

# **St Michael's Church, New Malton**



## **Annual Report**

and

## **Financial Statements**

of the

## **Parochial Church Council**

for the year ended 31st December 2023

**together with Reports given to the  
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# **St Michael's Church – Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

## **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 2023 until the date of this report was approved ,12th March 2024are:

<i>Vicar</i>	The Revd Glyn Diggins
<i>Wardens</i>	Mrs Heather Williams (Electoral Roll Officer)
	Mr Mike Rhodes (Lay chair)
<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)
	Mr Barry Gillespie
	Mrs Janet Patten
	Elaine Ramsey (until APCM 2023)
	Mr Hendrik Klaver (ex officio)
	Susan Thackary (from APCM 2023)
	Rachel Watson (from APCM 2023)
	Andrew Watson (from APCM 2023)
<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**

Following the update of the Electoral Roll for the ACM there are 109 members on the Electoral Roll, comprising 80 living within the parish and 29 outside our parish boundaries. The total number of communicants on Easter Day was 78 and on Christmas Eve/Day was 65. The total number of people who attended church on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day was 314 (this includes the Crib Service)

Other aspects of performance are described in the following reports.

### **Church Wardens' Review of 2023**

It has been an interesting and challenging year! With Rev Glyn's enforced absence for around 4 months whilst he was recovering from his cancer treatment, we are extremely grateful to the clergy who have officiated at our services and provided us with spiritual guidance. We would like to say a special thank you to Rev Canon Simon Wright who has gone above and beyond in leading a large number of our services.

It is also appropriate to state that your churches cannot run effectively without the large number of volunteers who are involved in all aspects of our church life. Many thanks to all those who have given up their valuable time and talents to maintain our worship, especially thinking of the lay-led services.

There has been a significant change in the All-Age service format this year which is now non-Eucharistic, lay-led and involves much more participation by the youngsters themselves.

Our thanks also go to our verger, Andrew, whose hard work with the printer makes our bespoke services (All-Age, Iona and new hymns etc) possible.

We said goodbye to Sue Smith and Lorraine Small who stepped down from their cleaning roles after many years of service. Our grateful thanks to them for all they have done in maintaining St Michael's as a warm and welcoming church. Our thanks also go to David White who had to stand down from his fortnightly Counting and Banking duties due to ill health.

During the year we waved goodbye to Mike Elvy, who was a pillar of support to St Michael's for decades. Hopefully he is now enjoying the Lancashire sunshine !!!

Our church has been open every day and we are truly blessed by the many positive comments said and those written in our visitors' book. The votive candle stand continues to be well used and supported by donations in the west door wall safe.

Our scheduled services are:-

- Morning prayer on Zoom
- All Age worship
- Parish Eucharist (Wednesdays)
- Parish Eucharist (Sundays except 1st Sunday of month)
- Rise and Shine
- Iona-style service

We have also had one-off events:-

- Advent Processional Service
- Pancake Party
- Processional Palm Sunday complete with donkey.
- Passiontide Service
- Good Friday family event
- Harvest Festival
- Service of Light
- St Clement's event (see below)
- Christmas Fayre
- Carols by Candlelight
- Crib Service and Christingle services

Our Saturday morning Coffee Stops provide an opportunity for non-church members as well as members of the congregation to enjoy a convivial natter in their Parish Church. As there is no fixed charge so everyone feels welcome. Tourists are especially appreciative of the hospitality and many say how lovely the church is and how grateful they are that it is open.

Coffee Stop donations have enabled us to donate over £2000 to Charity. This year we supported two local charities, Ryedale Special Families (£1167.66) and YMCA Ryedale (£577.27), and more wide-reaching charities, Farm Africa (£392.23), The Children's society and the homeless charity Crisis (£106.77). The Church also serves as a drop off point for the Ryedale Community Foodbank.

Tuesday Tea is a new venture to help combat loneliness and isolation and also brings in non-church members. It meets once a month on the 2nd Tuesday and is well attended.

In November 'Visit Malton' held a St Clement's Festival. Earlier in the year the Church was asked if we would like to participate. As churchwardens we both leapt at the opportunity to put St Michael's at the forefront of a Malton community event. From early morning until late afternoon the church was a hive of activity with nine choirs, singing groups and two local bands! The church was packed with standing room only and Coffee Stop ran all day (in aid of church funds). It is likely to become an annual event, keeping St Michael's in the spotlight.

Our grateful thanks go to everyone involved in the organising and running all these valuable events throughout the year. The Church Wardens and PCC are particularly grateful to Helen Shaw, our PCC secretary and Weekly Sheet editor, for her all her hard work and dedication.

**Mike Rhodes, Heather Williams (Church Wardens)**

### **Fabric Report 2022**

The repairs/re-ordering project continued during 2023. It culminated in a presentation by our architect, Andrew Boyce, and our funding consultant, Dr Louise Hampson. They outlined in detail the cost of repairs and re-ordering with several different options including new heating system, new accessible entrance, new lighting and further improvements to the sound system. The costs range from £500K to £1.7M. There are a number of funding options available to us but it is inevitable that we as a church will have to fund-raise to contribute to the final cost. The PCC is currently considering all aspects of the project before making a final decision.

In October the Quinquennial Inspection was carried out by Andrew Boyce. We are still awaiting the report.

We are fortunate to have a warm, friendly and open church for anyone to visit and this is in no small part thanks to all who keep the church and garden looking so attractive and welcoming, from cleaning, arranging flowers, candles, hospitality and church linen. A very big thank you to you all.

**Mike Rhodes, Heather Williams (Church Wardens)**

### **Eco Church 2023**

The adoption, by the Church of England, of a 'nett-zero' Carbon target by 2030 is a major challenge for St Michael's and all parishes. Throughout the year regular items have been included in the Parish Newsletter to help raise awareness of environmental issues and their relevance to our lives as Christians and the 5 marks of mission. Prayers for the environment and social justice are regularly included in our weekly intercessions throughout the year.

A fully costed report for making the church building carbon neutral has been received from our architect and is currently being studied by the PCC.

The Flower Team has made a big effort this year to avoid the use of (non-recyclable) oases in our church flower arrangements. The Malton Flower Club kindly held an open workshop in church to demonstrate the variety of different techniques available.

The social responsibility aspect of Eco church ethos continues to be tackled, especially by the Coffee Stop Team, raising money for charities nominated by the PCC. (See Church Warden's report). The church also supported the Ryedale Community Foodbank throughout the year and was able to send a large amount of food (46.2kg) from the Harvest Festival.

**Heather Williams**

### **Annual Report on the PCC in 2023**

In January, the PCC re-constituted the Worship Committee to assist with planning and running lay-led services. Arrangements were made for John Patten and Dr Louise Hampson to address the congregation on 29<sup>th</sup> January about the re-ordering proposals. A consultation exercise thereafter produced overwhelmingly positive comment. A letter to our Patron resulted in an offer of financial help from one of his charities towards the repair element of the project.

The last vestiges of Covid rules were removed when we returned to administering Communion, with the chalice, at the altar steps. The Service of Light was brought back and was well-supported and appreciated. A service of Confirmation was held at the end of October when two adult members of the congregation were confirmed by Bishop John. Both of them had been attending the Alpha course prior to the event. The PCC was happy to endorse Janet Patten's organisation of monthly Iona-style services held in the afternoon and with a regular attendance.

The APCM was held within the Parish Communion service on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April, at which Heather Williams and Mike Rhodes agreed to continue as church wardens. One member of the PCC (Elaine Ramsey) completed her term of office and stepped down. The PCC was pleased that Elaine was willing to continue as the church bookings/hirings officer. Three new members came forward to join the PCC: Sue Thackary, Rachel Watson and Andrew Watson. Rob Hall continues in his role as Treasurer and Tracey Young and Barry Gillespie as our representatives on Deanery Synod.

By the meeting in May, the PCC had received the cost estimates for the Repair/Re-ordering project from the Quantity Surveyors. Subsequently, our church Architect and Dr Louise were asked to work together on breaking down the project into a series of smaller, more manageable proposals, with indications on which bodies would be most likely to offer funding for the different elements. Their work on this was presented to the PCC at a special meeting in early October. Andrew Boyce undertook his five-yearly (QI) inspection of the church in October and his report is awaited.

In Revd Glyn's absence on sick leave, Archdeacon Sam facilitated the November PCC meeting, when the mission statement of St Michael's was discussed in conjunction with the repair/re-ordering project. Employing a children's worker has also been debated at several PCC meetings, although the question of how to finance it has proved a difficult issue.

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. As our Safeguarding Officer, Sam Free, reviews our Safeguarding policies annually and ensures that PCC members have completed the required online training in Safeguarding and Domestic Abuse Awareness. Allied to this, Sue Wright makes sure members are all up to date with DBS checks. Our Health & Safety policies were also reviewed and the PCC agreed that the employment of our Verger should be renewed in the light of his very significant contribution to the smooth running of St Michael's church.

The PCC welcomed the Director of the local YMCA to Parish Communion to talk about their work with young people in the town. The PCC approved Anne Bell's request to run the shoebox appeal once again, but this time through the Beverley-based Jacob's Well charity. Other charities supported by the PCC included Christian Aid, The Children's Society, YMCA, Farm Africa, Ryedale Special Families, Crisis and the Community Food Bank.

At the December meeting, the PCC discussed the matter of the collection plate and how confusing and awkward it must be for visitors to see it being passed around but hardly anyone putting money in it (because of the regular Parish Giving Scheme). It was decided that it would be better if the plate was simply left at the back of church for people to put their offering in as they enter or leave, with a note to the effect in the Weekly Sheet.

**Helen Shaw (PCC Secretary)**

### **Report on Parish News 2023 for APCM 2024**

The newsletter continues to be published every 3 months, keeping the St Michael's family in touch with what is going on. It is especially helpful for those who don't or can't use Facebook or other online facilities. About 25 printed copies are distributed each quarter and a dozen are printed and left at the back of church for any visitors. The majority of people will read it online when it is sent out along with the pew-sheet. Thank you to the regular and occasional contributors and distributors. If you would like to contribute an item, contact me directly or a Church Warden.

**Janet Patten**

## Southern Ryedale Deanery Report 2023

Southern Ryedale Deanery has seen significant changes in our ministerial team over the last year. Rev Chris Windfield retired from the Benefice of Harton and his role as Area Dean. In Harton, he has been replaced by Rev Nigel Benson as of March 2023 and the role of Area Dean is now filled by Rev Nicky Penn-Allison, who was elected by the clergy chapter and commissioned in June. Mrs. Sue Teal remains in post as our Lay Dean.

In Nov 2023, Rev. Andy Bowden retired from the Benefice of Weaverthorpe with Helperthorpe, Luttons Ambo & Kirby Grindalythe with Wharram, that work now being covered by both Rev Alison Hutchinson and Rev Nicky Penn-Allison.

Rev Douglas Robertson was made Rector for The Howardian Group Benefice in March 2023; Rev Cate Turner was made Rector in the West Buckrose Benefice in August 2023 and Rev Jenny Buckler was installed as Vicar at Norton-juxta-Malton on Dec 4<sup>th</sup> 2023, having been Priest in Charge since 2021.

All of these appointments are celebrated and represent good progress. However, at the time of writing we have four benefices in vacancy: The Street Parishes, Harton, Buckrose Carrs and The Wolds Valley. In common with the national picture, it has proved difficult to recruit for these locations in the pattern of 'House for Duty'. Filling these posts and supporting the benefices is a core challenge in the deanery, calling for prayer and creative thought.

The Deanery Plan developed in 2021/22 spoke of encouraging and supporting lay ministries and one of the Deanery Gatherings in 2023 was focussed on the development of ministry when Rev. Canon Nick Bird and Julia Roberts joined us to talk about both lay and ordained ministries.

There are now two Recognised Parish Assistants who have become Authorised Lay Ministers (ALMs): Daphne Rose in Barton-le-Street and Irene Jervis in West Buckrose.

The Deanery Leadership team have identified the following priorities for 2024:

- Encourage lay ministry;
- Commence in-house training for lay ministry roles;
- Build up the rural work of the Multiply Team and share learning from their experience;
- Create and action a discipleship plan;
- Make the most of opportunities to gather to explore our deepening discipleship;
- Tackling church finances and looking for growth;
- Deanery Gathering consultation (active at the time of writing);
- Commencing deanery worship. We hope to be able to hold an Ascension Day service, for the Deanery, involving a local school, on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 10am. Other services in an evening or at a weekend to make events accessible to as many as possible;
- Area Deans to revisit each benefice (February to April);
- Address the need to think creatively to fill the long-term vacancies in the deanery;
- Address the 'Care of Creation' agenda.

**Barry Gillespie**

## Safeguarding Report 2023

**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 was completed overhauled over this year and is now in a much more accessible format. Please do take the time to read this – it is now on display on the new safeguarding board at the back of church.

**DBS checks:** Five new Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks were completed this year, with certificates obtained, and one other is pending. These have been completed 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. 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 new safeguarding incidents this year.

**Samantha Free (Parish Safeguarding Representative)**

## **The Vicar's Report 2023**

I think it's fair to say that 2023 was another bustling year in the life of St Michael's, even though I found myself absent for large chunks of it due to my cancer treatments. As with any church, there is a core of hardworking members who work tirelessly, not merely to keep things going but to enhance and facilitate ministry to the local community.

Jesus commanded us to go into all the world and make disciples. As a Parish Church, the 'world' for us is the people of this parish and town. The spiritual needs of a largely unchurched population are huge, and it is us the Lord calls to reach out to meet them. I think last year saw us continue to be a body where all are welcomed and where true friendships are formed. So my thanks, as always, go to those who have worked hard, from up front, leading, organising, and carrying out everyday tasks...The Lord sees it all.

I've been reminded recently that it's not at all about me, the Vicar, thanking people for helping me. We're in this together. A true church fellowship has moved through the 'bands' of understanding:

1. The building is the church
2. The Vicar is the church
3. We will help the Vicar to be the church
4. We are the church
5. We are part of the church

We should always work towards the last level of understanding...We are part of the church.

I have no intention of working through events and statistics as they will be comprehensively covered in other sections of this report, but suffice to say none of them would be possible without the work and commitment of our church family. The level of volunteering and giftings within our fellowship is, I believe, one of the key strengths within St. Michael's.

As you now know, Maureen and I will be leaving at the end of April. We believe we're being led to new things, although we're not quite sure what the LORD has in store for us just yet. A sabbatical over Spring/Summer will hopefully enable us to regroup and refocus on what Kingdom Work is in store for us next.

It's a new chapter for us, as it is a new one for St Michael's. It would be inappropriate for me to try to express a detailed vision for St Michael's for the coming days. I can tell you what my hopes are. My hopes are that things will progress with the re-ordering of the church building, that Alpha will still feature as a commitment, that outreach and mission will be number one in St Michael's priorities, that home groups will grow in depth and number because they're essential for growing disciples. I hope that people will grow in confidence in using the gifts of the Spirit, that healing will go alongside evangelism, that people 'outside' will continue to see St Michael's as an important community in an age when community hardly exists, and will want to join and discover the joy of knowing the Lord Jesus.

None of which is rocket science and I would hope that none of this fails to resonate with you, because it's everything I've stood for and preached/advocated/taught since coming to Malton 9 years ago.

What happens at St Michael's in terms of an ordained leader is not within my power to say. I have made my views known to Archdeacon Sam and Bishop John saying that they need to think hard about what happens next.

The fact is that clergy posts have been lost in the Diocese and hard decisions have to be made. You can do a couple of things, however. Firstly, obviously, pray hard about what is to happen. Secondly, be clear in your minds what kind of person you would hope will lead you into the future.

Finally, please know that I will be praying for you all. Please pray for us as we make preparations over the next couple of months. It feels like a mountain range to get over, but we are called to trust like anyone else.

### **Hebrews 11:1**

*Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.*

**Revd. Glyn**



## **Choir Report 2023**

The past year has been a busy but very successful one for the choirs.

April saw the Junior Choir leading the outdoor processional at the Palm Sunday service, complete with donkeys (for the first time in most people's memories). The church was full and there was even a report and photo in the Gazette.

The choir was joined on Easter Day by some of the augmented members, with four-part harmony, joyful descants and Widor's mighty "Toccata" celebrating the resurrection.

July saw both choirs, joined by the York Junior Youth Choir, perform a concert of mixed choral music: from Vivaldi and Wesley, to Sister Act, The Sound of Music and Abba. A goodly number were in the audience and mightily enjoyed singing along to the Abba finale. A retiring collection was split between the choirs to be used on new music.

Five months later heralded Advent and the Advent candle-lit Procession. The choir was on top form and the congregation was the largest for this service that has been seen.

A meagre two weeks later came our Nine Lessons and Carols. The augmented choir was further augmented by the Junior Choir, singing at this event for the first time in many years. Both choirs coped admirably with learning and performing a large range of music, including Nigel Hess's beautiful "If Bethlehem was here Today", to a packed congregation. Thanks and praise should go to all the soloists at both the Advent Processional and the Nine Lessons, but Sarah Barry should get a particular mention for her faultless renditions of "Once in Royal". Many thanks to all the readers, all the choir members, Simon Wright and Ian Little for making these services so successful.

The choir also led the carol singing during the Christmas service at the Christmas Turkey Auction in the Cattle Market. Always an interesting experience.

The new All Age Worship format has meant that the adult choir are not usually required to sing on the first Sunday of the month. This change has been beneficial for the choir as the added time now gives the choir more rehearsal hours in which to master new and harder music.

**Alison Forster. (Director of Music)**

## **All-Age Services and Working with young children and families within our community.**

2023 has been a year of both change and constancy in the life of our mission to the families of our parish. The constancy of seasonal festivals and events continues to be a source of joy and opportunity for outreach and change has come in the shape of the regular weekly worship at our church, embracing a step away from the 'norm' and developing new styles of worship that nurture and encourage all, wherever they are on their faith journey.

'Children and Young Family' events have again taken on a pattern of seasonal constancy. These events are seen by all as an important mission to the community and are well supported by a 'broad sweep' of families from our local community. Our 'Easter Adventures' event on Good Friday morning was again a joyful celebration of the Easter season with crafts inside church and an interactive 'treasure trail' around the outside of church. Holy Week itself was kicked off in style by the addition of a real donkey at our Palm Sunday Procession, which caused quite a stir!

Our alternative Halloween event, the 'Light and Sparkle Party' took place in October. The luminous pasta, glow sticks games and 'light' challenges were hugely enjoyed by all, as was the torchlight procession around church and the Market Place, complete with sparklers.

Again, another very special event was the 'Sticky Christingle' afternoon we held in December, 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.

Our promise of 'nativity costumes for all' at the Christmas Eve Crib Service was severely challenged when over 80 children appeared to take part in this joyously chaotic service, alongside 150 adults! Church was heaving with angels, shepherds, kings and even one dinosaur as we retold the story of Christmas.

We have long seen the value of opportunities throughout the year to meet together as a Church Family, young, old and in-between, to encourage fellowship and nurture faith. The Pancake Party in February was a great example of this type of event, as all enjoyed being together over a delicious pancake or six! In the summer we held an 'Everyone Welcome' summer picnic at the Vicarage, complete with fun and games, a bouncy castle and ice cream on a gloriously hot day. Unfortunately, we couldn't repeat our Harvest Pie and Pea Supper event this year, but it is on the calendar for next year, as is a 'Big Birthday Bash' at Pentecost—more details to follow.

Alongside the constancy of the seasons and festivals, change has been woven through the year too in the increasing diversity of regular services, especially those that make our traditional liturgy more accessible to those new to faith.

Our child centred 'Rise and Shine' service at 9.30am on the 3rd Sunday of each month is now well embedded in our monthly cycle of services. The service has been well received and valued by a growing number of families. We continue our journey through the Bible, giving children and adults alike an understanding of how the stories link together. It is a privilege to be part of the adventure as our young families grow in faith together. Lego Church on the 4th Sunday of the month has been most valuable for the children who attend. The children's expressions of faith in Lego are always a lesson to us all.

Our monthly All Age service has, due to circumstances, been non-eucharistic and lay-led since June 2023. A team, led by Alison Forster, have worked well to establish a balance where this service is accessible to both young and old and those new in faith, but also spiritually nourishing to those familiar with traditional liturgy. The response to these services 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.

2024 holds many new opportunities for outreach and mission. A new venture in church with our young people in mind began in late February, an answer to our prayers to seek a way to nurture and make disciples of those children we have nurtured to their senior school years. I commend 'Navigate' to your continued prayerful support. We are also hoping to establish new relationships with our local primary school after our absence there over Covid.

We continue as a church to be committed to seeking out the possibility for a paid role within our church for someone to co-ordinate and, more importantly, develop our mission to young families in Malton. This is now very much part of our plans for the near future as is our ambition to work more closely with local schools.

This year has seen many, many blessings and we will continue to seek out the ways God wishes to lead us next.

**Tracey Young**

## **Report 20s to 40s Minister**

### **Free Pop up shop for families**

We were grateful to receive the opportunity to do another Pop Up Shop in April. We were surprised to see a significant increase in the number of visitors compared to the first pop up shop. We welcomed just over a 1000 people in the shop in April. The Pop Up Shop in November saw further growth as this time different people from the community were involved in volunteering. We also saw an increased volume of items coming in and out of the shop. It is great to see how our Pop Up shop continues to help many families (a number of them are really struggling), how this helps people care for the planet and how it builds community. This year we decided to start every day in the pop up shop with a short time of prayer and reflection and this was much valued.

### **Family Bible Adventures**

The Family Bible Adventures –started in close partnership with St Michael’s – continued to grow and the Easter edition in Malton school had a record attendance; the majority of the families attending had no or little Church connection. The Family Bible Adventures seemed our most significant activity where people the Church doesn’t normally reach, connect with faith. However we found ourselves struggling for volunteers as the initial commitment from St Michael’s to this activity seemed to dwindle. The team struggled with the organisation of the Family Bible Adventure meetups and, we had only just enough people to make sure the activities were running safely. By Easter we no longer had sufficient capacity to make sure the activities were really helping people connect with faith and we also struggled to focus on helping people experience that Christian community and welcome that we would like to offer.

After Easter, we organised Family Bible Adventure sessions in April, June and July at Malton Castle Gardens (including a Coronation themed one) which were a bit easier to organise and manage and we then took a break from the Family Bible Adventures in the Autumn. In December the team decided to have a fresh look at how we do the Family Bible Adventures with a view of seeking to restart it in some way in 2024.

### **Sunday@4**

Sunday @ 4 continued to meet once a month at 4pm with teatime food, a bible story and interaction and activities around this. We usually meet at St Mary’s Priory Community Centre in Old Malton and it is a space where families and young adults meet to explore faith, where we explore what it means to follow Jesus and where we see a new Christian community develop.

In December we had a Thanksgiving at Sunday@4 as we gave thanks for the arrival of baby Karlos. It was a real privilege to be there with Karlos and his family as Karlos’ mum wanted to thank God for Karlos in this way.

### **Stay & Pray and other meetups**

The Stay & Pray group has become an informal space for women to connect with each other, share life and pray for each other. They meet at least monthly and this has become a safe and sacred space for women of different walks of life. The men continue to meet (be it a bit less frequently). Sometimes around a firepit, sometimes in the pub or around a kitchen table to also find a space to share and where we are also able to open our hearts and minds to God.

### **Parents Chat, Chill and Play Space**

Just after Easter, we started a new Parents Chat, Chill and Play Space for Parents with young children at the Rainbow Lane Community Centre. Yorkshire Housing offered us a grant that covers the rent for pretty much the first year and we received some money from the Diocese to get some equipment to start this new group. Most of the provision for early years is in Norton and there is some provision in the town centre of Malton but there was nothing in or near Peasey Hill. It has therefore been really positive for families on Peasey Hill and the new housing estates close to it, to have this new group. It has been amazing to see how this group is helping the wellbeing of parents and their children and how it has helped us to connect with more people in their 20’s and 30’s in the area. We now see how some of the people we connect with are now starting to explore faith in some of the other activities we offer.

### **Deanery**

Hendrik has joined the Deanery Leadership Team and we find ourselves in a situation where we are more called upon to share our insights and understanding of engaging with people in their 20’s, 30’s and 40’s as well as children and families work in the deanery. It was always the idea that we would be tithing our time to the Deanery and contribute to the life of the benefice, and we are therefore rejoicing in these opportunities where we are able to explore and work together with others with a focus to grow younger as a deanery.

### **Cargobike**

In the Summer a unique opportunity presented itself to purchase a cargo bike that we could use to transport the resources we use for different activities around as well as it could be used to start a mobile pop up café. It was fantastic to see how people engaged with this both in the Church communities in the benefice as well as beyond and we raised enough money to make sure we can get the bike up and running. We started using the bike for transportation and are looking forward to start using the bike as a mobile pop up café when the weather improves.

### **Christmas**

Friends of OMG offered us the use of their large garden on Castle Howard Road for our Christmas celebration again. 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**

## **Treasurer's Report**

2023 was my first full year as your Treasurer having taken over from my predecessor, John Morris in May 2022. It has been a pretty uneventful year.

Income for the year was just under 6% less than 2022 at £73,873.00. Expenditure was a little over £90,600.00, but this did include over £16,000 of expenditure on preliminary works for the proposed development works and major repairs to the Clerestory window. If this expenditure is stripped out the overall net operating loss for the year is £542.00.

To fund, in part, the cost of the major repairs, we raised £10,000 from our holding in CBF Investment Funds.

The Parish Giving Scheme continues to be a success with over £42,000 coming in from this source (including the Gift Aid attributable), with the Dona Sum Up income delivering over £100 per month, (which far outstrips the £15 per month it costs us to use). Sales of coffee, candles and donations all continued to make positive contributions. We received no legacies this year. Expenditure was broadly in line with anticipation, with the largest single item being the freewill offering of £41,000.

As you may recall, our capital investments fared poorly in 2022, due, primarily to the war in Ukraine, however, they bounced back in 2023 with a net gain of over £25,000. When you consider that we withdrew £10,000 from these investments they have done extremely well with an 8.9% rise in net value. They are valued in the accounts at a little over £269,000. This capital sum needs to be carefully managed going forward.

Looking forward, there are two items I would like to draw your attention to:

- The costs of utilities in 2024/25. Due to the expiry of gas and electricity contracts which had been in place for some time, we have seen an increase in costs, and I fear the budget for utilities I drafted in November 2023 of £5,500.00 will be breached by the end of 2024.
- The Freewill Offering has been increased to £43,000 for 2024. This will again increase in the coming years as the Church of England have recently confirm that by 2026 they wish all parishes with an incumbent to be able to provide at least £51,000 (from the benefice, not just the parish), and this will increase with pensions and overhead costs subsequently added. We are in the fortunate position of being able to afford this at the current time, but it remains to be seen if we can afford the increases going forward.

**Robert Hall (Treasurer)**

## **Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of St Michaels Church, Malton**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of St Michael's Church Malton for the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 Responsibilities and basis of Report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirement of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act")

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report:

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, 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 a full audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have 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 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act, have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Andrew W Richardson FCCA

White & Hoggard, Chartered Certified Accountants, 1 Wheelgate, Malton, YO17 7HT

**St Michaels Church, Malton**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**Year ending 31st December 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>							
Voluntary Income	7a	53,048.00			-	53,048.00	59,616.00
Activity for generating funds	7b	4,061.00	217.00	1,380.00	-	5,658.00	7,852.00
Church Activities	7c	10,356.00			-	10,356.00	3,602.00
Income from Investments	7d	4,811.00			-	4,811.00	6,988.00
Other	7e				-	-	-
		72,276.00	217.00	1,380.00	-	73,873.00	78,057.00
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>							
Cost of generating funds		690.00			-	690.00	535.00
Charitable Activities		2,269.00			-	2,269.00	2,068.00
Church Activities	8	71,230.00		226.00	-	71,456.00	73,797.00
Major Repairs	9			16,188.00	-	16,188.00	3,000.00
Other Resources Used					-	-	-
		74,189.00	-	16,414.00	-	90,603.00	79,400.00
<b>NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES</b>							
		- 1,913.00	217.00	- 15,034.00	- -	16,730.00	- 1,343.00
Unrealised gains (losses) on CBF Investment a/c		14,202.00				14,202.00	- 21,204.00
Unrealised gains (losses) on Chancel Fund				4,913.00	7,224.00	12,137.00	- 12,170.00
Unrealised gains (losses) on RBS Shares		-	622.00		-	622.00	576.00
Other and Agency Funds						-	-
Transfer between funds	10					-	-
		14,202.00	- 622.00	4,913.00	7,224.00	25,717.00	- 32,798.00
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>							
		12,289.00	- 405.00	- 10,121.00	7,224.00	8,987.00	- 34,141.00
Balances b/f 1 January 2023		160,352.00	16,002.00	17,917.00	76,122.00		270,393.00
Balances c/f 31st December 2023		172,641.00	15,597.00	7,796.00	83,346.00	279,380.00	

**St Michael's Church, New Malton**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**Year Ending 31st December 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>							
Investments		162,313.00	15,704.00	7,932.00	83,346.00	269,295.00	255,956.00
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>							
Debtors		884.00				884.00	888.00
Prepayments							
Investments		5,570.00				5,570.00	3,164.00
Cash at Bank		4,285.00				4,285.00	12,420.00
<b>LIABILITIES</b>							
Creditors	-	411.00	- 107.00	- 136.00		- 654.00	- 2,036.00
Accruals						-	-
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>		<b>172,641.00</b>	<b>15,597.00</b>	<b>7,796.00</b>	<b>83,346.00</b>	<b>279,380.00</b>	<b>270,393.00</b>
<b>PARISH FUNDS</b>							
Unrestricted		172,641.00				172,641.00	160,352.00
Designated			15,597.00			15,597.00	16,002.00
Restricted				7,796.00		7,796.00	17,917.00
Endowment					83,346.00	83,346.00	76,122.00
		172,641.00	15,597.00	7,796.00	83,346.00	279,380.00	270,393.00

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

- 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.
- 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.
- 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 2023 accounts. Funds raised this way were as follows:

Alzheimer Society	78.00
British Heart Foundation	54.12
Prostate Cancer UK	853.50
Help The Aged	155.75
League of Friends, Malton Hospital	108.03
Injured Jockeys Association	77.30
RNIB	54.14
Save The Children Fund	54.12
St Catherine's Hospice	241.00
Yorkshire Air Ambulance	288.07
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,964.03</b>

In addition to these sums, the money raised from the coffee stop mornings held in Church on many Saturdays was sent to:

Farm Africa	392.23
Ryedale Special Families	1,167.66
Ryedale YMCA	577.27
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,137.16</b>

- 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.
- Working expenses of the incumbent and Hendrik Klaver are shared equally with St Mary's PCC, Old Malton.
- Movement of Funds
  - There were no restricted and designated funds held in bank accounts during the year. All restricted and designated funds are held as investments.
  - Total restricted and designated funds as at 31st December 2023:

Designated	15,597.00
Restricted	7,796.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,393.00</b>

7 Income Resources	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
<b>a Voluntary Income</b>					
Gift Aid (Incl Parish Giving Scheme and CAF)	42,473.70	-	-	42,473.70	38,656.25
Other Regular Giving	-	-	-	-	935.00
Tax Recoverable	887.63	-	-	887.63	5,065.20
Collections (Loose Plate)	2,774.32	-	-	2,774.32	3,654.47
One off Gift Aid (Yellow Envelopes)	2,722.26	-	-	2,722.26	1,194.41
Sum Up Income	1,280.01	-	-	1,280.01	1,117.24
Non-recurring Giving/donations	2,910.08	-	-	2,910.08	8,993.43
Non-recurring grant	-	-	-	-	-
Legacy	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>53,048.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>53,048.00</b>	<b>59,616.00</b>
<b>b Activities for generating funds - receipts</b>					
Church Lettings	1,185.00	-	-	1,185.00	2,050.00
Fund raising - St Michaels	2,876.26	-	-	2,876.26	5,262.59
Fund raising - Charities	-	217.00	-	217.00	539.41
Fund Raising - Cargo Bike	-	-	1,379.74	1,379.74	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>4,061.26</b>	<b>217.00</b>	<b>1,379.74</b>	<b>5,658.00</b>	<b>7,852.00</b>
<b>c Receipts from Church Activities</b>					
Fees	4,267.50	-	-	4,267.50	2,207.83
Coffees	4,679.94	-	-	4,679.94	-
Other (Receipts from St Marys)	1,408.08	-	-	1,408.08	1,394.17
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>10,355.52</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,355.52</b>	<b>3,602.00</b>
<b>d Receipts from Investments</b>					
Dividends and Interest	4,811.00	-	-	4,811.00	6,988.00
<b>e Other receipts not counting as gross income</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Overall total</b>	<b>72,275.78</b>	<b>217.00</b>	<b>1,379.74</b>	<b>73,872.52</b>	<b>78,058.00</b>

Resources Expended	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
				2023	2022
Cost of generating funds	689.97			689.97	535
Donations (grants) to Charities	2,269.00	-		2,269.00	2,068
<b>8 Church Activities</b>					
Fees -Diocesan Board of Finance	231.00			231.00	1,675
Visiting Clergy Costs	702.40			702.40	214
	933.40	-	-	933.40	1,889
<b>Ministry</b>					
Diocesan Freewill Offering	41,000.00	-	-	41,000.00	40,625
Working Expenses of Incumbent	1,399.37	-	-	1,399.37	1,557
Working Expenses of Assistant	98.40	-	-	98.40	-
Church Utility Costs	5,401.97	-	-	5,401.97	5,964
Church Running costs	10,789.01	-	226.00	11,015.01	11,835
Salaries, Wages and Honoraria	11,367.13	-	-	11,367.13	11,702
Mission and Evangelism	240.75	-	-	240.75	225
	70,296.63	-	226.00	70,522.63	71,908
<b>Major Expenditure</b>					
Major Repairs to Church Buildings	-	-	16,188.00	16,188.00	3,000
Major repair to other PCC Properties	-	-	-	-	-
New Building or major works	-	-	-	-	-
	74,189.00	-	16,414.00	90,603.00	79,400

9 St Michael's made a withdrawal of £10,000 from the CBF Investment Fund to fund part of the capital expenditure. The balance was funded by regular Church giving.

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