running 'See and Know' ministry when there wasn't an all-age service.

The Kids' Church ran two groups on Sundays during term-time, one aimed at primary-aged children and one at secondary.

Youth Group held meetings fortnightly during term-time on a Sunday evening.

As well as our regular services, we held a leavers service for All Saints' Year 6 in July; a Blessing of the School Bags service at the beginning of the new school year in September, nativity services for the local schools in December; a Carol Concert for Ravenscliffe School, a Christingle and Carol Services for All Saints' School and a Lantern Parade for the community. There was also a Pancake Café on Shrove Tuesday and Easter Holy Week activity session on Good Friday. All Saints' school regularly use the church for performances, assemblies and other events and Ravenscliffe have been bringing some pupils to visit us on a Thursday afternoon. Rev. Jennifer regularly has classes visits from the local schools as part of their RS curriculum, looking at places of worship.

In January 2023 church was used to film part of a BBC drama (The Boat Story). Although the drama wasn't to everyone's taste, the experience of filming was something we won't forget soon.

There were 8 baptisms (4 of which were adults) held in the church this year, 1 wedding and 3 funerals.

An Alpha course was run this year, in the church lounge. Two new attendees stayed with us after this.

Reports from Groups for the AGM

Sunday Morning Children's Groups

Creche

Our crèche with 'See & Know' ministry has 3 or 4 regular children with occasional visitors. Our theme last term was our five senses and related stories Jesus told and this term we have looked at the colours in God's beautiful world, which will be followed by stories of Noah, Moses and Jonah. We reinforce our teaching with singing and a craft activity. The heating is much improved with a new radiator this year.

School age groups

Our younger, primary age group is steadily growing and doing well. We now have an average of six children in the group – but can regularly have up to ten. This year we have been studying Old Testament characters which is giving the children a really good foundation of biblical knowledge. We have continued to use the online Energize program which is provided by Urban Saints. We have found it to contain lots of fun but well thought out content and the kids seem to enjoy it. They're a fantastic group of kids – always willing to share their ideas and get involved.

The older group is for the 11+ age range and has 3 kids who attend regularly. A highlight of the year was producing a Lego stop motion film on the subject of the paralysed man, which was shown in church. We have also looked at the armour of God and aspects of Christian life. We do a variety of activities from watching videos, doing quizzes, playing games and reading the Bible. We are still looking for a few more volunteers to help ensure all the leaders can regularly attend the main service. Please do pray about this and speak to Jen or one of us if you would like to know more about what we do, and how to get involved.

Youth Group

The youth group meets fortnightly on a Sunday evening during term time, with 5 to 10 kids aged 11-17 attending each time. Each meeting includes a time to share food, play games and learn more about the Christian faith. In the past year we have completed the youth Alpha course and discussed various subjects such as being part of the church community and what it means to be a Christian in today's society. Thank you to everyone who has been praying for the group. Please pray for guidance for the leaders, and for the kids- that they will grow in faith. Please especially keep in your prayers those who will be moving on this year.

Toddler Group

We hold two sessions on Tuesdays during term time. The morning session continues to be the most popular with, on average, 20 children and 10 in the afternoon attending with a parent, grandparent, or carer. We have lots of toys to play with, a craft at the messy table and group singing before a welcome drink and biscuit. We are thankful for our volunteers who come every week to help set up, clear away and provide the refreshments. We said goodbye to Pauline B. at Christmas after over 20 years of service. We are grateful to Rev Jen for her regular input to our group and we enjoyed having Puppets for Jesus at Christmas to share the Nativity story with everyone.

Safeguarding

The PCC has complied with the duty to have due regard to the House of Bishops safeguarding policy and practice guidance. The Parish safeguarding policy is in place, and recruitment practice, with references and DBS checks for voluntary roles where safeguarding is applicable. The PSO has received notification of concerns arising from members of the congregation and from Reverend Jen as they have arisen. Where appropriate, relevant communication has been made with the diocesan safeguarding team. Records are maintained confidentially of any concerns and actions recommended and made. The PSO has provided advice and support to the toddler group and repair Cafe in developing their safeguarding policies. The PSO has received and shared with Rev Jen, safeguarding enquiries made to the church ahead of at risk ex-offenders who express a desire to attend church services. This ensures there are safe ways of welcoming all to meet to worship. The PSO is due to attend further training in May 2024.

Open the Book

We have had another enjoyable year visiting All Saints' CE (VA) Primary School on a fortnightly basis to tell stories from the Bible using the Open the Book programme materials. We have a fantastic team who get up early, even in the winter to be at school to rehearse ready for the 9.00am Collective Worship slot! This year we have welcomed one new member and Nicolas, a trainee from Mirfield, joined the team for a few months to find out more about the benefits of this church/school link. Our stories follow in a chronological order so we have completed the Old Testament and have told stories of Jesus and his special friends, parables and Jesus' healing. The children participate in different ways by taking parts or listening carefully to respond with actions or sounds to enhance the storytelling. They love to join in. We have had some changes to the scheme this year due to the success of the programme locally and globally. The Lion Storyteller Bible is 30 years old and things change. The old programme will be retired in July and we need to get to grips with the new programme that has over 90 new stories written by Bob Hartman. We are trialling these now but, as with all changes, we are trying to like the new way of telling these well known stories. We also have a new song to use to open and close our worship. We are fortunate to have good singers in the group that can lead this song when the computers fail! We are always keen to welcome new members to our team. If you wish to find out more, do contact the church office. It helps to come and observe storytelling in action.

All Saints' School

After a very long gap, in 2023 the school was inspected by Ofsted. We were delighted to be given "Outstanding" in all categories, thanks to all those who have helped make that happen. The relationship between school and church continues to thrive. Rev Jen's participation in school has been immense this year. Her support in delivering the RE curriculum, helping us to explore spirituality, delivering worship and as Chair of Governors has helped the school both strategically and operationally move forward. The cafe which church provides prior to our weekly service has both increased relationships with school and our families and also the church. It is such a lovely warm welcome to the celebration. The use of the churchyard for Forest School has been extremely beneficial for those children who are more vulnerable and increased engagement linked to this has been evident. Year 4 also enjoyed their shelter building project as part of their DT project. Weekly worships which are delivered by Rev Jen and the Open the book team have enabled us to explore our values more deeply whilst linking these to biblical text and prayer. The board of governors and the representation from the church has proved beneficial in making compassionate decisions. Rev Jen's, Dianne and Mark's roles as class link governor has been a great help. Children continue to connect to the church and deepen their understanding of Christianity. We would like to thank Rev Jen, Open the book and the kind volunteers from the cafe for everything they support school with.

Alpha

The Alpha course ran for 10 weeks from September to December 2023. We welcomed 4 guests to the course, who attended for evening sessions held as a small group in the church lounge each week. The Holy Spirit Day was held at home, with an afternoon tea. At the end of the course, we enjoyed a meal out together, inviting partners along too. This group requested a reunion in Feb 24 to review the first Alpha video again and consider how their journeys of faith had developed. This additional session was held informally in a facilitators home. The Alpha course is supported by a prayer team who receive general headline prayer requests and feedback from the facilitators, and take specific prayer requests if asked for, and who provide prayer insights to the Alpha team facilitators when this arises.

Bouckley Small Group

This is a small home group which was established to support individuals who had accessed Alpha, but were not already in established church groups or roles. As such, some group members attend sessions only occasionally, and some do not consider themselves as members of the church. Some are exploring faith further, and some are quite new to faith. The sessions are every 2 weeks, with bible study, videos and prayer, and with social events approximately monthly. The group were asked to provide feedback for this report and was given as follows by one member;

"I must say how amazing everyone has been since starting my journey growing closer to God with All Saints. Alpha was just the start for me and I truly felt myself let down all my guards and barriers. The friends I have made through Alpha and the home group are just amazing and feel I have met people who I can open up to about anything. You

guys bring me back down, and remind me about what's important in life, and how to navigate through life's situations. You've opened your kindness to my family and I couldn't be happier in my church life."

Whitaker Small Group

We are a small group, currently we have 9 people in it. We meet every Monday night alternating between Doreen W's and Joan N's houses. We are currently studying John and through discussion trying to fully understand his message to us.

Appleyard Small Group

Our group meets fortnightly. We're a mixed bag of ages, some newer to their Christian faith and others further along their journey. Over the last year our discussions have been around some of the different books, themes and people in the Bible. None of us are theological experts and everyone is welcome to contribute as we listen to each other's opinions and share our thoughts. Perhaps as important as Bible study is the knowledge that we're are a group of people, supporting each other as we do 'life' with all its ups and downs. As well as our fortnightly sessions we have some fun social meet ups usually with a bring and share supper.

MacGregor Small Group

Our housegroup has 12 adult and 3 teenage members, with children of members who join in from time to time, giving us an age range from 7 to over 80, although we are rarely all able to attend a meeting. We meet every Monday evening, with the teenagers joining us every second week on the weeks when the youth group isn't meeting. Our meeting location rotates between different member's houses. All of our members contribute in different ways to the running of the group from baking cakes, to leading and contributing to Bible studies, choosing music and organising social events. The aim of our group is to meet with God, to help each other grow in faith, and in learning to walk more closely with Jesus in our daily lives. As a consequence, in our studies we regularly digress from questions, and often take more than one week to complete a given Bible study. Having recently completed "The Prayer Course" and "The Unanswered Prayer Course" both of which were excellent, we have just started a series of studies in the book of Ruth (for the adults), and a series helping us think about our worldview for the weeks when the teenagers are with us. We are always open to gaining new members, so if you are on the lookout for a housegroup, feel free to come along and see if you feel comfortable with us.

Ladies who Paint

A friendly group at different levels of ability, but all with a sense of achievement and enjoyment. It was only recently I discovered 'Ladies who paint' are advertised online. From this we have acquired two new members with a further two who have enquired, but not yet taken the plunge! If any new member does not have equipment, we have plenty for them to use, until they decide to source their own. This year has seen us paint a variety of subjects in watercolour. These include polar bears, a cartoon hedgehog and flowers, a rosebud and tree frog, fruit, veg and cakes, giraffes, a waterfall, two swans, a scarecrow, winter hare and two abstract paintings of sea and sand. The techniques used include negative painting, line and wash, tonal work, and attempting a townscape using only the three primary colours for mixing,

Quilting

We now have 19 people attending the group; however, not all of them attend at the same sessions, due to holidays etc. We still have four members of the team. This means the group have lots of support. We have two teenagers who attend with their grandmother and absolutely love coming to the group. They have been so encouraged they now are doing many crafts at home. The group have been doing many different crafts over the last year, such as needle cases, pincushion, quilts, baby quilts, bags, cushions, fabric tubs, table runners and much more. The current cost for the group is £7.00, which includes fabric and other quilting necessities, coffee, cake, fruit, and other snacks. It is a great venue as it is close to all those who attend, there is on street parking, close to a bus route and walking distance for some. It is warm and inviting, where the group member's feel at home and know where everything is in the kitchen. As the group has grown, we have noticed we are rather tight on space and really could use a couple more tables to accommodate everyone. We also attended the Knitting and quilting show in Harrogate last

November, six of us attended and all enjoyed the day. We had a fantastic Christmas celebration with the group, and played games that everyone felt part of and enjoyed. We would like to thank the church for your support

Coffee Morning

Thursday coffee morning has continued to run weekly throughout 2023 with short breaks for Christmas, Easter and summer. Our regular coffee morning team has three volunteers. We have seen our average weekly attendance increase to around 16 people from both the church and the wider local community joining us for hot drinks, toast, and biscuits. During 2023 we held several extra special sessions. In March we held the Children's Society donation box opening event. Delicious cakes were enjoyed by all. In May we celebrated the Coronation of King Charles III, with 25 people joining us for bacon butties, cream scones and a takeaway goody bag. During Christian Aid week in May we held a special coffee and cake event which was very well attended and raised a good amount of money. We also celebrate Easter, Harvest, Christmas and birthdays. We continue to run on a nominal voluntary donation. During 2023 we have been able to make charitable donations to Christian Aid, The Children's Society and have also made donations to the church account. We always aim to provide a warm and friendly welcome to everyone who attends.

Mothers' Union

Our MU Branch here at All Saints' Church is considered to be one of the most successful and well represented in the area, and I must say 2023 proved to be a year of achievements. We averaged 21 people at each meeting and I'm pleased to say we welcomed some gentlemen at several of those meetings. We also enrolled two new members which was encouraging, and so, although our overall membership has dropped to 30 as a result of old-age and illness, we remain positive for the future of our Branch. We welcomed some fascinating speakers during 2023, including our own Rev Jen talking about early preparations for Christmas as an avoidance of wasting money which could be used better elsewhere to aid countries in desperate need. We had an amazing presentation from a Church member who had trained at the Royal School of Embroidery and who had worked on Princess Catherine's wedding dress amongst other things. We had the founder of Happy Days to talk to us about how he came to start such an amazing charity and we hosted 2 fund-raising events: A Coronation Cream Tea in honour of King Charles, when we raised £482, and a Christmas Stall at our AGM which raised a further £185. Overall we donated £750 to MU Projects during 2023, to be used within our own Diocese or used in Overseas Disaster Funds where needed. In addition we made 366 Emergency Toiletry Bags back in March which have been delivered to the Royal Calderdale Hospital throughout the year to patients who find themselves in hospital and unable to access their own personal toiletries. We also gave a £100 donation and 4 large bags of groceries to Happy Days after their visit in September. I feel we achieve a great deal and I am proud to lead the All Saints' MU Branch. We would welcome anyone from Church with the same Christian family ethos and would like to join any of our meetings, we have much to offer.

Walking group

We have had six walks this year, on a Sunday afternoon after lunch, with one cancelled due to icy conditions. The walks were led by a few different people, who have chosen the route, tried it out for risk assessment and then led on the Sunday afternoon. Depending on the time of year and weather forecast, the walks ranged from 3-5 miles with various terrain covering canals, hills, woods, rivers, fields, pavements, tracks and cobbled roads – the full experience of the surrounding area! We discovered walks around Mount Tabor, Norland Moor and fields, the Siddal area and Beacon Hill, Cromwell Bottom area, Coley and Northowram and Sowerby Bridge. There has been a core group of about 8 walkers but numbers have been into the mid-teens on occasions. There have been children and dogs accompanying us and the age range has been between 1 and 80. If available, we have started trying to stop at a café or pub either mid-way or at the end, as this has been very welcome for toilet facilities and warming up! We try to cater for all ages and provide a variety of walks to enable as many people to join us as possible. The route is given in advance on the notice sheet and website, so that everyone can consider if it is suitable for them and can work out where to join us, or leave us, if they don't want to do the whole walk. All very welcome, with friends and family too.

Parish Hall

We continue to have our quarterly Trustees meetings to discuss ways to improve the Hall for the benefit of the hirers, update policies as required and look to find more regular hirers. Over the last 12 months we gained 2 new hirers; a Stretch class on Thursday mornings and a 'glow in the dark' sports activity for children on Wednesday evenings. We have daytime weekday spaces which are available and we have recently advertised on the Skircoat Green Facebook page to try and fill the gaps. The Hall continues to be booked on a regular basis at the weekend and during holidays for parties and meetings. We have simplified the booking system by use of email and having a key safe. We have had some redecoration carried out to parts of the building and upgraded the lighting in the toilets. The Trustees would like, as ever, to extend their thanks to Sue Blackwell for fulfilling the Caretaker/Manager role and Jim Pattinson for continuing as Treasurer. We also would like to thank Peter Kemp's staff for helping to manage the weekend bookings over the years.

Music Group

It continues to be something of a hand to mouth existence for the Music Group though, with the exception of some Christmas events, we have been able to provide musicians for every appropriate service. The group at various times features combinations out of three keyboard players, two guitarists, a bass player, two percussionists and three dedicated singers, with some doubling up. Three members lead the group at various times. We continue to try to find the right mix of reviving the older examples of modern music, with songs we have learned over recent years - at the same time occasionally introducing new songs to the repertoire. Our *raison d'être* is to help the congregation as far as we can to worship God in song so that their hearts and ours are lifted up in humble prayer and joyful praise.

Building Fabric

During the last 12 months work has been carried out to repair the church roof; an outside light was replaced; a bike rack was installed; annual checks and maintenance took place. In April the flat roof above the store room was completely reroofed. The entire roof was cleaned and dried including the up stands and the internal valley gutter. Using a hot torch, 4mm plain felt was applied to cover the primed areas. Lead cover flashing was stolen in the summer from the top of the slate roof above the main entrance. In July remnants of the existing flashing were removed and new Easy Lead flashing was fixed in place and resealed into the stone work using sand and cement mortar. A replacement LED flood light was installed above the main front door in December. As part of the church eco initiative a bike rack was installed at the side of the main church porch during March 2023. It will accommodate six bicycles and is intended for use by both church and school. Routine maintenance included the annual Lightning Protection system Test and Inspection in September and the gutters were cleared in December.

Towards the end of 2023, a new church architect was appointed and in January 2024 the Quinquennial Inspection took place. This report, although generally favourable, has highlighted work that needs to be done and will guide us in prioritising work on the building during the next five years.

Eco Group

The Church Eco Group has met regularly throughout the year (in January, March, June and October) and actions have been discussed and implemented in all five impact areas of the A Rocha UK award scheme.

Worship

Fairtrade fortnight was celebrated in church in February/March. Climate change and environmental matters are regularly included in prayers. The kids' church older group worked on an Eco Church themed project. An Environment Day Service took place in June, when there was both teaching about God's creation and the opportunity to take part in practical activities.

Buildings

LED replacement light fittings have been installed in various parts of the church. Discussions have taken place regarding the insulation of the church building, energy usage and how we heat the building.

Land

A Wild Flower Spotting Guide for the churchyard has been compiled. The grass was left to grow during 'No Mow May'. The Wildlife Trust '30 Days Wild' was promoted in church during the summer. An area just beyond the churchyard wall has been developed in conjunction with school as an outside classroom/forest school area. A bike rack has been installed for use by both church and school communities. A pond has been created in the church yard.

Community and Global Engagement

We engaged with the Fairtrade movement during Fairtrade Fortnight. The local Environment Officer for the diocese, Bev Playle, spoke at the morning services on Palm Sunday. The church community took part in Christian Aid Week. Plastic bottle tops are being collected for the Gambia Trust to use as counters in schools.

Lifestyle

A collection of lifestyle tips and advice on caring for the environment is put on the weekly newsletter, the website and included on the rolling slide at the front of church. As a group we use the A Rocha UK award scheme to guide us as we focus on the five impact areas and work towards the next Eco Award (Gold). It is vital to remember, however, why the Eco Group was formed; so that we as a Christian community can care more for God's creation and to increase awareness of our responsibility to improve the lives of those who are suffering because of climate change throughout the world.

Gardening Group

Our small team of gardeners has enjoyed a winter break but with Spring arriving we will be back tending the garden. We would love to have some more volunteers to help with the weeding at the height of summer! We meet on Wednesday mornings and continue to enhance the garden with insect friendly wildflowers and at the same time having an eye on making the garden a bit easier to manage. In the weeks ahead we will also be thinking about how the garden should evolve over the next few years with the onset of climate change. The Community Payback Team have supported us by tidying up the grass edges over winter and we hope that once again they will have time to cut the grass on a regular basis throughout the growing season.

Deanery Synod

This church year there have been two Halifax & Calder Valley Deanery Synod meetings. The first was in July hosted by St Paul's, King Cross, which was led by our Area Dean, Rev Robb Sutherland. As it was the first meeting since the election of new members, we shared the Eucharist with worship and then used the rest of the meeting as an opportunity to get to know each other better. Ruth Walker, the chaplain of Trinity Academy, provided us with an update on the work she has been doing. We jointly agreed to apply for funding, from both the Bishop's Development Fund and the Family and Social Welfare Council, to help plant a student church with the support of the Deanery. Our second meeting was hosted by our church in November and was led by the new Bishop of Huddersfield, Bishop Smitha, and our Area Dean, Rev Robb Sutherland. We received an update from Ruth Walker on the student church plant at Trinity Academy, which is showing promising new beginnings. The funding request was successful and the monies had recently been received. It was agreed by the members that Ruth Walker would be co-opted onto the Deanery Synod standing committee as treasurer, in order to be able to record and report how the funding is used. The role of treasurer had previously been resigned, as the Deanery Synod had so few financial transactions, however now a need had arisen. Bishop Smitha then introduced herself and talked about her desire for the numbers of young people to grow within the deanery's congregations. She then opened it up for member contributions. The meeting concluded with thanks given to Jane E., of St Mary's Luddenden, who was stepping down from her role as Lay Chair of the Deanery Synod.

All Saints' Church

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End of Year Financial Statements

Year ending 2023

Introduction:

Our giving has increased by nearly £6,000 this year; our regular giving increased slightly, but the new contactless machine helped increase, by double, last year's 'plate' collections. Other donations not covered in those two categories, however, were substantially less. Our utility bills were lower due to changes in our usage as well as new contracts. Our wages for cleaning and administration were higher with an increase in the Living Wage and changes to tax, and we paid £3,000 more of our Parish Share, but this was still below what was asked for.

The church itself, without the additional Parish Hall accounts, had an opening balance of £29,932.28 in its main account, which reduced to £17,550.95 by the end of the year. This was partly finishing off the AV Project from 2022 for which money had been saved. The budget set by the PCC in January was a deficit budget of £12,000, which we did have in saved funds in the bank account. This deficit, however, rose to about £13,500 by year-end. This is unsustainable and changes are being made for 2024.

Fund Analysis and Description, Balances at Year End:

General Fund	£15,544.33	
Church Maintenance Fund	£4,553.86	A reserve fund where PCC policy is to endeavour to maintain a balance of £5,000 in the fund. £980 was used from this fund for roof repairs this year.
General Reserve Fund	£7,041.03	PCC Policy is to endeavour to maintain £5,000 in this fund. There were no transactions on this account in 2023.
Harrison Bequest	£10,054.91	This fund is designated for use within the Copley Area
Susan James Memorial Fund	£10,030.65	An endowment fund. The balance in excess of £10,000 may be used for Christian Education purposes. The balance may be drawn down to £9,000 if necessary.
Parish Hall Reserve Fund	£6,531.69	A designated fund, intended only to be utilized when it is considered that day-to-day running expenses of the Parish Hall cannot be met from their general funds. Policy is to maintain a balance of £5,000.
Virgin Garden Project	£5,818.64	A Restricted Project fund, at present used for the Welcome Garden Project.
Virgin Parish Hall	£12,962.56	A Restricted fund for the purpose of maintaining the fabric of the building and the day-to-day running of the Parish Hall. This fund is administered by the Trustees of the Hall and not available for Church use.
Music and Worship Fund	£1,751.61	A Restricted fund for purchases for music and worship
Coffee Morning	£1,351.01	This is a designated fund for the coffee morning group, funded by donations.
2023 Budgets set by PCC:		Budget funds allocated from General Fund to be used in 2023 and re-set annually
Alpha Fund	£112.51	for use running the Alpha Course
Outreach Events	£272.66	used for Outreach events
Small Groups	£50.00	for use by small groups
Youth and Children	£545.40	used for children and youth work

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	75,985.80	—	—	75,985.80	70,985.50
Investment income	906.29	—	311.50	1,217.79	520.56
Other incoming resources	19,917.65	11,946.00	—	31,863.65	29,938.95
Total income	96,809.74	11,946.00	311.50	109,067.24	101,445.01
Resources used					
Charitable activities	9,033.00	—	—	9,033.00	6,846.00
Governance costs	74,196.30	—	—	74,196.30	72,365.07
Other resources used	25,479.01	11,506.81	—	36,985.82	46,952.58
Total expenditure	108,708.31	11,506.81	—	120,215.12	126,163.65
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(11,898.57)	439.19	311.50	(11,147.88)	(24,718.64)
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	4,094.63	0.40	—	4,095.03	67,792.68
Gross transfers between funds - out	(3,565.97)	(529.06)	—	(4,095.03)	(67,792.68)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Net movement in funds	(11,369.91)	(89.47)	311.50	(11,147.88)	(24,718.64)
Total funds brought forward	56,762.94	19,171.96	43,129.62	119,064.52	143,783.16
Total funds carried forward	45,393.03	19,082.49	43,441.12	107,916.64	119,064.52
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	15,414.28	—	—	15,414.28	24,526.02
Designated					
Alpha Course	123.51	—	—	123.51	—
Audio-Visual Systems	—	—	—	—	2,121.22
CCLA Church Maintenance Fund	4,553.86	—	—	4,553.86	5,380.89
CCLA General Reserve Fund	7,041.03	—	—	7,041.03	6,822.38
CCLA Harrison Bequest	10,054.91	—	—	10,054.91	9,742.66
CCLA Parish Hall Fund	6,531.69	—	—	6,531.69	6,328.86
Coffee Morning	1,351.01	—	—	1,351.01	1,361.92
Outreach Events	(272.66)	—	—	(272.66)	156.79
Small Groups	50.00	—	—	50.00	50.00
Youth and Children	545.40	—	—	545.40	272.20
Restricted					
Alpha Fund	—	—	—	—	112.51
Children and Youth	—	—	—	—	416.35
Garden Project	—	5,818.64	—	5,818.64	6,012.14
Music and Worship	—	1,751.61	—	1,751.61	3,050.59
Revaluation reserves	—	27.33	—	27.33	27.33
Virgin Parish Hall	—	12,962.56	—	12,962.56	11,030.69
Endowment					
CCLA Susan James Memorial Fund	—	—	10,030.65	10,030.65	9,719.15
Unresolved (software issue)					
Balancing of Funds	—	—	33,410.47	33,410.47	33,410.47

Balance sheet

Class and code	Description	This year	Last year
Fixed assets			
301	Parish Hall and Buildings	19,984.00	19,984.00
303	Investments	1,566.34	1,546.75
	Total Fixed assets	21,550.34	21,530.75
Current assets			
401	Virgin Money	17,550.95	29,932.28
403	CCLA Harrison Bequest (Designated)	10,054.91	9,742.66
404	CCLA Parish Hall Reserve(Designated)	6,531.69	6,328.86
405	CCLA Susan James Fund(Endowment)	10,030.65	9,719.15
406	CCLA General Reserve Fund	7,041.03	6,822.38
407	CCLA Church Maintenance Fund	4,553.86	5,380.89
410	Virgin Parish Hall(Restricted)	12,962.56	11,030.89
411	Virgin Project Account(Garden)(Restricted)	5,818.64	6,012.14
Z05	Accounts Receivable	15,707.06	14,685.00
	Total Current assets	90,251.35	99,654.25
Liabilities			
501	Creditors for Goods and Services	—	—
502	Other Creditors	—	—
Z04	Accounts Payable	3,885.05	2,120.48
	Total Liabilities	3,885.05	2,120.48
	Net Asset surplus(deficit)	107,916.64	119,064.52
Reserves			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	(11,147.88)	(24,718.64)
Z01	Starting balances	119,064.52	143,783.16
	Total Reserves	107,916.64	119,064.52
	Represented by funds		
	Unrestricted	15,414.28	24,526.02
	Designated	29,978.75	32,236.92
	Restricted	19,082.49	19,171.96
	Endowment	10,030.65	9,719.15
	Unresolved	33,410.47	33,410.47
	Total	107,916.64	119,064.52

Statement of assets and liabilities

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Fixed assets - Investments						
Investments -	1,539.01	—	27.33	—	1,566.34	1,546.75
Totals	1,539.01	—	27.33	—	1,566.34	1,546.75
Fixed assets - Tangible assets						
Parish Hall and Buildings -	—	19,984.00	—	—	19,984.00	19,984.00
Totals	—	19,984.00	—	—	19,984.00	19,984.00
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
Virgin Money -	4,212.33	(18,189.36)	822.51	31,412.47	18,257.95	30,639.28
Virgin Money -	—	—	(707.00)	—	(707.00)	(707.00)
Virgin Parish Hall(Restricted) -	(240.60)	—	13,203.16	—	12,962.56	11,030.89
Virgin Project Account(Garden)(Restrict	(194.85)	—	7,613.84	—	7,418.99	7,612.49
Virgin Project Account(Garden)(Restrict	—	—	(1,600.35)	—	(1,600.35)	(1,600.35)
Totals	3,776.88	(18,189.36)	19,332.16	31,412.47	36,332.15	46,975.31
Current assets - Debtors						
Accounts Receivable -	15,707.06	—	—	—	15,707.06	14,685.00
Totals	15,707.06	—	—	—	15,707.06	14,685.00
Current assets - Investments						
CCLA Harrison Bequest (Designated) -	2.00	10,052.91	—	—	10,054.91	9,742.66
CCLA Parish Hall Reserve(Designated) -	42.38	6,489.31	—	—	6,531.69	6,328.86
CCLA Susan James Fund(Endowment) -	(1,998.00)	1,000.00	—	11,028.65	10,030.65	9,719.15
CCLA General Reserve Fund -	2.00	7,039.03	—	—	7,041.03	6,822.38
CCLA Church Maintenance Fund -	1.00	3,552.86	—	1,000.00	4,553.86	5,380.89
old fund 1 -	133.08	50.00	(60.66)	—	122.42	122.42
old fund 1 -	—	—	(122.42)	—	(122.42)	(122.42)
Totals	(1,817.54)	28,184.11	(183.08)	12,028.65	38,212.14	37,993.94
Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year						
Creditors for Goods and Services -	(45.85)	—	45.85	—	—	—
Other Creditors -	(48.07)	—	48.07	—	—	—
Accounts Payable -	3,885.05	—	—	—	3,885.05	2,120.48
Totals	3,791.13	—	93.92	—	3,885.05	2,120.48
Grand total	15,414.28	29,978.75	19,082.49	43,441.12	107,916.64	119,064.52

Fund movement by type

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Journals	Closing
Balancing - Balancing of Funds							
Unresolved	33,410.47	—	—	—	—	—	33,410.47
Sub-total for Balancing	33,410.47	—	—	—	—	—	33,410.47
Coffee - Coffee Morning							
Designated	1,361.92	90.20	101.11	—	—	—	1,351.01
Sub-total for Coffee	1,361.92	90.20	101.11	—	—	—	1,351.01
Events - Outreach Events							
Designated	156.79	—	772.66	343.21	—	—	(272.66)
Sub-total for Events	156.79	—	772.66	343.21	—	—	(272.66)
Groups - Small Groups							
Designated	50.00	—	—	—	—	—	50.00
Sub-total for Groups	50.00	—	—	—	—	—	50.00
Churchmtce - CCLA Church Maintena							
Designated	5,380.89	152.97	—	(980.00)	—	—	4,553.86
Sub-total for Churchmtce	5,380.89	152.97	—	(980.00)	—	—	4,553.86
GenRes - CCLA General Reserve							
Designated	6,822.38	218.65	—	—	—	—	7,041.03
Sub-total for GenRes	6,822.38	218.65	—	—	—	—	7,041.03
Harrison - CCLA Harrison Beques							
Designated	9,742.66	312.25	—	—	—	—	10,054.91
Sub-total for Harrison	9,742.66	312.25	—	—	—	—	10,054.91

ParishHall - CCLA Parish Hall Fun								
Designated	6,328.86	202.83	—	—	—	—	6,531.69	
Sub-total for ParishHall	6,328.86	202.83	—	—	—	—	6,531.69	
James - CCLA Susan James Mem								
Endowment	9,719.15	311.50	—	—	—	—	10,030.65	
Sub-total for James	9,719.15	311.50	—	—	—	—	10,030.65	
General - General fund								
Unrestricted	24,526.02	95,832.84	107,581.25	2,636.67	—	—	15,414.28	
Sub-total for General	24,526.02	95,832.84	107,581.25	2,636.67	—	—	15,414.28	
Music - Music and Worship								
Restricted	3,050.59	—	1,298.98	—	—	—	1,751.61	
Sub-total for Music	3,050.59	—	1,298.98	—	—	—	1,751.61	
AV - Audio-Visual Systems								
Designated	2,121.22	—	—	(2,121.22)	—	—	—	
Sub-total for AV	2,121.22	—	—	(2,121.22)	—	—	—	
Inactive6 - Alpha Fund								
Restricted	112.51	—	—	(112.51)	—	—	—	
Sub-total for Inactive6	112.51	—	—	(112.51)	—	—	—	
Inactive3 - Church Outreach Gene								
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Sub-total for Inactive3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Inactive7 - Children and Youth								
Restricted	416.35	—	—	(416.35)	—	—	—	
Sub-total for Inactive7	416.35	—	—	(416.35)	—	—	—	
Youth - Youth and Children								
Designated	272.20	—	226.80	500.00	—	—	545.40	
Sub-total for Youth	272.20	—	226.80	500.00	—	—	545.40	
Inactive5 - Graveyard Project								
Restricted	(1,477.65)	—	—	—	—	—	(1,477.65)	
Sub-total for Inactive5	(1,477.65)	—	—	—	—	—	(1,477.65)	
Garden - Garden Project								
Restricted	6,012.14	—	193.50	—	—	—	5,818.64	
Sub-total for Garden	6,012.14	—	193.50	—	—	—	5,818.64	
HallMain - Virgin Parish Hall								
Restricted	11,030.69	11,946.00	10,014.33	0.20	—	—	12,962.56	
Sub-total for HallMain	11,030.69	11,946.00	10,014.33	0.20	—	—	12,962.56	
Inactive2 - Vicarage Fund								
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Sub-total for Inactive2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Inactive1 - Bursary Fund								
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Sub-total for Inactive1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Alpha - Alpha Course								
Designated	—	—	26.49	150.00	—	—	123.51	
Sub-total for Alpha	—	—	26.49	150.00	—	—	123.51	
ZReval - Revaluation reserves								
Restricted	27.33	—	—	—	—	—	27.33	
Sub-total for ZReval	27.33	—	—	—	—	—	27.33	
Grand total	119,064.52	109,067.24	120,215.12	—	—	—	107,916.64	

Analysis of Income and Expenditure

Total

Unrestricted Designated Restricted Endowment This year Last year

INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS

Incoming resources from generated funds - Voluntary income

101 - Regular Giving	64,116.89	—	—	—	64,116.89	63,845.50
103 - Plate and Contactless Giving	10,983.49	—	—	—	10,983.49	5,037.05
104 - Sundry Donations	156.22	—	—	—	156.22	187.82
109 - Specific Donations	639.00	90.20	—	—	729.20	1,915.13
Total	75,895.60	90.20	—	—	75,985.80	70,985.50

Incoming resources from generated funds - Investment income

108 - Income from Investments	19.59	886.70	—	311.50	1,217.79	520.56
Total	19.59	886.70	—	311.50	1,217.79	520.56

Other incoming resources

102 - Gift Aid Recovered	15,572.75	—	—	—	15,572.75	14,736.69
105 - Parish Hall Lettings/Rents	—	—	11,946.00	—	11,946.00	11,284.50
106 - Church Lettings	2,120.00	—	—	—	2,120.00	150.00
107 - PCC Charges	2,102.40	—	—	—	2,102.40	1,305.60
110 - Transfers	—	—	—	—	—	435.35
111 - Bible Notes	122.50	—	—	—	122.50	126.81
113 - Credits to Disperse	—	—	—	—	—	1,900.00
Total	19,917.65	—	11,946.00	—	31,863.65	29,938.95
INCOME TOTAL	95,832.84	976.90	11,946.00	311.50	109,067.24	101,445.01

EXPENDITURE

Charitable activities

215 - Charity Giving	9,033.00	—	—	—	9,033.00	6,846.00
Total	9,033.00	—	—	—	9,033.00	6,846.00

Governance costs

201 - Diocesan Common Fund	58,000.00	—	—	—	58,000.00	55,000.00
202 - Clergy Expenses and other costs	113.00	—	—	—	113.00	59.35
216 - Gas;Electric;Water	11,139.67	—	—	—	11,139.67	12,671.20
217 - Buildings Insurance	4,943.63	—	—	—	4,943.63	4,634.52
Total	74,196.30	—	—	—	74,196.30	72,365.07

Other resources used

203 - Church Running Expenses	2,917.82	1,100.57	—	—	4,018.39	3,131.26
204 - Church Maintenance	3,452.96	—	—	—	3,452.96	3,583.34
206 - General Administration	—	—	—	—	—	18.90
207 - Photocopier	1,150.94	—	—	—	1,150.94	1,248.23
208 - Wages	13,389.00	—	—	—	13,389.00	11,946.00
209 - PAYE	1,039.62	—	—	—	1,039.62	585.00
210 - Parish Hall Running Costs	—	—	10,014.33	—	10,014.33	8,938.30
211 - Bible Notes	179.92	—	—	—	179.92	—
212 - Other Expenses	2,091.84	26.49	1,298.98	—	3,417.31	16,956.14
214 - Transfers	—	—	—	—	—	519.96
219 - Church Garden Project	129.85	—	193.50	—	323.35	25.45
Total	24,351.95	1,127.06	11,506.81	—	36,985.82	46,952.58
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	107,581.25	1,127.06	11,506.81	—	120,215.12	126,163.65

GRAND TOTAL (11,748.41) (150.16) 439.19 311.50 (11,147.88) (24,718.64)

Note:

The accounts cover three main bank accounts, one of which is our general, everyday account; one for projects undertaken and one for the Parish Hall, linked to the church but run separately by a group of trustees. This is restricted solely for their use. There are five CCLA investment accounts.

Some of the funds link to these accounts; some are restricted as the funds raised were for specific usage like the music group and coffee morning but some are for internal use and allocated on an annual basis for various activities. These funds were up-dated to reflect the activities now happening and re-designated as appropriate, which is why some are now classed as Inactive (as there are previous year's accounts linked to these funds they cannot be deleted from the software).

There is one fund marked as Balancing of Funds (designated Unresolved). This was set-up in 2022 and the note that can be seen on the 2022 report. When setting new budgets at the beginning of the year it was found that when fund balances were corrected and re-organised, that the general fund (unrestricted) that money was moved into, did not reflect the money in the bank account. The general fund balance was corrected by creating a new fund, headed Balancing of Funds.

This is still being looked into, but it looks like this has happened because when inputting accounts on the software, sometimes money was not moved from/to the funds correctly (just the internal funds as bank accounts have always been correct which is why it wasn't spotted). As the Year End has been completed in previous years on the computer, and there are transactions on the funds – like the Inactive funds, it cannot be corrected fully and deleted from the computer software easily.

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of All Saints' Church, Halifax

This report on the accounts of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) for the year ended 31st December 2023, which are set out in the Annual Report, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('The Regulations') and S.43 of the Charities Act 1993 ('The Act').

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirements of The Regulations and S.43 (2) of The Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the term of The Regulations.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under S.43 (7) (b) of The Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

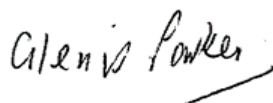
Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of The Act; and to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the requirements of the Act, and the Regulations, have not been met

or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be draw, in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Mrs Glenis Parker

16 Heath Avenue, Halifax

February 2024

Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for 2022-2023

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ALL SAINTS' HALIFAX

Charity registration number: 1130479

Aims and Purposes

All Saints' Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of working with the priest-in-charge, the Reverend Jennifer Middleton, in promoting the whole mission of this Church of England in the Parish of Skircoat Green, Salterhebble and Copley. This Christian mission is pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical in serving the Parish community.

There is a linked community Parish Hall run by trustees.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of the parish community.

We are committed to developing strong ties with All Saints' C. of E. Primary School and also fostering good relations with the primary schools in Copley and Salterhebble.

We try to enable people in our local community to live out their faith as part of our parish community through: worship and prayer, learning about the Gospel and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus. By providing pastoral support and care and in missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church of All Saints' and the Parish Hall.

Achievements and Performance

Throughout 2022 we held two services: 9am Holy Communion and 10.30am Service (which alternated between Morning Worship, All-age and Holy Communion style services). The crèche facility was available every week, with a church volunteer running 'See and Know' ministry when there wasn't an all-age service.

The Kids' Church ran two groups most Sundays, one aimed at primary-aged children and one at secondary.

Youth Group held meetings fortnightly during term-time on a Sunday evening. They did a Youth Alpha course in the later months of the year which finished in April 2023.

As well as our regular services, we hosted a Churches Together Service in March, led by Father Sean, for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; a leavers service for All Saints' Year 6 in July; a Blessing of the School Bags service at the beginning of the new school year in September, A Churches Together 'Big Sing' evening in October; nativity services for the local schools in December; a Carol Concert for Ravenscliffe School, a Christingle and Carol Services for All Saints' School and a Lantern Parade for the community. There was also a Pancake Café on Shrove Tuesday and Easter Holy Week activity session on Good Friday. We had a local choir give a Christmas Concert one evening and All Saints' school held their school fayre and Jubilee lunch on our premises.

There were 2 baptisms, 3 'Thanksgivings for the Birth of a Child' services held in the church this year, 1 wedding and 5 funerals.

An Alpha courses was run this year, in the church lounge. There were positive responses, and two new regular church attendees and there are plans to run courses next year.

Reports from Groups for the AGM

Sunday Morning Kids Church

The mission of Kids Church has very much remained as before in that we are providing age-appropriate activities and teaching and a space for children of all ages to learn, explore and discuss all aspects of the Christian faith, enjoy themselves and form friendships. We also try and remain very much integrated with the wider church family and mission, with the children and young people taking part in services and supporting other events and activities

Over the last year we have gradually settled into some kind of normality in Kids Church following the pandemic and thankfully have managed to run Kids Church on all the weeks we had planned and even managed to lead a Kids Church service last summer on the theme the Full Armour of God. Initially we were in a period of adjustment as we have had to adapt to changes in the number of children attending as some families have stopped coming and others attend less frequently and also accommodate the age range which has widened considerably - we now have children from age 4 - 17 in 2 groups and it is no longer possible for us to do weeks where all the children are kept together to play games etc. We have 4 leaders who plan and lead groups and 3 helpers on a rota basis (each week we need 2 leaders and 1 helper), these numbers have dropped from what we had previously, meaning leaders and helpers are in Kids Church more regularly than before.

Our younger group caters for children from 4 to 10 years old and is led by Sarah Frank and Caroline Pemberton. We have 4 children, ages ranging from 4 - 7 but numbers attending can vary from week to week. This term we have been using a fab new online resource called Energise and our theme has been stewardship of God's world to compliment the main church services. The children have given some fantastic input into how we can make both small and big changes to take care of the world, and each other. We are looking forward to having two of the children from crèche move up in September and our challenge will be to plan activities which will engage all of them! We would really appreciate prayer for additional support for the group.

The older group catering for Year 6 (age 11) to Year 11 (age 16) (although we are allowing those over the age of 16 to still join us up in kids church if they would prefer to do this rather than stay in church) is led by Alison Underwood and Judith Brandon. We have 6 young people in this group but numbers attending can vary greatly - anything from 1 to 5, with many of the young people attending intermittently due to other commitments and possibly youth group (we can get lower numbers on youth group weeks).

We have been using some resources from the Energise website and other sources and since Christmas we have been doing sessions on environmental and sustainability issues which the young people have really engaged with and positively contributed to the Eco-church work the church is doing. Our biggest challenge is catering for the wide age range and making the groups enjoyable and engaging when there are low numbers attending, it is also difficult to build on the teaching as attendance is very intermittent. This term (following feedback from the young people) we are trialling a more project-style of working so that if there is only one young person there they can work independently and still do something worthwhile, but also still planning group activities to run if more attend which has been quite a challenge to organise!

Please continue to pray for all our children and young people and also pray specifically for us as we consider how we manage the following in the months ahead:

1. Increase in numbers in the younger group as more young children join us from creche
2. Continued unpredictable attendance and wide age range of the older group and how we can best meet the needs of this group and support them as they explore a relationship with God for themselves, find their place in the wider church family and how we can compliment the work that is happening in the Youth group.
3. Staffing - we really could do with some more leaders and helpers to share the load and bring new ideas.

Youth Group Report

The youth group started up again after covid a year ago. They meet fortnightly on a Sunday evening during term time, with 6 to 10 kids aged 11-17 attending each time. Initially the sessions were planned individually by the four leaders Jen, Alison, Mark and Judith, and included a pizza night, games evening, and sessions on the challenges of being a Christian in a secular world and the case for Christ.

Since September the group has been following the Youth Alpha course led by Jen. It has been wonderful to see how many of the kids have taken up the commitment of daily bible study and prayers using a range of different apps including a youth alpha bible in a year app.

Thank you to everyone who has been praying for the group. Please continue to pray that the kids will grow in faith, be inspired to support and encourage their fellow youth group members and find their place in the wider church family.

Crèche

Our crèche with 'See & Know' ministry has enjoyed 4 regular children with occasional visitors. Our theme last term was Old Testament stories and this term we have looked at Creation and God's beautiful world. We reinforce our teaching with singing and a craft activity.

Our room is much improved with new paint and lighting this year.

Parent & Toddler Group

Our two Groups held on Tuesdays during term time continue to be popular with, on average, 25 children in the morning and 15 in the afternoon attending with a parent, grandparent, or carer.

We are very grateful for a great team of volunteers. We welcomed Angie in September and Christine at Christmas to help with welcoming and crafts.

We are grateful to Rev Jen for her regular input to the groups and we look forward to welcoming back our friends Timothy and Janet with their puppets at Easter after a 3-year break.

Appleyard Small Group

We're a mixed group of men and women meeting on a fortnightly basis on Tuesday evenings in the church lounge.

Our aim is to support each other and make the Bible passages we study relevant to today, our lives and the world we live in.

We're not heavily into very deep theological debates although there are a few members who wouldn't be out of their depth doing that.

The materials we choose are very varied so everyone feels comfortable joining in discussions.

So, we're possibly a bit of a Co-op group where we all feel to have equal ownership of how it's run and the material we use.

Macgregor Small Group

Our group has 12 adult members, with several children who join in from time to time, giving us an age range from 6 to over 80, although we are rarely all able to attend a meeting. We meet every Monday evening; the location rotating between different members houses. All of our members contribute in different ways to the running of the group from baking cakes, to leading and contributing to Bible studies, choosing music and organising social events. The aim of our group is to meet with God, to help each other grow in faith, and in learning to walk more closely with Jesus in our daily lives. As a consequence in our studies we regularly digress from questions, and often take more than one week to complete a given Bible study.

Having recently completed a series of studies on a Christian approach to the climate crisis, which included us each working out our carbon footprint, we are now starting a series of studies in Psalms. We are always open to gaining

new members, so if you are on the lookout for a small group, feel free to come along and see if you feel comfortable with us.

Whitaker Small Group

The House group restarted in March 2022 after pandemic scare. There are currently 7 people in the group, and we meet every Monday night at Doreen Whitaker's house. We are currently studying the Acts of the Apostles.

We occasionally go out for a meal but not on a regular basis. We also have Christmas party, usually at Doreen's, but we have not had this since start of the pandemic. Hopefully this will be renewed this coming Christmas.

Bouckley Small Group

We are a small group meeting a couple of times a month for those seeking more space and time with a focus of those who are relatively new to faith or church following on from Alpha.

The aim is to encourage one another in early discipleship; learning to study the bible, worship and pray together.

There are generally 4-6 each meeting, with "virtual" group of 9 (7 of which have attended a recent Alpha group).

Quilting and Craft Group

We have continued to meet on the first Saturday of each month since 2018 and currently meet in the lounge.

Margaret (my predominant helper) and I start our day at about 8am and we finish at around 3pm. The group opens up at 10am and we finish at 3pm.

We have about 15 in the group who meet regularly; some of those who have joined have never really done any needlework, but have enjoyed sewing and getting a completed product of which they are very proud. One person has almost finished a double-size quilt that looks amazing. Other people have made bags, small quilts, cushion covers and quilts for dolly cradles.

We have two relatively new members who are very talented and we plan to have an increasing range of crafts this year to suit all abilities. We tried a new technique pre-Christmas, making small medium and large fabric tubs. They turned out really well and those who completed them were very pleased.

The new team members are Susanna and Pita both of whom are a real blessing to Rosslynn and Margaret, and are happy to be part of a team that is helping the group to grow, offering more crafts as well as quilting.

The Group helps all those who attend to not only share their skills but also support others who may be lonely and have mental health issues and generally enjoy each other's company within a safe environment.

The Group is very relaxed and welcoming and people can choose whatever project they might want to embark on, with lots of support available, but also enabling people to start where they feel is appropriate for them.

At times when every group member is present, it is getting a bit of a squeeze; however, everyone is very accommodating and helpful.

The group currently pays £5.00 per session and the money pays for refreshments and fabric and other items such as cotton, needles etc. The plan is to start charging £7.00 from April 1. This will help raise finances so we can make a contribution towards the cost of heating and lighting in the church.

In conclusion, the group is such a joy and blessing to be part of, it is hard work but to see the faces of the group enjoying being together is just wonderful.

Ladies Who Paint

The group, now in its 13th year, continues to thrive. Meeting every three weeks, we have welcomed six new members this year (not all from All Saints), and the most at our Saturday morning sessions has been 16!

This year subjects painted, mostly using watercolour, have included a dragonfly, two shubunkins, a hedgehog using Brusho inks, trees, flowers, a bee on a thistle, Christmas cards, a fox, night skies, sunsets and most recently, a stag.

Techniques have been varied, but have included wet in wet, colour mixing, line and wash and layering.

Coffee Morning

Thursday coffee morning has continued to run weekly throughout the past year.

We continue to average a weekly attendance of 10 - 15 people from both the church and the wider local community.

In 2022 we celebrated the Platinum Jubilee of our late Queen, with 28 people joining us for a cream tea. We have celebrated Easter, Harvest, Christmas and birthdays together.

We continue to run on a nominal voluntary donation.

In 2022 we have been able to make charitable donations to Christian Aid, the Winter homeless shelter and have also made a donation to church funds.

We have recently registered to become part of the Warm Spaces initiative. We are in the process of registering as a Place of welcome.

Walking Group

As a new venture in 2022 it was decided to form a walking group and this has proved to be, in my view, a success. There have only been 3 walks to date, but very varied in location and terrain. The group is very diverse in age and experience ranging from a toddler to an octogenarian, who travel together, it must be added!

Up to present we have walked from church to Copley, through North Dean Wood to Norland and back to Copley along the valley bottom. The second walk took us up the hill from Ripponden, along to Rishworth, across the valley, then finally following the stream along the valley bottom back to Ripponden. Our third walk wound around Mount Tabor taking in the wonderful valley views below. The walks vary in length, probably between 4 and 5 miles. We have been fortunate with the weather so far. It is hoped the group will meet this year on a more regular basis, maybe once a month or every six weeks.

If you are reasonably fit, come and join us. The conversations flow as we walk along and the atmosphere is light and friendly as you would expect.

Mother's Union

Our Mothers' Union Branch enjoyed a successful 2022, although nothing had been planned in the way of events or speakers due to the previous years of Lockdown and Covid. Remarkably things fell into pace, starting the year in January with our annual Wave of Prayer, when we pray for our Link Dioceses around the world and in turn they will keep us in their prayers.

As we moved through the year we packed 320 Emergency Hospital Bags, distributing them to the Calderdale Royal Hospital throughout the year. We held a Jubilee Cream Tea, in honour of our Queen's 70 year reign - a fabulous afternoon, which drew together around 75 guests and raised £400 for MU projects. We had a very enjoyable meal out at The Murgatroyd when the Tapas dishes just kept on coming! And we had 3 speakers from the Diocese talking about Outreach projects; personal dreams for the MU; and also achievements leading to receiving the Maundy Money at Windsor Castle from King Charles (then Prince Charles). We also held our own Lady Day Service on the Eve of Lady Day, 24th March, enjoyed by many members. Our final meeting of the year, the AGM, saw us holding a Festive Gift and Craft stall, raising another £155. A very eventful year considering we started with no organised

plans, and we have been able to donate a total of £600 to MU projects. We have gained a small number of non-members who attend our meetings regularly and are very welcome, we are pleased to have any interested people from Church or the local area to join in with our meetings. We have, at present, 35 enrolled members and are always happy to receive more.

Music Group report

It has been an interesting year for the Music Group, with individuals facing personal challenges but we have played at all services except one when Jen and the projector stepped in.

Current members of the group are:

Anita (piano), Cath (singer), Catherine (singer), Charles (bass and singer), Christine (Singer, clarinet, leader), George (acoustic and electric guitar, bass, singer, leader), Ian (piano, guitar, bass, leader), Julia (piano, singer), Keith (Cajon), Michael (percussion), Sue (singer)

Thanks to all those who support us on sound and projection.

All Saints School

The relationship between school and church continues to be very strong. Rev Jen's participation in school has been immense. From ex-officio, chair of governors, delivery of worship and the RE curriculum she has made an impact in many areas. She has opened up the church to all and has allowed our PTA to use the church on many occasions whilst helping out herself and encouraging the participation of the congregation. We are hosting a special education needs series of training for teaching assistants across Calderdale within the church.

We have also used the church for the school disco, Christmas fayre, weekly celebrations, services linked to the church calendar, performances including plays, choir and musical and Shine tea party. Due to the size of our hall this means we can come together as a whole school community.

Representation from the church on our board of governors has proved beneficial in making compassionate decisions, continuing to deliver our vision and having a person who genuinely cares about wellbeing not only for myself but all. She is dedicated in the role of Chair of Governors.

The use of the graveyard for forest school continues to benefit our pupils and Rev Jen has supported us with plans to grow this even further.

Rev Jen clearly has excellent mentor skills and the participation of Joshua the apprentice added to all the lovely things Rev Jen does for our school.

I would like to thank Rev Jen, Joshua and Diane and the kind volunteers from the celebration cafe for everything they do to support school.
Lauren Watson—Headteacher

Open the Book

We have a strong team of nine storytellers from All Saints' Church who meet fortnightly to lead Collective Worship at All Saints' CE (VA) Primary School.

Most of our volunteers are ladies and we would welcome more men to become members of our intergenerational team. We have been blessed with the participation of Joshua Pollard who is a great asset; he came at a time when we needed more male participants, not to say that the ladies would not take on these roles!

Originally, we led collective worship for the whole school in church but now we deliver two sessions in school which conserves learning time and feedback can be differentiated at the appropriate age level for the children. The children are often invited to play parts. They receive a special sticker to take home to tell their parents. They enjoy taking part.

Open the Book worship is well loved by the children. It focuses on key Bible stories. This year we have completed the Old Testament favourites which included: The Great Escape with Moses, Samuel hears a voice, David the Giant Killer, King Solomon, Jonah and Daniel and the Lions.

We have a brilliant team with so many skills which make these sessions so special for the children. Long may it continue!

Welcome Garden APCM Report

Our dedicated and enthusiastic Garden Team have enjoyed looking after the garden over the last year.

We have continued the battle against the weeds and overabundance of large daisies in an effort to allow other plants to thrive. We continue the work to improve the grassy areas, mindful that we are not trying to make a perfect lawn, but we would like to maintain an attractive space for people to sit, children to run around and outdoor groups to meet.

We have contributed towards the eco church project with the introduction of bug hotels and bird boxes made by the local Beaver Group and an herb garden created by the Cubs. In collaboration with The Community Pay Back Team the installation of a bike rack is underway to encourage more bike users.

We introduced a Platinum rose to commemorate the Queens' Jubilee and we look forward to spring flowers which are starting to come through. The snow drops and now miniature daffodils are looking good.

Parish Hall Report to APCM

The Trustees welcomed the arrival of Rev Jen who has become a Trustee which means we now have 8 Trustees.

The Annual Hire Agreements have been signed with the Regular Hirers which includes a commitment for the Hirers to have their own Safeguarding Policy.

We have a reasonable number of Hirers who meet regularly during the week but there is room for more. We are mindful that the cost-of-living crisis has affected peoples' ability to commit to a weekly exercise or creative activity. We also continue to have regular bookings for birthday parties at the weekends. We continue to make improvements to the Hall to ensure that it is safe and welcoming environment to come to and we are looking at ways of improving its carbon footprint.

The Trustees would like to extend their thanks to the Manager/Caretaker role carried out by Sue Blackwell and the Treasurer role carried out by Jim Pattinson.

Alpha Course 2022

Over the last year we have run the Alpha course once, from October to December. This was our first in person Alpha course since Covid restrictions were lifted, so it was a bit new and different for all of us. In total we had 11 people on the course, 4 leaders and 7 course members, some from church and others not.

As so often happens, by far the most effective way of bringing people on the course was through personal invitation, rather than more general advertising. Over our weeks together we wrestled with some of life's big questions, we ate cake, and friendships were established and grew. If you would like to know more about Alpha, please talk to John or Christine Bouckley or David or Wilma MacGregor.

Deanery Synod Report

The year started with a joint synod for Brighouse and Elland Deanery and Halifax and Calder Valley Deanery on Zoom. We were given a presentation about the Six Steps to Carbon Net Zero which the Church of England is signed-up to and aiming to achieve by 2030. This focused on the diocesan toolkit and help for parishes. We said 'hello' to the new Area Dean for Brighouse and Elland Deanery, Rev'd Canon James Allison.

The second meeting held at St. John the Divine, Rastrick was also a joint synod and the newly appointed Archdeacon of Halifax, Bill Braviner spoke to us about 'working together for mission and growth'. It also was the farewell meeting for our Area Dean, Rev. Katia Shoesmith.

Unfortunately the meeting in November was re-scheduled due to the licensing of Rev. Stuart Stobart at St. Augustine's and none of our representatives could attend as we had our own PCC meeting that evening.

The final meeting was held this March at Mixenden, just the Halifax and Calder Valley Deanery, as we now have a new Area Dean, Rev. Robb Sutherland. A presentation was given by the newly appointed chaplain of Trinity Academy and by CiCs (Christians in Calderdale Schools).

ECO Group Report

<https://ecochurch.arochoa.org.uk/>

At the PCC meeting in July 2022, the Church of England's commitment to be carbon zero by 2030 was discussed and how we might move forward on this target as a local church. It was agreed that a small group be convened to work on this which would include members of PCC and the wider congregation.

The group met in October 2022 and finalised the church Environmental Policy to be taken to PCC for approval. The remainder of the meeting was spent working through part of A Rocha UK's award scheme for churches in England and Wales. This ECO Church survey and supporting resources are designed to equip churches to express their care for God's world. The actions taken will count towards an Eco Church Award at Bronze, Silver or Gold level.

At the PCC meeting in November the Environmental policy was adopted. An overview of starting points for further action in each of the five impact areas (Worship, Lifestyle, Buildings, Land and Community and Global Engagement) was then given.

At meetings in January and March 2023, possibilities for development in each of the five areas were discussed and the following have so far been actioned.

A calendar was sent out with suggestions of events that help us take God's call to care for our planet seriously.

Worship

- Fairtrade Fortnight celebrated in church
- Some home groups using eco material
- climate change included in prayers
- Kid's Church leaders planning sessions to work on an ECO Church project

Buildings

- Lighting to be tackled to change to LED fittings.
- Land
- herb garden created by cub scouts
- a grass mowing policy was adopted
- bird feeders put in place

Community and Global Engagement

- Environment Officer for the diocese invited to speak at a Sunday service
- engage with Fairtrade movement during Fairtrade Fortnight

Lifestyle

- lifestyle tips and advice on caring for environment put on newsletter
- Kid's group research where can recycle items locally and inform church members
- encourage church members to undertake environmental lifestyle audit
- installing bike rack in church grounds

As each area of the ECO Church survey was soon in 'Bronze' it was decided to work towards the 'Silver' award. This has now been achieved and we are beginning to work towards 'Gold'.

Ecumenical Relationships

There is a South Halifax Churches Together group of which we are an active member. This includes the local Methodist, United Reformed and Catholic Churches. Joint services are held with them, either on our premises or theirs, a few times a year.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church representation Rules of the Church of England. The membership of the PCC consist of the incumbent, the two readers, the churchwardens and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll and vote at the Annual General Meeting. All those who attend services are encouraged to register on the electoral roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The full PCC met seven times during the year with a level of attendance of 85%. During the vacancy period from January to October the Standing Committee also met weekly via Zoom to discuss day-to-day running, maintenance and services.

The PCC members serving from April 2022 to April 2023 before the AGM and were:

Reader and Chair of PCC	Ian Byfield
Reader	John Bouckley
Wardens	Dianne Bates Alan Gerrard
Deanery Synod members	Diane Williams (treasurer and administrator) Rosslynn Gowers Ian Byfield Margaret Greaves
Elected members	Dominic Llewelyn Jane Appleyard Susan Blackwell David MacGregor Christine Henderson Roy Croft Sarah Frank Alan Gerard Paul Gunningham Ian Whitehill (co-opted mid year) Ruth Ingham (co-opted mid year)

Rev. Jennifer Middleton was chairperson.

Pastoral Care

A Parents and Toddlers Group was run weekly, in the Parish Hall. There are two sessions, a morning and afternoon and this is well supported by volunteers from the church.

The Ladies Who Paint and Quilting Groups offer creative opportunities which support emotional and mental health. These are run every three to four weeks.

Home Communion has been taken to elderly parishioners who cannot get to church services.

There are also members of the congregation who support those without transport to get to the building for services, group events and coffee mornings.

The weekly notice sheet is posted or hand delivered to those who are elderly or who have long-term health issues so that they are kept in touch with what is happening. There is also a Mailchimp version emailed out to those who have asked to be kept in touch throughout the community.

The small groups continue to pastorally support their members.

Safeguarding Report for the AGM

The PCC has complied with the duty to have due regard to the house of Bishop's safeguarding policy and practice guidance.

We have a working safeguarding team (Christine B, Dianne B, Shelia B, Diane W, Jen M), that continue to seek to update policy, and procedures and ensure they are complied with. We have developed role descriptions for our volunteer roles and have moved to best practice with regards safer recruitment.

The PCC have now adopted a recruitment of ex-offenders policy to add to our suite of safeguarding policies and we are now working towards a social media policy.

Volunteers, including PCC, continue to be offered appropriate training to help with their role in safeguarding.

We continue to use the parish safeguarding dashboard which helps us keep track of the safeguarding progress we are making and areas we need to review. We have now reached level 3 on the dashboard.

Concerns expressed through PSO are escalated appropriately to the diocese safeguarding team when required.

Thank you to everyone in our congregations as we remain aware of safeguarding as a whole community responsibility.

Building Fabric Report for the AGM

Over the past 12 months the focus of work on the church building has been to instal a new audio-visual system. Alongside this, changes have been made to improve the internal lighting and also to replace fittings with LED lighting in line with our drive to reduce the carbon footprint of the building.

Towards the end of October alterations were made to existing power points and 2 new ones installed for the new screens.

The new audio-visual system was then installed:

- Two TV screens were fixed in place and connected, one in the north aisle above the entrance to the creche and the other in the south aisle in front of the organ chamber.
- A new screen was installed above the chancel steps and a projector installed and connected on the front pillar on the north side of the nave.
- A further screen was later placed in the chancel that can be viewed from the chairs situated in that area.
- To both improve lighting and reduce the carbon foot print of the building the following improvements have been made to the lighting:
- Six uplighters were replaced by down-lighting LED fittings; two in the creche, two in the corridor leading to the creche and two in the entrance lobby.
- A new LED batten light was fitted in the church office and a Twin LED luminaire in the kitchen.
- LED Bulkhead lights have been installed in the toilets, toilet corridor and store cupboard.
- Existing lighting along the reredos shelf has been replaced with LED flexible strip lighting.

Other electrical work carried out alongside the lighting has been to instal a twin RCD socket in the creche, change the single plug socket in the toilet corridor to a double, and replace the non-working double socket in the lounge.

A faulty battery was replaced on the fire alarm system.

Redecorating has been done in the creche where two walls, that had previously been affected by water ingress, and some of the stonework around the window were repainted. Both the toilets have also had the walls repainted.

Plumbing has involved only minor repairs. A new tap was fitted in the kitchen, new isolation valves were fitted under the kitchen sink and the flush was replaced on one of the toilets.

All the gutters were cleaned out in the autumn.

During a cold spell, water was found in the storeroom under the eaves at the north side of the upstairs Warneford Room. As a result, two broken roof slates were replaced. It was also suspected that condensation was forming on the ceiling in the cold weather because of a lack of ventilation. The room has been cleared of several unwanted items and the door kept open so air can circulate more freely.

Looking forward, more work is planned to reduce the carbon footprint of the church; this includes further improvements to the lighting and fitting a bike rack in the church grounds. There are also plans for further work on the flat roof of the storeroom behind the chancel to make sure it is water tight.

The Quinquennial inspection is due in 2023 which no doubt will also give us a list of jobs and priorities going forward into the next five years.

End of Year Financial Statements

Year ending 2022

Introduction

This year our income from Giving was up by £6,000. Letting and fees for weddings and funerals were slightly down. Gift Aid recovered was similar to the previous two years (change in accounting last year doubled that figure). We continue to tithe our giving to other charities. We paid £3,000 more Parish Share than the previous year, however this still falls short of the £76,000 requested. Church running expenses were higher this year as it was the first year, since the Covid pandemic, that the building has been fully opened and used regularly. We have had a lot of community events, school use and small group meetings. Energy bills were higher than anticipated, as was the case through the country, due to global events. We have carefully used our utilities, making some small changes (eg. LED lighting) to help reduce consumption, but costs have risen. We continue to maintain the building well. Money saved for the AV upgrade/installation was finally spent this year so increased our outgoings by £18,000. We used around £7,000 from previous money held to cover costs this year, but this is not sustainable long-term.

Fund Analysis and Description, Balances at Year End:

General Fund	£24,526.02	
Church Maintenance Fund	£5,380.89	A reserve fund where PCC policy is to endeavour to maintain a balance of £5,000 in the fund.
General Reserve Fund	£6,822.38	PCC Policy is to endeavour to maintain £5,000 in this fund.
Harrison Bequest	£9,742.66	This fund is designated for use within the Copley Area
Susan James Memorial Fund	£9,592.98	An endowment fund. The balance in excess of £10,000 may be used for Christian Education purposes. The balance may be drawn down to £9,000 if necessary.

Parish Hall Reserve Fund	£6,328.86	A designated fund, intended only to be utilized when it is considered that day-to-day running expenses of the Parish Hall cannot be met from their general funds. Policy is to maintain a balance of £5,000.
Virgin Garden Project	£6,012.14	A Restricted Project fund, at present used for the Welcome Garden Project.
Virgin Parish Hall	£11,030.69	A Restricted fund for the purpose of maintaining the fabric of the building and the day-to-day running of the Parish Hall. This fund is administered by the Trustees of the Hall and not available for Church use.
Music and Worship Fund	£3,050.59	A Restricted fund for purchases for music and worship outreach work within the Parish
Audio-Visual Systems	£2,121.22	A designated fund set up to replace the Sound and Vision system. A new donation was received in 2019 to improve and update the system, which was installed this year. Remaining money transferred to the General Fund once completed.
Coffee Morning	£1,361.92	This is a designated fund for the coffee morning group, funded by donations.
<u>2022 Budgets set by PCC:</u>		Budget funds allocated from General Fund to be used in 2022 and re-set annually
Alpha Fund	£112.51	for use running the Alpha Course
Outreach Events	£156.79	used for Outreach events
Small Groups	£50.00	for use by small groups
Youth and Children	£272.20	used for children and youth work

Most funds should be classed as Designated not Restricted so there was some re-ordering on the computer software done this year to reflect this and to make sure the balances were in-line with the bank statements. Some funds had little money left in and were no longer in use, so the money was transferred to new headings or the General Fund. The Balancing of Funds (headed as an endowment for ease of use - but isn't) was a way of accounting for unresolved fund amounts.

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	2022 Total funds	2021 Total funds
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	70,985.50	—	—	70,985.50	65,583.90
Investment income	402.67	27.33	90.56	520.56	19.52
Other incoming resources	18,654.45	11,284.50	—	29,938.95	35,911.66
Total incoming resources	90,042.62	11,311.83	90.56	101,445.01	101,515.08
Resources used					
Charitable activities	6,846.00	—	—	6,846.00	5,996.00
Governance costs	72,365.07	—	—	72,365.07	61,690.24
Other resources used	37,951.03	9,001.55	—	46,952.58	25,850.77
Total resources used	117,162.10	9,001.55	—	126,163.65	93,537.01
Net income / (expenditure)	(27,119.48)	2,310.28	90.56	(24,718.64)	7,978.07
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	34,055.36	289.59	33,447.73	67,792.68	—
Gross transfers between funds - out	(58,416.97)	(9,375.71)	—	(67,792.68)	—
Net income / (expenditure)	(51,481.09)	(6,775.84)	33,538.29	(24,718.64)	7,978.07
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	—
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	(51,481.09)	(6,775.84)	33,538.29	(24,718.64)	7,978.07
Total funds brought forward	108,244.03	25,947.80	9,591.33	143,783.16	135,805.09
Total funds carried forward	56,762.94	19,171.96	43,129.62	119,064.52	143,783.16
Represented by:					
Unrestricted					
General fund	24,526.02	—	—	24,526.02	40,033.44
Designated					
Alpha Course	—	—	—	—	—
Audio-Visual Systems	2,121.22	—	—	2,121.22	20,323.66
CCLA Church Maintenance Fund	5,380.89	—	—	5,380.89	5,310.13
CCLA General Reserve Fund	6,822.38	—	—	6,822.38	6,732.65
CCLA Harrison Bequest	9,742.66	—	—	9,742.66	9,614.53
CCLA Parish Hall Fund	6,328.86	—	—	6,328.86	26,229.62
Coffee Morning	1,361.92	—	—	1,361.92	—
Outreach Events	156.79	—	—	156.79	—
Small Groups	50.00	—	—	50.00	—
Youth and Children	272.20	—	—	272.20	—
Restricted					
Alpha Fund	—	112.51	—	112.51	693.81
Bursary Fund	—	—	—	—	284.00
CCLA Ernest & Norah Carter Memorial Fund	—	—	—	—	—
Children and Youth	—	416.35	—	416.35	210.41
Church Outreach General	—	—	—	—	4,468.76
Diocese - Weddings - Funerals	—	—	—	—	—
Garden Project	—	6,012.14	—	6,012.14	9,545.89
Graveyard Project	—	(1,477.65)	—	(1,477.65)	(1,477.65)
Music and Worship	—	3,050.59	—	3,050.59	3,172.59
Revaluation reserves	—	27.33	—	27.33	—
Vicarage Fund	—	—	—	—	134.50
Virgin Parish Hall	—	11,030.69	—	11,030.69	8,915.49
Endowment					
Balancing of Funds	—	—	33,410.47	33,410.47	—
CCLA Susan James Memorial Fund	—	—	9,719.15	9,719.15	9,591.33

Balance sheet

Class and code	Description	2022	2021
Fixed assets			
301	Parish Hall and Buildings	19,984.00	19,984.00
303	Investments	1,546.75	1,519.42
	Total Fixed assets	21,530.75	21,503.42
Current assets			
401	Virgin Money	29,932.28	57,226.49
403	CCLA Harrison Bequest (Designated)	9,742.66	9,616.18
404	CCLA Parish Hall Reserve(Designated)	6,328.86	6,246.70
405	CCLA Susan James Fund(Endowment)	9,719.15	9,592.98
406	CCLA General Reserve Fund	6,822.38	6,733.81
407	CCLA Church Maintenance Fund	5,380.89	5,311.04
410	Virgin Parish Hall(Restricted)	11,030.89	8,684.69
411	Virgin Project Account(Garden)(Restricted)	6,012.14	6,037.59
Z05	Accounts Receivable	14,685.00	14,447.00
	Total Current assets	99,654.25	123,896.48
Liabilities			
501	Creditors for Goods and Services	—	1,616.74
502	Other Creditors	—	—
Z04	Accounts Payable	2,120.48	—
	Total Liabilities	2,120.48	1,616.74
	Net Asset surplus(deficit)	119,064.52	143,783.16
Reserves			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	(24,718.64)	7,978.07
Z01	Starting balances	143,783.16	135,805.09
	Total Reserves	119,064.52	143,783.16
	Represented by funds		
	Unrestricted	24,526.02	40,033.44
	Designated	32,236.92	68,210.59
	Restricted	19,171.96	25,947.80
	Endowment	9,719.15	9,591.33
	Unresolved	33,410.47	—
	Total	119,064.52	143,783.16

Statement of assets and liabilities

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	2022	2021
Fixed assets - Investments						
Investments -	1,519.42	—	27.33	—	1,546.75	1,519.42
Totals	1,519.42	—	27.33	—	1,546.75	1,519.42
Fixed assets - Tangible assets						
Parish Hall and Buildings -	—	19,984.00	—	—	19,984.00	19,984.00
Totals	—	19,984.00	—	—	19,984.00	19,984.00
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
Virgin Money -	12,601.35	(16,024.49)	2,649.95	31,412.47	30,639.28	57,933.49
Virgin Money -	—	—	(707.00)	—	(707.00)	(707.00)
Virgin Parish Hall(Restricted)	(240.80)	—	11,271.69	—	11,030.89	8,684.69
Virgin Project Account(Garden)Res.	(194.85)	—	7,807.34	—	7,612.49	7,637.94
Virgin Project Account(Garden)Res.	—	—	(1,600.35)	—	(1,600.35)	(1,600.35)
Totals	12,165.70	(16,024.49)	19,421.63	31,412.47	46,975.31	71,948.77
Current assets - Debtors						
Accounts Receivable -	14,685.00	—	—	—	14,685.00	14,447.00
Totals	14,685.00	—	—	—	14,685.00	14,447.00
Current assets - Investments						
CCLA Harrison Bequest (Designated) -	2.00	9,740.66	—	—	9,742.66	9,616.18
CCLA Parish Hall Reserve(Designated) -	42.38	6,286.48	—	—	6,328.86	6,246.70
CCLA Susan James Fund(Endowment) -	(1,998.00)	1,000.00	—	10,717.15	9,719.15	9,592.98
CCLA General Reserve Fund -	2.00	6,820.38	—	—	6,822.38	6,733.81
CCLA Church Maintenance Fund -	1.00	4,379.89	—	1,000.00	5,380.89	5,311.04
old fund 1 -	133.08	50.00	(60.66)	—	122.42	122.42
old fund 1 -	—	—	(122.42)	—	(122.42)	(122.42)
Totals	(1,817.54)	28,277.41	(183.08)	11,717.15	37,993.94	37,500.71
Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year						
Creditors for Goods and Services -	(45.85)	—	45.85	—	—	1,616.74
Other Creditors -	(48.07)	—	48.07	—	—	—
Accounts Payable -	2,120.48	—	—	—	2,120.48	—
Totals	2,026.56	—	93.92	—	2,120.48	1,616.74
Grand total	24,526.02	32,236.92	19,171.96	43,129.62	119,064.52	143,783.16

Analysis of income and expenditure

					Total	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	2022	2021

INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS

Incoming resources from generated funds - Voluntary income

101 - Planned Giving	63,845.50	—	—	—	63,845.50	62,543.00
103 - Offerings (Open Plate)	5,037.05	—	—	—	5,037.05	2,710.55
104 - Sundry Donations	187.82	—	—	—	187.82	28.35
109 - Specific Donations	1,865.13	50.00	—	—	1,915.13	302.00
Total	70,935.50	50.00	—	—	70,985.50	65,583.90

Incoming resources from generated funds - Investment income

108 - Income from Investments	139.21	263.46	27.33	90.56	520.56	19.52
Total	139.21	263.46	27.33	90.56	520.56	19.52

Other incoming resources

102 - Gift Aid Recovered	14,736.69	—	—	—	14,736.69	28,305.86
105 - Parish Hall Lettings/Rents	—	—	11,284.50	—	11,284.50	5,329.00
106 - Church Lettings	150.00	—	—	—	150.00	70.00
107 - PCC Charges	1,305.60	—	—	—	1,305.60	1,640.50
110 - Transfers	435.35	—	—	—	435.35	—
111 - Sundry Items	126.81	—	—	—	126.81	171.10
113 - Credits to Disperse	1,900.00	—	—	—	1,900.00	—
114 - Church Garden Project	—	—	—	—	—	395.20
Total	18,654.45	—	11,284.50	—	29,938.95	35,911.66
INCOME TOTAL	89,729.16	313.46	11,311.83	90.56	101,445.01	101,515.08

EXPENDITURE

Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	2022	2021
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Charitable activities

215 - Charity Giving		6,796.00	50.00	—	—	6,846.00	5,996.00
Total		6,796.00	50.00	—	—	6,846.00	5,996.00

Governance costs

201 - Diocesan Common Fund		55,000.00	—	—	—	55,000.00	52,000.00
202 - Clergy Expenses and other costs		59.35	—	—	—	59.35	105.00
216 - Gas;Electric;Water		12,671.20	—	—	—	12,671.20	5,105.30
217 - Buildings Insurance		4,634.52	—	—	—	4,634.52	4,479.94
Total		72,365.07	—	—	—	72,365.07	61,690.24

Other resources used

203 - Church Running Expenses		3,112.36	—	18.90	—	3,131.26	1,481.45
204 - Church Maintenance		3,358.34	225.00	—	—	3,583.34	2,289.34
205 - Printing and Stationery		—	—	—	—	—	94.99
206 - General Administration		—	—	18.90	—	18.90	815.18
207 - Photocopier		1,248.23	—	—	—	1,248.23	754.79
208 - Wages		11,946.00	—	—	—	11,946.00	11,748.00
209 - PAYE		585.00	—	—	—	585.00	780.00
210 - Parish Hall Running Costs		—	—	8,938.30	—	8,938.30	5,168.34
211 - Upkeep of Churchyard		—	—	—	—	—	13.81
212 - Other Expenses		687.75	16,268.39	—	—	16,956.14	832.02
213 - Parish Weekend		—	—	—	—	—	—
214 - Transfers		519.96	—	—	—	519.96	—
219 - Church Garden Project		—	—	25.45	—	25.45	1,872.85

Total		21,457.64	16,493.39	9,001.55	—	46,952.58	25,850.77
EXPENDITURE TOTAL		100,618.71	16,543.39	9,001.55	—	126,163.65	93,537.01

GRAND TOTAL		(10,889.55)	(16,229.93)	2,310.28	90.56	(24,718.64)	7,978.07
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Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of All Saints' Church, Halifax

This report on the accounts of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) for the year ended 31st December 2022, which are set out in the Annual Report, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('The Regulations') and S.43 of the Charities Act 1993 ('The Act').

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirements of The Regulations and S.43 (2) of The Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the term of The Regulations.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under S.43 (7) (b) of The Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

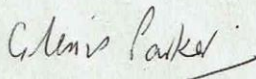
Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of The Act; and to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the requirements of the Act, and the Regulations, have not been met

or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn, in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Mrs Glenis Parker

16 Heath Avenue, Halifax

February 2023

Conclusion

The finances were in line with the proposed budget for 2022. We had anticipated using some extra money, which we had within our funds, to cover energy costs and increased outreach activities. However, some of these were still higher than anticipated.

We are hopeful for 2023 as our Generosity Sunday in October and new contactless machine received in November have resulted in an increase in giving, which will be reflected in the 2023 accounts. Our parishioners continue to be very generous, and we are very grateful for their support of the church's ministry and mission.

Dated: 1st March 2023 Diane Williams (treasurer on behalf of the PCC)

Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for 2021-2022

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ALL SAINTS' HALIFAX

Charity registration number: 1130479

Aims and Purposes

All Saints' Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of working with the priest-in-charge, the Reverend Jennifer Middleton, in promoting the whole mission of this Church of England in the Parish of Skircoat Green, Salterhebble and Copley. This Christian mission is pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical in serving the Parish community.

There is a linked community Parish Hall run by trustees.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of the parish community.

We are committed to developing strong ties with All Saints' C. of E. Primary School and also fostering good relations with the primary schools in Copley and Salterhebble.

We try to enable people in our local community to live out their faith as part of our parish community through: worship and prayer, learning about the Gospel and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus. By providing pastoral support and care and in missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church of All Saints' and the Parish Hall.

Achievements and Performance

This year started with a period of vacancy and with Covid restrictions still in place and ever-changing.

When the church was unable to open we had worship online via Youtube and the reading, prayers and sermon printed in the weekly notice sheet which was delivered, emailed or posted to about 100 people who requested it.

Once open, we had a bookable service at 10.30am every Sunday, which had from 30-50 people in attendance dependent on restrictions at the time. There was a family service once a month. This resulted in a fortnightly rota until we were able to open fully to all. Once we were fully open then we were able to hold two services: 9am Holy Communion and 10.30am Morning Worship with a Family Service once a month and Holy Communion once a month. The crèche facility was re-started.

The Kids' Church continued to meet via Zoom for a lot of the year and recommencing face-to-face meetings in September.

At the end of October our new priest-in-charge was licensed and this enabled us to re-start services/assemblies for the local school.

As well as our regular services, we held a service for The South Halifax Churches Together 25th Anniversary and a harvest afternoon service.

There were two baptisms held in the church this year, no weddings and two funerals and three burial services in the graveyard.

Two Alpha courses were run this year, held mainly on Zoom. There were positive responses to these and there are plans to run two more courses next year.

Reports from Groups for the AGM

The Alpha Course...

Exactly at this moment as I've sat down to send this, an email's arrived from Alpha HTB congratulating us, and thanking us for running it....we should be thanking them for providing such excellent material, training, backup, support and encouragement. I've actually had more encouragement and support from Alpha than any other church organisation. No wonder they're helping to grow the church, and yes actually changing the world.

We've run a few Alphas now, (they reckon nine get you up to speed) these have been online sessions mostly but if we had been meeting in person the majority of these wonderful folk couldn't have come. So online has been very positive really.

We're backed up with a closely linked prayer team under Alethea's care. So, thanks Alethea and crew!

The course is for the Alpha-ites so to craft a report I asked them.... they said...

I had considered Alpha a few times, but I was reluctant because I feared I wasn't 'devout' enough or knew enough about 'God' or 'Christianity'. I was wrong, Alpha is a safe place to consider issues of faith and morality without judgement or pressure. I learnt that 'God gets it' and that is all that matters'

It has been very freeing to be able to ask questions about the Christian faith in such a warm and supportive environment, free from any worries about causing offence or being judged. I feel like I've made new friends and I've learnt so much each week. I always had some level of belief in the existence of Jesus but Alpha has helped me to find a deeper knowing. I want to learn more and continue this journey and I can't recommend Alpha highly enough. I thank our facilitators for their kindness and for creating such a safe space for us to come together and explore in! It's been wonderful.

It has been a lovely way to spend a Wednesday evening, with good company and thought provoking conversation.

Our Alpha team go the extra mile and encourage us to open up and chat about our own lives. Also they are very good at answering our questions when we have doubts about some of the verses in the Bible.

Alpha course has given me the opportunity to explore Christian faith and help me wanting to know more about Jesus Christ. Also great opportunity to meet wonderful people.

I am chatting to God and asking him to help

We've been also praying for requests, seeing prayers answered and growing fond of one another.

We're looking towards the future, updating our practices and through some creative thinking, we're intending to develop....but that's for us to be working on for now!

All Saints' Housegroups

David & Wilma's housegroup

Where to start? Covid and more covid! For much of the year we were only able to meet thanks to the wonders of zoom – it's nowhere nearly as good as meeting face to face, but buckets better than not meeting at all. However, by mid-autumn we were able to, cautiously at first, start meeting face to face again, and wasn't that wonderful – oh the simple pleasures of eating tea and cake and talking face to face. That said, we continue to have a zoom element for people who find it difficult to come in person.

Our Bible studies over the last 12 months started in January with a 14 week series going through the whole of the book of Acts. In the end it took all year, but it meant we could take as much time as we needed to look at the passage each week – as we reminded ourselves regularly, our aim is to hear from God, not to get to the end of a particular passage. As always our group emphasises the application of the Bible to our daily lives, with time to share joys and sorrows, doubts and fears, worries and revelations, and news of family and friends.

During the year, we have several people join our group, some for just a few weeks until they were able to find a more suitable group or their own group was able to start meeting again. Others have stayed for longer. We are always open to people joining, so if you are looking for a housegroup, feel free to come and give us a try, to stay for one week, or for many years, or maybe somewhere in between. Our youngest member is only 5 and our oldest is over 80.

Whitaker Group

Sadly we could not meet during last year and as some of our group do not have computers we could not get together. Doreen kept us together with regular phone calls around the group and I sent out the usual birthday cards to everyone. We have only just started meeting again but we are all together.

Agape homegroup

We have 8 members (including 2 men) We meet weekly on Wednesday mornings from 10.15 – 12.15 approximately.

At the beginning of the pandemic Judith set us up on Zoom and Christine has continued as necessary, so we have been able to continue our fellowship. Once we were able, we resumed our face to face meetings either indoors or in the garden.

We had been following a Cover to Cover study entitled “God’s Rescue Plan” linking Old and New testament. Recently we have found the Life Builder series on the Psalms particularly apt and helpful as we are made increasingly aware of the distressing situations so many people are living through. We share freely amongst ourselves and pray for each others’ families as well as the needs of our church and the world.

We enjoy hearing our study passages beautifully read by David Suchet and singing along to a recording of a specially chosen song or hymn.

We’d be glad to welcome new members.

Appleyard House group

Our home group has mostly met using Zoom during 2021.

We’ve had a mixture of different types of ‘meet ups’ some social and others Bible based. We all found zoom challenging as it’s not possible to have more than one conversation occurring at the same time - the meet ups had to be more structured and fellowship wasn’t as easy.

We used:

- Cover to Cover James Faith in Action
- Holy Trinity Brompton’s online resource ‘The Jesus Manifesto’ A summer supper evening meet up on Savile Park worked well.

Post Alpha group

Alpha HQ at HTB advise very strongly that there must be follow on from Alpha courses.....this is part of ours.

There aren’t many of us, but Christine and I have been here several times before. It’s part of the building process, and that’s what we’re doing. To build a new group from scratch, it takes a while, and it takes quite a lot of input and patience because it’s slowly slowly.....then slow down a bit! It helps that we all love fish and chips!

We continue the Alpha ethos, we're interested in being Family Jesus, so we're modelling ourselves on the Acts 2 chappies.....and going for light, fun, love, care and Jesus, with some learning. Conversations have been excellent and we're all benefitting. We're keen to be Christians together and also to develop a reliable faith that's resilient for real life, and aware of the support of a decent church family. We get together, learn how to pray, to study Scripture as we do it, rather than just learn facts. We do live the bible and prayer stuff...in life's parties and struggles...we don't just use this as material, but use it in our lives, together....a way of life. We've started with maybe 6 or 8 weeks looking at prayer. Soon we'll do a gospel, looking at how to read and follow the meaning, extract the messages from the stories..... Oh, and we'll have a curry, get some fish and chips and enjoy life in our Lord.....maybe BBQs in summer.....let's see!

Welcome Garden

The Welcome Garden is for the Church family, the local schools school and the community at large. It is therefore an open space available for all to use. We have five volunteer gardeners who weed, prune and keep the garden tidy from March to December on Wednesday mornings.

Last spring we took delivery of a large amount of top soil to even out the bumps in the lawn. The top soil was spread out by the Landscape Gardener who also seeded areas so that the grassy areas recovered quickly.

Last summer we had to thin out an excess quantity of large daisies sown in the borders so that other wild flowers and shrubs could thrive. We planted more winter and spring bulbs in the autumn which we are able to enjoy now. We also took advice from a tree expert who gave us tips on tree pruning and it's good to see that the trees are beginning to blossom once again.

The Community Pay Back Team who clear the brambles from the graveyard areas help us by cutting the grass in the Welcome Garden from April to October.

You are very welcome to come and join us on Wednesday mornings or if you wish it would be very helpful if you could offer perhaps an hour a week at another time to do some Welcome Gardening or if you have any friends who live nearby who enjoy gardening and can spare some time please let Paul G. or the church office know!

Coffee Morning

Thursday coffee morning recommenced following the Covid19 pandemic in September 2021, relocating from the parish hall to the church lounge. It is run by a small, but dedicated team of volunteers.

The numbers have risen to an average of 10-12 people each week.

We enjoy tea, coffee, toast and biscuits and mark special occasions such as birthdays, Christmas and Easter.

We are hoping to plan other special events in the future months.

It is lovely to enable both church members and people from the local community to meet in a relaxed environment for a chat and a cuppa!

All Saints' Parent and Toddler Groups

After a break of eighteen months, due to Covid restrictions, our P&T groups were able to welcome families again on 7th September 2021.

We continue to run two groups on a Tuesday, and we took the decision to close the Wednesday group in Copley village.

Since September the numbers for both groups have gradually increased as further Covid restrictions have been lifted. The morning group is now full with a waiting list and the afternoon group remains quieter but growing in numbers.

We have a great team of volunteers without whom the groups could not run. Despite age and health restrictions, they all remain very young-at-heart.

Frequent visits from Rev Jen have been welcome and keep the church very much a part of our local community.

Sunday children's groups

Our Sunday children's groups have gone backwards and forwards due to the impact of Covid.

Getting to meet in church, then zoom, then back on site again! We're very happy to be meeting regularly again during the main church service upstairs. We have two groups, one aimed at primary and one at secondary aged children. Thanks go to the dedicated team who help lead this ministry. If anyone would like to join the team, we'd love to talk to you.

Youth group 2021

Having run a couple of online youth groups at the start of the pandemic, in 2021 we concentrated the limited resources on keeping the Sunday Club running. I'm pleased to report that the youth group has been able to start up once again in 2022 with the much appreciated help of two additions to the team - Mark Pemberton and Rev Jen. The youth group is now running fortnightly during term time on a Sunday evening and is open to children of secondary school age. We currently have 9 young people of this age in church.

We'd also like to thank the many contributors who have helped with youth group since it started and particularly Wayne Stead who helped start and lead the youth group, but has now stepped down to concentrate on other things.

Open the Book

Between March 20 and April 2021 it wasn't possible to go into All Saints' School due to Covid restrictions.

When the school restarted in April they were not allowed to have collective worship as a whole school; the pupils had to remain in bubbles. The Open the Book team, therefore, went in for about 6 weeks to do a story with each small class individually. There was the advantage that we only needed to prepare one story. During summer term we finished the academic year with the story of Paul's conversion: The Road to Damascus.

Collective worship returned in the autumn term, and it was decided to do two separate performances on one day - for key stage 1 and key stage 2. We continued with more stories about Jesus, looking at his parables. With the start of 2022 we have gone back to the start of the Bible and are covering stories like Creation and Noah.

The Open the Book group has had a few new members as some original members have moved on.

We now number about 6-8 regulars and will always welcome newcomers to our team.

The staff and children look forward to our storytelling and we will continue doing two performances per fortnight in the coming year.

Ladies who Paint

Our group has been meeting since October 2010. At the moment it consists of up to 14 people (not all church members).

We have covered a variety of subjects, using a variety of media, including watercolour, water soluble oils, acrylics, colour pencils, inks and pastels.

We have hosted 3 exhibitions, supporting the food drop in centre and the new welcome garden.

Meetings are on Saturday mornings in church every 3 weeks. Since we returned post covid we have painted cakes, glass and metal using line and wash and a number of landscapes. Our motivational

lettering is on display in the Warneford Room. More recently we have produced a watercolour dragonfly and practised enlarging an image using a grid. The next subject is a goldfish and shubunkin duo!

Quilting

The quilting group actually started before Covid 19, we met in our homes but soon realised that we were growing and needed more space. We now meet in the church lounge on the first Saturday of every month, 10 am until 3pm.

We are mainly a hand quilting group but also do other crafts occasionally. Our group consists of various ages, we have a young male adult who attends, some are members of All Saints church but mainly the group are from the community. Our aim is to build relationships, friendship, care and to show the love of Christ. All the members are very chatty and helpful to each other, this supports loneliness, mental and emotional health along with learning new tasks.

Mother's Union

As has been the case for so many, 2021 was a difficult year when we were only able to keep in touch by phone for many months. The year started in early January, when we hoped to have our Wave of Prayer to link up with Dioceses around the world. Plans were made, 20 ladies eager to attend, but we had to cancel at the very last minute due to rising Covid numbers and, in reality, we were then unable to get together until August. By then we were being encouraged to raise funds for MU projects by meeting up outside to walk together. We chose a wonderfully sunny day in late August to meet in Manor Heath Park. Very little walking was done but we chatted a lot and shared flasks of coffee and cake, raising £170.

September was our first official meeting since November 2020, 18 members met enthusiastically, to share prayers and stories of the previous months. Similarly in October, but this meeting was blighted by Covid again and was very quiet, but a quiet meeting was better than no meeting at all. Our AGM was well supported in November, we had a festive flavour, and we discussed the year past and some encouraging plans for speakers during 2022.

On a positive note, we were able to keep the delivery of Emergency Toiletry Bags to the local hospital every couple of months - maybe not as many as usual but we did provide needy patients with 145 bags containing facecloth, soap, toothbrush and paste and a comb. A difficult year all round but we continue to have 34 members who remain enthusiastic and supportive.

All Saints School

The relationship between school and church has increased rapidly since Rev Jen has joined All saints' church. Her participation in school has been immense from delivering the Easter story, both to classes and as a whole school worship to re-enacting the last supper inside church and much more. The cafe which church provide prior to our weekly service on a Friday has both increased relationships with school and our families and also the church.

The use of the graveyard for forest school has been extremely beneficial for those children who are more vulnerable and increased engagement linked to this has been evident. Year 4 also enjoyed their shelter building project as part of their DT project.

Weekly worships which are delivered by Rev Jen and the Open the book team have enabled to explore our values more deeply whilst linking these to biblical text and prayer.

Rev Jen is now Ex-officio on the board of governors and the representation from the church has proved beneficial in making compassionate decisions, the rebranding process and adding another dynamic person to the group. Her role as Year 6 class link governor has helped children to connect to the church and deepen their understanding of Christianity.

We look forward to building this relationship further and would like to thank Rev Jen, Diane and the kind volunteers from the cafe for everything they support school with.

Lauren Watson—head

Electoral Roll

At present there are 112 on the electoral roll, about half of which are not resident in the Parish.

Deanery Synod

Three members of the PCC sat on Deanery Synod this year. Many of the meetings were held via Zoom, with only one being 'in person'. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structure of the church. Two members attended the Living in Faith and Love course run by the Deanery in November.

Deanery Synod report to AGM 2021

The Deanery Synod has had four meetings in the last twelve months. Four of these meetings have been held via Zoom, due to Covid restrictions and one was held at The Minster.

All the Deanery meetings this year have been joint meetings with Halifax and Calder Valley Deanery and Brighouse and Elland Deanery, as the Area Dean, Rev. Kathia has been looking after both deaneries. This made for some very large meetings (54 people on Zoom is fun!) but there was always chance to break into smaller groups which was useful for discussions.

In February 2021 Rev. Kathia gave an outline of the deanery synod and how the structure of parishes, deaneries and diocese worked. Then there was an election of deanery officers for each deanery.

In June the meeting was concerned with 'emerging positively' from lockdown. In October, we learnt about the new nationwide course 'Living in Love and Faith' and were encouraged to participate in the one being led by our deanery at St. Jude's in November. The latest meeting in February 2022 was concerned with environmental concerns and the initiative by the Church of England called 'six steps to carbon net zero' which is an aim for 2030.

Ecumenical Relationships

There is a South Halifax Churches Together group of which we are an active member. This includes the local Methodist, United Reformed and Catholic Churches. There was a joint service for Harvest with a lunch after, and Maundy Thursday a joint service with St Andrews Methodist was held on Zoom.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church representation Rules of the Church of England. The membership of the PCC consist of the incumbent, the two readers, the churchwardens and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll and vote at the Annual General Meeting. All those who attend services are encouraged to register on the electoral roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The full PCC met seven times during the year with a level of attendance of 85%. During the vacancy period from January to October the Standing Committee also met weekly via Zoom to discuss day-to-day running, maintenance and services.

The PCC members serving from January to May 2021 before the AGM and newly elected members were:

Reader and Chair of PCC
Reader

Ian Byfield
John Bouckley

Wardens	Dianne Bates Margaret Greaves
Deanery Synod members	Diane Williams (treasurer and administrator) Rosslynn Gowers Ian Byfield
Elected members	Keith Appleyard Jane Appleyard Susan Blackwell Julia Clothier Roy Croft Sarah Frank Alan Gerard Paul Gunningham Richard Mullen Wayne Stead

And elected from May –December 2021

Ian Gowers (Secretary)
Christine Henderson
David Macgregor
Yolande Shire

From October 31st the new incumbent Rev. Jennifer Middleton became chairperson.

Pastoral Care

During Covid times, there was an effort to maintain links with as many people as possible. Alongside the notice sheet mailings, emails and online worship there were house-groups which continued to meet using Zoom and in person when possible. Regular phone calls were made to those who could not meet, and at Easter cards were hand written and delivered as widely as possible to maintain the community cohesiveness. The church joined with the local community to organise a window trail around the local estate which families were able to walk around during Advent. One of our members has just completed a Diocesan pastoral course which will enable us to develop this aspect of our ministry.

A Parents and Toddlers Group was run weekly, in the Parish Hall, once Covid restrictions lifted. There are two sessions, a morning and afternoon and this is well supported by volunteers from the church.

The Ladies Who Paint and Quilting Groups offer creative opportunities which support emotional and mental health.

Safeguarding Report for the AGM

Over the last few months we have begun to catch up with ensuring that the policies we have agreed in the past are implemented across the church and all her activities. Our first steps have been to ensure everyone involved in youth and children's work has completely some up to date training and to look at our safer recruitment practice.

As the role of safeguarding grows we are creating a small team to ensure we do all we can to protect, children, young people, vulnerable adults and all those who work with them - still keeping

one person as contact for all concerns but allowing others to take the lead with recruitment, relevant health and safety etc.

Building Fabric Report for the AGM

During the past twelve months the main focus for work on the building has been in the rooms at the east end of the church beyond the chancel. Previously used as a vestry and meeting room, this area is being refurbished so it can be used for storage of items used occasionally within the life of the church, but also for church groups that need storage space to support more regular activities.

Work began in May 2021 when fibre glass matting and sealant were applied to the valley gutter on the flat roof above the old meeting room. Two timber joists then had to be fitted to support the roof and matting and sealant had then to be applied to further sections of the roof itself.

Once the area was seen to be watertight the ceiling was replastered after vents had been fitted to ensure air could circulate in the roof space to prevent damp.

Finally, the walls and ceiling were prepared and painted and two freestanding steel shelving racks purchased and installed.

Work was also carried out to repair patches of plaster in the creche, old vestry and the rear lobby in preparation for these areas being decorated.

A new down pipe and hopper were fitted at the east end of the building.

More recently, during a period of heavy rain, water was again entering the church. Consequently, high level guttering on the south aisle roof was repaired, a new downpipe was fitted, gutter outlets were cleared and some lead flashing was re-fitted. Work was also needed to limit water ingress in the creche – roof slates were repaired and a section of rotten fascia board replaced.

Looking forward, the old vestry will be cleared ready for re-decorating followed by the back lobby area and the creche.



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Vid Fund	£210	This fund is for use within Sunday Club
Parish Hall Reserve Fund	£6,246.70	A designated fund, intended only to be utilized when it is considered that day-to-day running expenses of the Parish Hall cannot be met from General Funds. Policy is to maintain a balance of £5,000.
Hall Operations	£8,684.69	A restricted fund for the purpose of maintaining the fabric of the building and the day-to-day running of the Parish Hall. This fund is administered by the Trustees of the Halo and not available for Church use.

Balance sheet

Class and code	Description	This year	Last year
Fixed assets			
301	Parish Hall and Buildings	19,984	19,984
302	Photocopier	—	—
303	Investments	1,519	1,519
	Total Fixed assets	21,503	21,503
Current assets			
401	Virgin Money	57,226	67,938
402	CCLA Carter Fund	—	—
403	CCLA Harrison Bequest	9,616	9,611
404	CCLA Parish Hall Reserve	6,246	6,243
405	CCLA Susan James Fund	9,592	9,587
406	CCLA General Reserve Fund	6,733	6,730
407	CCLA Church Maintenance Fund	5,311	5,308
408	Cash in Hand	—	38
409	Virgin Money Parish Hall	—	—
410	Hall Operations	8,684	8,925
411	Virgin Money Project Account	6,037	7,515
Z05	Accounts Receivable	14,447	272
	Total Current assets	123,896	122,171
Liabilities			
501	Creditors for Goods and Services	1,616	250
502	Other Creditors	—	7,619
	Total Liabilities	1,616	7,869
	Net Asset surplus(deficit)	143,783	135,805
Reserves			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	7,978	128
Z01	Starting balances	135,805	135,676
	Total Reserves	143,783	135,805
	Represented by funds		
	Unrestricted	40,033	30,325
	Designated	68,210	68,200
	Restricted	25,947	27,691
	Endowment	9,591	9,587
	Total	143,783	135,805

Statement of assets and liabilities

		General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Fixed assets - Investments							
Investments -		1,519	—	—	—	1,519	1,519
Totals		1,519	—	—	—	1,519	1,519
Fixed assets - Tangible assets							
Parish Hall and Buildings -		—	19,984	—	—	19,984	19,984
Totals		—	19,984	—	—	19,984	19,984
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand							
Virgin Money -		27,844	20,315	11,066	(2,000)	57,226	67,938
CCLA Harrison Bequest -		1	9,614	—	—	9,616	9,611
CCLA Parish Hall Reserve -		42	6,204	—	—	6,246	6,243
CCLA Susan James Fund -		(1,998)	1,000	—	10,591	9,592	9,587
CCLA General Reserve Fund -		1	6,732	—	—	6,733	6,730
CCLA Church Maintenance Fund -		0	4,310	—	1,000	5,311	5,308
Cash in Hand -		133	50	(183)	—	—	38
Hall Operations -		(240)	—	8,925	—	8,684	8,925
Virgin Money Project Account -		(194)	—	6,232	—	6,037	7,515
Totals		25,589	48,226	26,041	9,591	109,449	121,899
Current assets - Debtors							
Accounts Receivable -		14,447	—	—	—	14,447	272
Totals		14,447	—	—	—	14,447	272
Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year							
Creditors for Goods and Services -		1,570	—	45	—	1,616	250
Other Creditors -		(48)	—	48	—	—	7,619
Totals		1,522	—	93	—	1,616	7,869
Grand total		40,033	68,210	25,947	9,591	143,783	135,805

Analysis of receipts and payments

					Total	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year

INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS

Incoming resources from generated funds - Voluntary income

101 - Planned Giving	62,543	—	—	—	62,543	68,645
103 - Offerings (Open Plate)	2,710	—	—	—	2,710	2,080
104 - Sundry Donations	28	—	—	—	28	400
109 - specific Donations	302	—	—	—	302	758
Total	65,583	—	—	—	65,583	71,883

Incoming resources from generated funds - Investment income

108 - Income from Investments	6	9	—	3	19	881
Total	6	9	—	3	19	881

Other incoming resources

102 - Income Tax Recoverable	28,305	—	—	—	28,305	21,279
105 - Parish Hall Lettings/Rents	5,329	—	—	—	5,329	5,991
106 - Church Lettings	70	—	—	—	70	—
107 - PCC Charges	1,640	—	—	—	1,640	1,754
110 - Transfers	—	—	—	—	—	—
111 - Sundry Items	171	—	—	—	171	391

112 - Parish W/E	—	—	—	—	—	—
113 - Credits to Disperse	—	—	—	—	—	104
114 - Church Garden Project	—	—	395	—	395	14,111
Total	35,516	—	395	—	35,911	43,632
INCOME TOTAL	101,106	9	395	3	101,515	116,397

EXPENDITURE

Charitable activities

215 - Tithe payments	5,996	—	—	—	5,996	7,055
Total	5,996	—	—	—	5,996	7,055

Governance costs

201 - Diocesan Common Fund	52,000	—	—	—	52,000	52,000
202 - Clergy Expenses and other costs	105	—	—	—	105	742
216 - Gas;Electric;Water	5,105	—	—	—	5,105	4,376
217 - Buildings Insurance	4,479	—	—	—	4,479	4,436
218 - Weddings/Funerals - Diocese	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	61,690	—	—	—	61,690	61,554

Other resources used

203 - Church Running Expenses	1,481	—	—	—	1,481	3,347
204 - Church Maintenance	2,289	—	—	—	2,289	3,949
205 - Printing and Stationery	94	—	—	—	94	515
206 - General Administration	815	—	—	—	815	124
207 - Photocopier	754	—	—	—	754	743
208 - Wages	11,748	—	—	—	11,748	12,188
209 - Income Tax	780	—	—	—	780	780
210 - Parish Hall Running Costs	5,168	—	—	—	5,168	6,521
211 - Upkeep of Churchyard	13	—	—	—	13	96
212 - Other Expenses	566	—	265	—	832	3,512
213 - Parish Weekend	—	—	—	—	—	—
214 - Transfers	—	—	—	—	—	—
219 - Church Garden Project	—	—	1,872	—	1,872	15,880
Total	23,712	—	2,138	—	25,850	47,659
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	91,398	—	2,138	—	93,537	116,269
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As the members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirements of The Regulations and S.43 (2) of The Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the term of The Regulations.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under S.43 (7) (b) of The Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

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In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

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or

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Mrs Glenis Parker

16 Heath Avenue, Halifax

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Sound System Appeal	£20, 323	A designated fund set up to replace the Sound and Vision system. A new donation was received in 2019 to improve and update the system, which has been delayed by the pandemic.
Vid Fund	£210	This fund is for use within Sunday Club
Parish Hall Reserve Fund	£6,246.70	A designated fund, intended only to be utilized when it is considered that day-to-day running expenses of the Parish Hall cannot be met from General Funds. Policy is to maintain a balance of £5,000.
Hall Operations	£8,684.69	A restricted fund for the purpose of maintaining the fabric of the building and the day-to-day running of the Parish Hall. This fund is administered by the Trustees of the Halo and not available for Church use.

Balance sheet

Class and code	Description	This year	Last year
Fixed assets			
301	Parish Hall and Buildings	19,984	19,984
302	Photocopier	—	—
303	Investments	1,519	1,519
	Total Fixed assets	21,503	21,503
Current assets			
401	Virgin Money	57,226	67,938
402	CCLA Carter Fund	—	—
403	CCLA Harrison Bequest	9,616	9,611
404	CCLA Parish Hall Reserve	6,246	6,243
405	CCLA Susan James Fund	9,592	9,587
406	CCLA General Reserve Fund	6,733	6,730
407	CCLA Church Maintenance Fund	5,311	5,308
408	Cash in Hand	—	38
409	Virgin Money Parish Hall	—	—
410	Hall Operations	8,684	8,925
411	Virgin Money Project Account	6,037	7,515
Z05	Accounts Receivable	14,447	272
	Total Current assets	123,896	122,171
Liabilities			
501	Creditors for Goods and Services	1,616	250
502	Other Creditors	—	7,619
	Total Liabilities	1,616	7,869
	Net Asset surplus(deficit)	143,783	135,805
Reserves			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	7,978	128
Z01	Starting balances	135,805	135,676
	Total Reserves	143,783	135,805
	Represented by funds		
	Unrestricted	40,033	30,325
	Designated	68,210	68,200
	Restricted	25,947	27,691
	Endowment	9,591	9,587
	Total	143,783	135,805

Statement of assets and liabilities

		General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Fixed assets - Investments							
Investments -		1,519	—	—	—	1,519	1,519
Totals		1,519	—	—	—	1,519	1,519
Fixed assets - Tangible assets							
Parish Hall and Buildings -		—	19,984	—	—	19,984	19,984
Totals		—	19,984	—	—	19,984	19,984
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand							
Virgin Money -		27,844	20,315	11,066	(2,000)	57,226	67,938
CCLA Harrison Bequest -		1	9,614	—	—	9,616	9,611
CCLA Parish Hall Reserve -		42	6,204	—	—	6,246	6,243
CCLA Susan James Fund -		(1,998)	1,000	—	10,591	9,592	9,587
CCLA General Reserve Fund -		1	6,732	—	—	6,733	6,730
CCLA Church Maintenance Fund -		0	4,310	—	1,000	5,311	5,308
Cash in Hand -		133	50	(183)	—	—	38
Hall Operations -		(240)	—	8,925	—	8,684	8,925
Virgin Money Project Account -		(194)	—	6,232	—	6,037	7,515
Totals		25,589	48,226	26,041	9,591	109,449	121,899
Current assets - Debtors							
Accounts Receivable -		14,447	—	—	—	14,447	272
Totals		14,447	—	—	—	14,447	272
Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year							
Creditors for Goods and Services -		1,570	—	45	—	1,616	250
Other Creditors -		(48)	—	48	—	—	7,619
Totals		1,522	—	93	—	1,616	7,869
Grand total		40,033	68,210	25,947	9,591	143,783	135,805

Analysis of receipts and payments

					Total	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year

INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS

Incoming resources from generated funds - Voluntary income

101 - Planned Giving	62,543	—	—	—	62,543	68,645
103 - Offerings (Open Plate)	2,710	—	—	—	2,710	2,080
104 - Sundry Donations	28	—	—	—	28	400
109 - specific Donations	302	—	—	—	302	758
Total	65,583	—	—	—	65,583	71,883

Incoming resources from generated funds - Investment income

108 - Income from Investments	6	9	—	3	19	881
Total	6	9	—	3	19	881

Other incoming resources

102 - Income Tax Recoverable	28,305	—	—	—	28,305	21,279
105 - Parish Hall Lettings/Rents	5,329	—	—	—	5,329	5,991
106 - Church Lettings	70	—	—	—	70	—
107 - PCC Charges	1,640	—	—	—	1,640	1,754
110 - Transfers	—	—	—	—	—	—
111 - Sundry Items	171	—	—	—	171	391

112 - Parish W/E	—	—	—	—	—	—
113 - Credits to Disperse	—	—	—	—	—	104
114 - Church Garden Project	—	—	395	—	395	14,111
Total	35,516	—	395	—	35,911	43,632
INCOME TOTAL	101,106	9	395	3	101,515	116,397

EXPENDITURE

Charitable activities

215 - Tithe payments	5,996	—	—	—	5,996	7,055
Total	5,996	—	—	—	5,996	7,055

Governance costs

201 - Diocesan Common Fund	52,000	—	—	—	52,000	52,000
202 - Clergy Expenses and other costs	105	—	—	—	105	742
216 - Gas;Electric;Water	5,105	—	—	—	5,105	4,376
217 - Buildings Insurance	4,479	—	—	—	4,479	4,436
218 - Weddings/Funerals - Diocese	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	61,690	—	—	—	61,690	61,554

Other resources used

203 - Church Running Expenses	1,481	—	—	—	1,481	3,347
204 - Church Maintenance	2,289	—	—	—	2,289	3,949
205 - Printing and Stationery	94	—	—	—	94	515
206 - General Administration	815	—	—	—	815	124
207 - Photocopier	754	—	—	—	754	743
208 - Wages	11,748	—	—	—	11,748	12,188
209 - Income Tax	780	—	—	—	780	780
210 - Parish Hall Running Costs	5,168	—	—	—	5,168	6,521
211 - Upkeep of Churchyard	13	—	—	—	13	96
212 - Other Expenses	566	—	265	—	832	3,512
213 - Parish Weekend	—	—	—	—	—	—
214 - Transfers	—	—	—	—	—	—
219 - Church Garden Project	—	—	1,872	—	1,872	15,880
Total	23,712	—	2,138	—	25,850	47,659
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	91,398	—	2,138	—	93,537	116,269
GRAND TOTAL	9,708	9	(1,743)	3	7,978	128

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of All Saints' Church, Halifax

This report on the accounts of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) for the year ended 31st December 2021, which are set out in the Annual Report, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('The Regulations') and S.43 of the Charities Act 1993 ('The Act').

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirements of The Regulations and S.43 (2) of The Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the term of The Regulations.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under S.43 (7) (b) of The Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of The Act; and to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the requirements of the Act, and the Regulations, have not been met

or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn, in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Mrs Glenis Parker

16 Heath Avenue, Halifax

February 2022

Accounts

All Saints' Church
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Annual Report
And
Financial Statements
Of the
Parochial Church Council
for the year ending 31st December 2020

Charity Commission Number
1130479

Incumbent:
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Vice-Chair of P.C.C. Ian Byfield

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Parish of All Saints' Halifax APCM May 19 2021

Agenda **Vestry Meeting**

1. Election of Chair
2. Apologies for absence
3. Accept Minutes of Vestry Meeting 2020
4. Election of Churchwardens

APCM

1. Introduction
2. Accept Minutes of APCM 2020
3. Reports
 - Accounts
 - Electoral Roll
 - PCC Secretary
 - Fabric
 - Garden
4. Election of PCC members
5. Appointment of Independent Examiner
6. Close

All Saints Church
Parish of All Saints Church APCM October 21st 2020

Minutes of the Vestry meeting on Wednesday 21st October 2020 at 7.30pm

The meeting was led by Vice Chair Mr. Ian Byfield; including 17 members present, and 5 members on Zoom video link.

19:85 Apologies for Absence: There was 1 apology

19:86 Minutes of the last meeting (11th April 2019) The minutes were received and were accepted as a correctly record. Proposed by Mrs. M. Greaves and seconded by Mr. J. Patinson, and agreed unanimously.

19:87 Appointment of Church Wardens: Mrs Margaret Greaves and Mrs Patricia D Bates had signified their willingness to stand for election. Completed forms had been received prior to the meeting. The Vice Chair stated that he had received two nominations and seconded, and declared the both Margaret Greaves and Diane Bates Church wardens for the next year until the next APCM

Minutes of APCM on Wednesday October 21st 2020

19:88 Presentation of Reports. All papers were distributed to the meeting, giving time for consideration and/or Q&A.

19:89 End of Year 2019, Financial statement,.

Mr. J. Pattinson reported that the year had been a difficult one in terms of breaking even, but that was acceptable due to the planned giving and considering that the "open plate" was down in contribution, but there was an increase in contribution in tithing. Increasing the contribution to the Diocese to £51,000. Expenditure remained the same. Making note that £71,000 had been generated in total towards the Garden Project. He gave praise to the congregation in general for their generosity with continued payment of standing orders. He then announced that he was stepping down as Assistant Treasurer after 14/15 years service.

19:90 Re-Appointment of the Independent Examiner Mrs Glynis Parker, Mr J. Patinson proposed that she continue in the role, Ms. D. Williams seconded, agreed unanimously.

19:91 Electoral Role Ms. D. Williams reported that over the last year 2 people had left the area and 2 people were deceased. Within the church 4 people have joined, leaving the overall figure exactly the same of 113 on electoral list

19:92 PCC Secretary's Report

Mr. I. Byfield summarised the extensive report from Mrs. Anita Watson. Over the year there was 5 meetings including a "Vision" meeting, and 5 "Emergency" meetings. The Garden project was referred to May 2019 as the start

of removal and refixing of headstones, a large grant was confirmed in August 2019, and the second phase engaged a landscape company including a planting scheme in September 2019. Glass doors to the Church were installed after the project was completed. All company names and individuals are mentioned in Mrs. A. Watson's full report. However Covid halted all the planned activities for the wider community envisaged for the coming year. Faculty to replace most of the current screens including projector with 3 large screens at front of church is in progress. Other matters include setting up a "Premises Upkeep Team" (PUT). Adopting the Diocesan Safeguarding policy (promoting a safer Church). The Replacement of Ex-Officio Foundation Governor for All Saints' School, following the sad death of Leyland Smith. The setting of fees for Organists and Vergers, the approval to appoint for a new Church Administrator following Mrs. A. Watson's resignation. At the PCC meeting held on 5 March 2020 Reverend Steve Lees announced his retirement after serving as Vicar/Priest at All Saints for 10 years. Mrs. Watson thanked both Steve and Andrea for their passionate way of sharing their vision to the Church. Also recognising Leyland Smith's contributions as Lay Reader, Foundation Governor over many years

Two new regular activities that were established in 2019, prior to lock down were, The Church Youth Group meeting fortnightly on Sunday eve, and is well supported. The second new initiative is Open Book, involving members of All Saints acting out Bible stories for the children from All Saints School, who are invited to participate within the church twice a month. Over the year continuing our Sunday Picnics, a family friendly Christingle Service that was well attended by families and All Saints School. Connected Cluster for services, High Tea at key times of the year, Light party at the end of October, Good Friday Happening. Christmas Carols at Skircoat Green. Other groups are continuing to run are Mothers Union, Small groups, Mens Groups, Coffee Mornings and Toddlers

Gratitude was made to Mrs. Anita Watson for serving as Administrator and PCC Secretary over the years.

19:93 Mrs Yolande Shire pointed out that she had been wrongly identified in the annual report as being an EX-Officio and that the role needed to be authorised by the Diocese Arch Deacon and not the Church. This role has not been confirmed. Mr. Ian Byfield replied that he would follow this up.

19:94 Vice Chair's Report presented by Mr. I. Byfield

I will concentrate on the significant changes here since the last annual meeting. The Welcome Garden Project had an overwhelming effect on me even though I had been involved from its inception. I would personally like to thank all the people who contributed in many ways such as donating, organising and attending fund raising events, and working physically, including everyone who was so supportive in what we were doing. Then the frustration of being thwarted in our plans for a Grand Opening and subsequent outreach activities due to Covid. However we are chomping at the bit for the day that we can use the space to the full in the growing of God's kingdom here.

Continuing to follow the Church of England rules of Safeguarding Rules ensuring everyone in contact with children and vulnerable adults is suitably checked and have policies in place to deal with any incident.

I want to say how much we will miss those great servants of this place who have died during this time, thinking particularly of Leyland and Mark and of Maureen. Thankful for their contributions and ministry

Changes to worship with the addition of online "Services" different routines to our Sunday activity, sharing Communion in all but one Sunday a month.

Now entering the biggest change in this period, from one priest to another. Rev. Steve's legacy looking at outreach where we were instrumental in the development of Halifax Food Drop in and Saturday gathering, where at one time at least a third of the congregation was actively involved in formal Community activity. Not to mention all the personal and informal work into the Community which individuals carry out naturally as part of their Christian outreach.

We are now in the Interregnum or vacancy, and with certainty we will not get a vicar, but there will be an interim appointment, a "Priest in Charge" initially for 3 years, with the possibility of an extension. This is due to a shortage of clergy and the Diocese has to work out the urgent changes needed to cope with that. The end result is that the likely priest will end up with other duties to perform elsewhere. In the meantime we will not be standing still as a Church. The Covid Pandemic is happening our activities, but it will not be an excuse to stagnate. Already our young people have started using social media, and we are planning activities as soon as life gets back to somewhere normal. Our standing committee meets every week by video conferencing (Zoom) to ensure "strong hands on the tiller". Finally, I would encourage everyone to keep praying and thinking about things we would do and how we could all be involved in continuing Vision of helping everyone Find God with Family and Friends

19:55 Fabric report, presented by Mrs. D.Bates.

Electric Supply, after the compliance survey carried out in February 2019 remedial work was completed to the electrical system in the church

Plumbing, a leak was discovered due to a nail puncturing a central heating pipe above the kitchen. The pipe was replaced.

Lightning protection system, remedial work was completed as highlighted in tests carried out previously.

Furniture and fittings, New flooring for both toilets, secure lockable cupboards were put into church office for storing documents securely to GDPR regulations. In the kitchen magnetic catches were fitted to cupboards under sink where corrosive cleaning substances were stored. PUT team met to clear Vestry for more effective storage space.

Roof, The Quinquennial report makes reference to various problems with the church roof (e.g. slipped slates, re-bedding coping stones, repoint stone roof of tower) and this has been a focus during the past year.

Plastering repairs were carried out to 2 sections of the church ceiling in the north aisle. External guttering, downpipes and fascia boards were replaced or repaired along the north aisle wall.

During the winter months, three areas of the church roof were leaking; in the chancel above the organ; in the south aisle just in front of the sound desk; in the vestry just off the chancel. Repairs were made to the roof in the vestry just off the chancel and in the south aisle in front of the sound desk. Since then there have been no further leaks in these areas. As the tower is built of stone and because of its height we were advised that a specialist company would be needed to carry out any investigations and repairs. As a result, a drone survey of the whole roof, with a particular focus on the tower, was carried out, partially funded by a grant from the National Churches Trust. Guttering was cleared at the west end of the building. Finger Guards were added to internal doors to prevent trapped fingers.

19:96 The Election of members to the PCC

We have 5 vacancies for the PCC, 4 of these will serve for 3 years, one of them will serve for 2 years. The new rules and regulations say that the PCC should draw lots to see who gets the period of time. There are 5 nominations approved, nominated and seconded, they are; Roy Croft, Paul Gunningham, Alan Gerrard, Jane Appleyard, and Sarah Frank, there were no more nominations. They were declared by the Vice Chair members of the PCC serving for the period of time decided by lot.

19:97 Election for Deanery Synod

We have 4 vacancies for the Deanery Synod they are; Diane Williams, Ian Byfield, Rosslyn Gowers, George Smith. There were no other nominations. They were all declared by the Vice Chair members of the Deanery Synod to serve as Representatives.

19:98 Changes in rules to PCC membership. Automatic membership to PCC by Readers is no longer the case. So this meeting has to agree that Mr John Bouckley and Mr Ian Byfield can become Ex-Officio members of the PCC. Putting in motion to that effect Ms. D. Williams proposed and Mr G. Smith seconded, unanimously agreed and approved.

19:99 Conclusion of the APCM, Mr I. Byfield closed with prayer. Heavenly Father, we thank you for all the gifts and talents and experience and courage and enthusiasm, that you have placed within this church. We thank you that in the year in question so much happened here, so much more in terms of discipleship happened here. We pray that as we look forward through troubling times that you will be with us we pray, that the Holy Spirit will inspire us and encourage us, but above all, we pray that you will encourage us all to love one another and to move forward together to face whatever difficulties may come, to overcome them, and to move your Kingdom forward here, I pray these in Jesus name. Amen.

All Saints' Halifax Annual Report to the APCM

This an extraordinary report in many ways – not least because our last Annual Parish Church Meeting was only 30 weeks ago. Also between the period recorded in our last Annual Report and now we have had four PCC secretaries – the main reason why I am writing this.

So, technically, in the past year we have had 10 PCC meetings, one totally “live”, one hybrid (live plus some on video conference) and the rest on video conference, plus we have had nine votes by email. The Standing Committee/ Leadership Team has met weekly by video conference since last August.

All Saints' owes a debt of gratitude to all the members of the Leadership Team (including Parish Secretaries) at various times who have worked so hard over the year. They are (in alphabetical order of Christian name) Anita Watson, Diane Williams, Dianne Bates, George Smith, John Bouckley, Keith Appleyard, Margaret Greaves, Paul Gunningham, Rosslyn Gowers, Warren Sykes. Obviously much of the activity has been taken up with matters relating to the regulations about the Covid pandemic and the procedures involved in moving towards a new priest-in-charge. But we have not sat on our hands and much more activity has been initiated and operated over the period.

The Email Votes for necessarily quick action have related to the election of Parish Representatives for the appointment procedure and approval of the draft brochure; temporary closure of the church in the new year; election of new Standing Committee members; approving the revised brochure; reopening the church; and the co-option of Ian Gower as Parish Secretary.

The Archdeacon and Area Dean joined the PCC in September to outline the way forward towards a new priest. At that time it was hoped to start advertising early in January with interviews in mid March. It became clear then that the appointment would be of an interim priest-in-charge, initially for three years with the possibility of a three year extension. We were told this was because of a shortage of priests and because the Deanery was being re-organised.

The October PCC meeting was taken up entirely with appointment matters and our response to the move towards an interim priest-in-charge. A letter was sent in response pointing out the positive elements of the church. The APCM was followed by a PCC meeting to appoint officers and to increase the frequency of PCC meetings during the vacancy.

The so-called Section 11 Meeting took place early in January, attended by the Archdeacon, Area Dean and Bishop Johnathan. This was generally regarded as disincentivising and a letter was sent to the Bishop soon afterwards, pointing out how few of the positives of the church had been discussed.

The following week, the PCC met to lick its wounds and was determined to move forward positively. Garden maintenance was proceeding, a new monthly Video conference Prayer Service was planned and we began a pastoral review to ensure that all our congregation was being contacted in some way and any needs responded to. We also had an update on All Saints' School activities from Governors' chair Yolande Shire.

The February PCC meeting started with our new “InfoSpot”, designed to update the members on details of activities in the church. We heard from Rosslyn Gowers, who is in her third year of training as a Pastoral Minister and explained her course and its prospective outcomes. We heard we had essentially broken even for the year. An inspection of the building had revealed some issues electrics (which were quickly dealt with) and damp; it was agreed we would spend £1,280 on repairs to stop the damp. An alpha course had started and was working well on video conference.

Alison Underwood took the InfoSpot for the March meeting to outline the splendid work being done with our younger people, using Social Media. She is part of a team brimming with ideas and the PCC plans to explore

these possibilities in the coming weeks. Easter cards were to be delivered to everyone on our lists. Adverts for a new priest still hadn't appeared.

Dianne Bates took the InfoSpot for the April meetings, outlining the work of the Leadership Team. Adverts had now been published on local and national websites and the final date for applications was April 21. We heard that arrangements were being made to replaster the bottom vestry and storeroom so that they could be used more effectively.

By the time of the APCM a shortlist of candidates will have been drawn up and interviews arranged. During this time, we have continued to offer online services each week, prepared in the main by the Rev Jonathan Broadhurst, John Bouckley and myself with commendable help from those recording prayers and readings. A massive thankyou goes to our Administrator Diane Williams who puts together and posts these services – after some help earlier in the pandemic from George Smith. Diane has also led in preparing the church for worship and organising the rotas for attendance.

We have continued to follow C of E guidelines on Safeguarding, with our Safeguarding Officer beginning to espouse new software. LLM/ Readers John Bouckley and myself have successfully completed the Diocesan Safeguarding Leadership course – and have certificates to prove it!

We have also been involved in recording items for the South Halifax Churches Together Week of Prayer Service, and Good Friday service, and we took part in the Kings Centre's One Year On YouTube video when a number of our congregation gave their thoughts on the past and present situation and hopes for the future. Perhaps the highlight was the live video conferenced service for Maundy Thursday, delivered jointly with St Andrew's in order to keep that tradition alive.

There was only one Halifax and Calder Valley Deanery Synod meeting, via video conference, which was held jointly with Brighouse and Elland Deanery. The meeting to the form of introductions and elections.

Communication has been a priority during the vacancy and the Leadership Team has tried hard to use every opportunity to keep the congregation informed on what is going on. This has taken the form of a written weekly newsletter and emailed version of the same, social media through Facebook and WhatsApp, online through a constantly updated website and through a whole series of video conferences for housegroups, prayer services and meetings. Thanks to everyone who has learned new skills - or honed old ones – to make all this possible.

I believe that despite so unusual and challenging circumstances, we have made our way through this vacancy with enthusiasm and commitment which puts us in good stead to welcome a new priest in charge and to work with him towards a bright future for All Saints.

Ian Byfield (Previous Acting Secretary and Vice Chair of the PCC)

The Welcome Garden

Our Welcome Garden was supposed to have a Grand Opening on May 2, 2020, but the spring of that year put the project firmly on the back burner.

Maintenance has been the man priority and an enthusiastic tea, of volunteers has kept the landscape tidy. We have introduced a submersible pump into our bowser to help with watering through dry periods, and some of the undulations have been smoothed out.

A new Welcome Garden Team will meet soon to pick up the reins and move towards a new opening date and a programme of events.

Fabric Report 2020-2021

Before we begin this report, it is important to say a huge thank you to everyone who has contributed in any way to the upkeep of the church premises during this most difficult of years. A special thank you must go to Paul Gunningham, who has overseen much of the work that has taken place in both the church building and Welcome Garden. We also need to thank the gardening team, who have not only looked after the Welcome Garden but also taken on the upkeep of the vicarage garden during the vacancy.

Work in the entrance porch and inner lobby of the church has been completed as part of the Garden Project. This work was due to have been completed early in 2020 but was delayed because of the pandemic.

Electric supply

- The annual PAT test was carried out on all electrical equipment in the church building.
- An automatic lighting system has been installed in the porch.
- When preparing to restart work on refurbishing the rooms at the back of the church, electrical issues were discovered due to water ingress. As a result, in the lobby between the store room and vestry, work was carried out to disconnect a faulty outside light, make the light connection box waterproof and replace an indoor switch.

Plumbing

A leaking radiator was removed from under the serving hatch in the lounge.

Furniture, Fixtures and Fittings

- In the kitchen new flooring has been laid and damaged tiles replaced in the corner above the work surface.
- An oak arched sub-frame was fitted in the main entrance of the church to contain the new glass doors. A temporary door and casing had to be installed in the main entrance whilst waiting for the glass doors to be fitted and it was then removed. Frameless glass double doors were installed to the arched entrance of the church, including satin stainless patch fittings and handles. Finally, window manifests were applied to the doors.
- Notice boards in the porch on the left-hand wall have been refurbished and two new boards fitted on the right-hand wall.
- New flooring has been laid in the porch.

Roof

As a result of work carried out on the roof during the previous year, there have been no further problems with leaks. The drone survey carried out in January 2020, however, highlighted areas in need of attention.

- The porch roof was repaired before the internal decorating of the porch and inner lobby.
- New gutters and down pipes were fitted to the right-hand side of the porch and a 3-metre section along the right-hand side of the north aisle.
- Debris and vegetation were removed from the gutter between the tower and chancel roof and the condition of the lead work was checked.
- Debris and vegetation were also removed from around the vestry chimney and the lead lining was checked.

- On both elevations of the porch roof sand and cement mortar was used to create a fillet between the roof slates and the stone tablings and sections of the stone were repointed.
- The porch ceiling has been plaster boarded and the ceiling skimmed.
- After heavy winter rains, the front porch gutters were checked for blockages. Repairs were made to an overflowing gutter by the side door in the north aisle and debris was cleaned from the high level rain water valley gutter.
- Broken slates were replaced on the roof of the north aisle and lifted slates were sorted out on the roof near the back door. A missing slate was also replaced on the south side nave roof.
- A defective joint was repaired in the cast iron guttering and a down pipe fitted to the side of the garden store.

Churchyard and Garden

The church gardening team have worked in the garden throughout the year maintaining and planting the borders.

The Community Payback Team have worked in the churchyard, clearing overgrown vegetation and cutting the grass. As a result, a substantial section of the graveyard is now tidy and accessible. They have also done some work in the garden liaising with the church gardening team.

Fire Safety

Remedial work has been carried out on emergency lighting inside the church.

Decorating

The porch interior has been decorated. New plaster was sealed with a thin coat of emulsion; the inner doors, door frame and side benches were varnished and the door furniture was painted.

The walls of the inner lobby and staircase have been painted.

Dianne Bates and Margaret Greaves (Churchwardens)

Parish Hall Report to APCM – May 2021

Since October last year the Parish Hall has remained closed apart from a partial reopening for the Young People's Uniform Groups when the schools went back in March this year.

We have carried out some redecoration to the kitchen and the external porch area.

The Trustees would like to extend their thanks to the Manager/Caretaker role carried out by Sure Blackwell and the Treasurer role carried out by Jim Pattinson.

Prepared by J P Gunningham (on behalf of the PH Trustees)

Annual Electoral Roll Review 2021

Following the revision of the electoral roll for 2021, I can now report that there are 109 members of the church on the All Saints' Church Electoral Roll.

There was one new additions to the roll and 5 members of the church removed from the roll: 3 because they moved away from the area, and 2 because they requested removal due to attendance at a different church.

Diane Williams (Electoral Roll Officer)

All Saints' Church, Halifax
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End of Year Financial Statements

Year ending 2020

Introduction

This year has been another difficult one for our Church and I am pleased to say we managed to end the year in a break even situation. Our Planned Giving figure stayed about the same figure as the previous year but, due to the church being closed periodically due to restrictions imposed by the Covid pandemic, our Open Plate Offerings were significantly less. This meant we could not pay our full quota of Parish Share to the Diocese, although we did maintain our contribution at last year's level of £52,000.

Parish Hall income is not available to the Church as it is restricted to use by the Trustees and, unfortunately the Hall was not able to open for much of the year due to the Covid pandemic.

Fund Analysis and Description:

General Fund (cf balance)	£30,325	(allowances have been made for creditors and prepayments)
Church maintenance Fund	£5,308.28	A reserve fund where PCC policy is to endeavour to maintain a balance of £5,000 in the fund.
General Reserve Fund	£6,730.30	PCC Policy is to endeavour to maintain £5,000 in this fund. There were no transactions on this account in 2019.
Harrison Bequest	£9,611.18	This fund is designated for use within the Copley Area
Music and Worship Fund	£3,172	A restricted fund which receives occasional donation annually
Bursary Fund	£284	A restricted fund which receives ad hoc donations which may be used to help supplement payments made by parishioners towards special events organized by the PCC or the Church. No grants were made in 2019.
Alpha Fund	£693	A restricted fund which receives ad hoc donations which may be used towards funding the Alpha programme.
Vicarage Fund	£134	A restricted fund created to help fund future refurbishment work at the vicarage (for which the PCC is responsible)
Church Outreach Growth Fund	£4,734	A restricted fund which was created to build a reserve for future outreach work in the Parish
Susan James memorial Fund	£9,587.99	An endowment fund. The balance in excess of £10,000 may be used for Christian Education purposes. The balance may be drawn down to £9,000 if necessary.
Sound System Appeal	£20, 323	A designated fund set up to replace the Sound and Vision system. A new donation was received in 2019 to improve and update the system, which has been delayed by the pandemic.
Vid Fund	£210	This fund is for use within Sunday Club
Parish Hall Reserve Fund	£6,243.44	A designated fund, intended only to be utilized when it is considered that day-to-day running expenses of the Parish Hall cannot be met from General Funds. Policy is to maintain a balance of £5,000.
Hall Operations	£8,925.49	A restricted fund for the purpose of maintaining the fabric of the building and the day-to-day running of the Parish Hall. This fund is administered by the Trustees of the Halo and not available for Church use.
Garden Project	£16,849	A restricted fund in order to carry out the Welcome Garden Project, transforming the front of the church, for the benefit of both the church and the community.

Receipts and Payments Account

		Total funds	Prior year funds
Alpha - Alpha Fund (Restricted)			
Brought forward balance		693	693
Carried forward balance		693	693
Bursary - Bursary Fund (Restricted)			
Brought forward balance		284	284
Carried forward balance		284	284
Carter - Ernest & Norah Carter Memorial Fund (Restricted)			
Transfers to/(from)		—	(2,632)
Brought forward balance		—	2,632
Carried forward balance		—	—
Churchmtce - Church Maintenance Fund (Designated)			
Receipts			
Incoming resources from generated funds			
Investment income			
108 - Income from Investments		22	39
Total Investment income		22	39
Total Receipts		22	39
Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used		22	39
Brought forward balance		5,285	5,246
Carried forward balance		5,308	5,285
Dio - Diocese - Weddings - Funerals (Restricted)			
Brought forward balance		—	—
Carried forward balance		—	—
GYard - Graveyard Project (Restricted)			
Receipts			
Other incoming resources			
114 - Church Garden Project		—	35,252
Total Other incoming resources		—	35,252
Total Receipts		—	35,252
Payments			
Other resources used			
219 - Church Garden Project		—	41,684
Total Other resources used		—	41,684
Total Payments		—	41,684
Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used		—	(6,431)

Transfers to/(from)	—	7,138
Brought forward balance	—	(707)
Carried forward balance	—	—

Garden - Garden Project (Restricted)

Receipts

Other incoming resources		
102 - Income Tax Recoverable	2,737	—
114 - Church Garden Project	14,111	35,866
<i>Total Other incoming resources</i>	<i>16,849</i>	<i>35,866</i>

Total Receipts	16,849	35,866
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Payments

Other resources used		
219 - Church Garden Project	15,880	20,150
<i>Total Other resources used</i>	<i>15,880</i>	<i>20,150</i>

Total Payments	15,880	20,150
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Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used	968	15,716
Transfers to/(from)	—	(7,138)
Brought forward balance	8,577	—
Carried forward balance	9,545	8,577

GenRes - General Reserve Fund (Designated)

Receipts

Incoming resources from generated funds		
<i>Investment income</i>		
108 - Income from Investments	28	50
<i>Total Investment income</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>50</i>

Total Receipts	28	50
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Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used	28	50
Brought forward balance	6,701	6,651
Carried forward balance	6,730	6,701

HallOp - Church Hall Operations (Restricted)

Receipts

Other incoming resources		
105 - Parish Hall Lettings/Rents	5,991	13,957
<i>Total Other incoming resources</i>	<i>5,991</i>	<i>13,957</i>

Total Receipts	5,991	13,957
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Payments

Other resources used		
210 - Parish Hall Running Costs	6,521	20,292
<i>Total Other resources used</i>	<i>6,521</i>	<i>20,292</i>

Total Payments	6,521	20,292
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Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used	(529)	(6,335)
Brought forward balance	9,444	15,780
Carried forward balance	8,915	9,444

Hallrun - Hall Running (Designated)

Brought forward balance

Carried forward balance

—	—
—	—

Harrison - Harrison Bequest (Designated)

Receipts

Incoming resources from generated funds

Investment income

108 - Income from Investments

Total Investment income

40	71
40	71

Total Receipts

40	71
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Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used

40	71
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Transfers to/(from)

—	(2,000)
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Brought forward balance

9,570	11,499
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Carried forward balance

9,611	9,570
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James - Susan James Memorial Fund (Endowment)

Receipts

Incoming resources from generated funds

Investment income

108 - Income from Investments

Total Investment income

40	71
40	71

Total Receipts

40	71
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Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used

40	71
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Transfers to/(from)

—	(2,000)
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Brought forward balance

9,547	11,476
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Carried forward balance

9,587	9,547
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Music - Music and Worship (Restricted)

Receipts

Incoming resources from generated funds

Voluntary income

109 - specific Donations

Total Voluntary income

360	360
360	360

Total Receipts

360	360
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Payments

Other resources used

212 - Other Expenses

Total Other resources used

—	109
—	109

Total Payments

—	109
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Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used

360	251
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Brought forward balance

2,812	2,561
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Carried forward balance

3,172	2,812
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Outreach - Church Outreach Growth Fund (Restricted)

Brought forward balance

Carried forward balance

4,734	4,734
4,734	4,734

ParishHall - Parish Hall Fund (Designated)

Receipts

Incoming resources from generated funds

Investment income

108 - Income from Investments

	26	46
<i>Total Investment income</i>	26	46

Total Receipts

26	46
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Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used

26	46
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Brought forward balance

26,201	26,154
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Carried forward balance	26,227	26,201
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Soundsyst - Sound System Appeal (Designated)**Receipts**

Incoming resources from generated funds

Voluntary income

109 - specific Donations

	—	20,000
<i>Total Voluntary income</i>	—	20,000

Total Receipts

—	20,000
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Payments

Other resources used

203 - Church Running Expenses

	—	19
<i>Total Other resources used</i>	—	19

Total Payments

—	19
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Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used

—	19,980
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Brought forward balance

20,323	342
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Carried forward balance	20,323	20,323
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Vicarage - Vicarage Fund (Restricted)**Payments**

Governance costs

202 - Clergy Expenses and other costs

	—	720
<i>Total Governance costs</i>	—	720

Other resources used

212 - Other Expenses

	—	60
<i>Total Other resources used</i>	—	60

Total Payments

—	780
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Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used

—	(780)
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Brought forward balance

134	914
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Carried forward balance	134	134
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Vid - VidCare (Restricted)**Payments**

Other resources used

203 - Church Running Expenses

205 - Printing and Stationery

212 - Other Expenses

	91	—
	45	—
	134	—
<i>Total Other resources used</i>	271	—

Total Payments

271	—
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Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used

(271)	—
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Brought forward balance

481	481
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	Carried forward balance	210	481
General - General fund (Unrestricted)			
Receipts			
Incoming resources from generated funds			
<i>Voluntary income</i>			
101 - Planned Giving		68,645	68,202
103 - Offerings (Open Plate)		2,080	5,313
104 - Sundry Donations		400	1,128
109 - specific Donations		398	15
	<i>Total Voluntary income</i>	71,523	74,659
<i>Investment income</i>			
108 - Income from Investments		723	—
	<i>Total Investment income</i>	723	—
Other incoming resources			
102 - Income Tax Recoverable		18,541	15,000
106 - Church Lettings		—	60
107 - PCC Charges		1,754	2,641
111 - Sundry Items		391	12,493
113 - Credits to Disperse		104	338
	<i>Total Other incoming resources</i>	20,791	30,533
Total Receipts		93,038	105,193
Payments			
Charitable activities			
215 - Tithe payments		7,055	7,390
	<i>Total Charitable activities</i>	7,055	7,390
Governance costs			
201 - Diocesan Common Fund		52,000	52,000
202 - Clergy Expenses and other costs		742	3,685
216 - Gas;Electric;Water		4,376	3,680
217 - Buildings Insurance		4,436	4,510
218 - Weddings/Funerals - Diocese		—	207
	<i>Total Governance costs</i>	61,554	64,082
Other resources used			
203 - Church Running Expenses		3,256	3,223
204 - Church Maintenance		3,949	4,458
205 - Printing and Stationery		470	885
206 - General Administration		124	424
207 - Photocopier		743	609
208 - Wages		12,188	11,967
209 - Income Tax		780	780
211 - Upkeep of Churchyard		96	—
212 - Other Expenses		3,378	11,471
	<i>Total Other resources used</i>	24,986	33,819
Total Payments		93,596	105,292
Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used		(557)	(99)
Transfers to/(from)		—	6,632
Brought forward balance		30,882	24,349
Carried forward balance		30,325	30,882

Balance sheet

Class and code	Description	2020	2019
Fixed assets			
301	Parish Hall and Buildings	19,984	19,984
302	Photocopier	—	—
303	Investments	1,519	796
	Total Fixed assets	21,503	20,780
Current assets			
401	Yorkshire Bank	67,938	47,624
402	CCLA Carter Fund	—	—
403	CCLA Harrison Bequest	9,611	9,570
404	CCLA Parish Hall Reserve	6,243	6,217
405	CCLA Susan James Fund	9,587	9,547
406	CCLA General Reserve Fund	6,730	6,701
407	CCLA Church Maintenance Fund	5,308	5,285
408	Cash in Hand	38	34
409	Yorks Bank Hall a/c	—	—
410	Hall Operations	8,925	9,444
411	Yorks Bank Garden Project	7,515	9,284
Z05	Accounts Receivable	272	15,000
	Total Current assets	122,171	118,711
Liabilities			
501	Creditors for Goods and Services	250	695
502	Other Creditors	7,619	3,119
	Total Liabilities	7,869	3,814
	Net Asset surplus(deficit)	135,805	135,676
Reserves			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	128	42,419
Z01	Starting balances	135,676	93,256
	Total Reserves	135,805	135,676
	Represented by funds		
	Unrestricted	30,325	30,882
	Designated	68,200	68,082
	Restricted	27,691	27,163
	Endowment	9,587	9,547
	Total	135,805	135,676

Statement of assets and liabilities

		General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	2020	2019
Fixed assets - Investments							
Investments -		1,519	—	—	—	1,519	796
Totals		1,519	—	—	—	1,519	796
Fixed assets - Tangible assets							
Parish Hall and Buildings -		—	19,984	—	—	19,984	19,984
Totals		—	19,984	—	—	19,984	19,984
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand							
Yorkshire Bank -		38,291	20,315	11,332	(2,000)	67,938	47,624
CCLA Harrison Bequest -		—	9,611	—	—	9,611	9,570
CCLA Parish Hall Reserve -		41	6,202	—	—	6,243	6,217
CCLA Susan James Fund -		(2,000)	1,000	—	10,587	9,587	9,547
CCLA General Reserve Fund -		—	6,730	—	—	6,730	6,701
CCLA Church Maintenance Fund -		—	4,308	—	1,000	5,308	5,285
Cash in Hand -		171	50	(183)	—	38	34
Hall Operations -		—	—	8,925	—	8,925	9,444
Yorks Bank Garden Project -		(194)	—	7,710	—	7,515	9,284
Totals		36,309	48,216	27,785	9,587	121,899	103,711
Current assets - Debtors							
Accounts Receivable -		272	—	—	—	272	15,000
Totals		272	—	—	—	272	15,000
Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year							
Creditors for Goods and Services -		204	—	45	—	250	695
Other Creditors -		7,571	—	48	—	7,619	3,119
Totals		7,776	—	93	—	7,869	3,814
Grand total		30,325	68,200	27,691	9,587	135,805	135,676

Fund movement by type

		Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Closing
Alpha - Alpha Fund							
Restricted		693	—	—	—	—	693
Sub-total for Alpha		693	—	—	—	—	693
Bursary - Bursary Fund							
Restricted		284	—	—	—	—	284
Sub-total for Bursary		284	—	—	—	—	284
Carter - Ernest & Norah Carte							
Restricted		—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Carter		—	—	—	—	—	—
Churchmtce - Church Maintenance F							
Designated		5,285	22	—	—	—	5,308
Sub-total for Churchmtce		5,285	22	—	—	—	5,308
Dio - Diocese - Weddings -							
Restricted		—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Dio		—	—	—	—	—	—
GYard - Graveyard Project							
Restricted		—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for GYard		—	—	—	—	—	—
Garden - Garden Project							
Restricted		8,577	16,849	15,880	—	—	9,545
Sub-total for Garden		8,577	16,849	15,880	—	—	9,545
GenRes - General Reserve Fund							

Designated		6,701	28	—	—	—	6,730
	Sub-total for GenRes	6,701	28	—	—	—	6,730
HallOp - Church Hall Operatio							
Restricted		9,444	5,991	6,521	—	—	8,915
	Sub-total for HallOp	9,444	5,991	6,521	—	—	8,915
Hallrun - Hall Running							
Designated		—	—	—	—	—	—
	Sub-total for Hallrun	—	—	—	—	—	—
Harrison - Harrison Bequest							
Designated		9,570	40	—	—	—	9,611
	Sub-total for Harrison	9,570	40	—	—	—	9,611
James - Susan James Memorial							
Endowment		9,547	40	—	—	—	9,587
	Sub-total for James	9,547	40	—	—	—	9,587
Music - Music and Worship							
Restricted		2,812	360	—	—	—	3,172
	Sub-total for Music	2,812	360	—	—	—	3,172
Outreach - Church Outreach Grow							
Restricted		4,734	—	—	—	—	4,734
	Sub-total for Outreach	4,734	—	—	—	—	4,734
ParishHall - Parish Hall Fund							
Designated		26,201	26	—	—	—	26,227
	Sub-total for ParishHall	26,201	26	—	—	—	26,227
Soundsyst - Sound System Appeal							
Designated		20,323	—	—	—	—	20,323
	Sub-total for Soundsyst	20,323	—	—	—	—	20,323
Vicarage - Vicarage Fund							
Restricted		134	—	—	—	—	134
	Sub-total for Vicarage	134	—	—	—	—	134
Vid - VidCare							
Restricted		481	—	271	—	—	210
	Sub-total for Vid	481	—	271	—	—	210
General - General fund							
Unrestricted		30,882	93,038	93,596	—	—	30,325
	Sub-total for General	30,882	93,038	93,596	—	—	30,325
	Grand total	135,676	116,397	116,269	—	—	135,805

Analysis of receipts and payments

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2019</u>
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS						
Incoming resources from generated funds - Voluntary income						
101 - Planned Giving	68,645	—	—	—	68,645	68,202
103 - Offerings (Open Plate)	2,080	—	—	—	2,080	5,313
104 - Sundry Donations	400	—	—	—	400	1,128
109 - specific Donations	398	—	360	—	758	20,375
Total	71,523	—	360	—	71,883	95,019
Incoming resources from generated funds - Investment income						
108 - Income from Investments	723	117	—	40	881	278
Total	723	117	—	40	881	278
Other incoming resources						
102 - Income Tax Recoverable	18,541	—	2,737	—	21,279	15,000
105 - Parish Hall Lettings/Rents	—	—	5,991	—	5,991	13,957
106 - Church Lettings	—	—	—	—	—	60
107 - PCC Charges	1,754	—	—	—	1,754	2,641
110 - Transfers	—	—	—	—	—	—
111 - Sundry Items	391	—	—	—	391	12,493
112 - Parish W/E	—	—	—	—	—	—
113 - Credits to Disperse	104	—	—	—	104	338
114 - Church Garden Project	—	—	14,111	—	14,111	71,119
Total	20,791	—	22,840	—	43,632	115,609
INCOME TOTAL	93,038	117	23,200	40	116,397	210,908

EXPENDITURE

Charitable activities

215 - Tithe payments	7,055	—	—	—	7,055	7,390
Total	7,055	—	—	—	7,055	7,390

Governance costs

201 - Diocesan Common Fund	52,000	—	—	—	52,000	52,000
202 - Clergy Expenses and other costs	742	—	—	—	742	4,405
216 - Gas;Electric;Water	4,376	—	—	—	4,376	3,680
217 - Buildings Insurance	4,436	—	—	—	4,436	4,510
218 - Weddings/Funerals - Diocese	—	—	—	—	—	207
Total	61,554	—	—	—	61,554	64,802

Other resources used

203 - Church Running Expenses	3,256	—	91	—	3,347	3,242
204 - Church Maintenance	3,949	—	—	—	3,949	4,458
205 - Printing and Stationery	470	—	45	—	515	885
206 - General Administration	124	—	—	—	124	424

207 - Photocopier	743	—	—	—	743	609
208 - Wages	12,188	—	—	—	12,188	11,967
209 - Income Tax	780	—	—	—	780	780
210 - Parish Hall Running Costs	—	—	6,521	—	6,521	20,292
211 - Upkeep of Churchyard	96	—	—	—	96	—
212 - Other Expenses	3,378	—	134	—	3,512	11,640
213 - Parish Weekend	—	—	—	—	—	—
214 - Transfers	—	—	—	—	—	—
219 - Church Garden Project	—	—	15,880	—	15,880	61,834
Total	24,986	—	22,673	—	47,659	116,134
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	93,596	—	22,673	—	116,269	188,327
GRAND TOTAL	(557)	117	527	40	128	22,580

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of All Saints' Church, Halifax

This report on the accounts of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) for the year ended 31st December 2020, which are set out in the Annual Report, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('The Regulations') and S.43 of the Charities Act 1993 ('The Act').

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirements of The Regulations and S.43 (2) of The Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the term of The Regulations.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under S.43 (7) (b) of The Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of The Act; and to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the requirements of the Act, and the Regulations, have not been met

or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be draw, in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Glenis Parker

Glenis Parker

16 Heath Avenue, Halifax

30th March 2021