

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 31st December 2023
Registered Charity No. 1130796**

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

Introduction

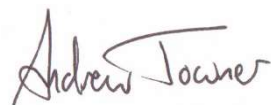
What do you think of when you hear the word 'church'? Maybe pews or pipe organs, buildings or gatherings. Of course, the word simply means 'gathering' – a group of people. But that group of people is eternally special, precious and wonderful, not for anything good in themselves, but because they are Jesus' people, his body, his bride for whom he died.

Ask a friend what they think of when they hear the word 'church' and you may get some different answers, not all comfortable: pews and pipe-organs, yes, but old fashioned, out of date, out of touch, irrelevant or worse – intolerant, narrow-minded, dishonest, closed and unwelcoming, cold and brainless (and that's just when my friends are being polite).

So, which is right? Both in some ways. The question when you look at the church, is whether you look with human/temporal or spiritual/eternal eyes. In Ephesians the failings of the church aren't hidden, but are lamented and repented of, but her beauty is still clear: holy, chosen, precious. At our best we Christians are all able to admit this, we're deeply imperfect but beloved by God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) and in the process of being changed more into his likeness.

I say this in introduction because none of us make any claim that what follows is perfect! But with spiritual and eternal eyes, there is so much to be encouraged about in our Parish as we remain united together, gathering in four distinct congregations which hold to the same method yet proclaim, with slightly different methods, the unchanging truths of Jesus.

All that we do, we do for him – so read on with your eyes on Christ and eternity, and be encouraged...

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Andrew Towler". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first name "Andrew" is written in a larger, more prominent script, and "Towler" is written in a slightly smaller, more compact script to its right.

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 2023

St John’s	Mr Neal Andrews
	Mr Ian Lochhead
St Peter’s	Mrs Judith Clark (Treasurer)
	Mr Nick Mullins
	Mr Bruce Walker
	Mrs Bryony Woodbridge
4LIFE	Mrs Jane Catton
	Miss Sharron Hedley
	Mr Matt Towers (from April 2023)

The members marked with an * were appointed by the PCC to serve as their Deanery Synod representatives during 2023-24.

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 Administrator	Mrs Jane Catton 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
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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.

Church Attendance

There were 167 people on the Church Electoral Roll as of December 2023.

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.

Our January strategy morning provided encouraging clarity as we pray to be both warm and faithful in the context of the Church of England's 'Living in Love and Faith' project. We remain focussed on Jesus, to teach his truth with grace and to take necessary steps to avoid teaching or condoning dangerous errors, in love for him and others. Time was taken during the year for consultation of views within our congregations, and to make our position clearer on the website. We remain well linked-in to the ReNew conference (with half a dozen of us going each year) as well as CEEC (Church of England Evangelical Council) and other evangelical bodies within Anglicanism. PCC also considered ways to encourage church family to grow in knowledge of the rich depths of theology (which just means truth about God) and our Dig In breakfasts launched in the autumn.

Finances remain tight, and we continue to encourage everyone to give as they're able. PCC considered various ways in which we could minimize our outgoings, with the costs of heating two buildings being a significant factor. In God's kindness, some giving was increased during November to enable ministry to continue through the winter.

Much of our time was taken up setting up a Youth and Children's Work Review and then working through its report. We carefully considered our priorities within their recommendations, and ways in which we might be able to strengthen our outreach to the very many children with whom we have some relationship through school, but whom we're not yet reaching and discipling for Christ.

Likewise, we continue to review the Maidstone Commitments which every complementarian church is encouraged to prayerfully consider. It's good to be open to external wisdom and consider any possible internal habits/assumptions which might be hindering our Gospel witness – even though nothing has come to light, this has been a positive, open and wise area for our prayerful focus.

Sundays

To know the whole of Jesus Christ, we need to hear the whole Bible. That's why, when Jesus is asked about the events of that very first Good Friday and Easter on the road to Emmaus, we hear that *"beginning with Moses and the Prophets, he explained ... what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself"* (Luke 24:27). So as a Parish we are committed to hearing the whole Bible read and taught over the years, parts familiar and unfamiliar, different styles and dates, all of it so that we can say with David: *"O how I love your law! I*

meditate on it all day long” (Psalm 119:97) and can “know the Holy Scriptures which are able to make [us] wise for salvation” (2 Timothy 3:15).

Our morning series during 2024 included 2 Peter, Leviticus and 1 Thessalonians, as well as parts of 2 Samuel and John’s Gospel, together with a focus on our Vision and Values, and Christmas in Matthew’s first two chapters. Our pattern includes monthly Lord’s Supper services, and we enjoy many all-age slots recorded by the 4LIFE team.

4LIFE completed studies in Ecclesiastes, as well as enjoying series in 2 Peter, Psalm 145, parts of 2 Samuel and John 10-12. Our pattern on Sundays alternates between being altogether for the whole service one week, and having groups for Impact and FROGS (Fully Reliant on God, our primary-school aged teaching) during the second half of the service the following week. One of our highlights was seeing four teenagers baptised in public commitment to follow Christ, and our regular joys include special guest services.

Mid-Week Service

The regular midweek congregation on Thursdays at 11am, meeting at St Peter’s, provides an opportunity to gather for worship outside of Sundays. 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 small growth in our regular congregation - for some it is their main service, for others it is in addition to regular Sunday services.

Partnership and Home Groups

Prayer is not only a joy, as we come to our loving Father, but a fight as we take part in the spiritual battle against the opposing forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Satan hates us to pray, and despises prayer meetings - no wonder it’s hard for people to commit to Partnership! But gathering to praise the Lord, and to pray together is a vital expression of our dependence on God (as we come by the Spirit, through the Son, to our Father) to know his goodness and see him at work.

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 spaces in groups, we love to welcome new members – so why not join up and come along?

Contact: Andrew Towner

Church Family Weekend 2023

We now meet in Parish for this, not only to enjoy our spacious buildings but to enable those perhaps too elderly or fatigued to come on a coach to be with us, and it's a great encouragement to gather as one, united within our Parish though regularly worshipping in four different gatherings. Paul Baxendale (Pastor at Parr Street Church, Kendal) encouraged us from Jesus' parables, and our weekend included a church family quiz and puddings evening, various activities on the Saturday afternoon, a joint Lord's Supper on the Sunday morning 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 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. We give thanks for the small group of children eager to learn and the dedicated team of leaders who faithfully prepare lessons and teach with such enthusiasm. Looking ahead to the coming year, we welcome prayer support for the teaching team, and the introduction of a new teaching resource 'Sunday School in a Box'. We also pray for new families to join the congregation, particularly from outreach events such as the Holiday Club and the Light Party and from our Tots group.

Contact: Andrina Crampsey

4LIFE

Frogs are a group of kids from year 6 and under, who meet fortnightly during 4LIFE. The name comes from the fact that we are Fully Reliant On God. It's a diverse and joyful little group, with normally between 7 and 12 kids. Our team includes Amy, Sam, Tim and Katie amongst other much appreciated helpers. We have been working through the Children's Storybook Bible this year, using the DVDs to teach the passage, followed by discussion, craft, and games. We're getting an idea of the big picture bible outline while focusing on a smaller bible passage each time. Please pray for wisdom to engage with the spread of ages from toddlers to nearly-secondary school age. Please pray for growing supportive friendships and for God to be at work in young lives.

Contact: Katie Towner

IMPACT

IMPACT is for young people in school Years 7-13 to learn about Jesus and encourage each other to keep going as Christians and we currently have about 15 young people who regularly come along each week. 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 and this past year we have seen encouraging growth with as many as 25 young people attending socials, often guests. The highlight of our year is always our annual weekend away at Knock in July, this year with a ‘Christmas’ theme. It was great to welcome back David Hendrickse (past Apprentice Minister) who used the theme of Superheroes to teach what the Bible says about the greatest Superhero - Jesus.

We are looking forward to making use of our own dedicated Impact space from January 2024, taking over the room previously used by the pre-school at St Peter’s. With areas to relax, play games and for teaching, it will be a valuable ministry tool for the future.

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

Schools Ministry

We enjoy strong links with the three primary schools in our Parish – through Governors, assemblies and occasional events such as Remembrance Sunday and Christmas celebrations. Houghton School has a weekly ‘Church worship’ on a Tuesday, and Andrew speaks each half term at Kingmoor Juniors’ assemblies. Added to this, our Quest Clubs are well established both sides of the Parish, 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 continues to provide an opportunity for children to learn about Jesus, with 8-14 children regularly attending, most of whom don’t attend church. We are thankful for the committed team from our Parish who help to lead, support and provide refreshments during the sessions, and the ongoing support from the school. 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

The St Peter's Church team took on the leadership of this work this academic year as a NISCU leader was no longer available. Once again we had an excellent response to our invitations with our maximum number of 24 children on the register from years 4-6 with usually 15-20 attending each week.

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. The team have been exploring ways to build upon this work and encourage more attendance at other church events. Please pray that this work continues to flourish.

Contact: Bruce Walker

St Peter's Tots

The Tots group has continued to thrive during 2023 with a regular attendance of 25-30 families with many good friendships developing each week. The children enjoy play, crafts and refreshments in a relaxed atmosphere and each session ends with a Bible story, prayer and worship songs which are well received. Highlights this year have included the end of year summer party, the Christmas and Easter sessions, the attendance of several families at the Christmas service with a Tots Nativity, Mothering Sunday service and Easter services. We receive very encouraging feedback.

Please give thanks for God's faithful provision throughout the year, particularly for our great team of leaders with recent new volunteers and pray that the families attending respond to the Gospel message.

Contact: Helen Walker

Holiday Club

This year's Holiday Club had a 'King of the jungle' theme and used the framework of the Lord's Prayer together with Gospel passages to teach the children about King Jesus. We had a brilliant team from across the Parish who worked extremely hard for the week. More than 60 primary school children came along and enjoyed four action-packed mornings, with great jungle-themed activities and engaging teaching. The finale was a Holiday Club service and barbecue lunch on the Sunday, to which many parents came along.

Contact: Andrew Towner

Church Family Light Party

The Light Party was held on 31st 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 as well as enjoying games, crafts, and food.

Contact: Jane Catton

Daytime Ministries

Parish Lunches (Lunch Club)

Parish Lunches were held monthly. This year we have had 65-75 people attending each month, including ten new regular members. On each occasion, we enjoyed fellowship, a delicious meal and a Gospel-centred talk. Whilst awaiting a new cooker, the Lunch Club served light lunches in September and October, and Pie and Peas in November. In July, before a summer break, we were entertained by Carlisle Music Makers entertainment, followed by tea and homemade cakes.

We give thanks to God for the warm welcome given to all at Lunch Club and for the engaging 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 reaching out to invite others. We give thanks for the provision of a new cooker in time for the special Christmas meal. Looking to the future, we pray that those attending who are not believers would seek to know Jesus, and that believers are encouraged in their faith.

New members are always welcome.

Contact: Dave and Cathy Ross

Holiday at Home 2023

Holiday at Home was held at St John's Church, Houghton in January 2023, followed by a guest service at St John's church. Fifty guests and volunteers met together to enjoy friendship, have fun and to learn more about Jesus. There was a relaxed start with welcome activities, followed by a sing-along of favourite songs. The Theme for the week was 'The Good Life...according to Jesus'. A short talk on The Beatitudes was followed by group discussion. Each day included a light lunch before afternoon activities of crafts, board games and an epilogue.

We thank God that this ministry was able to recommence after Covid restrictions, for the faithful team of volunteers and for the enthusiastic discussions. We pray that Holiday at Home will be an annual event for many years to come and a welcoming place where everyone can have sufficient time together to think more deeply about Jesus.

Men's Study Group

The Men's group have met fortnightly throughout the year. We completed our studies in Isaiah at the end of June and started a new study of John's Gospel in September. Fourteen men attended with an average attendance of ten. Our studies in John will continue throughout 2024 until October. All men from across the Parish would be welcome to come along to our meetings in St John's.

Contact Mike Harrison.

The Mothers' Union

During 2023, MU enjoyed a variety of speakers. Of particular interest was the visit from CAP (Christians against Poverty), and also that of a member of the MU Council who explained how much practical help MU gives in the community providing resources for the Hospital Chaplaincy, Women's Refuge and Mission to Seafarers amongst others.

At our Lent meeting we looked at passages from the Bible in small groups and tried to summarise the main points in 3-5 words. There was much enjoyable discussion together. We also hosted the Deanery for a Service and tea, and the Diocesan MU for a day of learning together.

Our monthly visits to the Knells continue to give pleasure to both the Residents and those who lead, and we look forward to continuing this ministry to those in older age.

Our monthly meetings at St. John's are open to all who would like to share fellowship and learn together.

Contact: Margaret Hughes (Branch Leader)

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 had updates on the work of several mission groups including NISCU, Tear Fund and OM.

We continued our financial support in 2023 for the following mission partners: OM (Lee and McKay families), NISCU, Vergaras (no longer with CMS), Tear Fund, OMF, CPAS, SASRA, AMIE. (Anglican Mission in England), NW Gospel Partnership, Tear Fund, Open Doors and Cumbria University CU to support and encourage their work. The total amount allocated to our Mission Partners is approximately 10% of our available income annually.

As part of our ongoing mission outreach to the local schools a group from the church family spent time at Houghton School in May to explain to the students how being a Christian made a difference in their work- place. This was well received and generated good questions and thoughts about faith. The aim is to repeat similar exercises to build upon the school relationships and encourage involvement with other church activities.

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

Gospel Partnership/Mission Community

It was a joy this year to have Rev Tudor Boddam-Wetham (curate here 2008-2011) appointed as Vicar of St John's London Road, with whom we are in Gospel partnership. Members of Tudor's family are part of our 4LIFE congregation. Together with the church community at London Road we are planning a Mission in March 2024, and we look forward to close Gospel ties moving forwards.

Men's Outreach

The three Men's Curry nights held over the year proved very popular events. Around 30 men came along to each night, many of whom were 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 give thanks to God for enabling us to put on our summer and Christmas craft evenings again this year and for bringing many ladies along. A chance to have fun, deepen friendships and most importantly hear the Good News about Jesus.

We had a super evening in June enjoying a wide range of crafts and a personal thought-provoking talk from Roz Arnold.

At Christmas, like last year, we put on two consecutive evenings to enable more guests to come, accommodating 136 in the end. We encouraged church members to invite and get tickets for their friends so there were direct contacts to enable more effective follow-up. We then opened it up to the wider community. Tickets sold out quickly for both evenings. Many who have been before now invite their own friends and come along together. Bernice Nicoll came and spoke. It was a clear warm message... God loved us so much He sent Jesus... and she left them with the challenge of what would they do with Jesus this year?

We didn't put on the informal questions evening as a follow up this time, as previously the take up had not been good, but we have planned and booked in a 'Craft Extra' evening in the New Year for those who would like to find out more. We will do more craft together and I will share the Gospel through my testimony.

We would value prayer as we continue to seek the most appropriate ways to follow-up these evenings, keep building good relationships and drawing 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.

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 2020 Mission) and so on. It has been another year where Gospel encouragement has been vital, and this group has served and sustained one another.

Andrew was a delegate to GAFCON in Kigali, Rwanda, which was a real privilege and joy. His visit included a stay with a local family, as well as meeting with many sisters and brothers from across the world – those staying faithful under different pressures, often much sharper than those we face here in the UK. The conference included great encouragement to stay faithful to Jesus Christ in all his fulness and glory, and to reach our with his good news.

Wardens' Report – St John's

Numbers attending services continued to increase slowly over the year. Once again we were able to give thanks for good numbers of people who were able to enjoy being 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 their 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. Apart from the regular services the church family once again used St John's Church and Hall for the Church Weekend "Away" in October and it was encouraging to be together as a church family. Other highlights included a concert by a singer songwriter and the "spring clean" when a team of volunteers made progress in tidying the churchyard, clearing gutters and cleaning windows etc.

Plans for the reordering continue, and the new kitchen is in use in the old vestry. Work on drains for the sinks remains outstanding, but use of the kitchen as a location to prepare and serve tea and coffee has been a great success with many more of those attending Sunday worship staying to chat together over a cuppa after the Sunday service. The heating system failed over Christmas and although it has been repaired it is showing signs of age.

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.

We give thanks for the steady increase in numbers attending the services at St John's and pray that the finances of the church will be sufficient to face the financial pressures ahead

Wardens' Report – St Peter's & 4LIFE

Church Activities

Church life continued to be both an encouragement and a challenge as visitor numbers settled into a new normal post pandemic. The church was used for Services on Sundays at 9:45am & 4LIFE at 4pm and on Thursdays at 11am. 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 Youth group has continued to grow and use the facilities for various events through the year and the building also provided facilities for other groups including pre-school (through to the Summer), various sports groups, Scouts and Brownies.

In the year ahead, we pray that people continue to attend church, that they would feel welcome and enjoy getting involved in all our church activities.

Repairs

2023 has been a busy year updating and investigating issues around the heating system and electrics at Church. A full EICR check on the electrics was undertaken resulting in a number of minor repairs and fixes. In addition to the electrics, the heating system was fully serviced. In the main church building, one heater was repaired, another condemned and replaced. In the rear of the building the two main boilers were serviced, resulting in one being condemned and the other repaired (albeit continuing to break down frequently). We are currently seeking quotes to replace the current boilers with a new one. The cooker in the kitchen was also condemned and a replacement was installed in the autumn.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST JOHN'S HOUGHTON & ST PETER'S KINGMOOR - Charity number 1130796
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For the year ended 31 December 2023

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
					2023 £	2022 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:						
Donations and legacies	2(a)	108,077	45,553	0	153,630	163,651
Church activities	2(b)	5,736	0	0	5,736	9,149
Investments	2(c)	417	0	14	431	18
TOTAL		114,230	45,553	14	159,797	172,818
EXPENDITURE ON:						
Missionary and charitable giving	3(a)	6,860	269	0	7,129	13,494
Church activities	3(b)	114,088	61,491	14	175,593	165,946
TOTAL		120,948	61,760	14	182,722	179,440
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(6,718)	(16,207)	0	(22,925)	(6,622)
TOTAL FUNDS B/FWD 1 JANUARY		351,610	27,940	350	379,900	386,522
TOTAL FUNDS C/FWD 31 DECEMBER		344,892	11,733	350	356,975	379,900

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BALANCE SHEET
At 31 December 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible	5(a)	330,218	336,680
Investment	5(b)	350	350
		<u>330,568</u>	<u>337,030</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	7	20,023	15,943
Short term deposit		16,198	8,781
Cash at bank and in hand		6,798	33,216
		<u>43,019</u>	<u>57,940</u>
LIABILITIES			
Creditors - amounts falling due in one year	8	16,612	15,070
Net current assets		<u>26,407</u>	<u>42,870</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>356,975</u>	<u>379,900</u>
PARISH FUNDS			
Unrestricted	6	344,892	351,610
Restricted	6	11,733	27,940
Endowment	6	350	350
		<u>356,975</u>	<u>379,900</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 2023

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 2023.

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 trustees are satisfied that there are sufficient reserves and the probable income to ensure 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 2023 £	TOTAL FUNDS 2022 £
(a) Donation and legacies					
Regular Giving					
Planned giving	73,734	7,368		81,102	83,941
Collections and other giving	5,669			5,669	3,045
Income tax recoverable	16,841	2,847		19,688	21,551
	<u>96,244</u>	<u>10,215</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>106,459</u>	<u>108,537</u>
Other voluntary receipts	11,833	35,338		47,171	55,114
Legacies and grants	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>108,077</u>	<u>45,553</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>153,630</u>	<u>163,651</u>
(b) Church activities					
Fees	1,948			1,948	2,867
Use of Church centre	3,788			3,788	6,282
	<u>5,736</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,736</u>	<u>9,149</u>
(c) Income from investments					
Interest	<u>417</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>431</u>	<u>18</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u>114,230</u>	<u>45,553</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>159,797</u>	<u>172,818</u>

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3. EXPENDITURE	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2023 £	TOTAL FUNDS 2022 £
(a) Missionary and charitable giving					
Church overseas :					
- missionary societies	1,620			1,620	5,510
Home mission and other church societies	5,240	269		5,509	7,984
	<u>6,860</u>	<u>269</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,129</u>	<u>13,494</u>
(b) Church activities					
Diocesan parish share	62,160			62,160	63,914
Running costs St Johns	8,791	3,047		11,838	8,837
Running costs St Peters	10,221	9,396		19,617	8,137
Clergy expenses	4,763			4,763	4,600
Associate minister wages & housing	4,668	42,770		47,438	49,463
Youth work	751			751	765
Mission				0	979
St Johns Churchyard	418		14	432	540
Administration staff - wages	14,951			14,951	15,078
Administration staff - employer pension	261			261	328
Printing, stationery and office expenses	4,084			4,084	3,363
Depreciation	184	6,278		6,462	6,462
Bank charges	140			140	170
Other expenses	2,696			2,696	3,310
	<u>114,088</u>	<u>61,491</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>175,593</u>	<u>165,946</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>120,948</u>	<u>61,760</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>182,722</u>	<u>179,440</u>

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4. STAFF COSTS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	14,951	15,078
Social security costs	0	0
Employer pension contributions	261	328
	<u>15,212</u>	<u>15,406</u>

During the year, the PCC employed one part-time office administrator.

The administrator was a member of the PCC during 2023.

The administrator received remuneration of £14,951 during 2023.

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 2023.

5. FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC

		Freehold land and buildings	Equipment	Total
		£	£	£
(a) Tangible				
ACTUAL/DEEMED COST	At 1 January 2023	320,084	110,028	430,112
	Additions	0	0	0
	Disposals	0	0	0
	At 31 December 2023	<u>320,084</u>	<u>110,028</u>	<u>430,112</u>
DEPRECIATION	At 1 January 2023	0	93,432	93,432
	Charge for year	0	6,462	6,462
	On disposals	0	0	0
	At 31 December 2023	<u>0</u>	<u>99,894</u>	<u>99,894</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	At 31 December 2023	<u>320,084</u>	<u>10,134</u>	<u>330,218</u>
	At 31 December 2022	<u>320,084</u>	<u>16,596</u>	<u>336,680</u>

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

(b) Investments (all endowment fund)

	£
Cost at 1/1/23 and 31/12/23	<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 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	320,557	9,661		330,218	330,218
Investment fixed assets			350	350	350
Current assets	40,949	2,070		43,019	57,940
Current liabilities	(16,612)			(16,612)	(15,070)
Fund balance	<u>344,894</u>	<u>11,731</u>	<u>350</u>	<u>356,975</u>	<u>373,438</u>

2022 Comparative figures

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Endowment fund £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	314,277	15,941		330,218	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	<u>345,148</u>	<u>27,940</u>	<u>350</u>	<u>373,438</u>	<u>386,522</u>

7. DEBTORS

	2023 £	2022 £
Income tax recoverable	14,174	15,525
Prepayments and accrued income	5,849	418
	<u>20,023</u>	<u>15,943</u>

8. LIABILITIES

	2023 £	2022 £
Amounts falling due in one year		
Accruals	16,612	15,070

9. FUND DETAILS

The endowment funds are bequests for grave maintenance.

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10. Restricted income movements

	B/F	Income 2023	Spent 2023	C/F
Additional minister (Going for Growth)	3,680	9,090	12,770	0
NCCM for Associate Minister	0	30,000	30,000	0
Re-ordering fund /electrical work replace oven	6,239	6,204	12,443	0
Re-ordering fund - depreciation c/f (see below)	15,941		6,278	9,663
Funeral collections	0	259	259	0
Support fund	2,070			2,070
NCCM	10		10	0
	<u>27,940</u>	<u>45,553</u>	<u>61,760</u>	<u>11,733</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.

2022 Comparative figures

	B/F	Income 2022	Spent 2022	C/F
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>

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11. Statement of Financial Activities for the previous year (year ended 31 December 2022)

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

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PCC
For the year ended 31 December 2023

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 1A to 10A, 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,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to 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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