

St Michael's Church, New Malton



Annual Report

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St Michael's Church – Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

Administrative Information

St Michael's Church is situated in the Market Place, Malton (YO17 7LP). It is part of the Diocese of York within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Vicarage, 17 The Mount, Malton, North Yorkshire YO17 7ND

PCC members who have served from 1 January 2022 until the date of this report was approved on 8 March 2023 are:

<i>Vicar</i>	The Revd Glyn Diggins
<i>Wardens</i>	Mrs Heather Williams (Electoral Roll Officer)
	Mr Mike Rhodes (Lay chair)
	Mrs Constance Clark (retired at APCM 2022)
<i>Representatives on the Deanery Synod</i>	Mr Barry Gillespie
	Mrs Tracey Young
<i>Elected members</i>	Mrs Tracey Young
	Mrs Sue Wright
	Mrs Samantha Free (Safeguarding Representative)
	Mr Robert Hall (Treasurer)
	Mrs Elaine Ramsey
	Mr Barry Gillespie
	Mrs Janet Patten
	Mr Hendrik Klaver
	Mr John Morris (retired at APCM 2022)
	Mrs Anne Screeton (retired at APCM 2022)
	Mr Alan Young (retired at APCM 2022)
<i>Secretary</i>	Mrs Helen Shaw

Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The P.C.C. operates under the Parish Church Council Powers Measure. The P.C.C. is registered with the Charity Commission as "The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. Michael, New Malton"

The charity number is: **1130648**

The method of appointment of P.C.C. members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the P.C.C.

Objectives and Activities

The objective of the PCC is to work alongside the clergy in promoting the mission of the church in matters pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

St Michael's is a church which invites and welcomes others, to journey together, growing in our love of Christ and deepening our relationship with Him.

All the activities of the parish noted elsewhere in this report are in furtherance of this objective.

Achievements and Performance

There were 103 members on the Electoral Roll at 31st December 2022, comprising 77 living within the parish and 26 outside our parish boundaries. The total number of communicants over Christmas was 74 with others attending on Zoom.

Church Wardens' Review of 2022

This year has been more like a "normal" year with services back to a regular programme. Congregations have once again become used to attending church in person although there are still some parishioners watching the services on Zoom. The children's corner continues to be popular and is frequently used by family groups who pop in during the week. The votive candle stand is also well used and supported with donations which are now placed in the West door wall safes.

Connie Clark "retired" from being the sole church warden at the APCM in May 2022 and our thanks and appreciation go to her for giving us "newbies" expert guidance.

At the beginning of the year the PCC decided that a Verger would be a useful addition to our team. Andrew Nicholson has taken on this role and made it his own. He has proved an invaluable help with the tasks that he has undertaken. For our church to run effectively it takes a considerable number of volunteers involved in all aspects of our church life. Many thanks to all those who have given up their time and talents to maintain our worship.

Our church has been open every day to visitors and it is truly heart-warming to read the many positive comments written in our visitors' book.

Our church family has been well catered for with our All-Age service on the first Sunday of each month and in

October we introduced a new "Rise and Shine" service specifically aimed at our younger members and their families.

In addition to our regular services we hold:-

- Morning Prayer on Zoom
- All-Age Eucharist
- Parish Eucharist (Wednesdays and Sundays)
- Rise and Shine
- Iona-style services

We have also had one-off events, such as:-

- Thy Kingdom Come – 72 hours of continuous prayer
- Queen's Platinum Jubilee events
- Queen's death – book of condolence and provision of a quiet space
- Advent Processional Service
- Carols by Candlelight
- Crib Service

The Church became a much-needed place of comfort following the invasion of Ukraine. We gave people the opportunity to write a prayer on strips of blue and yellow paper (the colours of the Ukraine flag) and the resulting streamer wound around the main altar and down into the chancel. Its length was a testament to the strength of feeling in the community.

Attendance at our Saturday Coffee Stops gradually improved as people became more used to socialising after Covid, enabling us to donate over £1,700 to the following (mainly local) charities:- The Simpson Trust, Camphill Village Trust, Ryedale Community Food Bank and the Children's Society. The collection from the Christmas services also went to The Children's Society and the Harvest celebration raised £200 for Farm Africa.

The Christmas Fayre in the Milton Rooms in mid-November was organised by Sue Wright and proved successful and enjoyable. Sue also mounted an Exhibition of Arts & Crafts in church in September. To mark the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, Helen Shaw mounted an exhibition of photos and memories of members of the congregation meeting with the Queen

Our grateful thanks go to everyone involved in the organising and running all these valuable events.

The adoption, by the Church of England, of a 'net-zero' Carbon target by 2030 is a major challenge. At St Michael's we have begun to address this by including eco-friendly changes in our repair and improvement plan and by registering as an 'Eco Church'. Eco Church is an interdenominational project which provides guidance about how we can address the environmental issues that we face within the context of our Christian Faith.

In October we were approached by the Next Steps Charity who act as an organising hub for a number of local charities and Council organisations throughout Ryedale assisting

people in need. They wanted to start a “One Stop Shop” in Malton and felt that St Michael’s was the ideal venue. The first session took place on 20 December 2022 and sessions will continue on the third Tuesday of every month throughout 2023, bringing the wider community into our church.

Mike Rhodes, Heather Williams (Church Wardens)

Annual Report on the PCC in 2022

As Covid-19 loosened its grip, all of 2022’s PCC meetings were held in person in church and thankfully the church building has been kept open for all visitors and services. Parish Communion and other occasional services continue to be broadcast on Zoom for those unable to get to church. At the January meeting, the PCC discussed the possibility of employing a Verger to take over some of the jobs being done by churchwardens and make that role less arduous. A Job Description was devised and the role was offered to Andrew Nicholson and thankfully he accepted. He started work on 1st March and was very well trained-up by Connie Clark.

A special PCC meeting was held near the end of January, at which our church Architect, Andrew Boyce, presented the findings of the 3D scanning of the church and his proposals for repairing the clerestory wall. Connie and helpers updated the Terrier (list of all movable property), Sue completed an inventory of all the church linen and Alan reviewed Safeguarding and Health & Safety policies. At the March meeting, the PCC approved a proposal from the Treasurer to install a mobile, online giving terminal and the device was duly purchased. So far, it has been a very good investment.

The pattern of services changed in 2022, with the introduction of ‘Rise & Shine’ now held every third Sunday at 9.30am and Parish Communion following at 10.45, with coffee served in between. The PCC endorsed Sue Thackray’s proposal for a dedicated children’s service once a month at the July meeting. A small sum of money was approved to fund resources for this service. The reintroduction of the Chalice was discussed at the March meeting and the consensus was that it would be brought back with the Duty Leader acting as server. The congregation would be given the option of whether or not to take the chalice and it would be done from the chancel steps. A change to the Ascension Day service was also instituted and, instead of a dawn service with breakfast afterwards, the service was held at 10.30 am with coffee to follow and this seemed to be a success. In December the decision was taken to re-establish a Worship Committee within the PCC so that forward planning of ecumenical services is improved.

The APCM was held within the Parish Communion service on Sunday 8th May, at which Connie Clark stood down as the sole church warden. Heather Williams and Mike Rhodes were elected as new church wardens. Two members of the PCC completed their terms of office and

stepped down: Alan Young and Anne Screeton. No new members came forward to join the PCC. John Morris stepped down as Treasurer and Rob Hall took over this role.

The PCC welcomed two Diocesan Giving Advisers to the May meeting and they gave an informative and enthusiastic talk about how to grow giving. Also at this meeting, the PCC gave permission to Alan Young and John Patten to set up a Working Party to explore options for updating the church and to see whether this could be rolled into the clerestory repair job in order to improve the chances of obtaining grant aid. The Working Party presented their proposals to the PCC at the September meeting, and they were wholeheartedly approved.

First Aid training was determined to be necessary following an incident at a service and Revd Glyn set about sourcing a Training provider. The scale of ancillary charges for funerals and weddings was reviewed in the light of increased heating costs and the charges were increased slightly.

Hendrik Klaver has attended meetings during the year to update the PCC on his activities as our Associate Minister for the 20-40s age group. We have carried on with welcoming an observer from the Methodist church at our PCC meetings.

In summary, a busy year in which everyone did their best to return church life to normal after the pandemic and embark on a project to make the church fit for the future.

Helen Shaw (PCC Secretary)

Fabric Report 2022

The ongoing assessment of the state of the clerestory windows has proceeded albeit slowly. We are working closely with our architect, Andrew Boyce, and are finally at a stage where repair costings are being obtained.

In 2020 the PCC agreed on the objective of “improving the flexibility of the building in order for us to better capitalise on our ‘Church in the Market Place’ position”. During the last 12 months a working party has been formed to pursue this objective and also to explore the potential of this major undertaking to reduce the church’s carbon footprint at the same time. Considering the major disruption involved in the repair, the PCC agreed that the repairs and reordering might be linked. The working party and architect have been involved together with a number of specialist advisers, including the Diocesan Property Adviser and the Archdeacon, with a view to presenting consultation proposals to the congregation. The working party also visited Northallerton church to see what had been accomplished there.

As the project will involve a significant cost, major fund raising will be involved and the PCC intends to seek

professional advice about what grants are specifically available for the type of work envisaged.

Routine maintenance work has been carried out during the year, included the cleaning out of the high-level gutters and the replacement of a leaking radiator in the Lady Chapel.

The next Quinquennial Inspection is due in 2023 and it is hoped that any problems discovered can be tackled at the same time as the renovations.

Once again, thanks to all who keep the church and garden looking so attractive and welcoming, from cleaning, arranging flowers, candles, hospitality and church linen – all done to the glory of God.

Mike Rhodes, Heather Williams (Church Wardens)

Deanery Synod 2022

During 2022 every deanery across the Diocese was engaged in reviewing needs and planning for future ministry, following the 'Living Christ's Story' processes launched the preceding year. For our Southern Ryedale Deanery, this was a particularly demanding exercise, given the geographical and characteristic spread of our seven benefices and forty-six churches.

All parishes submitted consultation details to the Diocese. Listening exercises were led in each parish by Rev Nicky Penn-Alison and Sue Teal (as Co-Dean). A planning team with representatives from every benefice undertook regular meetings, planning and dialogue, including presentations and discussions at two full Deanery Gatherings.

By late summer, proposals were ready for scrutiny, adjustment and approval by the Deanery Leadership Team and then the Diocese. As requested by the Diocese, these were detailed submissions under five headings with key action plans in each: *Deanery Priorities and Principles; Becoming more like Christ; Reimagining Mission and Ministry; Transforming Structures and Finances; Implementation Timetable.*

Southern Ryedale Deanery's plan was commended by the Diocese and approved for taking forward. From a plethora of detail, it is worth selecting some core elements.

Key Principles for the Deanery were identified as:

- 1) Shared ministry and responsibility towards benefice organisation, oversight and the Marks of Mission.
- 2) That the deanery will draw closer together in developing a supportive structure towards neighbouring benefices and across the deanery.
- 3) Cultivate a sense of moving forward together. We wish to ensure a sharing of good ideas, resources, burdens and celebrations across wider geographic areas.

- 4) We wish to grow a culture of generosity towards finances, cross benefice working, hospitality, and understanding that our faith calls us in to action beyond our Sunday attendance.
- 5) Our churches serve a swathe of people, in our communities and visitors, that are served by the peace, the 'thinness' and the prayer of our buildings. Many of which will only be able to express a sense of 'other' without a move towards 'religion'. We value them too.
- 6) We look to be creative and innovative in our reimagining of church and working together.

A small selection of key issues for us as a Benefice:

- Continued commitment to funding a full-time incumbent for St Michael's and St Mary's.
- Exploration of developing St Mary's as a place of pilgrimage/retreat/modern monasticism.
- Recognition of musical excellence and intention to promote and share it.

A snapshot of some of the relevant Deanery-wide intentions includes (in no particular order):

- Promote and share our 'Community of Enquiry' approach to Bible study and preaching.
- Develop a schools ministry team.
- Family based worship opportunities – e.g., roving Messy Church team. Share good practice from across deanery – encourage, support, reignite.
- Encourage a range of worship styles & traditions across benefices; highlight & promote the unique.
- Encourage churches to engage with on-line & social media presence; social media prayer trees; etc.
- Explore what we can learn from the Multiply Ministry and the possibility of its continuation.
- Explore the possibility of providing deanery wide administrative support.
- Explore biodiversity, green and zero carbon actions that churches can take.
- Stewardship training and campaigns across the deanery, inclusive to all parishes.
- Increasing engagement with our communities – offering hospitality, chaplaincies and service, making this gently but intentionally known as church in its 'wider' sense.

Barry Gillespie (Deanery Synod)

The Vicar's Report

I want to start by quoting a section from John McGinley's book entitled *The Church of Tomorrow*:

The Five Marks of Mission are an important statement on Christian mission produced at the Anglican Consultative Council in 1984. They express the Anglican Communion's common commitment to the full gospel of the kingdom rather than a narrow one:

1. *To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom*
2. *To teach, baptize and nurture new believers*
3. *To respond to human need by loving service*
4. *To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation*
5. *To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth.*

There is a priority and an order in this mission and, first of all, the Church is called to proclaim the gospel of the kingdom. This then will result in new disciples being made and these new disciples will then love and serve others and work for justice and care for creation. **This is the mission of the Church.** The mission of God is so much more than Jesus rescuing souls from a lost and broken world, but this is always at its heart. The loving service that the Church offers in communities up and down the country is beautiful and profound and reveals the love of Christ. But the danger that flows from our lack of confidence in the gospel is that the Church will reduce its expression of mission to the last three marks of mission; of loving service, justice and creation care. This is very tempting because these are all things that the world around us affirms and aspires to and none of them require a belief in Jesus. And so this will increasingly become the expression of mission of churches and Christians who choose the future of a compromised mythology. We are already seeing a Church that appears to be more confident in speaking about issues of justice, climate change, politics and economics than it does about Jesus. I am pretty sure that the first apostles had opinions about the oppressive regime of the Roman Empire but there is nothing recorded about this. They simply took opportunities to share Jesus and kept on doing it even when the authorities tried to silence them. Their proclamation was about Jesus, and this went alongside loving and caring for the poor. It was 'both and' and this is the fullness of the Church's mission that we are called to.

If we spend time looking through this annual report, which gives an informative and encouraging picture of our life at St. Michael's, I hope we can see just how much we have achieved. It can be all too easy to focus on the negative, or things we ourselves might not like, yet as we continue to develop our mission identity, it is clear that we have to be able to offer variety, to be relevant, exciting and interesting to a wide variety of people within our community and beyond, to whom we reach out in God's name.

An annual report gives me an opportunity to thank all those people who have played their own important part in our church life during the course of the past year. It's important for everyone to realise how much they are appreciated, in whatever they do. Our various congregations (Sunday, Wednesday and O.M.G.) are fine examples of love, kindness, prayer and committed action. So many are practically engaged in serving God and others with their time, talents, energy, experience and money, in such a way that should give us great confidence and boldness for the future. Having said that, we should never become complacent. We need to reflect on our individual and joint stewardship of time, talents and resources,

otherwise a small number becomes overworked and we can't take forward good new ideas we may have, let alone deal with the day to day running of a Listed building with people dedicated to making God known in the present day.

The pages of this report provide a mere taster of what went on last year, but I hope you can see that it was a year of building relationships (both existing and new), trying new things, being imaginative, trying to respond to the needs of our church and wider community, and in its widest sense, working together especially as we tried to emerge from the shadow of COVID and uncertainty, issues which still haven't completely gone away.

While acknowledging that it's all too easy to "look busy - Jesus is coming!" which can leave everyone drained and lacking in enthusiasm, I think we have been sensible in doing things that either we know we can do, or that we are willing to try out, confident in God's strength and support. This is a particularly important thing to remember when we look ahead. There's no point in trying to do a dozen or more new things at once, when we really need to select two or three and manage to do them well, before looking to other activities and initiatives. No "activity" should be at the expense of us praying together and individually, studying Scripture and meeting together, regularly, for worship and encouragement. This is in accordance with God's command that we should spend time together, in fellowship, for rest and refreshment through prayer and worship, whatever our preferred style of service or venue.

As we look at those who visit for whatever reason and perhaps even as we look at our regular congregations, we need to ask the all-important mission question; are we attracting seekers AND helping them to become disciples? Mission isn't so much about "getting people to come to church" as it is BEING God's people and sharing Christ's love, both within our walls and beyond the church building, in the hope that people will respond and want to be part of what we have and share.

As we stand at the crossroads of a new church year, trying to listen to what God has for us, I believe we can be thankful for how God has blessed us, however, crossroads by their nature offer multiple choices of direction. We are called, not to stand still and look around us in hopeless bewilderment, or stop and go no further, but to choose a road ahead of us, guided by God's Holy Spirit, on which we start to walk confidently, with faith, courage and obedience.

God is calling all of us to light a flame of faith, like that first fire empowered by the Holy Spirit and recorded in the 2nd Chapter of Acts...a flame that will energise and enlighten us and those around us.

As I pick up the torch for yet another year, I invite you to journey with me on the path ahead, bringing light, freedom and hope to a hurting world.

Who is with me?

Rev. Glyn

Choir Report

The past year saw the first year without any Covid restrictions since Alison became Director of Music. The Choir was finally able to robe and process on Easter Day: a joyous and symbolic time.

In March, the Junior Choir was officially started. Eight highly enthusiastic youngsters now rehearse every Thursday during term time between 6.15-7pm. They sang their first service with the adult Choir at the Harvest Festival, coping extremely well with Rutter's anthem "Look at the World". In addition, to singing at several other All Ages' services, they also lead the Crib Service on Christmas Eve. The children have now been fitted for cassocks (amid tremendous excitement!) and they will be Read-In, (i.e. made full choristers) next term.

Meanwhile, the adult Choir have had their usual busy schedule of services. Pentecost 2022 coincided with the platinum jubilee celebrations of the late Queen. Alison took full advantage of this by bringing two trumpeters to the 9.30am service for Vaughan Williams' majestic arrangement of "All People that on Earth do Dwell". A solo trumpeter was also heard during the carol service.

The Advent Processional service by candlelight is now a firm date in the diary, joining the Carol Service. Both occasions were not restricted by Covid rules, which made singing (and conducting) considerably easier. The lifting of said rules also made for larger congregations. The choir was praised by many within the congregation for the high quality of their singing at both services.

As is her custom, Alison has presented both choirs with a considerable quantity of new repertoire, most of which has been enthusiastically rehearsed and performed. Such pieces have included, "Blessed be God the Father" by Wesley; Byrd's setting of "Ave Verum Corpus"; "Litany to the Holy Spirit" by Hurford; Malcolm Archer's emotional "They Shall Grow not Old"; and a large variety of Advent and Christmas music, including the beautiful setting of "Bethlehem Down" by Peter Warlock. Many of these have become favourites with the choir.

While this report is focused on last year, I would draw your attention to a joint concert coming up in July, performed by both church choirs and the York Junior and Youth Choir, the latter of which Alison also directs.

Alison would like to offer her profound and grateful thanks to both choirs, plus families, as well as members of the congregation, for their ceaseless hard work, enthusiasm and support.

Alison Forster. (Director of Music)

Safeguarding Report

Introduction

Safeguarding involves ensuring that the church, and all its activities, are a safe space, especially for children and vulnerable adults. It means that the care and protection of children, young people and adults involved in church activities is the responsibility of everyone who participates in the life of the church. The PCC is ultimately responsible for upholding high standards of Safeguarding and receives regular updates as well as approving policies. Safeguarding is a standing item at PCC meetings and the PCC has complied with its duty to have due regard to the House of Bishops guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

Safeguarding policy

The Parish Safeguarding Policy is currently under review and will be completed later in the year.

DBS checks

Three new Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks were completed this year, with certificates obtained, and four others have been renewed as necessary by our Parish Verifier, Sue Wright. For information, all members of the PCC must have a DBS at enhanced level, as well as all church members who are involved in children's work. Previously DBS certificates were valid for a period of five years. However, from 4 January 2022 the Church of England national policy changed, and renewals are now due every three years. In line with national church guidance, this change is still being phased in, and Church Bodies have until 3 January 2024 to carry out the rechecks needed. Sue has had her work cut out getting all DBS checks up to date by next January; however, she has finished all of the extra work and we are now compliant, many months before the deadline. Thank you Sue!

Training

All our church leaders are up to date with training, and all of the PCC have completed their basic safeguarding training. If any members of the church generally would like basic safeguarding training, please do let me know. We have also recently joined the parish safeguarding dashboard, which makes it easier to collate and update safeguarding information and training.

Safeguarding incidents

There have been no safeguarding incidents this year.

Samantha Free (Parish Safeguarding Representative)

All Age Worship (AAW) Report

The All-Age services have continued throughout the year on the first Sunday of every month.

The format for the service is now well established. The children are encouraged to sit at the front for the Gospel reading and the following talk, and they also help with

various tasks during the service. Dramatized readings have been used where appropriate, and children are often involved in the prayers. Here are some comments received after some of the All-Age services:

- Relaxed service
- Lovely atmosphere
- Good to see the children bonding and becoming a friendly group
- Older children help the younger ones
- The sermon engaged the children
- Great to have the Junior Choir involved

As a team we are very encouraged by the positive feedback we have had for these services. We try very hard to make it inclusive for all ages. Our planning meetings continue to be held on zoom which enables everyone to be present.

The AAW planning team members work hard to make it happen each month, both with their time and talents preparing readings, intercessions, music and activities.

Janet Patten

Working with young children and families within our community.

In the spring of 2022, those involved with our mission to children and young families met together to discuss our hopes and vision for the future here at St Michael's after the difficult years of Covid restrictions. Our remit was to look at what we offer to families on a seasonal, monthly and weekly basis to see how we can nurture faith within the children and families of our community.

Our first focus was 'seasonal' events that fall mainly around festivals and high days. It was immediately felt that we must encourage opportunities to plan 'All-Age' events for all the church family that enable young and old to share their faith journey together. The Pancake Party in February was a great example of this type of event, as all enjoyed being together after such a long break. We repeated this format with a Harvest Pie and Pea supper and a Beetle Drive in October, again creating an opportunity for all to have fun and grow our 'family'. There will be more opportunities in 2023 as young families particularly have said how much they value them.

'Children and Young Family' events have also taken on a seasonal pattern again after the pandemic. Once again, these events are seen by all as an important mission to the community. The Easter Adventures event on Good Friday morning was a joyful celebration of the Easter season complete with amazing crafts, mini-Easter gardens and hot cross buns. Our alternative Halloween event, the 'Light and Sparkle Party', took place in October. The luminous pasta, glow-sticks games and fluorescent paint splats were hugely enjoyed by all, as was the torchlight procession up to the Vicarage for hot dogs and sparklers.

Another very special event was the 'Sticky Christingle' afternoon we held in December to raise funds for The

Children's Society, with lots of sticky fun for the children as they made candle holders, orange pomanders and their own Christingles. This was followed by a beautiful candlelit Christingle service when all the church family gathered together.

A mention here too for the Crib service held on Christmas Eve. After two years of restrictions the Crib service was the most attended service of the year. It was a joy to see our church heaving with babes in arms, young children, parents, grandparents and all our church family, as we retold the story of Christmas.

The second focus of our discussions in the Spring was a review of the 'monthly' events we wished to develop. We talked about the increasing popularity of our All-Age service on the first Sunday of the month and about the newly established 'Lego Church' activity which is already a valuable part of our fourth Sunday of the month. Volunteers also continue to support the valuable work of OMG within Malton.

For some time, we have felt a need to offer a new form of monthly Sunday morning service to reach out to the local families we know and particularly to those who approach us for Baptism. After much discussion and approval from the PCC, our 'Rise and Shine' children's service began in September, in its permanent home of 9.30am on the third Sunday of the month. This informal service includes story, song and craft, meeting families wherever they may be on their faith journey. The response to this service has already been a joy and we hold all involved in planning and the families they are reaching out to, in our hearts and prayers. This being said, we currently agree that there are large 'gaps' in what we are able to do to nurture and make disciples of our children, particularly those aged 9 and above on a weekly basis. Discussions over the previous months have led us to seek out possibilities for a part time paid role within our church for someone to co-ordinate and develop our mission to children and young families, including youth work, and support those with very young children.

It is thought that 15-20 hours per week would be ideal and that it needs to be a reasonable salary to attract a good calibre of person. The PCC accepted this motion in full and plans to employ a part-time Children's Worker are ongoing at present. Please do hold this initiative in your prayers as we seek the right person to fill this hugely important role at this time.

2022 has been a year of reassessing the way forward for our church in how we minister to families and how we both nurture and reach out to our local community after two years of upheaval. We have already risen to exciting new challenges and will keep seeking out the ways in which God wishes to lead us next.

Tracey Young

Report 20s to 40s Minister

Beyond Fine

At the beginning of the year, Hendrik ran a small group for 4 weeks to help participants take small daily steps to develop their mental health and well-being. Beyond Fine is a resource offering a 4-week plan looking at our mental health from different angles including (Christian) spirituality. We learnt a lot from this experience. One thing we realised is that mental health and well-being offer real opportunities to connect with people in the community.

Family Bible Adventures

Some of the families that we connected with through the Bible Adventure Bags continued to join us for Family Bible Adventures which we do once a month (usually) at Malton school. We explore a Bible story and then we have different crafts and activities that help us to reflect on that particular Bible story. We conclude our time together by sharing a snack together and praying together. In the Summer we returned to Castle gardens for outdoor activities often involving the firepit. The children and their parents love to reflect on scripture through learning from nature. What better way to learn about being custodians of the world that God has made than to be outdoors and explore and have a good time in nature together?

Team development

The Summer was a significant time as OMG made the shift from being largely led by Hendrik as the 20s to 40s minister with different people helping out with different tasks to a situation where there is a leadership team made up of 6 people including Hendrik and Mavis. We are so grateful to have a group of men and women who offer their time and gifts to walk alongside to shape and develop our OMG community. They are a real blessing and we continue to be inspired by them as we seek to serve God in Malton. We have a team meeting once every 3 to 4 weeks. Mavis was licensed at the end of September (and Hendrik relicensed to become part-time) to allow us to share the 20's to 40's minister role between us.

Introduction courses to the Christian Faith

Hendrik was involved in the Start course at St Michael's before the Summer as well as the Alpha course that ran in the Autumn at the Salvation Army. This was a significant time for OMG as two team members of OMG participated in the course as well as one person from the wider OMG network who was exploring the Christian faith

Stay & Pray and Firepit meetups

It is important to have informal spaces to connect with each other, share life and be able to pray for each other. After the Summer we started a new group that meets around a kitchen table whilst we continue to do firepit nights attracting a different group of people. It continues to amaze us how significant those times are when we meet without an agenda, just creating the space to share and where we are also able to open our hearts and minds to God.

Linden Homes Copperfield Estate

As a family, we are pleased the Diocese helped us move to the Linden Homes Copperfield Estate in the Summer of

2021. A family on our estate who is also part of the OMG network took the initiative to organise a jubilee party in our neighbourhood for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We supported this and joined in and it was a special event as it was the first time something was done together in the neighbourhood since the pandemic. It was a good opportunity to meet new people and share information about our work.

Screening funeral of Queen Elizabeth II

We felt it was important to offer people in the community an opportunity to watch the funeral of Her Majesty the Queen together. We are grateful to the Methodist church for offering us the Wesley centre to screen Her Majesty's funeral and serving refreshments for the occasion.

Free Pop-up shop for families

The Pop-up shop in November was warmly received by many people in and around Malton. We managed to attract a diverse clientele at the shop. For some people including many new parents, it was a "lifesaver" whereas others found it really helpful, wishing to lead a more eco-friendly lifestyle and being able to see their items get a second life as well as finding things they could use themselves. It was also a great way to connect with new people in the area. We hope to run a Pop-up shop again in the future (possibly one in the Spring and one in the Autumn).

Christmas reimaged

Friends of OMG offered the use of their large garden on Castle Howard Road for our Christmas celebration. We had an alternative outdoor Christmas Celebration with a firepit and live music. Home-baked mince pies, cakes, hot chocolate and mulled wine were served for the occasion whilst we explored the significance of Christ coming into our world.

Mavis & Hendrik Klaver

Tech. Team Report

A good place to start in writing a report such as this is to refer first to the one written for the previous year. Several issues and problems were highlighted in last year's report which we are pleased to say have been resolved:-

- Following the purchase and installation of a more powerful computer, we now rarely if ever suffer failures or glitches in the Zoom relay.
- Provision of a better device has improved our ability to remotely operate the Zoom relay. You will recall that this allows us to run the Zoom output from the body of the church and for the operator to participate in the service (e.g.: Alan or Heather in the choir). All four cameras can now be used and we can better monitor the output which allows us to check for any problems.
- A number of deficiencies in using Zoom have been resolved during the year through a combination of updates to the software and our new computer. These include better sound and picture reproduction and the ability to lock out viewers from unmuting and disrupting the output from church. This last improvement has downsides in that viewers have to wait at the end of the service for the

operator in church to return to the tower and to “unlock” their ability to unmute themselves allowing them to have a virtual chat between themselves. However, we do now allow them to continue as long as they like by handing over the hosting of the event to one of them after the relay from church has ended. These improvements in using Zoom have removed the need for us to consider using a different medium to stream the service, something we briefly thought about towards the end of 2021.

With very few exceptions, the Sunday morning service continues to be relayed on Zoom every week. In addition, most of the special services over Christmas were covered. Numbers viewing remain fairly constant from five to sometimes over ten each week. There are few changes proposed for 2023 beyond a project to tidy up the equipment and mess of wires in the operating area in the tower. Anyone seeing it for the first time would wonder how anything is produced!!

However, the most exciting “Tech” event in 2022 was the arrival of the two big screens. These were funded from a bequest to church funds specifically directed towards such provision. They were delivered in July and immediately put to use on a daily basis to display a “roundabout” of slides displaying information for visitors. Lately this has been added to with a display about the proposed reordering project. The two screens are equipped with the facility to “cast” wirelessly from a laptop, computer, mobile phone or tablet. Using this facility, the screens are used at the monthly “Rise and Shine” service. They have also been used occasionally at other services and events.

Into 2023 we will continue to explore how to make more use of the screens. One drawback is that any sound accompanying pictures on the screen cannot easily be played over the church sound system (it can only realistically be achieved from the equipment in the tower). We need to find a way to facilitate this readily while casting something from a mobile device in the body of church. Finally, the Tech. team will be providing input to the renovation project and particularly the sound system.

Alan Young, John Patten, Heather Williams (Tech Team)

Treasurer’s Report

I took over as treasurer in May 2022 after the APCM. The first thing which I had to do was to transfer all the bookkeeping to QuickBooks, a more modern programme for managing our accounts. This was completed by the end of June.

The overall income for the year was marginally less than expenditure with a net operating loss of just over £1000.00.

This did include the purchase of:

- The two large TV screens costing approx. £5200.00 and;
- An uplift in the freewill offering that the PCC agreed after the start of the financial year.

Income was a little over £78,000 with expenditure a little over £79,000. Bearing in mind we had a legacy last year

which inflated our income figure, this year has been really very positive. The Parish Giving Scheme has been a real success netting a total of over £23,000 (including Gift Aid). The net increase in like-for-like income was 26%, which is remarkable in these difficult times. Sales of coffee, candles and donations all made contributions to this increase.

Expenditure was in line with expectations, although utility costs were up by over 60%. Not as much as they might have been, and I am hoping they will begin to fall during 2023. Net expenditure was higher than 2021 by £15,000 on a like for like basis (excluding investments in the large TV screens and the small amount of preliminary work on the clerestory windows (£3000)). Sadly, our investments did not perform as well. They fell 12%, which reflects markets around the world following the Russian invasion of Ukraine. They were valued at the end of December 2022 at a little over £270,000, a fall of over £34,000.

I’d like to thank John Morris, my predecessor, for his help in ensuring the smooth and speedy transfer of the reins.

Robert Hall (Treasurer)

Extract from Independent examiner’s report to the P.C.C. of St Michael, New Malton

Independent Examiner Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a ‘true and fair’ view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Mr A W Richardson FCCA

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Malton

St Michael's Church, New Malton
Balance Sheet
Year Ending 31st December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
FIXED ASSETS							
Investments		143,957.00	17,960.00	17,917.00	76,122.00	255,956.00	288,846.00
CURRENT ASSETS							
Debtors		888.00				888.00	3,173.00
Prepayments							
Investments		3,164.00				3,164.00	
Cash at Bank		12,420.00				12,420.00	13,802.00
LIABILITIES							
Creditors						-	1,289.00
Accruals		77.00	1,958.00			2,035.00	
TOTAL NET ASSETS		160,352.00	16,002.00	17,917.00	76,122.00	270,393.00	304,532.00

PARISH FUNDS

Unrestricted	160,352.00	180,338.00
Designated	16,002.00	15,165.00
Restricted	17,917.00	22,686.00
Endowment	76,122.00	86,343.00
	270,393.00	304,532.00

St Michaels Church, Malton
Statement of Financial Activities
Year ending 31st December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
INCOMING RESOURCES							
Voluntary Income	7a	59,437.00	-	180.00	-	59,617.00	78,152.00
Activity for generating funds	7b	5,523.00	2,329.00	-	-	7,852.00	3,352.00
Church Activities	7c	3,602.00	-	-	-	3,602.00	2,629.00
Income from Investments	7d	4,796.00	2,192.00	-	-	6,988.00	6,368.00
Other	7e	-	-	-	-	-	-
		73,358.00	4,521.00	180.00	-	78,059.00	90,501.00
RESOURCES EXPENDED							
Cost of generating funds		535.00	-	-	-	535.00	361.00
Charitable Activities	8	-	2,068.00	-	-	2,068.00	113.00
Church Activities		73,797.00	-	-	-	73,797.00	62,628.00
Major Repairs		-	-	3,000.00	-	3,000.00	1,618.00
Governance Costs		-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Resources Used		-	-	-	-	-	-
		74,332.00	2,068.00	3,000.00	-	79,400.00	64,720.00
NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES		- 974.00	2,453.00	- 2,820.00	-	1,341.00	25,781.00
Unrealised gains (losses) on CBF Investment a/c	-	21,204.00			-	21,204.00	14,063.00
Unrealised gains (losses) on Chancel Fund				1,949.00	10,221.00	12,170.00	21,343.00
Unrealised gains (losses) on RBS Shares		-	576.00	-	-	576.00	122.00
Other and Agency Funds						-	-
Transfer between funds	9	2,192.00	2,192.00			-	-
		19,012.00	1,616.00	1,949.00	10,221.00	32,798.00	61,309.00
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		- 19,986.00	837.00	- 4,769.00	- 10,221.00	- 34,139.00	
Balances b/f 1 January 2022		180,338.00	15,165.00	22,686.00	86,343.00		304,532.00
Balances c/f 31st December 2022		160,352.00	16,002.00	17,917.00	76,122.00	270,393.00	

Notes:

- 1 The Financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP 2005.
- 2 Reserves Policy: It is the intention of the PCC to retain a balance of at least £35,000 being approximately six months committed expenditure within the unrestricted funds.
- 3 in accordance with the guidance by the Church commissioners, any collections taken at special services - including weddings and funerals which go to charity are excluded from the 2022 accounts. Funds raised this way were as follows:

British Heart Foundation	66.68	
Campion Village Trust	323.95	Coffee Stop donations
Cancer Research UK	391.75	
Childrens Society	701.07	(part Coffee Stop donations)
Diabetes UK	326.73	
Injured Jockeys Association	36.10	
RNLI	301.25	
Ryedale Food Bank	405.58	Coffee Stop donations
SASH	599.75	
Self Help Africa	200.00	
SENSE	462.90	
Simpson Trust	786.65	Coffee Stop donations
Yorkshire Air Ambulance	62.30	
Yorkshire Cancer Research	284.50	
Total	4,949.21	

- 4 The Expenses paid to the clergy may include a small immaterial proportion, which relates to their function as PCC members. No payment was made to PCC members apart from the reimbursement of expenses incurred on behalf of the PCC.
- 5 Working expenses of the incumbent and Hendrik Klaver are shared equally with St Mary's PCC, Old Malton.
- 6 The Movement in designated and restricted funds during the year were:

Restricted and Designated Funds in Bank Accounts

	Balance b/f	Receipts	Payments	Transfer Out	Balance c/f
General Funds					
St Michael's 2000 (closed 6May22)	181.00	180.49		361.49	-
Church Repair Fund (Deposit Account)	2,192.00				2,192.00
Church IT/TV Fund	14,236.00		5,214.00		9,022.00
Clerestory Window Fund	807.00				807.00

7 Income Resources					
	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
a Voluntary Income					
Gift Aid (Incl Parish Giving Scheme and CAF)	38,656.25	-	-	38,656.25	32,774.00
Other Regular Giving	755.00	-	180.00	935.00	3,079.00
Tax Recoverable	5,065.20	-	-	5,065.20	10,219.00
Collections (Loose Plate)	3,654.47	-	-	3,654.47	3,856.00
One off Gift Aid	1,194.41	-	-	1,194.41	1,679.00
Sum Up Income	1,117.24	-	-	1,117.24	-
Gift Days/Recurring Giving	-	-	-	-	422.00
Non-recurring Giving/donations	8,994.43	-	-	8,994.43	1,015.00
Special Appeals and Donations	-	-	-	-	-
Non-recurring grant	-	-	-	-	270.00
Legacy	-	-	-	-	24,838.00
Sub total	59,437.00	-	180.00	59,617.00	78,152.00
b Activities for generating funds - receipts					
Church Lettings	2,050.00	-	-	2,050.00	250.00
Fund raising - St Michaels	3,473.00	1,789.59	-	5,262.59	3,102.00
Fund raising - Charities	-	539.41	-	539.41	-
Non-charitable trading	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	5,523.00	2,329.00	-	7,852.00	3,352.00
c Receipts from Church Activities					
Fees	2,207.83	-	-	2,207.83	2,629.00
Other (Receipts from St Marys)	1,394.17	-	-	1,394.17	-
Sub total	3,602.00	-	-	3,602.00	2,629.00
d Receipts from Investments					
Dividends and Interest	4,796.00	2,192.00	-	6,988.00	6,368.00
e Other receipts not counting as gross income					
	-	-	-	-	-
Overall total	73,358.00	4,521.00	180.00	78,059.00	90,501.00
Resources Expended					
	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
Cost of generating funds	535	-	-	535	361
Donations (grants) to Charities	2,068	-	-	2,068	113
8 Church Activities					
Overseas Mission	-	-	-	-	-
Christian Relief	-	-	-	-	-
Home Mission	-	-	-	-	-
Secular Charities	-	-	-	-	-
Fees -Diocesan Board of Finance	1,675	-	-	1,675	-
Visiting Clergy Costs	214	-	-	214	-
	1,889	-	-	1,889	-
Ministry					
Diocesan Freewill Offering	40,625	-	-	40,625	42,424
Working Expenses of Incumbent	1,557	-	-	1,557	887
Working Expenses of Assistant	-	-	-	-	94
Church Utility Costs	5,964	-	-	5,964	3,658
Church Running costs	11,835	-	-	11,835	8,541
Salaries, Wages and Honorarium	11,702	-	-	11,702	6,291
Mission and Evangelism	225	-	-	225	733
	71,908	-	-	71,908	62,628
Major Expenditure					
Major Repairs to Church Buildings	-	-	3,000	3,000	1,618
Major repair to other PCC Properties	-	-	-	-	-
New Building or major works	-	-	-	-	-
	76,400	-	3,000	79,400	64,720

9 This represents a transfer of the annual interest received by the Church Repair Fund (administered by the Diocese) to the General Fund.