

HEWORTH CHRIST CHURCH

Stockton Lane, York



Annual Report and Accounts of the Parochial Church Council for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

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Registered Charity Number 113089

Heworth Christ Church Parochial Church Council, Stockton Lane, York
Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

Administrative information

Heworth Christ Church is situated on Stockton Lane, Heworth, York, YO31 1JG.

It is part of the Diocese of York within the Church of England.

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The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Heworth Christ Church, Diocese of York, is a registered charity, number 1130896

PCC members who have served from 1 January 2023 until the date this report was approved are:

Curate in Charge: Rev John M Hoyland

Chairman: Rev John M Hoyland

Vice Chair: Mr Ian Purcell

Warden: Mr Michael Anderson

Acting Minutes secretary: Mrs Patricia Reid

Representatives on the Deanery Synod:

Mrs Vivienne Clarke Mrs Margaret Hogg

Elected members:

Mrs Sue Ayres

Mrs Kirstie Baldwin

Mrs Valerie Caffrey

Mrs Vivienne Clarke

Mrs Margaret Hogg

Mrs Jane Kasiuk

Mr Ian Purcell

Mrs Anne Tong

Treasurer: Mrs Jane Kasiuk

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Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is registered as an independent charity, registered number 1130896, in the name of "The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Heworth Christ Church, Diocese of York".

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. A local agreement which has been applied is that the members of the PCC serve a 3 year maximum term of office after which they cannot stand for re-election within one year. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Church Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Heworth Christ Church PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishop's guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

The full PCC has moved from meeting 6 times per year to ten times, from October 2021.

Objectives and Activities

The Parish of Heworth Christ Church has the following **Mission Statement**:
At Christ Church our hope is to see The Kingdom of God grow in our communities through Worship, Prayer, Lifestyle and Outreach.

Vision Statement: A Healthy Church - A Growing Church

The Parochial Church Council has established an ongoing review of its services and the ways we seek to live out the aspirations of the above Mission Statement.

The members of the PCC are aware of the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in "The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit" and have had regard to it in their administration of the PCC.

Achievements and Performance

Church attendance

There are 91 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll. There are several people who are ineligible to be on the Electoral Roll (e.g. Clergy) and others who wish to remain part of the Church family although unable to worship here on a regular basis due to illness or other circumstances.

We hold a Sunday morning service every week and have recently introduced an evening service on the second Sunday each month.

Report from the Curate in Charge 2024

What a warm welcome I received back in November! My thanks to everyone who made me feel so welcome – and who continues to do so. It has been a real privilege to be amongst the people of Christ Church, and to walk with you all through this vacancy period.

Joining a new community (of any variety, whether religious or secular) is always an interesting time, and joining Christ Church after what has been a difficult time for the community has been doubly interesting ('may you live in interesting times,' as the saying goes!), but it has been good to sense a desire from folk for Christ Church to move forwards, to deepen and explore faith, and to reach out to others with the good news of God in Christ.

It gives me great pleasure, at this juncture, to thank those who 'kept things going' before my arrival – in particular Gerald Hovenden and Les Bingham for leading/preaching at the lion's share of services. I know their ministry has been (and continues to be) a rich blessing to the community at Christ Church. Many, many other people could be named here too, but I will limit myself to mentioning Mick Anderson and Jane Kasiuk (who wear far too many hats between them and do sterling work).

I would like to thank everyone, too, for responding so warmly to the way that I have led services. I know it's been a pretty different 'style' to that which Christ Church has grown accustomed to in recent years (and potentially a different style of preaching too?), and the willingness of the community to go with it has been very encouraging.

Christ Church and I are still very new to each other (and will remain so for the duration of my time as Curate-in-Charge – such is the temporary nature of the role) so I still feel that I'm learning my way around, but it has been very encouraging to learn of all the things that Christ Church does – and desires to do. Events and activities such as Babies & Toddlers, Senior Friends, Coffee Shop and Carols on the Lawn (amongst others) speak of a church community keen to connect with the community around it, in intentional ways and through a 'ministry of presence.'

The small groups, too, seem to be in a healthy place. It has been good to meet with the small group leaders – I have been impressed with how well they seem to know their own groups and are able to tailor the material they make use of to the groups that they lead. This seems a very healthy approach and ensures that those who attend a small group are able to find one that suits them well. After all, we are all at different stages of our journey of faith and are seeking to walk that journey in a number of different ways.

A number of folks at Christ Church has spoken of their desire to deepen their prayer life, and for Christ Church as a community to deepen its prayer life. The recent Week of Prayer gave a useful focus to this desire and, as Lent begins, we embark on another stage of this journey of deepening our prayer. I hope (and pray!) that we begin to see the fruit of this deepening.

It has been encouraging to see numbers on a Sunday morning beginning to grow after a period of decline over the last year or so. Some of this growth has seen folk who have left Christ Church in recent years begin to – in some cases tentatively – return. But some of this has been the appearance of a small number of new people who have questions about faith and who have, perhaps, sensed the light of the gospel story. How we offer to walk with people as they explore faith is a subject for us to consider; perhaps an Emmaus Course, or the Pilgrim course from the CofE.

It has been encouraging, too, to see an increase in financial giving on a Sunday morning. Like most churches, at Christ Church we need to see an increase in our income, in order to meet the needs and challenges that we face, be they significantly increased energy costs, the necessary work of care for our church building and facilities, or to continue to grow the ways that we can reach out to the community around us. Revisiting the Parish Giving Scheme once the new incumbent is in place seems a very sensible way of beginning this work.

On the subject of the new incumbent, the PCC has been working on putting together our parish profile and person spec, ahead of advertising the post (hopefully) soon after Easter. I would like to thank them all for the work that they have done thus far, along with those many members of the congregation who responded to the call for feedback on the Best Things about Christ Church, the Challenges a new incumbent will face, and the Key Qualities a new incumbent will need. It has been encouraging to hear from a great number of people that they are praying hard about the appointment; I urge people to pray that God would call to this place the right person for this season of Christ Church's life.

This season of Christ Church's life is one which sees the Diocese place great faith in Christ Church's potential. Suspending CPAS's patronage and funding a full-time, stipend incumbent for at least three years (despite Christ Church not being able to 'afford' a full-time incumbent) speaks very highly of the Diocese's opinion of Christ Church. Here is a place where the 'higher ups' firmly believe growth can – and should – be seen! Let us pray that it will be so.

Mentioning those 'higher ups,' it has been a great blessing, in recent months, to welcome Archdeacon Sam, Bishop John and Archbishop Stephen to Christ Church on different occasions. I'm not sure how we top welcoming the Archbishop of York to midnight communion – does anybody have Archbishop Justin's number...?

I want to end where I began – in thanks for the welcome I have received. Although my tenure as Curate-in-Charge is time-bound and will come to an end once a new incumbent arrives, it has already been, for me, a time of rich blessing. Wherever I may find myself after my time here comes to an end, I will remain thankful for all that Christ Church has been to me – and continues to be to the community it serves. May Christ's light shine upon you and though you, and God's rich blessings go with you, always.

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Financial Review

Total receipts on ordinary unrestricted funds were £46,033.26 and are detailed in the financial statements. The figure for 2022 was £51,730. Our regular income from planned giving grew from £40,023.67 to £42,783 as the congregation increased their giving. We were pleased to welcome new hirers whilst retaining existing ones, and our income for 2023 was £18,385. (£2,927 was paid in this year from last year hire as detailed in last year's accounts) The total for 2022 was £10,269.

We spent £39,388 on our Christian ministry, against £60,932 last year. Our Freewill Offering to the Diocese, which is spent mainly on clergy stipends and housing, had to be reduced to £30,000 which was the original pledge of £27,500 plus an additional sum of £2,500 in November as our giving increased. The FWO for 2024 has been increased to £33,000.

Unrestricted Funds

Our carried forward balance from 31 December 2023 was £23,459.01 (2021: £4,674)

Designated Funds

Our Thanksgiving Fund was reduced from £13,610 at the end of 2022 to £9,610 on 31 December 2023, due to moving £4,000 to pay the tithe of £4,000 due from 2022. The Coffee Shop continues to be very popular, the team decided at the start of 2023 to transfer funds at the end of each year to the general fund to leave them approximately £1,000 for breakages or replacement requirements, so £6000 has transferred from the Coffee Shop to the General fund balance in 2023 and a sum of is £997.09 carried forward . Additionally they donate all their income from Lent, without any deduction for costs, whilst encouraging additional collections from their customers, and this year a sum of 1,053.27 was sent to the Earthquake appeal, together with a Zumba session collection of £326.92 (see restricted as well)

Restricted Funds

Our Charity Fund, financed from 25% of our tithing, was used to add £619.81 to collections made for DEC Earthquake appeal to make £2000 sent (see designated fund for other sums), and a donation of £500 to Libya. Our mission partners in Brazil have returned to this country so the accounts for them closed in 2022 and significantly affects the Christian ministry giving figure.

Tithing

We have already tithed £4000 for 2022 at the beginning of the year and have made a payment of £4000 between The Kabanda Trust, The Besom (York), Christians Against Poverty and our own Charity fund and will look to make a final small payment from the General funds once the Accounts are finalised. The Charities have altered for 2024/2025 to Elam, Embrace and we have decided to continue with The Besom (York) and obviously our church charity fund.

Major expenditure

The only major expenditure was replacement of chairs in the Hall at a cost of £1,740 but this was felt vital from a health and safety perspective and also in view of the significant use of our buildings and income received from hirers. A Quinquennial inspection was undertaken this year and the findings from that and ongoing financial needs to cover them are to be discussed by the PCC and a plan formulated.

Balance sheet

Our bank balances on 31st December 2023 were £35,380.74 (202: £23,164) Our CBF Investment fund Shares were valued at £18,649.37, (2022 £17,032) against the original cost of £10,361.

Reserves

Our policy is to aim to maintain a cash balance equivalent to two months expenditure. Our largest monthly outgoing is our Freewill Offering to the Diocese, which is now £2750 pcm. Our general costs for 2023 were £22,095 but there is a sum due for electricity as only 2 payments were made in 2023 so we are expecting a large bill to be due. We also know our gas and electric are set to go up well over a third this year

Acknowledgements

The PCC is most grateful to Mrs Deborah Stanley for her advice and assistance in examining the final accounts.

Approved by the PCC and signed on their behalf by

Signed _____ Reverend John M Hoyland (PCC Chair) Date _____

Independent Examiner's Report to the charity of Heworth Christ Church PCC

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 8 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the financial statements under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you as trustee concerning 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 financial statements 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 2011 Act; and
 - To prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Signed



Mrs Deborah Stanley

8 February 2024.

Receipts and payments account for 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total 2023	Total 2022
Receipts						
Voluntary from donors						
Tax efficient planned giving	1	£22,185.00		£0.00	£22,185.00	£26,395.00
Other planned giving		£8,590.00		£0.00	£8,590.00	£10,260.00
Collections		£3,370.66		£0.00	£3,370.66	£1,797.03
Non recurring donations		£3,392.00		£326.92	£3,718.92	£2,967.00
Income tax recovered		£7,245.60		£0.00	£7,245.60	£5,924.06
Non recurring grant		£1,250.00		£495.00	£1,745.00	£906.00
Totals		£46,033.26		£821.92	£46,855.18	£48,249.69
Investment income	2	£906.74			£906.74	£545.78
Receipts from Church activities	3	£18931.23	£5,626.38	£1,053.27	£25,610.88	£17,266.59
Other incoming resources	4	£8.00			£8.00	0.00
Agency				£2,561.51	£2,561.51	£3,288.00
Totals		£19,845.97	£5,626.38	£3,941.70	£29,087.13	£21,040.37
TOTAL RECEIPTS		£65,879.23	£5,626.38	£4,436.70	£75,942.31	£69,290.06
Payments						
Freewill Offering to Diocese	5	£30,000.04			£30,000.04	£46,500.00
Other outgoing payments	6	£22,094.69	£5,676.41	£5,914.51	£33,685.61	£45,051.44
TOTAL PAYMENTS		£52,094.73	£5,676.41	£5,914.51	£63,685.65	£91,551.44
Excess of Receipts over payments		£13,784.50	-£50.03	-£1,477.81	£12,256.66	-£22,261.38
Unrealised (Loss)/Gain CBF Inv Units			£1,616.50		£1,616.50	-£2,261.16
Transfer between funds		£9,000.00	-£11000.00	£2000.00		£0.00
		£22784.50	-£9,433.53	£522.19	£13,873.16	-£24,522.54
Bank/CBF Inv account as at 1 Jan 2023		£4,674.51	£34,690.55	£791.89	£40,156.95	£64,679.49
Bank/CBF Inv account as at 31 Dec 2023		£27,459.01	£25,257.45	£1,314.08	£54,030.11	£40,156.95

Balance sheet as at 31 December 2023

Fixed assets

	2023	2022
CBF Investment Fund Income Units 825 shares (original cost £10,361) (*5)	£18,649.37	£17,032.87

Current assets

BMM account	£30,160.41	£20,127.82
Charitable account	£5,220.33	£2,996.26
Total Cash in bank and in hand:	£35,380.74	£23,124.08

Total assets less current liabilities

£54,030.11	£40,156.95
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Unrestricted general fund

£23,459.01	£4,674.51
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Designated

Building repairs fund	£0.00	£0.00
Coffee shop	£997.09	£4,047.12
Thanksgiving fund	£9,610.56	£13,610.56
CBF Investment Fund Income Units Fund	£18,649.37	£17,032.87

Designated total

£29,257.02	£34,690.55
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Restricted

Building repairs fund	£0.00	£0.00
Charity funds	£1237.69	£357.50
Restricted donations Overseas	£0.00	£0.00
Restricted donations Senior friends	£76.39	£186.39
Agency	£0.00	£248.00

Restricted total

£1,314.08	£791.89
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Total Funds

£54,030.11 £40,156.95

Approved by the PCC on

and signed on their behalf by

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Rev John M Hoyland(Chairman)

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Mrs Jane Kasiuk (PCC Treasurer)**Notes for the Financial Accounts****2023**

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1. As previously indicated the Hire charges include a charge of £2,927 from 2022 which inflated this figure but we are delighted that the buildings and plant are being utilised by so much of the Community and brought in over £16000 this year with new regular bookings coming in
2. Coffee Shop costs include a contribution of £25 per week towards the cleaning of the church to cover the significant traffic that comes through the building each Monday and pay whether Coffee Shop runs or not.
3. There have only been 2 bills for Electricity paid in the 2023 accounts, no bill has been received since May, although readings have been taken. These will cost at least £1000 for 2023. Additionally that there is a significant uplift of over third in the costs from February 2024 for Gas and Electric and these charges are fixed for the next 3 years
4. The Quinquennial report was paid from Administration funds and amounted to £960.
5. The 825 CBF Investment fund income units are shown as Designated funds as, although they are realisable, the funds go up and down as seen by the increase in value of £1616.50 in the accounts. These were purchased in 2012 at a cost of £10361 and on 31 December 2023 are valued at £18649.37 (£17,032.87 in 2022) An income of £509.77 was received from them during 2023 (£506.96 in 2022)

1) Receipts-Voluntary Giving

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	2023	2022
Gift Aid to Bank	£21,785.00			£21,785.00	£23,370.00
Overseas volunteer				£0.00	£2500.00

Envelopes	£400.00		£400.00	£500.00
One-off GA gifts	£0.00		£0.00	£25.00
Other planned giving	£8,590.00		£8,590.00	£8,300.00
Overseas volunteer			£0.00	£1,960.00
Loose plate collections	£3,370.66		£3,370.66	£1,502.01
DEC Ukraine			£0.00	£295.02
Donations	£1,392.00	£326.92	£1,718.92	£1,617.60
DEC Ukraine			£0.00	£1,350.00
Tax recoverable on GA	£7,245.60		£7,245.60	£4,709.06
Overseas volunteer			£0.00	£625.00
Charity fund			£0.00	£590.00
Non-recurring grant	£1,250.00	£495.00	£1,745.00	£906.00
Legacy	£2,000.00		£2,000.00	
Total	£46,033.26	£821.92	£46,855.18	£48,249.69

2) Receipts -Investment Income

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	
				2023	2022
Dividends: CBF	£509.77			£509.77	£506.96
Bank interest	£396.97			£396.97	£38.82
Total	£906.74		£0.00	£906.74	£545.78

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3) Receipts from charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	
				2023	2022
Fees for weddings & funerals	£546.00			£546.00	£892.00
Coffee Shop		£5,626.38	£1,053.27	£6,679.65	£6,105.99
Church hall lettings (*1)	£18,385.23			£18,385.23	£10,268.60
Total	£18,931.23	£5,626.38	£1,053.27	£25,610.88	£17,266.59

to DEC E'quake appeal

4) Other receipts

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	
				2023	2022
Surplus -sale of assets	£8.00			£8.00	£0.00
Funeral collections	£0.00			£0.00	£0.00
Agency			£2,561.51	£2,561.51	£3,228.00
Total	£8.00		£2,561.51	£2,569.51	£3,228.00
Total receipts	£65,879.23	£5,626.38	£4436.70	£75,942.31	£69,290.06

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	
				2023	2022
5) Payments :Freewill offering to the Diocese					
Total for 2023	£30,000.04			£30,000.04	£46,500.00

6)Payments: Charitable activities

Giving to relief and development agencies	£1,500.00	£2,000.00	£2,500.00	£6,000.00	£3,992.53
Giving to overseas mission	£1,000.00	£1,000.00		£2,000.00	£6,814.96
Giving to secular charity			£110.00	£110.00	£250.00
Working expenses: incumbent	£505.80			£505.80	£132.75
Pastoral				£0.00	£17.98
Senior friends			£495.00	£495.00	£1,280.48
Water rates: Vicarage	£369.00			£369.00	£256.00
Telephone: Vicarage	£728.00			£728.00	£260.00
Parish outreach & mission	£724.28			£724.28	£106.37
Education & training				£0.00	£362.90
Church running insurance	£661.30			£661.30	£607.25
Church maintenance	£469.85			£469.85	£2,160.70
Church running expenses	£1,425.59			£1,425.59	£2,342.80
Upkeep of services	£476.16			£476.16	£1,054.32
Young people	£59.03			£59.03	£444.72
Upkeep of Churchyard	£1,320.00			£1,320.00	£1,100.00
Administrations other (*4)	£2,331.17			£2,331.17	£1,361.85
Printing, stationery, postage	£246.14			£246.14	£20.60
Church running electricity (*3)	£353.22			£353.22	£756.30
Church running gas	£1,395.71			£1,395.71	£1,390.81
					£106.82
Church running water	£114.48			£114.48	
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Coffee Shop expenditure (*2)		£2,676.41		£2,676.41	£2,066.00
Hall running electricity (*3)	£655.96			£655.96	£1,404.54
Hall running gas	£531.25			£531.25	£245.45
Hall running insurance	£661.30			£661.30	£607.25
Hall running expenses	£3,480.22			£3,480.22	£3,876.79
Hall maintenance	£1,002.49			£1,002.49	£1,289.82
Hall running water	£343.43			£343.43	£320.43
Church major repairs: structure	£0.00			£0.00	£2,170.80
Hall major repairs: structure				£0.00	£3,662.22
Hall major repairs: installation	£1,740.31			£1,740.31	£1,608.00
Hall int & Ext decorating				£0.00	£0.00
Agency			£2,809.51	£2,809.51	£2,980.00
				£33,685.61	
Totals	£22,094.69	£5,676.41	£5,914.51		£45,051.44

BUDGET FOR 2024

Receipts

Voluntary giving from Donors	£39,000.00
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(including tax efficient planned giving, other planned giving, collections)

Tax recoverable	£ 5,800.00
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Church Hall Lettings	£17,500.00
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Coffee Shop (Designated fund but funds over £1000 will Go to the unrestricted fund at year end)	£ 6,750.00
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£69,050.00

Payments

Freewill Offering to Diocese	£33,000.00
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Tithe/Charitable giving	£ 6,000.00
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Utilities and Insurance	£10,000.00
Maintenance and Grounds	£ 5,500.00
Quinquennial (Reports required, remedial work & to prioritise items)	£10,000.00
Administration	£ 1,750.00
Coffee Shop (Designated fund, see above)	£ 2,800.00
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	<u>£69,050.00</u>