

**St John's, Houghton  
& St Peter's, Kingmoor**  
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**Annual Report and Financial Statement of the  
Parochial Church Council  
For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022  
Registered Charity No. 113079**

# St John's, Houghton, with St Peter's, Kingmoor

## Introduction

The Apostle Paul was always keen to hear what was going on in gospel work within the local churches he knew, and I hope that we approach this document in the same spirit. It's a legal necessity to compile such a report, but not all annual reports are so encouraging! As you read, take time to say "thank you" to the LORD who has sustained and empowered all this work and service.

As I read various drafts, I was struck by two things: unity and variety. This booklet witnesses to so many different ministries each committed to the same message of grace. We are none of us exactly the same, yet we love the Lord Jesus, and long to serve him more and more as the day of his return approaches.

In the gospel, it is unity in Christ which provides, enables, drives and supports our unity. As a Parish we are very clear that the core fundamentals of the gospel are wonderful: Jesus' life as the fully-God, fully-man Messiah, sin-bearing death, physical resurrection and sure return to judge the living and the dead are the heart of our unity. Our desire is to hold firmly to the trustworthy message, but to be relaxed about the means of sharing it (formal or relaxed, sermon or Bible study, church building or school hall). Let's pray both for deep clarity with Jesus' unchanging message, and gospel relaxation when different methods enable others to be reached with that wonderful news!

May you not only be encouraged as you read, but spurred on to the joyful expectation that our Father will continue to keep his promises, using jars of clay just like us in his wonderful kingdom work throughout the years ahead too.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Andrew Towler". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

## Background

Houghton and Kingmoor PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, and in promoting the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical in the ecclesiastical parish. It also has responsibilities for the church buildings at Houghton and Kingmoor.

The mission statement agreed by the PCC is:

To love Christ and make Him known

- By hearing, obeying and proclaiming His word
  - By being devoted to Him in prayer
  - By caring for His people’s welfare
  - By spreading the good news of His salvation
- ... so that in everything God is glorified.

## Membership

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. During the year the following have served as members of the PCC:

Incumbent	Rev Canon Andrew Towner (Chairman)	
Associate Minister	Rev Gary Tubbs	
Wardens	Mr Tony Newgarth*	(St John’s)
	Mr Graham Smith	(St John’s)
	Miss Jane Bolton	(St Peter’s)
	Mr Pete Barnsley	(St Peter’s 4LIFE)
Vice Chairman	Mr Martin Hilton	

### Elected Members from April 2022

St John’s	Mr Neal Andrews	Mr Ian Lochhead
St Peter’s	Mrs Judith Clark (Treasurer)	Mr Paul Gleave* (until Oct 22)
	Mr Nick Mullins	Mr Bruce Walker
	Mrs Bryony Woodbridge*	
4LIFE	Mrs Jane Catton	Miss Sharron Hedley

The members marked with an \* were appointed by the PCC to serve as their Deanery Synod representatives during 2022-23.

## Contact Details

Incumbent	Rev Canon Andrew Towner 12 Brunstock Close, Carlisle CA3 0HL
Associate Minister	Rev Gary Tubbs 20 St Aidan's Road, Carlisle CA1 1LS
Church Administrators	Mrs Jane Catton Mrs Caroline Towers (until April 2022) c/o The Parish Office, St Peter's Church, Carlisle CA3 0BB
Treasurer	Mrs Judith Clark 108 Lowry Hill Road, Carlisle CA3 0DH
Independent Examiner	Martin Borradaile ACA 18 Meadow Close, Lazonby, Penrith CA10 1BF
Bank	HSBC plc 29-31 English Street, Carlisle CA3 8JT

## Committees

The Standing Committee meets between full meetings of the PCC. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council. In addition to this, occasional groups meet for specific projects.

## Staffing

During 2022 Caroline Towers completed her 7 years of ministry in our church office. She worked hard to strengthen our communications and enable our planning, as well as every aspect of our ministry. All that we do simply could not continue without the wonderful work of our office team, and we are hugely grateful for Caroline's hard work, encouragement and service of the Lord Jesus. Jane Catton very willingly took up further hours and responsibilities to ensure that Andrew is well supported, and all of us well integrated and coordinated.

## Church Attendance

There were 171 people on the Church Electoral Roll as of December 2022.

## PCC

As a PCC we hold legal, financial and strategic roles on behalf of the Parish. There is a very well balanced Church of England requirement that the Vicar must consult with the PCC, and the PCC is to cooperate with the Vicar, and both of these work extremely well in our Parish, and have for many years. So I (Andrew) seek much advice on various decisions, and receive both wisdom and support. As well as two Wardens from St John's and two from St Peter's, our desire is that PCC represents the breadth of our Parish and different congregations, totalling no more than 12 (not including Clergy and Wardens).

One big theme during 2022 was linked to the Church of England's 'Living in Love and Faith' project, around sexuality, gender, marriage and the many complex theological/pastoral issues within that. One of my favourite book titles on this issue is 'People to be Loved' which reminds us that it's not only a theological issue, but about real lives, precious people made in God's image. During the Summer we worked through the 'Biblically Inclusive' church audit from our friends at Living Out, which helped us to reflect on how to be faithful to Jesus' teaching and as sensitive as possible to the different ways we can fail to love and support those with same-sex attraction.

The Support Fund was a pleasing success story during 2020, and continues to be available. Recognising the significant needs felt by many within our Parish, the PCC set up a fund, overseen by four trustees, to give support where needed. There is currently about £2,000 available, which we thank the Lord for, and pray that the right people will become aware and request. One sadness of 2022 is that very few people did seek out that money, so during 2023 we shall aim to make it more widely known.

In addition, the PCC has been focusing on possible planting options for new congregations. Our desire is to be a growing family of thriving congregations, and the 11am Thursday mid-week service, launched in December 2021, has established a faithful core congregation over the last year. The plans for an outside congregation are more complex, but remain in place for the future, God willing.

Finances remain tight, and we continue to encourage one another to give sacrificially in response to all Christ has done for us, and to ensure the gospel continues to be offered to the very many around us who don't know the hope, forgiveness, joy and salvation Jesus alone can give. These are hard times for very many of us, yet our giving is an overflow of gratitude, and remains as needed and appreciated as ever. Of course giving is not only financial – we wouldn't be able to do all that we do – we wouldn't really be a church at all - if each of us wasn't using whatever time & talents, money & energy our Father has given us for his work.

## Sundays

Our intention as a church is to teach the whole Bible, so that over a period of years each of us will hear every perfect word of our loving heavenly Father. In part, this is due to Paul's statement at the end of his time with the Ephesian church that he was *"innocent of anyone's blood, because he hadn't shrunk from teaching the whole council of God"* (Acts 20) although of course it also flows from the glory and perfection of the Bible *"more precious than gold ... sweeter than honey"* (Ps 19).

The morning series during 2022 included completing some series in Nehemiah, Exodus and Romans, as well as continuing in 1 and 2 Samuel, John's Gospel and Psalms 113-118, with a fortnight in Obadiah as well as a Christmas focus on 'God with us' in various passages.

4LIFE completed the year's studies in Revelation, as well as enjoying time in 2 Chronicles, John, Ecclesiastes, Exodus 15, Psalm 115 and 2 Samuel. Our pattern there is alternate Sundays where the whole service is altogether and alternate ones where Impact and FROGS (Fully Reliant on God, our primary school aged teaching) split out after 30 minutes. One of our joyful highlights was seeing Amy Boddam-Whetham confirmed by Bishop Rod Thomas, and our regular joys include special guest services.

## Mid-Week Service

The regular midweek congregation on Thursdays at 11am, meeting at St Peter's has really bedded in. The services are led by Fraser Clark and Gary Tubbs with others involved in the leading and preaching and different people helping with refreshments. It has been encouraging to see a regular congregation of over a dozen or so - for some it is their main service, for others it is in addition to regular Sunday services.

## Home Groups and Partnership

Partnership continues to be both a struggle and an encouragement – it's never easy to come out to pray, and trying to pray or prioritise prayer meetings is a great reminder of the spiritual battle all Christians face, against the world, the flesh and the devil. One elderly Christian said to me recently: it's never easy to come to the prayer meeting, yet I never come home regretting that I have prayed – something I'm sure most of us can associate with. Recent meetings have shown up to 40 congregation members across our Parish committing to the vital hard work of prayer, very encouraging.

Our Home Groups serve a number of purposes: they enable real deeper relationships, which is so important given our congregations' size; they give time for questions, digressions, confusions, and so on – there's no such thing as a silly question; and they enable us to ensure the whole Bible is studied not just from the front but from our laps too. There's always space in groups, we love to welcome new members – so why not join up and come along?

## Church Family Weekend 2022

Our Church Family Weekend was a great opportunity for church family from across the parish to share fellowship together and study God's word as Matt Searles helped us to think more deeply about the character of Christ and how we can learn to enjoy Jesus and become more like him. We were very grateful to Nathan Coleclough, from Carlisle Baptist Church, who taught our teenagers and Jayne Brown who led our primary aged group. There were various activities to take part in on the Saturday afternoon including a walk, board games, craft and a film. The weekend concluded with a joint Sunday morning service for the whole parish, at a very full St John's, followed by a shared lunch.

## Children and Young People

### St John's

At St John's, crèche facilities and an area for children to work on activity sheets are always available in church allowing parents to sit with their very young children while remaining in the service. On Sundays, there is always something for children to engage with including an all age slot and all age prayers at our Lord's Supper and Guest services. We have fluctuating and low numbers of children which makes providing Sunday School lessons difficult and we continue to pray for new families to come along.

### St Peter's

On Sundays during term time, we meet to dig into the bible, pray and enjoy fun activities as we all learn about Jesus together. Although during the year, a number of children have moved to Impact, we give thanks for the small group of children eager to learn. We also give thanks for the dedicated team of leaders who faithfully prepare lessons and teach with such enthusiasm. Our teaching often matches the main sermon passages, but this can sometimes prove a challenge to pitch to a younger 'audience and we then use the excellent teaching resources from the Mustard Seeds website.

Looking ahead to the coming year, we welcome prayer support for the teaching team, that we may all find time and energy in our increasingly busy lives to continue to prepare and teach faithfully. We also pray for new families to join the congregation, especially following outreach events such as the Holiday Club and the Light Party.

*Contact: Andrina Crampsey*

### 4LIFE

FROGs (Fully Reliant On God) meet on alternate Sundays as part of the 4LIFE congregation. Numbers fluctuate weekly with a core group and we give thanks that the children are enthusiastic and engage well with the bible teaching and supporting activities. Please pray the truths of the bible will become rooted in the children's hearts as they learn to love and follow Jesus from a young age.

## **IMPACT**

IMPACT is for young people in school Years 7-13 to learn about Jesus and encourage each other to keep going as Christians. We meet on Sundays as part of the 4LIFE congregation – either during or after the service – to explore the Bible and discuss questions about Jesus. IMPACT also gets together during the week for social events (movie nights, food and games, ten pin bowling etc.) usually twice a month on a Thursday evening for fun and developing friendships. The socials are also a good opportunity for inviting friends. We currently have about 15 young people – and we're looking forward to welcoming the Year 6s who will be moving up in June. After a two year break, it was great to restart our annual weekend away at Knock in July. Andrew led the teaching on the theme of 'Being True to Yourself', looking at what the Bible says about our identity in Christ.

Anyone of secondary school age is invited to Impact. Please give thanks for the young people we have as part of our church family and pray for them to be excited about the good news about Jesus.

*Contact: Pete & Janine Barnsley, Caroline & Matt Towers, Mikey Newgarth*

## **Schools Ministry**

We enjoy strong links with the three primary schools in our Parish, and some links with James Rennie too. These links include a number serving as Governors, some of us leading assemblies (weekly at Houghton, and most months at Kingmoor Junior School) as well as occasional events such as Remembrance Sunday and Christmas celebrations. Throughout the year very many of us have been praying for, encouraging and supporting the staff, which is much appreciated and a great gospel witness. Plus our Quest Clubs are now re-established, with teams from our congregations serving in different ways (running games, serving drinks, doing teaching) so there's room for anyone willing to help out.

## **Quest Club Houghton**

Quest Club at Houghton has enjoyed a full year since Covid restrictions ended, with 16-20 children regularly attending. We are thankful for the committed team involved and the support from the school. The head recently thanked the team on behalf of the staff and children saying "the children really look forward to it every week". During the year the children have engaged well with the bible time, and the games and crafts at each session have supported the teaching. Please pray that more children will come along.

*Contact: Gary Tubbs*



### **Quest Club Kingmoor**

Quest club restarted in early 2022 after the pandemic disruption lead by a NISCU/St Peter's Church partnership team. We had an excellent response to our invitations with our maximum number of 24 children from years 4-6 and a further 13 who we had to turn away as we had insufficient volunteers to accommodate them. We have an hour of games, crafts and a refreshment break with a bible story and discussion. There is a clear gospel message each week and the children listen carefully and respond well with great questions. They all received a gift of a bible and this lead to one boy attending St Peter's church with his family.

Quest Club provides an excellent opportunity for evangelism in our local community and with further input this work could grow further and lead to new young families attending other church activities and services. Please pray that the children come to know Jesus.

*Contact: Bruce Walker*

### **St Peter's Tots**

The Tots group restarted in October 2021 and throughout 2022 we regularly have between 20-24 families attending and enjoying play, crafts and refreshments in a relaxed atmosphere. The weekly meeting offers a great opportunity to build friendships and for evangelism through the bible story and Christian songs each week. We have a great team of leaders, but we need more help to sustain this work. Please pray that the Gospel message leads to new families coming to faith. Give thanks for the team of volunteers and pray that others will want to be involved.

*Contact: Helen Walker*

### **Holiday Club**

This years' Holiday Club had a circus theme and the teaching, from John's Gospel, focussed on how the miracles of Jesus prove his identity – because only God could do that! We had a brilliant team who worked extremely hard for the week. More than 60 primary school children came along and enjoyed four mornings of organised hyperactivity, great circus-themed activities and engaging teaching. The finale was a Holiday Club Service and barbecue lunch on the Sunday, to which many parents came along. This year again we ran a couple of Holiday Club Reunion services as part of the 4LIFE programme, and were encouraged to see a number of returning guests.

*Contact: Andrew Towner, 01228 515363*

### **Church Family Light Party**

The Light Party was held on 31<sup>st</sup> October, providing a positive alternative to Halloween. This popular event attracted around 50 children together with their families, a significant number of whom had been to the Holiday Club. It was a great opportunity to share something about Jesus with everyone and the children also enjoyed games, crafts, and food.

*Contact: Jane Catton, 01228 515972*

## Daytime Ministries

### Parish Lunches (Lunch Club)

With the exception of January (Covid risk management) and September (State Funeral), Parish Lunches were held monthly. This year we have had up to 76 people attending each month, including 18 new regular members. On each occasion, we enjoyed fellowship, a talk and a delicious meal. In July, before a summer break, we held an Afternoon Tea. This was followed by a short reflective thought.

We give thanks to God for the engaging and clear gospel-centred talks from all the speakers. We also give thanks for the friendships that have grown through meeting at the lunches, and that guests and volunteers are inviting their friends and neighbours. It has been a joy to see guests subsequently joining the Thursday service congregation. We pray that guests seeking to know Jesus would want to find out more.

*Contact: Dave and Cathy Ross, 01228 548311*

### Men's Study Group

The Men's Group met fortnightly throughout the year with six weeks summer break. The year started by finishing our studies in Revelation followed by, with the help of a Lifebuilders study book, the Old Testament book of Isaiah. We have thirteen dedicated attendees with an average of eleven attending every meeting. New members are always welcome.

*Contact: Mike Harrison*

### The Mothers' Union

MU have enjoyed speakers from MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship) and Safe Families as well as encouraging visits from our clergy and other church leaders. We entertained the Deanery members for a Songs of Praise and were especially thrilled to welcome several new members to our Branch.

A highlight was being invited back to The Knells to lead a monthly service for the residents. At Christmas we took some of the NISCU puppets to share the Christmas story from the point of view of the donkey, the sheep and the camel. Their stories were greatly enjoyed!

Please pray for continued outreach that we might share the Good News of Jesus amongst the families of Houghton and Kingmoor.

*Contact: Margaret Hughes*

## **Mission & Outreach**

### **Mission Group**

News and prayer requests for specific mission partners were presented at the monthly Partnership prayer meetings. The aim of the presentations was to encourage the church family to get to know and get involved with mission through prayer, giving time and financial support.

We continued our support in 2022 for the following mission partners: OM (Lee, Nicoll and McKay families), NISCU, Vergaras (no longer with CMS), Tearfund, OMF, CPAS, SASRA, AMIE (Anglican Mission in England), North West Gospel Partnership, Open Doors and Cumbria University Christian Union, to support and encourage their work. The total amount allocated to our Mission Partners is approximately 10% of our available income annually.

Please continue to pray for our Mission Partners and for the mission work within the church family, especially the outreach to the local community.

*Contact: Bruce Walker*

### **Mission Community**

One of the best things we do together in our Mission Community is plan missions every two years, and we dedicated a week in June 2022 to sharing the good news of Jesus in various events, including a pea and pie supper with Tony Ford and an afternoon tea with James McAllen. We do this not as a one-off, but out of ongoing commitment to 'Loving Christ and Making Him Known' throughout the year. We rejoice in those Mission events and pray on for all those who heard about Jesus' life, love and call.

Within the Mission Community we also heard of Steve Donald's retirement from St John's, and therefore began to pray for a godly man to succeed him. Andrew worked closely to support the PCC and church family in ministry without their own Vicar, as well as in producing a Parish Profile. Likewise, many of our preachers served on Sunday mornings, a rich expression of mutuality.

### **Men's Outreach**

The Men's Curry night continues to be a very popular event to which over 30 men come along, many of whom are guests, almost filling the curry house. Khan's at The Waterloo provide a buffet style menu and after the meal, a short Bible thought is shared which often leads to good conversations, keeping the truth of Jesus on our relational agendas.

*Contact: Fraser Clark & Andrew Towner*

## **Women's Outreach**

We meet a couple of times a term to plan guest events, big and small, for ladies to have fun, deepen friendships and most importantly hear the Good News about Jesus. We give thanks to God for enabling us to hold Summer and Christmas craft evenings again this year.

We have continued to ticket events as it helps with planning and avoids overcrowding. We had a super evening in July enjoying a wide range of crafts and a thought provoking talk from Kirsty Birkett. At Christmas we put on two consecutive craft evenings enabling us to accommodate 120 people. Rachel Iley from Bethesda Church Brampton spoke, giving a clear accessible message with a challenge.

We followed up the craft evenings with an informal question evening to encourage people to think more about what they'd heard and ask questions. We had a good evening each time enjoying a chance to discuss and think through various ideas but numbers were very low and none of our guests from the craft evenings came sadly.

We have not re-started the smaller craft evenings in people's homes yet and would value prayer for the best way to follow up the bigger events and continue the conversation. We want to keep building good relationships and draw people to the Lord.

*Contact: Bryony Woodbridge*

## **Wider Church Involvement**

Andrew continues to serve as Chair of Church Society Council, a fellowship contending to reform and renew the Church of England in Biblical faith by prayerfully teaching and living out God's word. Contending is never easy, but always a privilege as we share (in some extremely little way) in the sufferings of Christ. Andrew also chairs the Board of Education in Carlisle Diocese, overseeing the leadership and direction of the 100+ Church of England schools in our County.

## **Living Word**

May 2022 saw Andy Robinson invited to preach at Living Word (a local convention under the Keswick banner, whose committee Andrew chairs). He spoke on the goodness of Jesus' teaching on marriage for all of us, even (and especially?) for those who live with same-sex attraction. All who attended were encouraged to praise and pray with sisters and brothers across the Carlisle area, as well as by the goodness of God's way for our lives.

## **NWGP (North West Gospel Partnership)**

Andrew calls together the North West Gospel Partnership ministers fraternal in Cumbria (known internally as North by North West) which has been a source of encouragement to many evangelical ministers across the different churches – Pete Walkingshaw from Carlisle Baptist Church, friends such as Tudor Boddam-Wetham and Paul Kerry, familiar names such as Robin Ham and Tony Ford (each of whom served at our Mission weeks) and so on. It has been a year where gospel encouragement has been vital, and this group has served and sustained one another.

## Wardens' Report – St John's

St John's church was fully open after the covid restrictions and numbers attending services increased slowly over the year. Once again we were able to give thanks for good numbers at the Community Nine Lessons and Carols and the Carols Round the Tree services in December. Houghton School used the church building for a number of services during the year and it was very pleasing to see the church full of children and family members at the Harvest service and at Christmas.

St John's was the base for another encouraging Church Family Weekend "Away" in October. Other highlights during the year included the "Autumn clean" when, after a good breakfast, a team of volunteers made progress in tidying the churchyard, clearing gutters and cleaning windows etc.

The Quinquennial inspection took place in June 2022 and states that "Overall the structure and weather tightness of the building appeared sound and had received attention", although the report also lists a number of findings to be addressed.

Plans for the reordering continue, and the new kitchen has now been installed in the old vestry. Work on drains for the sinks remains outstanding, but use of the new kitchen as a location to prepare and serve tea and coffee has been a great success with many more staying after the service to chat together over a cuppa. We give thanks for the good conversations following the service and pray that we can continue to build one another up.

Groups continue to meet in the building including the Mother's Union, the Men's Bible Study and the uniformed groups. Three different choirs use the Hall or the church as a rehearsal space.

## Wardens' Report – St Peter's & 4LIFE

### Church Activities

We give thanks to God that the church is continuing to recover from the challenges of the past few years, with both congregations seeing numbers increase during the last year. We are grateful that the restrictions around the COVID pandemic are becoming a fading memory. The church was used for Sunday services (9:45am & 4LIFE at 4pm). It has also been an encouragement to see the buildings bustling with tots at the Tuesday toddler group and people enjoying the monthly Lunch Club. The building also provided facilities for other groups including pre-school, badminton, Junior rugby, Scouts and Brownies.

### Faculties, leaks & Repairs

2022 has been a leaky year! A number of repairs were made to the roof to the main kitchen. In September improvements were made to the main wooden door and the outside windows were painted. In the year ahead, we pray that people continue to return to church and that they would feel welcome.

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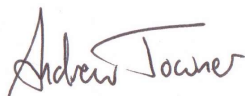
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF  
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**Charity Number 1130796**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2022**

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
					2022 £	2021 £
<b>INCOMING AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:</b>						
Donations and legacies	2(a)	122,363	41,288	0	163,651	153,299
Church activities	2(b)	9,149	0	0	9,149	3,444
Investments	2(c)	16	0	2	18	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>131,528</b>	<b>41,288</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>172,818</b>	<b>156,744</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>						
Missionary and charitable giving	3(a)	11,485	2,009	0	13,494	12,854
Church activities	3(b)	109,688	56,256	2	165,946	156,301
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>121,173</b>	<b>58,265</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>179,440</b>	<b>169,155</b>
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<b>10,355</b>	<b>(16,977)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(6,622)</b>	<b>(12,411)</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS B/FWD 1 JANUARY</b>		<b>341,255</b>	<b>44,917</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>386,522</b>	<b>398,933</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS C/FWD 31 DECEMBER</b>		<b>351,610</b>	<b>27,940</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>379,900</b>	<b>386,522</b>

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF  
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BALANCE SHEET  
at 31 December 2022**

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible	5(a)	336,680	336,172
Investment	5(b)	350	350
		<u>337,030</u>	<u>336,522</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	7	15,943	14,427
Short term deposit		8,781	8,768
Cash at bank and in hand		33,216	40,873
		<u>57,940</u>	<u>64,068</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Creditors - amounts falling due in one year	8	15,070	14,068
		<u>42,870</u>	<u>50,000</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>			
		<u>379,900</u>	<u>386,522</u>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>			
<b>PARISH FUNDS</b>			
Unrestricted	6	351,610	341,255
Restricted	6	27,940	44,917
Endowment	6	350	350
		<u>379,900</u>	<u>386,522</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council and signed on their behalf by



Rev. Andrew Towner (Chairman)



Mrs Judith Clark (Treasurer)

The notes on pages A3 to A10 form part of these accounts.



PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF  
ST JOHN'S HOUGHTON & ST PETER'S KINGMOOR  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2022**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

**Statement of Compliance**

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared to give a "true and fair" view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a "true and fair" view. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

**Funds**

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

The accounts 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.

**Income**

*Donations income and capital sources*

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.

Planned giving receivable under covenant is recognised only when received.

Income tax recoverable on gift aid donations is recognised when the donation is received.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for when entitlement has passed to the charity.

Fees collected on behalf of the diocese are not shown in either income or expenditure.

*Other ordinary income*

Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is due.

*Income from investments*

Interest is accounted for when receivable.

All interest is received gross of tax.

*Gains and losses on investments*

Realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold.

*Legacies*

The PCC policy is that 10% of any legacy received is paid to a charity/charities.

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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)**

**Resources Used**

*Grants*

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

*Activities directly relating to the work of the church*

The diocesan parish share is accounted for when payable.

**Fixed Assets**

*Consecrated land and buildings and movable church furnishings*

Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts in line with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 but the church halls are included at cost or valuation. All expenditure during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings and movable church furnishings is capitalised and written off over its expected life, ranging from 3 to 10 years.

*Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment*

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight line basis over 3 to 10 years.

*Investments*

Investments comprise the permanent endowment fund, held in CBF Church of England Investment Fund, and this is valued at market value at 31 December 2022.

*Current assets*

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December are shown as debtors less provision for any amounts that may prove uncollectible.

Short term deposits include cash held on deposit either with the CBF Church of England funds or at the bank.

**Going Concern**

The Covid-19 pandemic and subsequent lockdown period commencing in March 2020 resulted in the closure of the church's services and other activities with the exception of those held online. Services have recommenced in the church buildings with continued online streaming.

This cast doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. However, services have now resumed their normal pattern and donations have continued to be received. The trustees are satisfied that the charity will be able to continue to operate for the coming 12 months.

In light of the above assessment, these financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

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**2. INCOME**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2022 £	TOTAL FUNDS 2021 £
<b>(a) Donation and legacies</b>					
Regular Giving					
Planned giving	75,878	8,063		83,941	89,630
Collections and other giving	3,045			3,045	1,354
Income tax recoverable	19,343	2,208		21,551	21,081
	98,266	10,271	0	108,537	112,065
Other voluntary receipts	24,097	31,017		55,114	41,234
Legacies and grants	0			0	0
	122,363	41,288	0	163,651	153,299
<b>(b) Church activities</b>					
Fees	2,867			2,867	711
Use of Church centre	6,282			6,282	2,733
	9,149	0	0	9,149	3,444
<b>(c) Income from investments</b>					
Interest	16	0	2	18	1
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	131,528	41,288	2	172,818	156,744

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3. EXPENDITURE	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2022 £	TOTAL FUNDS 2021 £
<b>(a) Missionary and charitable giving</b>					
Church overseas :					
- missionary societies	5,510			5,510	7,805
Home mission and other church societies	5,975	2,009		7,984	5,049
	11,485	2,009	0	13,494	12,854
<b>(b) Church activities</b>					
Diocesan parish share	63,914			63,914	63,914
Running costs St Johns	8,837			8,837	7,451
Running costs St Peters	8,137			8,137	6,948
Clergy expenses	4,600			4,600	2,479
Associate minister wages & expenses	0	49,463		49,463	46,445
Youth work	640	125		765	570
Mission	904	75		979	0
St Johns Churchyard	538		2	540	1,290
Administration staff – wages	15,078			15,078	16,001
Administration staff – employer pension	328			328	480
Printing, stationery and office expenses	3,363			3,363	3,590
Depreciation	184	6,278		6,462	5,068
Bank charges	170			170	0
Other expenses	2,995	315		3,310	2,065
	109,688	56,256	2	165,946	156,301
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>121,173</b>	<b>58,265</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>179,440</b>	<b>169,155</b>

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<b>4. STAFF COSTS</b>	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	15,078	16,001
Social security costs	0	0
Employer pension contributions	328	480
	<u>15,406</u>	<u>16,481</u>

During the year, the PCC employed two part-time office administrators.

One of the administrators was a member of the PCC during 2022.

One of the administrators was the secretary to the PCC for part of 2022.

The administrators received remuneration of £12,413 and £2,665 during 2022.

Apart from the above, no other PCC member at the year-end received any remuneration.

No expenses were paid to the trustees for their role as trustee during 2022.

**5. FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC**

		Freehold land and buildings	Equipment	Total
<b>(a) Tangible</b>		£	£	£
<b>ACTUAL/DEEMED COST</b>	At 1 January 2022	320,084	103,058	423,142
	Additions	0	6,970	6,970
	Disposals	0	0	0
	At 31 December 2022	<u>320,084</u>	<u>110,028</u>	<u>430,112</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>	At 1 January 2022	0	86,970	86,970
	Charge for year	0	6,462	6,462
	On disposals	0	0	0
	At 31 December 2022	<u>0</u>	<u>93,432</u>	<u>93,432</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	At 31 December 2022	<u>320,084</u>	<u>16,596</u>	<u>336,680</u>
	At 31 December 2021	<u>320,084</u>	<u>16,088</u>	<u>336,172</u>

The freehold land and buildings include the extension to St Peter's Church and the church halls.

<b>(b) Investments (all endowment fund)</b>	£
Cost at 1/1/22 and 31/12/22	<u>350</u>

The investments comprise investments in the Central Board of Finance's Deposit Fund.

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**6. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND**

	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Endowment fund	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	320,739	15,941		336,680	336,172
Investment fixed assets			350	350	350
Current assets	45,941	11,999		57,940	64,068
Current liabilities	(15,070)			(15,070)	(14,068)
Fund balance	351,610	27,940	350	379,900	386,522

**2021 Comparative figures**

	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Endowment fund	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	320,204	15,968		336,172	336,821
Investment fixed assets			350	350	350
Current assets	35,119	28,949		64,068	78,235
Current liabilities	(14,068)			(14,068)	(16,473)
Fund balance	341,255	44,917	350	386,522	398,933

**7. DEBTORS**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Income tax recoverable	15,525	14,218
Prepayments and accrued interest	418	209
	15,943	14,427

**8. LIABILITIES**

	2022	2021
	£	£
<b>Amounts falling due in one year</b>		
Accruals	15,070	14,068

**9. FUND DETAILS**

The endowment funds are bequests for grave maintenance.

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**10. RESTRICTED INCOME MOVEMENTS**

	B/F	Income	Spent	C/F
		2022	2022	
		£	£	
Additional minister (Going for Growth)	15,939	13,204	25,463	3,680
NCCM for Associate Minister	0	24,000	24,000	0
Re-ordering fund/audio system	10,614	1,875	6,250	6,239
Re-ordering fund – depreciation c/f (see below)	15,969		28	15,941
Funeral collections	0	2,009	2,009	0
Support fund	2,385		315	2,070
NCCM	10			10
Youth work - Quest	0	125	125	0
Flowers for Mothering Sunday	0	75	75	0
	<u>44,917</u>	<u>41,288</u>	<u>58,265</u>	<u>27,940</u>

Re-ordering depreciation c/f relates to expenditure that has already been incurred on church equipment/assets (see fixed assets note) where depreciation will be charged against income in future years in line with the depreciation policy.

**2021 Comparative figures**

	B/F	Income	Spent	C/F
		2021	2021	
		£	£	
Additional minister (Going for Growth)	20,797	23,587	28,445	15,939
NCCM for Associate Minister	0	18,000	18,000	0
Re-ordering fund/audio system	15,033		4,419	10,614
Re-ordering fund – depreciation c/f (see above)	16,578		609	15,969
Funeral collections	0	632	632	0
Support fund	1,940	1,025	580	2,385
NCCM	10			10
Support for Vergaras	125		125	0
Tearfund	0	155	155	0
	<u>54,483</u>	<u>43,399</u>	<u>52,965</u>	<u>44,917</u>

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**11. Statement of Financial Activities for the previous year (year ended 31 December 2021)**

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2021 £
<b>INCOMING AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:</b>					
Donations and legacies	2(a)	109,900	43,399	0	153,299
Church activities	2(b)	3,444	0	0	3,444
Investments	2(c)	1	0	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>113,345</b>	<b>43,399</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>156,744</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>					
Missionary and charitable giving	3(a)	11,942	912	0	12,854
Church activities	3(b)	104,248	52,053	0	156,301
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>116,190</b>	<b>52,965</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>169,155</b>
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<b>(2,845)</b>	<b>(9,566)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(12,411)</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS B/FWD 1 JANUARY</b>		<b>344,100</b>	<b>54,483</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>398,933</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS C/FWD 31 DECEMBER</b>		<b>341,255</b>	<b>44,917</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>386,522</b>



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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PCC  
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This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages A1 to A10, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulation 2006 and section 144 of the Charities Act 2011.

**Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner**

The PCC's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The PCC's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b)) of the Charities Act, and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of this report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an 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 matter has come to my attention

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
  - to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Charities 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.



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