

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.

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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.

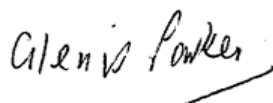
Independent examiner's statement

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