

St Mary Magdalene's Church, Yarm Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

Aim and purposes

St. Mary Magdalene Parochial Church Council (PCC) had the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Darren Moore from his induction and collation on 12 September 2021, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St. Mary Magdalene. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we gave priority to reopening the church safely within Church of England (CofE) guidelines described fully in the section on Worship and Prayer below. Unfortunately, children's activities could not be resumed and the aim is to restart in 2022 as set out later in this report.

The PCC tasked its GOLD (Generosity of Loving Discipleship) sub committee to look at ways of making the church more robust and less reliant on occasional offices (baptisms, weddings and funerals) and fayres to support the mission of the church and in particular to honour our free will offer to the diocese albeit that we were in vacancy.

Achievements and Performance

Café church remained on hold due to Covid with a desire to start in 2022.

The fundraising for the organ was a little slow due to the inability to hold events, however, at the end of the year 30% of the estimated cost of restoration had been raised. There is an aim to start the remedial work in 2022. A formal agreement as a training parish for new organists was made with Harry Brown and at the end of the year, Joshua Greenwell.

During 2021 the PCC met 10 times; average attendance was 85%. The Standing committee met 10 times during the year. The PCC started the year arranging meetings on line via zoom. CofE guidance was followed regarding restrictions and the APCM and subsequent PCC meetings could be held in church. All decisions requiring a vote were conducted using the M29 church representation rule to include all members when using the on line system. The priority of the PCC and Churchwardens was to maintain services during the vacancy, care for the congregation, appoint a replacement architect, maintain fiscal stability whilst contributing in full to our free will offer, and maintain the church building and rectory garden in good order. The churchwardens also co-operated with the diocese in their programme of works to prepare the rectory and its grounds for the new incumbent.

An initiative to encourage members to change their method of contribution to the Parish Giving Scheme meant that tax relief could be claimed at the same time as the monthly donation was made instead of waiting until the following year for the parish to claim. This

had the advantage of a one off 'wind fall' that we could use to increase income. This plus careful fiscal management has resulted in a very good outcome as you will see in the annual accounts. The PCC agreed to obtain a card reader and on line giving platform via Parish Buying. It arrived at the end of the year.

Lynn Allison was appointed as gift relief officer and green envelope receiver. She replaced John Dent when he and Judy left Yarm and Nancy Ward when she stepped down from recording green envelope giving. The church thanked all formally during Sunday services.

The Parish return to the Diocese for 'Living Christ's Story' was made following extensive discussion in the PCC regarding our priorities for the next 10 years.

Cohens Chemist provided free lateral flow tests for the congregation once they became available. These have helped the congregation to test themselves before a service and prevent possible cross contamination.

The vacancy was advertised in the Diocese and then more widely on line, resulting in an appointment being made. Reverend Darren Moore was inducted and collated on 12th September 2021.

Worship and Prayer

Church Attendance

During 2021, St Mary Magdalene Yarm as the Parish Church has continued to be the focal point for Anglican worship in the Parish, however, the year commenced with lockdown which prevented services in church and David Local (Reader) provided three zoom services per week and the church is most grateful for his commitment and dedication. The on line services were enhanced by music and lyrics provided by Harry Brown which allowed traditional hymns to be sung by the congregations. Congregational participation was also maintained by people agreeing to read and/or lead prayers during the zoom services. The control of the on line service was by John or Avril Rhodes. These services continued until 27th July 2021 with the Sunday service moving to 4pm when the church was open for a 9.30am service from 28th March 2021.

When the church was allowed to open for public worship it was carried out under strict national and government guidance. A big thank you is owed to the Health and Safety subcommittee for their thoughts and consideration in providing risk assessments. The sidespersons were asked to keep a record of attendance in accordance with 'Track and Trace' requirements; thanks must go to all who sat near the door in all weathers taking names and welcoming strangers.

A total of 206 services were held in church 2021, including 42 Holy Eucharists, 14 sung eucharists, 15 ante communion and 8 morning prayers. 25 people were baptised and 1 person confirmed, there were 9 weddings and 9 funerals in the Parish Church and 5 interments of ashes. 4354 attendances were recorded in the register of which 1761 were at occasional offices. Communion was taken 1596 times. 60 received communion at Home and only 10 in the Care Homes due to access restrictions. On line there were 84 zoom services at which 1294 attended.

The number of on line services remained at the same level as 2020, however, the number of services held in church has increased. The number receiving communion in the last 8 weeks of the year was 85% of the pre covid level which is a great improvement over 2020.

The well being of all has been a priority for the PCC and the care for the congregation network has been very active thanks to the co-ordination of Jean Hodgkinson.

Worship

Once regular worship could be safely delivered in church, David Local provided a 9.30am Sunday Ante-Communion Service using Order 1. The Wednesday 9.30am service was restarted in August 2021 using morning prayer. David was thanked by the congregation at a Sunday service just before the end of the Vacancy. Once the Rector was in post, the regular pattern of worship was able to change to a BCP Eucharist at 8.00am on Sundays followed by a 9.30 Common Worship Holy Communion. The Wednesday service became Common Worship Holy Communion.

Our trainee organist, Harry Brown, was awarded a scholarship at Carlisle Cathedral and was replaced by Joshua Greenwell. The congregation thanked Harry during a Sunday service.

Bishop Paul celebrated on 29th August and confirmed Jane Brackenbury.

The Pram Service, which attracts pre-school children and mainly mothers, and Pram Service+ held in school holidays could not be offered due to Covid restrictions. The restrictions for work with young people were based on school advice and conflicted with worship. Similarly, Sunday Sparkle for school aged children could not be offered due largely to the death of our leader, Jo Austin, much loved and missed by all. Further information is available in the Appendix.

Stokesley Deanery Synod

Three members of the PCC sit on the deanery synod. The number was added to when David Yates was voted onto York Diocesan Synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. More information is included in the Appendix.

The Church building and churchyard

John Barnes was appointed as Architect following the retirement of John Niven. John Barnes provided a report on the work required following John Niven's quinquennial report of December 2020. Maintenance work has started and is ongoing into 2022.

The church building remains in good order, well maintained, lovingly tended and cleaned. We thank all those whose efforts contribute to this.

In the churchyard the Town Council continue to maintain the grass cutting to a high standard. The gravestones and trees have been surveyed. Thanks go to Councillor Monck and the Town Council for expediting the matter.

Pastoral Care

Home communion was started in August 2021 and a team of Eucharistic ministers visited those who have requested it. It was not possible to visit care homes as this was prohibited under Covid 19 regulations although some visiting was possible on an individual basis.

The Care for the Congregation team continued throughout 2021. Their intention was to offer human contact, support and keep members of the congregation informed.

Mission and Evangelism

Our benefice magazine continued to be published. The magazine kept our parishioners informed of the important matters affecting our Church and articles that help develop our knowledge and trust in Jesus.

We have continued to help charities but the absence of fundraising opportunities has limited our effectiveness. However, we were able to organise a harvest Sunday contribution to the Thornaby Food Bank, 'Love in a Box' gifts for Romania and the congregational Christmas Card board for Shelter Box. The Christian aid collection was largely achieved by delivery only envelope and therefore the sum that could be attributed to St Mary Magdalene was reduced – see annual accounts.

We have received reports about the development of the wellness centre in Yarm to replace the Youth and Community Centre.

Financial Review

This year has ended well with several members of the congregation transferring to the Parish Giving Scheme. This has allowed extra tax relief to be received for the year by claiming tax on a monthly basis to add to the previous year's tax claimed by the church in January. The outcome is a tribute to the value we place on our church and community. Through careful expenditure by the churchwardens and PCC we have honoured our free will offer to the Diocese to allow it to pay clergy and staff. More details of the financial position are given in the Appendix.

Reserves policy

It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds which equates to at least three months unrestricted payments. Details of our actual reserves for the year are given in the Annual Accounts.

Structure, Management and Governance

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity registered with the Charity Commission.

St Mary Magdalene Yarm PCC is a body corporate and operates under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 and the Church Representation Rules. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All church members are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Electoral Roll

On 31 December 2021 there were 124 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, 53 of whom were not resident within the parish. Jay Yates is the electoral roll officer for the parish. It was noted that the rules have changed so people can be added or removed during the year as appropriate. Many thanks to Jay for the extra work.

Safeguarding

The parish has adopted and implemented the House of Bishops 'Safeguarding Policy Promoting a Safer Church'. Judy Dent was replaced by Sue Ellis during the year as the Parish

Safeguarding Officer and maintains the register of those who are DBS checked and carried out safeguarding training. Training for levels C0 and C1 are available on-line and several members of the congregation and PCC have found it easy to use and complete. DBS checks have been carried out on all Trustees and those in positions of responsibility. There were no safeguarding notifications at St Mary Magdalene during 2021.

Concluding Remarks

In summary, 2021 has been challenging. However, we leave the year in a much better position than we started. The Rector's post is filled, we have a new Architect and are holding regular services in church.

2021 has seen several deaths of members from the regular congregation and they are greatly missed. The average attendance is gradually building up, albeit not at pre pandemic level.

Churchwardens would like to thank all PCC members especially those on the Standing Committee for all their support in 2021 and to the Eucharistic Ministers for their work across the parish.

Marion Johnston, Churchwarden, John Rhodes, Churchwarden and Reverend Darren Moore, Rector

ANNEX to the 2022 Annual Report

Administrative Information

St Mary Magdalene's church is part of the Deanery of Stokesley in the Diocese of York within the Church of England and is situated in West Street, Yarm TS15 9BU. The parish is in the Benefice of Yarm with Kirklevington with Picton and Worsall. The PCC of Yarm remains the governing body for the Parish of Yarm.

PCC members who have served as Trustees between 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2021:

		Dates
Incumbent	Revd Darren Moore (SC – Chair)	(from Sept 2021)
Wardens	Mrs Marion Johnston (SC)	(2017-2022)
	Mr John Rhodes (SC – Vice chair)	(2015-2022)
Elected Members	Mrs Ros Carling	(2019-2022)
	Mrs Elaine Huggins	(2019-2022)
	Mr Martin Huggins (SC - Treasurer)	(2019-2022)
	Mrs Valerie Meeking	(2019-2022)
	Mr David Yates (SC – Secretary)	(2020-2023)
	Mrs Tanya Brackenbury	(2021-2023)
	Mrs Lynn Allison	(2020-2023)
	Mrs Beryl Nadin	(2020-2023)
	Mr Peter Monck	(2021-2024)
	Mrs Wendy Gaitskell	(2021-2024)
	Mrs Margaret Nicholls	(2021-2024)
	Mrs Pam Parker	(2021-2024)
Co-Opted members	Mr Eric Heaviside	(2021 – 2022)
	Mrs Angela Beckwith	(2021 – 2022)
Representatives on	Mr David Local (SC)	(2020-2023)
Deanery Synod	Mrs Avril Rhodes	(2020-2023)
	Mr John Rhodes	(2020-2023)

SC – Member of the Standing Committee

Health and Safety Sub committee:

Mr David Beeton, Mr John Bancroft, Mr John Rhodes

GOLD committee:

Mr David Local (chair), Revd Darren Moore from Sept, Mrs Elaine Huggins, Mrs Margaret Nicholls, Mrs Marion Johnston, Mr Martin Huggins and Mr John Rhodes

Organ sub group:

Mr Robin Harrison, Mr John Bancroft and Mr John Rhodes

REPORTS TO THE APCM 2022

BENEFICE MAGAZINE: Trident

The editorial team comprises Kate Brown, Ros Carling, Debbie Gravestock, John Rhodes and Jay Yates and since his appointment, Darren Moore. 10 editions of Trident were published. During the year the editorial team was able to meet in person more easily for their deliberations, as restrictions lifted, after a long period of communicating electronically to finalise each edition of the magazine. We hand delivered most copies of the magazine which ensures we can be sure that subscribers have received their copy, whether they've felt able to return to church or not. Some copies were also posted to readers. Getting the magazine to our readers is an important outreach activity, especially during a time when people have felt isolated.

Thank you to all who have continued to provide contributions. The editors have never had a month without a varied and full copy. We ask that all source material is referenced in any article submitted, before it is published. We tried to prevent infringement of any copyright by following the UK Copyright Service advice for news reporting.

The editors are aware of safeguarding and do not publish unnecessary names and contact details. We also endeavour to ensure permission is granted for photographs to be included, especially of children. We continue to be delighted to receive contributions from young budding journalists.

We are indebted to our advertisers who allowed us to keep the cost at £5.00 per annum for 2021. Gill Waller who collected the advertising renewals and the printers TopPrint have continued to provide an excellent service. Ros Carling received the magazine and undertook distribution. It is important that our advertisers know that you support Trident by thanking them for advertising in our magazine when you see them. We must remember that they do not do it solely to support the church, but to attract customers like us.

Trident is your magazine and an important tool in our outreach. Please share your copy with your friends and encourage them to purchase a copy for themselves. We try to provide news and articles about events and activities taking place within the parishes, and also to include articles about aspects of faith. We have many regular contributors and without you the magazine would not be enriched by such diversity.

We thank all of you who subscribed for the year as it does help us to provide the correct number. Please do ask a friend to consider taking out a subscription so more people can benefit from our efforts. Thank you one and all for your support.

Report provided by Trident Editorial Team

BIBLE READING FELLOWSHIP

Bible Reading using the BRF (Bible Reading Fellowship) publications continues to thrive within the congregation at St Mary Magdalene, and numbers have held up well and grown a little even during these difficult times. Our short monthly informal reading and discussion group for our BRF users and anyone else interested have continued, but initially in virtual form on Zoom, but later face to face. These have been well supported and generated much enthusiasm, and have proved to be a valuable support and also another welcome chance for informal social contact by those joining in. Our Reader David has also supported and prepared material for these, and many thanks are due to him, and also our Rector Darren newly appointed in September has also led whenever his other commitments allow.

There were 20 subscriptions (+ the Rector) to the church order for BRF bible reading notes booklets, and this implies 25-30 members of the congregation using daily readings and prayers, several being couples. An increase of 2 over the previous year.

- None now read 'Guidelines', weekly reading and topic(s) for study.
- All 20 read 'New Daylight', daily readings.

Since the summer of 2021 we have been able to meet monthly around the table once again in church with cake and coffee and this has been most welcome, permitting increased social involvement. But because of general Covid precautions we were still unable to provide the usual sample books laid out in church for the congregation to peruse and consider joining in, nor to discuss joining.

Our church members who are using these the BRF publications find them valuable, often enjoyable, sometimes challenging, and always useful; and those of us who use the booklets highly recommend them to all.

Report provided by David Yates

CHOIR

Music uncertainty did not stop us at St Mary's during the pandemic. We were so fortunate to have online performances from Harry, a few improvisations from myself and then a wonderful carol service fusing live and recorded music with a lovely 'Once in Royal' solo by Gracie. No matter what music lives on at St Mary's.

Report provided by Robin Harrison: Organist and Choir director

CHURCHWARDENS and FABRIC

The churchwardens for 2021 were Marion Johnston and John Rhodes and together we endeavoured to support our Reader, David Local, during our vacancy until the collation and induction of Darren in September. PCC meetings were held virtually until the APCM in May and all voting decisions made by correspondence using regulation M29 to allow all members to participate.

The Redemptorist "Sunday" sheet continued to form the basis for Sunday readings and a big thank you to Avril Rhodes for ensuring readers obtained advance notice of their readings. The reverse of the Redemptorist sheet was used to provide notices when worship was held in church in the later part of the year. Copies were also distributed throughout the Benefice. Later in the year, when the church re-opened after lockdown the reverse of the sheets was used to remind the congregation of Covid 19 requirements. The church was cleaned in line with our risk assessment and PPE stocks maintained.

The church fabric and equipment has been maintained according to the PCC schedule. The Quinquennial work was put on hold whilst a new Architect was appointed, as it was required to allow the completion of faculty applications. The contract was signed with John Barnes in December 2021. An initial survey by John Barnes in September revealed woodworm in the roof void and lack of safe access to the space. A faculty will be required for the introduction of a walkway. Once the walkway is completed it will allow access for the woodworm to be treated and a 20 year guarantee given on the work.

Harrison and Harrison (Durham) were commissioned to provide a second report on the condition of the organ and came to the same conclusion as the Diocesan organ advisor and Peter Woods and son (Harrogate) that major work was required to provide reliable organ

music in church. Harrison and Harrison advised the PCC to look at obtaining a redundant registered organ from a village in Northumberland called Rock. Unfortunately, its shape is long and thin and so would require extensive re-ordering of the church to accommodate it and the pipes were now badly corroded due to bat urine.

Conyers School again donated a Christmas tree and this was put up by a small group in line with Covid guidance. Many thanks for all involved and it brought a welcome normality back to the season.

Churchwardens would like to thank all the sidespersons for the wonderful job they have done recording names at the door and guiding people to seats. The readers and intercessors have similarly helped deliver 9.30am Sunday and zoom services to a high standard. We would like to thank Avril Monck for helping with drawing up rotas.

Our church building is in good order and the congregation are very supportive. The churchwardens are grateful to all those who give their time for the work of the church on a regular basis, whether by reading a lesson, interceding, cleaning, providing refreshments, acting as sidespersons, washing and ironing the linen, arranging social events, setting up for services, working in the churchyard, serving, taking part in Eucharistic ministry and arranging and delivering anniversary cards or by volunteering to do any of the multitude of odd jobs which our parish community needs. The terrier and log books have been checked and all items accounted for.

Home communion started again in August and many thanks to those prepared to visit those who cannot get to church and wish to receive the reserved sacrament. Similar thanks to those who cascade news and support our congregation via care for the congregation and Jean Hodgkinson for organising the network.

The church grounds have been well maintained by the Town Council. Trees have been pruned in March especially along the north fence. A bench collapsed due to age and was replaced by the family that donated the original. A faculty was obtained to extend the cremated remains area on the opposite side of the path in front of the line of gravestones. Thanks to the Town council for the grass cutting, tree and gravestone safety maintenance.

Report provided by Marion Johnston and John Rhodes: Churchwardens.

CRAFT GUILD

2021 began as 2020 ended, lock down and crafting in our own homes but still with a small trickle of income from card sales. Knitters had been particularly busy for charitable causes. Cautious relief came in summer, but we waited until September before the Tuesday group recommenced meeting in the Fellowship Hall. Impressive new tables and large spacing, so a safe feeling. Events also opened up. We joined Kirklevington for their September fair where income was shared. It was a great relief to be able to contribute to the church Christmas fair, both through private sales and on the day, and felt like normality starting for real. After a 2-year gap we returned to The Golden Lion at Great Ayton to enjoy a Christmas meal where we were joined by the new Rector and other supporters.

Income over the year has been in the region of £550 which is very pleasing given the reduced circumstances.

From 2022 we shall be covering the full rent of the hall through member payments, albeit at a preferential rate, because of our church commitment, which we greatly appreciate.

Sadly, two members have not returned, as health and mobility does not permit, but we gained 5 new ones. So, we have headed into 2022 with a positive increased fellowship and creative spark.

Report provided by Carole Wilson

DEANERY SYNOD

The Parish has 4 Deanery Synod Lay representatives, of whom 3 are appointed by the APCM: Avril Rhodes, John Rhodes and David Local, plus David Yates who was elected to Diocesan Synod in June 2021 and as such becomes an ex-officio member of Deanery Synod. Also, Rector Darren is a Clergy representative being a member of Stokesley Deanery Clergy Chapter.

Once again because of Covid restrictions Deanery Synod only met via Zoom during 2021; 16th March, 17th June and 14th October.

The Deanery Synod of 16th March was chaired by the Area Dean, Revd Clay Roundtree who reported this to be his last Synod as he was leaving St Francis, Ingleby Barwick to be taking up a new position at Grantham in May 2021. The main item of this Synod was the introduction of the approved consultation process with Deaneries and Parishes to refresh the Diocesan vision under the banner 'Living Christ's Story. This became the dominant topic for Deanery Synod and Parishes during 2021.

At the 17th June Synod the Deanery Leadership Team (DLT) was formally elected;

Area Dean: Revd Tessa Stephens, St Mary, Nunthorpe had been appointed by the Bishop of Whitby.

Lay Dean: John Dickinson of Christ Church, Great Ayton.

Secretary: No nominations had been received for the position of Secretary. Subsequently the position was filled in a part-time capacity by the Area Dean's Parish Administrator.

Lay Representative (elected from the House of Laity): Roy Parsonage of St Augustine, Kirby-in-Cleveland.

Clergy Representative (elected by Clergy Chapter): Revd Paul Peverell, Christ Church, Great Ayton.

Co-opted: Bob Ardley, Deanery Treasurer

Deanery Financial Adviser (DFA): Martin Bailey, DFA is automatically a Member of the DLT.

At the final meeting of 14th October the Lay Dean, John Dickinson gave a presentation on a possible plan for the Deanery moving forward. Within the Diocesan vision of Living Christ's Story the Deanery was to establish small Groups to examine the Deanery finances and environmental initiatives. These groups will explore ways of encouraging, supporting and helping each other. It was thought that Parishes taking environmental initiatives was a way to connect and become active with Communities. 4 Churches across the Deanery have actually registered as Eco-Churches.

Deanery Synod is funded by each Parish paying a Levy per Deanery Synod representative. It was agreed that the Levy for 2021 remain unchanged at £40.00 per Deanery Synod Rep. Also, at each Deanery Synod the DFA reports on relevant financial issues from the Diocese that may impact on Parish finances.

Hopefully as the consultation process on Living Christ's Story concludes in 2022 and Deanery Synod develops a Deanery Plan for the implementation of the revitalised Diocesan Strategy Deanery Synod will become more pro-active, and Covid allowing once again meet in person.

Yarm deanery synod representatives successfully nominated Cheryl Scollay as someone from the community who had made an exceptional contribution to the pandemic response for a celebration hosted by Archbishop Stephen at Bishopthorpe Palace in September. The event was reported in the November “Trident”.

David Local, Avril Rhodes, John Rhodes, David Yates.

FINANCE

General Unrestricted Funds

2021 has been the second year affected by the Pandemic and we have again managed quite well. Church activities have been disrupted for large parts of the year but our finances have survived, with great support from our regular congregation – our Regular Givers. We have carried on keeping control of our expenditure, which combined with less spending due to reduced activity, has given a positive outcome for the Year. We have exited the year with a balance of £33,978 (2020 – £20,166).

The specific detail is as follows.

Total unrestricted income was £97,098 (£76,506 in 2020) and is detailed in the financial statements. Of this, £68,328 (was £64,669) was pledged giving and includes associated tax relief, and represents a significant 70.3% (was 84.5%) of the total income. This is the first full year of the Parish Giving Scheme and this has helped to provide more income by way of earlier receipt of Tax Relief. About two thirds of our supporters have now signed up to the scheme and are finding it very good to use – it would be good if other contributors were able to join them.

Other parts of the accounts are showing good recovery in the second part of the year, as Covid restrictions were eased and we were able to welcome our new Rector. We reinstated the Christmas Fayre, holding it in Church and raising a very impressive £2,106. A Christmas Raffle yielded a further £1,007. Total net fundraising (including the above) was £4,815 (£2,515)

The remaining income came largely from collections, donations and fees, and has recovered to £22,088 (£7,337). Collections have increased in 2021 and yellow envelope Gift Aided donations have reflected significant generosity from contributors. Fee earning has increased to £5,982 (£3,027) as more people are making more use of our services.

Also, we have received £524 (£649) from the rest of the Benefice as their contribution to the expenses of the Rector and the Rectory. There have been no legacies this year. (£0 in 2020).

Total unrestricted expenditure was £83,285 (was £82,895). We have maintained our contribution to the Freewill Offer to support the Mission in the Diocese at £61,800, the same as last year. This Freewill Offer was paid in full, and is a very significant 63.6% (80.8% last year) of our total income from all sources. In addition, Diocesan fees for weddings and funerals in our Church have added £2,546 (£3,432) to our total giving from the Parish to the Mission in the Diocese, which now totals £64,346 (£65,232). The cost of running the Church building was £9,819 (£8,517), reflecting increased activity in the Church building. The upkeep of services cost a further £5,389 (£5,573), and continues to support the training of an organ scholar. Expenses for clergy amount to £1,831 (£1,586) – an increase which resulted from appointment of the new Rector. Other expenditure was £2,088 (£2,158),

Net result for the year was an excess of income over expenditure of £13,812 compared to an excess expenditure over income of £6,390 in 2020. This is a significant turnaround, resulting from a generous response to the challenges of the Pandemic from all concerned.

The total balance of unrestricted funds at 31st December 2021 was £33,979 (£20,166).

Restricted Funds

Organ Fund

We have made a significant start in 2021 towards fundraising for major repair work to be done to our pipe organ. Various activities and grant applications have yielded £11,365 during the year, in addition to which we have a grant award of £7,500 which will be paid on start of the work

Restoration Fund

There has been very little activity here, with income restricted to a small amount of Investment Interest being credited and a Legacy of £500 being added.

We have paid Architect Fees of £1208 for the work needed for remedial work resulting from the Quinquennial Inspection, and we have paid for a report on the detailed state of the organ. This has resulted in a reduction of our balance of £1,080 (£3,432 in 2020).

The balance of the Restoration Fund at 31st December 2021 was £28,444 (£29,524 in 2020), which will be available for future work and for keeping the Church in good order.

Restricted funds were still collected and paid out to individual charities at a much-reduced level, coming from collections at funerals as specified by families concerned, and from special events arranged by the Church for nominated charities. The total amount was £1,279 (£2,963)

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds, which equates to three months' unrestricted income, to cover emergency situations which may arise from time to time. The balance of £33,979 in unrestricted funds at the year-end exceeds this target (currently £21,875).

Additionally, we recognise that the maintenance of a historic building requires periodically significant sums of money to carry out important restoration and maintenance work.

Although we had a significant legacy in 2011, we have spent considerable sums on successful restoration and renovation projects, leaving our reserves for this aspect of our work at just over £28,400. The use of this money needs to be carefully regulated and monitored, and it would be good if it could be augmented by individual efforts and some new legacies in due course.

Report provided by M J Huggins Hon Treasurer

FUNDAY SUNDAY SPARKLE

Unfortunately, our Sunday Sparkle group was unable to meet during 2021 due to COVID 19 restrictions. Some discussion took place regarding the possibility of a Zoom Sparkle. It was decided that this would be very difficult to instigate, primarily due to the diverse age range of the children and young people involved.

Sadly Joanne Austin, the instigator and inspirational leader of Sparkle, died on 29th January, 2021.

Report provided by Beryl Nadin.

GENEROSITY OF LOVING DISCIPLES (GOLD) REPORT

The GOLD Team was established by the PCC and its members are, David Local (Chair), The Rector, Marion Johnston and John Rhodes (Church Wardens), Martin Huggins (PCC Treasurer), Maggie Nicholls and Elaine Huggins (volunteers). During the year we added Lynn Allison to the Team and, of course our new Rector Darren joined us. The Team has been regularly advised by Martin Bailey (former Stokesley Deanery Financial Adviser) and Sammi Tooze, Diocesan Generous Giving Adviser who attended our meetings whenever possible and have been a great help.

During 2021 we met on 4 occasions and the main focus was the continued introduction of the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS), Contactless Giving in Church and the adoption of a Legacy Policy. It is pleasing to note that about 50% of regular givers have now signed up to the PGS and of those about 50% have agreed to an annual increase in line with inflation. Also the introduction of the Contactless Giving machine had almost paid for itself by the end of 2021.

The Team report to the PCC after each meeting to ensure their approval to all considerations, and the PCC do, of course, have to agree any recommendations of the GOLD Team before they are put into effect. The Team will continue its deliberations in the future with the approval of the PCC, particularly to examine the feasibility of our aim to cover the fixed expenditure with planned giving.

David Local, Revd Darren Moore, Marion Johnston, John Rhodes, Martin Huggins, Maggie Nicholls, Elaine Huggins, Lynn Allison.

MOTHERS' UNION

As we were in a lockdown situation in January 2021 we were unable to hold any meetings from January until August when we met in Valerie Meeking's garden for coffee and biscuits. The weather was beautiful and a good time was had by all.

We then commenced our meetings in church on Monday 27th September when we held a very enjoyable social afternoon.

As our October meeting clashed with the Wydale Autumn Retreat, Debbie Gravestock very kindly held a "Musical Afternoon" which was very much appreciated by those members who didn't go to Wydale.

On 27th November we held a service to raise awareness for Gender Based Violence against women and men in church which was led by Marion Johnston as I was due to attend York Minster to raise awareness there. Unfortunately, Storm Arwen paid us a visit and, as there were so many fallen trees and roads blocked, it was unsafe for me to travel anywhere.

Our Wednesday Morning short services have continued and been well attended. Thank you very much to all who have taken their turn at leading this short act of worship.

To finish the year we held our Advent Service at the end of November hoping that we would be able to get back to normal in 2022.

Report provided by Jennifer Local - Branch Leader

PRAM SERVICE

Unfortunately, because of the pandemic, Pram Service has not been able to operate in 2021. Our new Rector, Father Darren, is very keen to get Pram Service underway again in

2022, and meetings have taken place to this effect. We hope to get going again early in 2022, as soon as it is safe to do so.

Report provided by John Bancroft

SAFEGUARDING

I became the Parish Safeguarding Officer [PSO] taking over from Judy Dent in summer 2021. I have undertaken the safeguarding training as directed by the Diocese of York and completed a foundation induction training course on the role of the parish safeguarding office.

Safeguarding can be summed up as “watching over one another with love”.

It is important to recognise that safeguarding is important for the needs of any age be it children, young people, vulnerable adults and the elderly and a basic commitment to equal worth for all.

- We are following the guidelines and policy advised by the York Diocese:
- Enabling those in authority, members of the PCC and any parishioner who might be asked to help with children and vulnerable adults to complete the necessary government DBS forms.
- It is imperative that Trustees complete first basic awareness, foundation and domestic abuse training is completed as stipulated by the Diocese of York in December 2021. This can be completed online in one's own time or if needed on a borrowed lap top computer. The course must be repeated every three years.
- The PSO, churchwarden and rector work together if there is any safeguarding issue brought to their attention, before reporting to any other agencies e.g. diocesan safeguarding adviser and social services.
- Any confidential information is kept firmly locked in a safe!
- The diocesan policy is on the noticeboard and there are copies of “The parish safeguarding handbook” and “The safer Church” available.

Report provided by Sue Ellis – Safeguarding Officer

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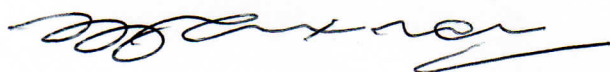
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Parochial Church Council of St Mary Magdalene, Yarm

Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ending 31 December 2021


		General Fund		Restoration	TOTAL	TOTAL
	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 £	2020 £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Voluntary Income	2(a)	84,431.73	12,594.06		97,025.79	71,834.34
Activities for generating funds	2(b)	6,157.00			6,157.00	3,850.63
Income from Investments	2(c)	2.64		33.90	36.54	192.51
Income from Church activities	2(d)	6,506.21			6,506.21	3,676.09
Other income	2(e)			500.03	500.03	0.00
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		97,097.58	12,594.06	533.93	110,225.57	79,553.57
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Church Activities	3(a)					
Ministry		64,067.87			64,067.87	64,012.09
Church		9,818.75		405.60	10,224.35	8,517.08
Upkeep of services		5,388.59			5,388.59	5,572.89
Other ordinary expenditure		1,364.05	1,228.61		2,592.66	5,530.70
Extraordinary expenditure		774.29			774.29	840.23
Restoration				1,208.70	1,208.70	3,567.00
Fund Raising Costs	3(b)	1,871.89			1,871.89	1,335.16
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		83,285.44	1,228.61	1,614.30	86,128.35	89,375.15
NET INCOMING RESOURCES & MOVEMENT OF FUNDS		13,812.14	11,365.45	-1,080.37	24,097.22	-9,821.58
BALANCES B/FWD 1 JANUARY		20,166.37	0.00	29,524.25	49,690.62	59,512.20
BALANCES C/FWD 31 DECEMBER		33,978.51	11,365.45	28,443.88	73,787.84	49,690.62

Parochial Church Council of St Mary Magdalene, Yarm

Balance Sheet at 31 December 2021

	Notes	General Fund		Restoration	TOTAL	TOTAL
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2021 £	2020 £
FIXED ASSETS		NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
CURRENT ASSETS						
Debtors	6	£337.28	£9.10		£346.38	£246.48
Short term deposits		£4,472.60		£28,061.68	£32,534.28	£32,529.62
Fixed term deposits					£0.00	£0.00
Cash at Bank		£30,975.68	£12,104.96	£382.20	£43,462.84	£18,598.98
		<u>£35,785.56</u>	<u>£12,114.06</u>	<u>£28,443.88</u>	<u>£76,343.50</u>	<u>£51,375.08</u>
		=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
LIABILITIES						
Creditors - amounts falling due in one year	7	£1,807.05	£748.61		£2,555.66	£1,684.46
NET CURRENT ASSETS less LIABILITIES		<u>£33,978.51</u>	<u>£11,365.45</u>	<u>£28,443.88</u>	<u>£73,787.84</u>	<u>£49,690.62</u>
		=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
PARISH FUNDS						
Unrestricted		£33,978.51			£33,978.51	£20,166.37
Restricted			£11,365.45	£28,443.88	£39,809.33	£29,524.25
Totals		£45,343.96		£28,443.88	£73,787.84	£49,690.62

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 4 April 2022 and signed on its behalf by



D R Moore (PCC Chairman)

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year ended 31 December 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the current Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Funds

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be retained either permanently or at the PCC's discretion; the income derived from the endowment is to be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established in the first place. There are currently no such funds under the control of the PCC.

Restricted funds comprise (a) income from endowments which is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor, and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific PCC activity intended by the donor. Where these funds have unspent balances, interest on their pooled investment is apportioned to the individual funds on an average balance basis. The Restoration Fund and the Organ Fund are restricted funds, and donations to Mission or other Charity are also treated as restricted, when they result from a specific donation or collection.

Unrestricted funds are income funds which are to be spent on the PCC's general purposes.

Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and similar donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when received and are reclaimed for the accounting year and not the tax year. Tax refunds, other than those from the Parish Giving Scheme, due for the period January to December 2021 are identified in the notes to the accounts, but are not included in the figures. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognized when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan freewill offer is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission or charity are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognized when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Fixed assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.10(2)(a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the rector and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than £2,000 and all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

Individual items of equipment are written off when the asset is acquired.

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December.

2021 GENERAL FUND

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2. INCOMING RESOURCES

Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2021	TOTAL FUNDS 2020
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2(a) Voluntary Income

Planned Giving

Gift Aided - Direct Payments (inc PGS 29341.60)	42278.60		42278.60	39244.00
- Green Envelopes	3136.00		3136.00	6036.90
Not Gift Aided - Direct Payments	2030.00		2030.00	1840.00
- Green Envelopes	1455.20		1455.20	1968.00

48899.80

Other

Gift Aided - Yellow Envelopes (one off)	11175.81		11175.81	1392.65
Tax Reclaim on Gift Aid (2020) and PGS (£7,105 44 in 2021)	19428.42		19428.42	15580.07
Tax Reclaim on Organ Donations		431.09	431.09	0.00
Organ Donations		10934.36	10934.36	0.00
Cash Collections	2643.72		2643.72	1838.75
Special Collections & Donations (inc COVID)	1555.98	1228.61	2784.59	3703.97
Donation from fees	728.00		728.00	230.00
Legacy	0.00		0.00	0.00

35531.93

2(b) Activities for generating funds

Coffee Donations	500.21		500.21	352.08
Raffle (incl £280 sold at the Festive Fayre)	1006.60		1006.60	922.60
Magazine Income	1485.50		1485.50	1662.00
Income from Flowers - weddings and memorium	104.00		104.00	60.00
Votive candles	90.85		90.85	20.00
Miscellaneous Income	669.20		669.20	77.50
Craft Guild - activities	151.90		151.90	491.45
Craft Guild - for Hall Hire	0.00		0.00	150.00
Beetle Drive	43.00		43.00	115.00
Christmas Festive Fayre	2105.74		2105.74	0.00

6157.00

2(c) Income from Investments

Interest on Deposit Account	1.66		1.66	53.56
Interest on Darlington Building Society	0.85		0.85	3.21
Interest on Gift Aid Account	0.13		0.13	0.72

2.64

2(d) Income from Church activities

Fees	5982.00		5982.00	3027.00
Kirklevington & Worsall contribution to Rector expenses	394.17		394.17	459.62
- Rectory Water Rate	42.76		42.76	103.28
- Redemptorist	87.28		87.28	86.19

6506.21

TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES

97097.58	12594.06	109691.64	79418.55
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3. RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2021	TOTAL FUNDS 2020
3(a) Church Activities				
Ministry - Rector				
Parish Freewill Offer for Diocesan Ministry	61800.00		61800.00	61800.00
Expenses (inc vacancy costs 775.62)	2096.85		2096.85	1669.79
Water Rate	171.02		171.02	479.30
-Mission				
Gold costs	0.00		0.00	63.00
	64067.87			
Church				
Gas	2398.74		2398.74	2037.85
Electricity	1318.66		1318.66	958.25
Insurance	3181.03		3181.03	3164.09
Water Rate	97.87		97.87	97.35
Cleaning	967.85		967.85	1064.00
Organ Tuning & Maintenance	222.00		222.00	0.00
Boiler Maintenance	280.00		280.00	235.00
5 Year Electrical & lightening Protection Testing	880.00		880.00	237.98
Roof works	100.00		100.00	520.00
Minor Maintenance	372.60		372.60	202.56
	9818.75			
Upkeep of Services				
Candles	240.10		240.10	223.81
Wine & Bread	0.00		0.00	77.85
Miscellaneous	497.43		497.43	366.47
Service Books	461.90		461.90	0.00
Pew Sheets (Redemptorist)	349.16		349.16	344.76
Organist	3000.00		3000.00	3000.00
Organist Tuition	840.00		840.00	1560.00
Churchyard Upkeep	0.00		0.00	0.00
	5388.59			
Other Expenditure				
Young people (2020 - Messy Church trial)	0.00		0.00	51.00
Hire of Hall	0.00		0.00	333.35
Baptism & Marriage Books	390.57		390.57	40.56
Deanery Precept	120.00		120.00	120.00
RSCM membership	110.00		110.00	107.00
Printing	288.00		288.00	374.63
Gift Aid Envelopes	80.57		80.57	104.50
Miscellaneous	324.91		324.91	186.69
Charities (see Note 9)	50.00	1228.61	1278.61	4212.97
	1364.05			
Extraordinary Expenditure				
Rector Welcome (2020 - COVID Supplies)	368.09		368.09	557.18
Payaz On Line Reader (2020 - Easter booklet & letters)	358.80		358.80	41.25
Parking Post Spigot (2020 - Present for Archbishop)	47.40		47.40	50.00
(2020 - Rector retirement)	0.00		0.00	191.80
	774.29			
3(b) Fund Raising Costs				
Functions	272.67		272.67	70.00
Magazine Printing	1359.78		1359.78	1175.69
Cost of flowers	98.20		98.20	67.00
Cost of coffee & biscuits	141.24		141.24	22.47
	1871.89			
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	83285.44	1228.61	84514.05	85808.15
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2021 RESTORATION FUND

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2.	INCOMING RESOURCES	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2021	TOTAL FUNDS 2020
2(a)	Voluntary Income Donations Grant from Lottery Heritage Fund VAT Refund - LPW Grant Scheme Other Grants Tax Rebate			
		0.00	0.00	
2(b)	Activities for generating funds Craft Guild Sales Miscellaneous events			
		0.00	0.00	
2(c)	Income from investments Interest on deposit account - CBF Interest on Virgin Money	2.15 31.75		17.52 117.50
		33.90	33.90	
2(e)	Other Income Legacy	500.03	500.03	
	TOTAL	<u>533.93</u> =====	<u>533.93</u> =====	<u>135.02</u> =====
3.	RESOURCES EXPENDED			
3(a)	Church Activities Restoration Fee - Architect Internal Reordering - organ repairs - floor repairs	1208.70 405.60		827.00 2740.00
		1614.30	1614.30	
	Other Expenditure	0.00	0.00	
3(b)	Fund Raising Costs			
		0.00	0.00	
	TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	<u>1614.30</u> =====	<u>1614.30</u> =====	<u>3567.00</u> =====

4.	(a)	STAFF COSTS	2021	2020
		Invoiced payments for Organist for normal services	3,000.00	3,000.00

During the year the PCC contracted in an organist, who is self employed, and as such does not attract social security costs.

(b) **PAYMENTS TO PCC MEMBERS**

A small immaterial portion of the expenses paid to the incumbent may have related to his services as chairman of the PCC. No expenses were paid to any other PCC member, persons closely connected to them or related parties.

5. **FIXED ASSETS**

The PCC has no assets as defined in the Accounting Policies above (1)

6.	DEBTORS	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	TOTAL 2021	TOTAL 2020
	Other Debtors	346.38		346.38	246.48

In addition there is outstanding Tax recoverable, related to the period January to December 2021, which will be recovered during 2022. The estimated amount is £9,039.41, and will be accounted for in 2022 accounts. This includes reclaim for tax on small donations, which will provide an estimated £1,546.31 of income.

7. **CREDITORS**

	Accruals for utility and other costs	1,807.05	748.61	2,555.66	1,684.46
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8. **GENERAL NOTES**

8.1	Net movement of general funds in the year was	Unrestricted	£13,812.14
		Restricted (organ fund)	£11,365.45
		Total	£25,177.59

8.2 Balances brought forward include historical legacies as follows:

General Account: legacies from 2009	£18,000.00
legacy in 2012	£5,000.00
legacy in 2013	£500.00
legacies in 2019	£1,500.00
Restoration Account: legacy in 2011	£116,326.33
legacy in 2021	£500.03

8.3 Assigned Fees. A sum of £2,546.00 (£3,432.00 in 2020) has been paid to the Diocese, being the Statutory Fees charged for the services of clergy to officiate at weddings, funerals and the like.

8.4 Purchase of items for sale (eg. Cards, tea towels, pens etc) are written off in the year of payment.

8.5 Value of normal stock is less than £500.00. Stock is not controlled or accounted for.

9. Charity Donations - 2021

The following donations were made to Charity:

	Overseas Missions & Christian Relief Agencies	Home Missions & Church Societies	Secular Charities	TOTALS
Church Sponsored Activities				
All from Restricted Income except item 9.4.				
9.1. Little Sprouts - Easter Charity			480.00	
9.2. Childrens Society - Christingle service		300.56		
9.3. Shelter Box - Christmas cards			251.00	
9.4. York Historic Churches		50.00		
TOTAL	0.00	350.56	731.00	1,081.56
Restricted Donations at Funerals				
9.5. North Tees NHS Trust Charity Account			197.05	
TOTAL	0.00	0.00	197.05	197.05
TOTALS	0.00	350.56	928.05	1,278.61
Additionally the following donations were made outside of the accounts, but resulting from efforts from members of the congregation:				
9.6. Christian Aid	902.41			902.41
GRAND TOTAL				2,181.02

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