

St Michael's Church, New Malton



Annual Report

and

Financial Statements

of the

Parochial Church Council

for the year ended 31st December 2024

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St Michael's Church – Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

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 was The Vicarage, 17 The Mount, Malton, North Yorkshire YO17 7ND.

PCC members who have served from 1 January 2024 until the date of this report was approved ,18th March 2025 are:

<i>Vicar</i>	The Revd Glyn Diggins (up until 1 April 2024)
<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
	Mr Hendrik Klaver/Mavis Klaver (ex officio)
	Mrs Susan Thackray
	Mrs Rachel Watson
	Mr Andrew Watson
	Mrs Patricia Atkinson (from APCM 2024)
<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 Parochial Church Council (PCC) operates under the Parish Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC 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 PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Objectives and Activities

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 embraces the five marks of Mission of the Church of England:

To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom

To teach, baptise and nurture new believers

To respond to human need by loving service

To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation

To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

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

At the ACM in 2024 there were 109 members on the Electoral Roll, comprising 80 living within the parish and 29 outside our parish boundaries.

This year, 2025, saw the scrapping of the old Electoral Roll (as required by church law) and the creation of an entirely new one, prepared for this ACM. Currently there are 93 members on the Electoral Roll, comprising 25 living within the parish and 67 outside our parish boundaries.

Despite the parish being in vacancy for 8 months of 2024 the church saw an increase in numbers in a number of categories required to be submitted to the Church of England's statistics department.

The total number of communicants on Easter Day was 88 (78 - 2023)

The total number of communicants on Christmas Eve/Day was 94 (65 - 2023).

The total number of people who attended church on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day was 367 (314 - 2023) (this includes the Crib Service which saw the Church almost overflowing with families!)

Other aspects of performance are described in the following reports.

Church Wardens' Review of 2024

Last year we said 2023 was an interesting and challenging year with the Rev'd Glyn's absence through illness. 2024 has probably been more interesting and challenging because we have been in vacancy since Rev'd Glyn's departure at the end of April. This has meant more reliance on visiting clergy to ensure that only a very small number of services have had to be changed or cancelled. Our grateful thanks go out to the nine clergy who have regularly presided at our Eucharists. Without their diligent and good-natured support, we would have struggled greatly with our spiritual guidance.

We are fortunate at St Michael's in that we have a large number of enthusiastic and willing volunteers. This year has been especially demanding and it has been an uplifting and also humbling experience to see the number of people willing to give their time and talents to make our church grow. The congregation was involved in the development of our Vision and Mission statement which helped enormously in the development of the Parish Profile.

Whilst the visiting clergy have covered the Eucharistic services, our All Age Team have been magnificent, not only in the lay-led services, which have been greatly enjoyed, but also expanding the provision of additional opportunities to explore faith e.g. Navigate. It has been rewarding to see the number of young people involved in our worship.

Our verger, Andrew, continues to be a jack-of-all-trades and we are grateful for all his hard work.

Rosie Miller has done sterling work over the years, tending the church garden and managing the tubs at the entrance. Rosie has now decided to hang up her trowel and secateurs and take a well-earned rest. We are all very grateful to Rosie for doing such a good job and we hope we will be able to maintain her high standards in the coming year.

Our church is blessed with a large number of volunteers who are involved in every single aspect of church life, without whom, our church would not function. We are truly grateful and appreciate all your support.

Sadly during 2024 we said goodbye to some of our friends who have supported St Michael's for many, many years, including Romey Willis, Viv Pope, Nora Woodall and Peter Clark. They will be sorely missed.

Our church has been open every day and we give thanks for the many positive comments said and written in our visitors' book. The votive candles continue to be well-supported by donations in the west door wall safe.

Despite the lack of a vicar, our services have continued virtually unaltered:-

Our scheduled services	One-off events
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Age Worship (no Eucharist) • Parish Eucharist (Wednesdays) • Parish Eucharist (Sundays except first Sunday of month) • Rise and Shine • Iona style service • Navigate • Lego Church (fourth Sunday) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benefice Profile prepared with St Mary's • PCC Action Plan developed • Advent Processional Service • Pancake Party • Processional Palm Sunday Service • Passiontide Service • Maundy Thursday Service • Good Friday Family Event • Ascension Day Service • Harvest Festival • Service of Light • St Clement's Festival • Christmas Fayre • Carols by Candlelight • Crib Service • Christingle Service • Light and Sparkle Event

At the beginning of the vacancy it was agreed to re-establish a Benefice Eucharist whenever there is a fifth Sunday in the month. The services will alternate between churches. The first service was held at St Mary's on 29 September and the second at St Michael's on 29 December.

We have also re-established joint services with the Methodists and there will be four services per year. They will join us for Palm Sunday and Remembrance Sunday and we will visit the Wesley Centre for their Covenant Service in January and a second service in August.

The PCC decided to adopt a more open baptism policy which resulted in 6 baptisms (only 3 in 2003). Further baptisms are already arranged for 2024 and there are plans for an All Age Service (including baptism) in April.

A men's breakfast discussion group has been established and meets in church one a month on the last Saturday of the month (see below).

Our Saturday morning Coffee Stops continue to be popular with church members, non-church members and tourists enjoying the warm welcome provided by those on duty. Coffee Stops for the Food Festivals and St Clement's Festival are for the benefit of the church and raised £1,157. Coffee Stop donations at other times of the year have enabled us to donate £2,274 to charity. This year we have supported Crisis, Camphill Village Trust, Christian Aid, UNICEF Children in Gaza Appeal and Ryedale Community Foodbank.

The church continues to be a drop-off point for Ryedale Community Food Bank. Approximately 140kg of food was donated via the Church throughout 2024, a further 50kg came from donations for the Harvest Festival.

Tuesday Tea has flourished and is helping combat loneliness and isolation and provides a warm, safe space for conversation and fellowship. It meets once a month on the second Tuesday.

In November the second St Clement's Festival took place. Although the weather was unkind, driving all events indoors, the church was a hive of activity from early morning to late afternoon with nine choirs, singing groups and bands. Coffee Stop ran all day (in aid of church funds) and everyone (church members and visitors alike) really enjoyed the day.

Mike Rhodes, Heather Williams (Church Wardens)

Fabric Report 2024

The Quinquennial Inspection (QI) Report was received in April. Apart from the clerestory work which we are already planning to address, the architect also noted that there is outstanding repair work on the tower which should be tackled within the next 5 – 10 years.

The clerestory repair/re-ordering project has made little progress this year. Because we are in vacancy, the PCC has not been able to devote as much time as it would like to the project. In April a sub-committee of Rob Hall, Alan Young, Tracey Young, Heather Williams and John Patten agreed to take matters forward. John and Tracey attended a Funding information Day given by the National Heritage Lottery Funding (NHLF) where they learned how much bureaucracy and ‘non-church related’ work would have to be done to qualify for their large grants (over £250,000).

After reporting back to the PCC it was agreed that the project should be broken down into smaller projects which could be developed over a period of time. This would allow us to tap into smaller less onerous funding options. The team met with the architect to agree a smaller project consisting of repairs to the south wall, roof related items from the QI and access improvements. The architect is now reappraising quotes for the more limited scope of work.

In August part of the cast iron guttering at the side of the Lady Chapel roof came away. It was removed and replaced by Pinnacle Conservation for £1367+VAT.

In April we had a shock when the churchwardens’ staves, usually kept at the end of the pews, were vandalised and smashed into pieces. An anonymous donor funded the repair and Barry Gillespie kindly volunteered to source replacement oak shafts and refit the original brass finials. The finished staves are now kept in the vicar’s vestry. We thank Barry and our benefactor for their help with this.

Mike Rhodes, Heather Williams (Church Wardens)

Eco Church 2024

Pressure of work during the vacancy has meant that work on Eco Church has been limited.

Spent votive candles are a major source of waste in the church and Andrew has found a firm that will recycle them.

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.

The PCC had plans to address the carbon footprint of the church along with the repairs and re-ordering but the estimate for the whole package came to approximately £1.7 million. The PCC intend to tackle this in sections, starting with the repairs. It is hoped that in future there will be technological improvements in heating systems, and costs will decrease, which will allow us to pursue our nett zero goals more cost effectively.

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 providing 140kg of food for the community.

St Michael’s has also hosted community events (Friends of Malton Museum consultation, Music for All (White Star Band) and Minster Strays Morris Dancing) and was a major participant in the town’s St Clement’s Festival.

Heather Williams (Church Warden)

Annual Report on the PCC in 2024

In December 23 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 (mostly because they are signed up to the Parish Giving Scheme). It was decided that in the New Year we would trial leaving a plate at the back of church for people to put their offering in as they enter or leave. Later in the year it became apparent that collection receipts had gone down significantly, therefore, the PCC determined that passing the collection plate around should be re-introduced.

Rachel’s vision of a cosy corner with comfy seating and a book shelf at the eastern end of the north aisle came to fruition and has been a successful venture with the area being well used during the week.

Following Glyn’s resignation an additional, special, PCC meeting was held in February to discuss our future mission, as a precursor to producing a new Parish Profile. (The Profile is required in order to attract and recruit a new vicar). The result was the mission statement “Growing a visible presence of God’s love and welcome at the heart of Malton.” The PCC then considered the things that we do well as a church, the things we do adequately, and the things where improvement is required. This resulted in an Action plan being drawn up to accomplish some of the improvements that were identified.

In April, the PCC voted to turn down the central heating thermostat by one degree to try to reduce the increasing cost of heating the church.

The Diocese suggested selling the present Vicarage on the basis that a Vacancy is the best time to do it. The PCC considered the matter and agreed that 17 The Mount no longer meets the needs of an incumbent and authorised the property team to pursue a sale.

Regarding services; Wednesday morning Holy Communion at 10.30am remains in place, although on some occasions, when it has not been possible to book a celebrant, a Service of the Word has been held. The PCC is most grateful to member Barry Gillespie for taking on the leadership of these services to save them from cancellation. This service is especially valued by some of the older members of our congregation, who appreciate the later start time.

The All-Age service has become non-Eucharistic and continues to be held on the first Sunday of the month. As a complement, Janet Patten and her team continue to provide an Iona-style service at 4pm on this first Sunday of the month and the number of attendees has steadily increased over the year. Rise & Shine on the third Sunday of the month goes from strength to strength. Our annual Christingle service, Crib service and our traditional Carols by Candlelight service were all enjoyed by large congregations. The Service of Light was run again and was well-supported and appreciated.

The APCM was held within the Parish Communion service on Sunday 28th April, with Revd Glyn in the chair. Heather Williams and Mike Rhodes agreed to continue as church wardens and Rob Hall continues in his role as Treasurer. One new member of the PCC (Trish Atkinson) came forward to join and all others continued in office. At the end of the meeting, Revd Glyn handed over his keys to Warden Heather as a symbol of taking responsibility until such time as a new priest is appointed.

A first Vacancy meeting was held on 14th May, attended by the St Michael's and St Mary's PCCs, the Archdeacon, Area Dean and the Lay Dean. Archdeacon Sam laid out the procedure for appointing a new vicar. In June, the PCC approved Sue Thackray and Andrew Watson as our representatives on the interview panel. A four person sub-committee began meeting to share ideas on producing the Parish Profile.

At a further meeting with consultants in July, the question of how to proceed with the repair/re-ordering project was again discussed. They made plain that the full project necessitates an application to the National Heritage Lottery Fund for a major grant and this would involve a great deal of work and likely stretch over 2-3 years just for the application! NHLF insists on value for money for people who play the lottery, with a huge emphasis on community engagement. Our chances of succeeding at this level were felt to be slim and a smaller project, where our application would be for less than £250,000, was thought to be more achievable.

The Christmas Fayre in the Milton Rooms in mid-November was once again masterminded by Sue Wright and proved successful and enjoyable, with greater numbers attending than at the previous year and more money raised.

Hendrik and Mavis Klaver have attended meetings during the year to update the PCC on their 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 and Barry Gillespie has attended a Methodist Council meeting as observer. The PCC agreed that St Michael's would join with the Methodists for four services a year. The new Superintendent Minister preached the sermon at our Remembrance Sunday service.

As our Safeguarding Officer, Sam Free, updates our policies annually and meets with the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer. Sue Wright is our Parish verifier and ensures that all the necessary Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks are done.

Heather Williams reviewed and updated our Health & Safety policies.

The PCC agreed that the employment of our Verger should be renewed in the light of Andrew's very significant contribution to the smooth running of St Michael's church.

Helen Shaw (PCC Secretary)

Report on Parish News 2024

The newsletter has been 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 online facilities. About 25 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 pewsheets.

Janet Patten (Parish News Editor)

Southern Ryedale Deanery Report 2024

The Benefice of The Street Parishes has recently appointed Revd Jane Brown as incumbent, and she was licensed at a service in All Saints' Church, Slingsby on Thursday, February 27th at 7.30pm.

The Benefice of Buckrose Carrs remains in vacancy and continues to be supported by Revd Cate Turner for one day per week.

Deanery Gatherings: These have been 'on hold' during a consultation period. Completed questionnaires from across the Deanery provided indicators in favour of maintaining Gatherings with preferences for meetings that included guest speakers, sharing of news and opportunity to worship together. There was also interest in training and learning in practical church matters, eco-church and deepening discipleship.

Deanery Services: There were two in 2024 on Ascension Day (reasonably well attended but it had clashed with various other services) and a Choral Evensong on 29 September (well attended). There will be more in 2025 (see below).

Deanery Plan; 'Living Christ's Story':

Deanery Training: Canon Bill Ankers has delivered a number of training sessions on 'Being a Eucharistic Minister' and 'Leading Intercessions', with more to come, including 'Leading Worship'. Feedback on the sessions to date has been very positive.

'Rhythm of Life', about a pattern of holy living, covering a range of aspects, is being used and encouraged, with resources available online and from the Diocese.

'Introduction to Ministry Courses' (formerly known as the Deepening Discipleship Course) have recently started. These are one-year courses exploring our faith as well as potential callings to lay or ordained ministry.

There have been some very successful Summer Club events, generating new contacts with a good number of families and young children.

Safeguarding: all with responsibilities are encouraged to make use of the Safeguarding Dashboard as a useful tool to keep ourselves and parishes on track as regards training etc.

A number of Deanery events are planned for 2025, please see the Weekly sheet for details.

Barry Gillespie

Safeguarding Report 2024

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' Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

Safeguarding policies and actions

The necessary policies have been accepted by the PCC and are in place, and the appropriate information is displayed on our church noticeboards and the website (please do take time to familiarise yourself with the content of the safeguarding noticeboard at the back of church, in particular). Activities run on behalf of the church are managed appropriately.

DBS checks

Three new Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks were completed this year, with certificates obtained, and one other has been renewed. 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 or work with vulnerable adults.

Thank you Sue!

Training

All of those who have responsibilities within the church have been safely recruited and are up to date with their safeguarding training. Members of the PCC regularly renew their basic safeguarding training, and those in positions of responsibility for work with children and vulnerable adults are in the process of completing their safeguarding training at a higher level. If any members of the church generally would like to complete basic safeguarding training, please do let me know.

The parish safeguarding dashboard continues to work well, making it easier to collate and update safeguarding information and training.

Safeguarding incidents

There has been one safeguarding incident this year.

Samantha Free (Parish Safeguarding Officer)

Choir Report 2024

Once again, both choirs have completed a successful, busy and varied year of singing.

Particular musical highlights from the past year are:

1. Rev. Glyn's final Sunday service with us at St Michael's. Several of Glyn's favourite hymns were chosen, complete with descants and Widor's mighty "Toccata" to round off proceedings.
2. The celebration of Music Sunday (an annual event organised by The Royal School of Church Music). Both choirs sang; the hymns were all selected by the choirs; the Director of Music gave a "talk" on the importance of music in our worship; and the choirs sang two anthems, the first being "Make a Joyful Noise" by Andrew Lloyd Webber, which was composed for the Coronation of King Charles III.
3. During the summer, Alison was lucky enough to go to London and play the mighty organ at St Paul's Cathedral: a once-in-a-lifetime experience! She also gave August's Coffee Concert at St Mary's Priory, with a programme of all British organ music.
4. October saw St Michael's hosting a very successful "Come and Sing Evensong". Singers came from across our region to sing Stanford in C, Wesley's "Blessed be the God and Father" and Pitoni's "Cantate Domino". Philip Moore, organist emeritus of York Minster, was kind enough to play and the Right Revd Paul Ferguson, former Bishop of Whitby, precented. £270 was raised towards replacing the aged, tatty choir cassocks.
5. Advent Sunday witnessed our now traditional candlelight Advent Processional Service. Archdeacon Sam Ruston presided and was impressed by the atmosphere, choir and organisation. The congregation was the largest that we have had for this event.
6. Finally, the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols was hugely popular and successful. The combination of the choristers and the augmented adult choir produced a choir of 25 singers who sang a range of music to a packed congregation.

The choristers have been working towards their RCSM initial awards with their customary lively enthusiasm. White Awards will be presented soon.

Alison Forster. (Director of Music)

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

2024 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 worship for young families at our church. Our monthly Rise and Shine and All Age Worship services have been lay led by the 'All Age Team' during the current vacancy. They continue to meet our families on their faith journeys and as a result we have seen a growing number of baptisms. It is a privilege to be part of the adventure as our young families grow in faith together. Lego Church, which restarted after Christmas 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.

'Children and Young Family' events have again taken on a pattern of seasonal celebration. They are seen 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 happy celebration of the Easter season with crafts, story and song.

Last year we introduced a 'Pentecost and Pizza Party' which was a joyous event of fellowship for our young families.

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 were the hot dogs and sparklers in the Market Place.

Again, another very special event was the 'Sticky Christingle' afternoon which 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 around 100 children appeared to take part in this joyously chaotic service, alongside 180 adults! Church was heaving with angels, shepherds, kings and even a 'donkey' 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!

2024 saw many, many blessings and we will continue to seek out the ways God wishes to lead us in 2025.

Sue Thackray (All Age Worship Team)

Navigate

Navigate has completed its first year! Aimed at teenagers, our youth discipleship group meets to nurture and develop faith in young people and to give young people a space to ask big questions about Jesus and the Bible. We are a group which is made up of teenagers from a variety of churches in Malton and Norton. Navigate has grown in numbers over the year and we thank God for this growth. When we asked for feedback at our summer social, the young people said what they really enjoyed was 'hanging out with other young Christians'. Therefore, we start every session with 'hang out' time, in which the young people can socialise over some food and a game of ping pong or table football. We then get going with some discussion, games and activities on a theme and a speaker is often invited to talk about their faith. This year, our guest speakers have included visiting vicars, members of our congregation as well as an ex premiership football referee! The young people have engaged maturely and enthusiastically with the sessions and kept the leaders on their toes by asking some fantastic questions! Some young people have expressed an interest in being confirmed and we will use the first sessions on 2025 as confirmation preparation. We are really excited to see where God leads Navigate this year!

Rachel Watson (All Age Worship Team)

Men's breakfast

We have had 4 meetings of Men's Breakfast and served a wide range of food including sausage sandwiches, fresh fruit salad and particularly good homemade porridge! It is a great space for guys to meet, chat and share ideas, stories and good coffee! We have people who come for the full hour and those who just drop in before getting on with their day. We hope to continue to connect with men in the community and share faith and fellowship with each other. We thank God for the generous donation from the Ryedale Filling Station that allows us to provide breakfast for free for several more months. We meet at 8am on the last Saturday of the month in St Michael's church. Come along and join us for a free coffee and breakfast!

Andrew Watson (All Age Worship Team)

House Group

The house group has met every other week for a whole year. During that time, we have seen growth in numbers, faith and fellowship. We have explored a range of resources including texts and online short films, which have challenged and inspired us to consider what it means to follow Christ today. We have just completed the 'How to Pray' course by Pete Greig and we look forward to starting to read and explore 'The Return of the Prodigal Son' by Henri Nouwen as our Lent course. The sessions are informal and friendly, full of lively discussion and debate.

Andrew Watson (All Age Worship Team)

20s to 40s Minister's Report 2024

Free Pop-Up Shop for Families

The Free Pop-Up Shop continues to be a much-valued initiative. In 2024, we successfully ran two events—one in the spring and another in the autumn. The November event saw a turnout of 1,159 visitors. Encouragingly, more people have stepped forward to volunteer, helping to strengthen this community effort. One volunteer commented, "I think the work you do is amazing, always with a smile, even if it is tiring. It's a wonderful thing for the community and truly appreciated."

We are incredibly grateful to Ceri for her leadership, our dedicated team of volunteers, and the Fitzwilliam Estate for generously providing the shop space free of charge.

Parents' Chat, Chill, and Play Space

This group has been running for over a year on Thursday mornings during school term time. Sadly, this year we experienced the passing of one of the babies from our group. Alongside other parents, we supported the family during the child's illness and in the difficult time that followed.

After the summer, we relocated to School House at Malton Primary Academy, which was kindly offered to us free of charge. The school has been very supportive, actively encouraging parents to join. During Christmas, we shared the Christmas story with the families. Our new location at Peasey Hill has made us more visible and accessible to the wider community. Special thanks to Adam, Helen, and Sue (from St Mary's) for their continued help at Parents' Space.

Family Bible Adventures and Sunday@4

Once a month, on Saturday afternoons, we hold Family Bible Adventures at St Leonard's Church Hall. Each session explores a Bible story through crafts and other activities, with a soft play area available for younger children. Although attendance varies, this initiative remains an important space for families, particularly those from Parents' Space, to engage with faith and scripture. We extend our thanks to Father Tim and the Catholic Church for allowing us to use their hall.

Our Sunday@4 gatherings continued at St Mary's Old Malton community centre, where we share a warm meal, explore a Bible story together, and pray as a community.

Stay and Pray & Other Meet-Ups

Stay and Pray is a monthly informal gathering for women, offering a welcoming space to connect over tea, coffee, and pastries while exploring a Bible passage and sharing in prayer. Several parents from Parents' Space attend regularly. Over the past year, it has also become a safe space for raising awareness about domestic abuse and the support available to victims, particularly in response to Lisa's tragic death at the hands of her ex-partner.

Meanwhile, some of the men in our network continue to meet informally, gathering around a firepit or at a local pub, fostering fellowship and community support.

Cargo Bike Initiative

The OMG Cargo Bike Pop-Up Café was made ready for use in the early months of the year, allowing its first outing in May 2024 at St Mary's RC Primary School. Through several trial runs, we developed an approach that fosters meaningful interactions, enabling us to connect with new people. The schools have responded with great enthusiasm, frequently requesting our return, demonstrating the initiative's positive impact on the community.

Deanery & Churches Together

Hendrik continues to serve on the Deanery Leadership Team. At Easter, we assisted the church in Sherburn in hosting an Easter event attended by over 50 people.

We also collaborated with Southern Ryedale Churches Together to support Victoria's family, friends, and the wider community following her disappearance.

Christmas Events

Our Christmas Live event at St Mary's Old Malton was a joyful outdoor celebration around a firepit, featuring live music, homemade mince pies, cakes, hot chocolate, and mulled wine. It was encouraging to see new faces from the community join us. For the first time, we also hosted an International Meal on December 21st, which was well attended and provided a valuable opportunity to connect with newly arrived families in Malton.

Additional Activities

St Mary's has launched coffee mornings for those exploring baptism, and we have been actively involved in supporting these. Additionally, we ran a short series of meetings for a teenager interested in baptism, alongside her mother and others keen to explore baptism and confirmation. Over three Wednesday evenings, we gathered for pizza and discussions around faith, and most participants expressed interest in joining confirmation preparation.

Hendrik and Mavis Klaver (20-40s Ministers)

Treasurer's Report

2024 was a more difficult year, financially, than 2023.

Income has fallen for the second year running – having dropped over £11,000 in that period. That equates to a 17% reduction in income. Expenditure was broadly the same at a little over £90,000; Very similar to 2023. In crude terms this is £21,000 loss for the year, however this does include a little over £8,000 in major works, primarily the new tech kit in Church. However, in order to balance our books, we have had to raise £17,000 from our investments in capital receipts.

The Parish Giving Scheme continues to be a success with a little over £39,000 coming in from this source (including the Gift Aid attributable), with the Dona/Sum Up income delivering nearly £150 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 £43,000.

However, I am concerned about the cost of our utilities, up by over 60% in 2024. This is a major cost for the Church, and obviously worse in the winter when the monthly invoice for gas is close to £1000. This is a perfect storm for the Church, noting how well my predecessor had done in locking in the low costs of utility contracts, which all expired in the last 18 months, and the need to provide a warm welcome for visitors to our Church.

Our investments maintained their value – and performed satisfactorily. Whilst they are lower in total value than at the end of 2023 at a little over £259,000, (2023: £269,295), as I mentioned earlier, we realised £17,000 from our investments to manage our current cash flow. The continued use of capital receipts to ensure we can pay our operational costs is not a situation that can continue.

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

- **Income:** We need to increase our giving. To that end during the year there will be a two week campaign to encourage all of us to increase our giving. Currently it costs us over £1,500 per week to run the Church, whilst we are generating a little under £1,300 per week in income. We need a further approx. £10,000 per annum to break even.
- **The Freewill Offering** has not been increased in 2025. This is primarily due to the shortfall we had in our income last year. This situation cannot remain, and we will have to increase our freewill offering in 2026.
- **Water Rates:** I have been in contact with Yorkshire Water to arrange for the installation of a meter. Hopefully this will mitigate the increase in water costs coming in during 2025.

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 31st December 2024.

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.

Signed: **Andrew Richardson**

Date: 10 April 2025

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 2024							
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
INCOMING RESOURCES							
Voluntary Income	7a	49,775.00	-	-	-	49,775.00	53,048.00
Activity for generating funds	7b	3,575.00	-	-	-	3,575.00	5,658.00
Church Activities	7c	11,242.00	-	-	-	11,242.00	10,356.00
Income from Investments	7d	4,427.00	-	-	-	4,427.00	4,811.00
Other	7e	-	-	-	-	-	-
		69,019.00	-	-	-	69,019.00	73,873.00
RESOURCES EXPENDED							
Cost of generating funds		599.00	-	-	-	599.00	690.00
Charitable Activities		2,237.00	-	-	-	2,237.00	2,269.00
Church Activities	8	78,860.00	-	-	-	78,860.00	71,230.00
Major Repairs	9	-	-	8,095.00	-	8,095.00	16,188.00
Cargo Bike		-	884.00	-	-	884.00	226.00
Other Resources Used		-	-	-	-	-	-
		81,696.00	884.00	8,095.00	-	90,675.00	90,603.00
NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES							
		- 12,677.00	- 884.00	- 8,095.00	- -	- 21,656.00	- 16,730.00
Unrealised gains (losses) on CBF Investment a/c		3,758.00	-	-	-	3,758.00	14,202.00
Unrealised gains (losses) on Chancel Fund		-	-	3,729.00	1,907.00	5,636.00	12,137.00
Unrealised gains (losses) on RBS Shares		-	44.00	-	-	44.00	- 622.00
Other and Agency Funds		-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer between funds	10	-	-	-	-	-	-
		3,758.00	44.00	3,729.00	1,907.00	9,350.00	25,717.00
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS							
		- 8,919.00	- 928.00	- 4,366.00	1,907.00	- 12,306.00	8,987.00
Balances b/f 1 January 2024		172,641.00	15,597.00	7,796.00	83,346.00		279,380.00
Balances c/f 31st December 2024		163,722.00	14,669.00	3,430.00	85,253.00	267,074.00	

St Michael's Church, New Malton Balance Sheet Year Ending 31st December 2024							
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
FIXED ASSETS							
Investments		154,646.00	16,613.00	2,546.00	85,252.00	259,057.00	269,295.00
CURRENT ASSETS							
Debtors		338.00	-	-	-	338.00	884.00
Prepayments		-	-	-	-	-	-
Investments		8,205.00	-	-	-	8,205.00	5,570.00
Cash at Bank		534.00	-	-	-	534.00	4,285.00
LIABILITIES							
Creditors		-	1,060.00	-	-	1,060.00	- 654.00
Accruals		-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL NET ASSETS		163,723.00	15,553.00	2,546.00	85,252.00	267,074.00	279,380.00
PARISH FUNDS							
Unrestricted		163,723.00	-	-	-	163,723.00	172,641.00
Designated		-	15,553.00	-	-	15,553.00	15,597.00
Restricted		-	-	2,546.00	-	2,546.00	7,796.00
Endowment		-	-	-	85,252.00	85,252.00	83,346.00
		163,723.00	15,553.00	2,546.00	85,252.00	267,074.00	279,380.00

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 2024 accounts. Funds raised this way were as follows:

Childrens Society	10.00
Derwent Surgery	200.00
District Nurses	200.00
Marie Curie	208.50
Ryedale Dog Rescue	20.53
Yorkshire Air Ambulance	199.72
Total	838.75

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

Camphill Village Trust	732.14
Crisis Christmas	246.10
Gaza Children's Appeal	866.00
Ryedale Food Bank	474.89
	2,319.13

- 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.

6 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 2024

Designated	15,553.00
Restricted	2,456.00
Total	18,009.00

7 Income Resources

a Voluntary Income

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Gift Aided (Incl Parish Giving Scheme and CAF)	31,683.36	-	-	31,683.36	42,473.70
Other Regular Giving	-	-	-	-	-
Tax Recoverable	7,717.92	-	-	7,717.92	887.63
Collections (Loose Plate)	2,777.19	-	-	2,777.19	2,774.32
One off Gift Aid (Yellow Envelopes)	2,648.00	-	-	2,648.00	2,722.26
Sum Up Income	1,737.38	-	-	1,737.38	1,280.01
Non-recurring Giving/donations	3,210.91	-	-	3,210.91	2,910.08
Non-recurring grant	-	-	-	-	-
Legacy	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	49,774.76	-	-	49,774.76	53,048.00

b Activities for generating funds - receipts

Church Lettings	1,085.00	-	-	1,085.00	1,185.00
Fund raising - St Michaels	2,258.68	-	-	2,258.68	2,876.26
Fund raising - Charities	231.50	-	-	231.50	217.00
Fund Raising - Cargo Bike	-	-	-	-	1,379.74
Sub total	3,575.18	-	-	3,575.18	5,658.00

c Receipts from Church Activities

Fees	5,428.70	-	-	5,428.70	4,267.50
Coffees	3,862.45	-	-	3,862.45	4,679.94
Other (Receipts from St Marys)	1,951.17	-	-	1,951.17	1,408.08
Sub total	11,242.32	-	-	11,242.32	10,355.52

d Receipts from Investments

Dividends and Interest	4,427.00	-	-	4,427.00	4,811.00
e Other receipts not counting as gross income	-	-	-	-	-

Overall total	69,019.26	-	-	69,019.26	73,872.52
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Resources Expended	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total 2024	Total 2023
Cost of generating funds	598.97	-	-		598.97	690
Donations (grants) to Charities	2,237.00	-	-		2,237.00	2,269
8 Church Activities						
Fees -Diocesan Board of Finance	1,233.00	-	-		1,233.00	231
Visiting Clergy Costs	1,028.20	-	-		1,028.20	702
	2,261.20	-	-		2,261.20	933
Ministry						
Diocesan Freewill Offering	42,999.96	-	-		42,999.96	41,000
Working Expenses of Incumbent	632.87	-	-		632.87	1,399
Working Expenses of Assistant	1,019.67	-	-		1,019.67	98
Church Utility Costs	8,790.43	-	-		8,790.43	5,402
Church Running costs	11,177.00	884.00	-		12,061.00	11,015
Salaries, Wages and Honoraria	11,953.78	-	-		11,953.78	11,367
Mission and Evangelism	25.00	-	-		25.00	242
	76,598.71	884.00	-		77,482.71	70,523
Major Expenditure						
Major Repairs to Church Buildings	-	-	8,094.93		8,094.93	16,188
Major repair to other PCC Properties	-	-	-		-	-
New Building or major works	-	-	-		-	-
	81,695.88	884.00	8,094.93		90,674.81	90,603

9 St Michael's made a withdrawal of £17,000 from the CBF Investment Fund to fund capital and revenue expenditure