

St Wilfrid's Church, Calverley
Annual Report and Financial Statements
of the
Parochial Church Council

for the year ended 31 December 2024

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Annual Parochial Church Meeting
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ST. WILFRID'S PARISH CHURCH CALVERLEY

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2024

Background

St Wilfrid's, Calverley P.C.C. has the responsibility of co-operating with the Incumbent, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

When planning our activities for the year, the incumbent and the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

Worship and prayer, learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.

Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.

Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of St. Wilfrid's Church and The Barn.

Structure Governance and Management

St Wilfrid's Parish Church is situated in Calverley, Pudsey.
It is part of the Diocese of Leeds within the Church of England.
It is a corporate body established by the Church of England.
It is a registered charity, number 1130921.

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Membership

Membership of the P.C.C. are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

<i>Incumbent:</i>	Rev. Rob Denton (Chairperson)		10/10
<i>Church Wardens</i>	Brenda Pickard (Vice Chairperson)	(to 2027)	8/10
	Fiona Hainsworth	(to 2027)	6/10
<i>Secretary (non-voting)</i>	Mrs Elise Warner-Rossi		6/10
<i>Treasurer</i>	Mr Jonathan Lacey	(to 2027)	5/10
<i>Elected Members:</i>	Mr David Williams	(to 2025)	0/10
	Mrs Olivia Gaunt	(to 2025)	7/10
	Mrs Sandra Tempest	(to 2026)	10/10
	Mr Dan Cohen	(to 2026)	8/10
	Mrs Kim Pollard	(to 2026)	10/10
	Mrs Naomi Simkins	(to 2026)	7/10
	Mr Richard Jobes	(to 2027)	9/10
	Mrs Nicola Lightfoot	(to 2027)	9/10
	Mrs Kim Raja	(to 2027)	10/10
(Apr – Dec 2024)	Miss Harriet Pollard	(to 2027)	5/6
	Mrs Elise Warner Rossi	(to 2027)	6/6
<i>Parish Rep.</i>	Mrs Brenda Pickard	(to 2027)	8/10
	Lizzie Reynolds (Curate, Ex Officio)		10/10
<i>Safeguarding (non-voting)</i>	Mrs June Hopkinson		0
<i>Deanery Synod Rep:</i>	Mrs Brenda Pickard (to 2025)		8/10
	Mr David Edwards (resigned September 2024)		2/10

Committees

The P.C.C. operates through Standing Committee between full meetings of the P.C.C. if needed. They met once in 2024

Chairman's Address

Vicar's report on 2024

2024 was an evolutionary year, not a revolutionary year. It felt like change and growth occurred organically and incrementally rather than radically. It also felt, as my 3rd year here, like I finally had my feet under the desk, so to speak.

Many of these areas have their own reports from ministry leaders, but I wanted to celebrate some particular aspects. I will keep to reflections on the calendar year in the main sections and then reflect on where we are now and how we might move into the future at the end.

Worship

Worship is central to our calling. Our primary response to God who loves us is to gather in praise. As St. Augustine says, "You have made us for yourself O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you." For this reason, worship is central not only to our life together but also to our mission and growth; LYCiG remind us that if we can improve one thing, it's worship.

Our general pattern of worship remained unchanged from 2023; a more formal and liturgical communion service at 9:15. And family worship at 11 with Kids Church and Youth church with communion weeks 1 and 3. We continued to gather as a joined congregation on 5th Sundays, as well as major festivals and the summer holidays. We have been blessed by Steve leading live worship more often, often with Olivia and some of our young people, a direction of travel we hope to continue down.

Worship at major festivals continues to be a delight, with a significant proportion of the village at one of our many Christmas services, and evident joy on Easter Sunday as several children and adults were baptised.

We continue to embrace our call to explore the richness of our heritage, to celebrate and embrace a wide variety of worship, and yet remain rooted in our two distinct services. Lizzie's priesting in July revealed so much of the nature of our church and its worship; we celebrated her first time presiding at communion with a joint service that people enthusiastically embraced with curiosity and sense of joy. This is the privilege of having a curate, a job for the whole church in which we learn as much as they do. Our recent experiments with the 1662 Book of Common Prayer and some Anglo-Catholic style worship flow from this, as do our periodic glorious Choral Evensongs.

Our annual Pride service migrated, as a cross-Leeds service started last year at Leeds Minster. It was a pleasure to be able to join with so many inclusive voices from across the city.

Our annual memorial services, at Advent and Easter, continued to be an act of worship as well as a service to Calverley. Not dissimilar to Remembrance Day, they are part of our civic function and always well attended and are an opportunity to speak God's story of love and hope into the world's story of hurt.

Coordinating with Mrs Cameron, the new head at Calverley C of E who arrived in 2023/4, we developed a pattern whereby every year group comes to church for a worship service of their own, devising at key points across the year; just one aspect of a much deeper spiritual connection fostered since her arrival.

Church Growth– Mission

We regularly pray this LYCiG prayer – God of Mission, who alone brings growth, help our church to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you, and in service to our local community. This reminds us that God calls us to work with him in growing the church in three ways.

Mission – Numbers

Sunday attendance figures remain steady, with an overall average increase in numbers by 1 adult and 1 child. Growing Together is rightly part of our vision statement – numbers matter, not as a statistic, but because numbers are people, individuals for whom our hope and prayer is that they get to know the joy of life in all its fullness we have found in Christ. The C of E asks us to count in two different ways, which give different perspectives.

The figures below refer to those who are part of our total worshipping community, who attend once a month or more (or who would do so if not prevented by illness). These figures are hard to work out as they rely on our memories and knowledge of individual's circumstances. This may account for much of the variation. The drop in children's attendance feels real, but might be due to some overcounting last year. The growth in adult attendance is encouraging. What is the overall story?

2024

Total	227 (-10%)
Children (Age 0-10)	37 (-45%)
Young People (Age 11-17)	10 (-38%)
Adults (Age 18-69)	115 (+11%)
Adults (Age 70+)	65 (+5%)

2023

Total	249 (+16%)
Children (Age 0-10)	67 (+45%)
Young People (Age 11-17)	16 (+33%)
Adults (Age 18-69)	104 (+9%)
Adults (Age 70+)	62 (=)

2022

Total	215 (+25%)
Children (Age 0-10)	46 (+84%)
Young People (Age 11-17)	12 (+71%)
Adults (Age 18-69)	95 (-9.5%)
Adults (Age 70+)	62 (+77%)

Average Sunday Attendance

This is measured by the October count – regular attendance in a representative month which includes no major festivals or holidays.

Adults (16 years old and over)	75 (last year 74, +1%)
Children and young people (under 16 years old)	18 (last year 17, +6%)

What does that mean?

It's hard to say. By and large, numbers are stable, with slight growth in adults, although fewer people with kids. Some kids have grown up, some moved on. Numbers do matter and we are all called to play our part, motivated by love for our neighbours Calverley, sharing the joy we have found in God, in faith, and in church.

Mission – Spiritual commitment (Discipleship)

Depth of discipleship for individuals is also a vital part of church growth, as reflected in our mission prayer. Numbers are only a reflection of this, but it is good to not that in 2024 we had several people attend the Entrance to Communion Course and Moving On course prior to adult baptism or confirmation. For the wider church, we ran the Sanctuary Course, helping us rethink our approach to mental health and faith, a particular blessing as an Inclusive Church.

We were blessed by a varied perspective in the pulpit, with sermons over the year from 7 regular preachers and several occasional or visiting speakers, as well as termly opportunities to wrestle with scripture, theology and life together in our Ask Me Anything slots. Our Sunday teaching is a rich blessing and source of strength. With this large team in place we were able to be of considerable support to Farsley in their interregnum.

Go Deeper Live was our service with extra time for extended worship, prayer and a longer more challenging talk, all key to Going Deeper in our discipleship. Having started on Sunday evenings we ended up with very few coming. We switched to after church with food but still had little uptake. We've paused this for now, perhaps an idea whose time has not yet come.

Small groups have diminished in number, although TAG goes from strength to strength. I have always believed that small groups are a cornerstone of discipleship, we will need to consider this.

Children & Youth

Having started Youth Drop-In on Wednesdays a while ago (a ministry that fits more in 'service to the community'), it has been good to see the faith element of this develop, with an extra ½ hour on Wednesdays, and Youth Church on Sundays. Thanks to Lizzie and Harriet respectively for this. Our Young People are beginning to function as small group.

Mission – Service to our local community.

2024 saw the beginning of Café Revive, a dementia focused café on the 1st Saturday of each month for those with memory issues, or those living alongside them. Thanks to Rachael, Kim and the wider team. We also ran a dementia friends' session and advertised it to the wider Calverley community and have been looking at ourselves with a dementia friendly lens, leading to changes such as the new welcome mat.

2024 also saw the end, for now, of Friday Coffee Shop, with not enough volunteers and a drop in numbers. A vital service to Calverley when it started, other places have sprung up in the intervening time.

Our connection with St Luke's care home became more occasional, with services at major festivals. John and Heather Slack continue to lead this and would welcome someone with a particular passion for this ministry bringing revitalisation.

Occasional offices

These are at the heart of our calling as a parish church, a holy service we offer to the whole community. In 2024 we were blessed by Sandra (funerals) and Claire (wedding and baptisms), who oversaw admin in these areas; I am enormously grateful to both of them for their time and their diligence. John Corbin's ministry taking funerals has been a great blessing to the church and to the families he supports, and Lizzie continues to serve with a tender pastoral touch. This was a bumper year for baptisms.

Funerals in church:	6 (last year 11)
Funeral at crematoria by clergy or LLMs:	17 (last year 12)
Interments of ashes:	8 (same)
Baptisms:	22 (last year 8)
Weddings:	5 (last year 3)

Mission – generally.

In 2024 we joined Inclusive Church, after a lengthy period of discernment by the PCC and congregation, building on our long-held value of hospitality. Our initial focus has been on dementia. We know that some individuals have come to us as a recognisably safe space having found us on the IC website, a tangible illustration of the need to be a refuge.

In November PCC gathered for a vision day with Sarah Hobbs, which helped us

refocus our efforts and to put some things down. Our core mission remains to Love God, Love Calverley, Grow Together.

Events

Claire handed over to Kelly as our Barn and events manager in July. Over the year we saw an increase in Barn use, both from regular bookings and one-off events, and several events at church. Some have been part of blessing Calverley, some more commercial, and we have seen steady growth in our presence and in the balance sheet. There have been experience/craft sessions, parties, sketch club, a Burns Supper, the 1st Plant Sale, the 3rd Beer Festival, collaborations with the Scouts, viewing the World Cup final and more.

Structures, Systems and Staffing

Kim continued in her Licenced Lay Minister training with a placement in St John's, Bierley, and Lizzie was priested. John Corbin has now moved to Farsley and is exploring continuing as an LLM in his new local church. We will miss his contribution to St Wilfrid's and wish him and Pauline well in their new home.

All salaried staff are now on up-to-date contracts and continue to be paid at least the Real Living Wage.

We appointed Fiona and Brenda as Wardens, retaining the wider support of Team Warden alongside them to handle oversight on Sundays and some annual scheduled tasks. It would be impossible to overstate the impact Brenda and Fiona have had, taking much of the weight of day-to-day operations, and especially driving building issues forwards. I know that they too are grateful to Team Warden and all the support they get which allows them to focus on their particular jobs.

Jonathan took over as treasurer from Nicola, who stepped down after 5 years faithful service. (The actual hand-over of all account details is ongoing.) Finance has its own report, but it is profoundly encouraging to know that we balanced the books last year, even in the face of the continually rising Parish Share. This was because of significant but small progress in all areas; regular giving, donations, fundraising, and commercial income. To have our finances in such health is not something I take for granted.

And finally – what's next?

This next season I feel called to focus on our discipleship. What will we do with Go Deeper, how can we look again at our Small Groups? Clergy and PCC are in the midst of putting structures in place for offering pastoral care; an area which has perhaps been more ad-hoc than it should have been.

There are other key areas where we need the next people to step into a deeper commitment, such as Kids and Youth, tech on Sundays, and joining PCC, but I believe God will call people in due time, and to other areas that have not yet occurred to us. Perhaps this might be to continue serving our community by supporting parenting. We are wondering what might follow our first well-received session, particularly in the light of the recent Netflix series, 'Adolescence'.

I continue to wonder what our calling is to support good mental health.

I still like to say yes, to people with passion, and to God who is at work – what might God be asking you to step into, or to start?

Noticeable work in the next year or three will be on the building, with significant projects ahead on the roof and rainwater goods and then on the tower. This is vital work and our stewardship of our beautiful old stones is to be undertaken with love and as worship.

I conclude as we usually begin, with gratitude. I dare not list any more names, suffice it to say that I continue to count myself lucky to be called to this church at this time, a church where so many people give of themselves to Love God, Love Calverley and Grow Together.

On the whole, we're thriving.

Your ever grateful vicar

Rob

Standing Committee

This is the only committee required by law. It has the power of the PCC between meetings, subject to any directions given by council. (Full Terms of Reference & Procedures available on request) It met once during the year.

The Parochial Church Council

The P.C.C. met in-person on 10 occasions.

Staffing

Toby is paid for 5 hours for the work he does in updating the website and producing our morning prayer for You Tube (and many other things). Susan Jubb is paid for 2 hours a week to clean the office, vestry, toilets and server. Carol Cowling, our Church Administrator is paid for 12 hours, and Kelly Cartwright Hughes our Church and Barn Events Manager is paid for 10 hours a week.

Resources Income

The income from donors by way of regular giving, tax recovery, plate and fundraising was £110,066 (£90,341 in 2023), an increase of 22% on the previous year.

The total income was £191,236 (£136,998 in 2023) an increase of 39.6% on the previous year.

Donations and Legacies

During the year we received 2 donations from the Woodhall Hills Sunday School Charity. The first amount of £15,254.23 is to be invested and the income from the investment must be used to promote Christianity amongst young children. The second amount of £12,887.52 is restricted to being used to promote Christianity amongst young children. At 31/12/24 the investment money was still being held in a current account awaiting the decision on where to invest it. Post year end the PCC has agreed to invest the £15,254.23 in the CCLA CBF Investment Fund.

Resources Used

The mission giving for the year, to each of the five mission agencies,

Overseas

Church Mission Society (Azaria Spencer support) £2882

South American Mission Society (now part of CMS) £825

Tearfund £538

Home

Church Army (Sorted) £538

Jesus Shaped People £200

Total expenditure was £167,681 (£134,131 in 2023) an increase of 23.5% on the previous year.

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance on free reserves (net current assets) which equates to at least three months unrestricted payments. This is equivalent to £39,000. It is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. The balance of the free reserves at the end of the year was £58,169 which covers this target.

Restricted funds (fabric, graveyard, and youth work) comprise £19,535 of fixed assets and £39,284 of current assets.

The Diocesan Share

The requested share, a proportion of which meets the stipend, pension and housing costs of the clergy, was £75,464, (£68,604 in 2023 of which £61,500 was paid the remaining £7,104 was written off). At the end of 2024 £57,000 of the 2024 share had been paid and the PCC has agreed to pay the remaining £18,484 balance in full during 2025 along with the requested share for 2025

The 2023 accounts filed with the Charity Commission included £27,104 of voluntary Parish Share relating to years 2022 and prior. For prudence we had provisionally included this in 2023's unrestricted expenses and creditors. In our final 2023 accounts we removed this expense as it had become certain that it would not be paid, but the unaltered earlier version of accounts was filed. The 2023 comparatives in these accounts are the corrected figures. When compared to the 2023 accounts lodged with the Charity Commission, the difference represents a £27,104 increase in unrestricted funds.

The Trustees Report was approved by the Parochial Church Council on Monday 7th April 2025

Revd Rob Denton

Chairman of the Meeting.



Parochial Church Council of St Wilfrid's Calverley

Independent examiner's report

I report on the accounts of the Parochial Church Council of St Wilfrid, Calverley (the church) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PCC AND THE EXAMINER

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church'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 accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

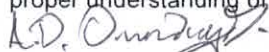
My examination was carried out in accordance with the Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in 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 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 accounts to be reached.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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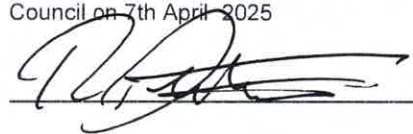
Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	Unre- stricted Funds	Restrict- ed Funds	Endow- ment Funds	Total Funds 2024	Unre- stricted Funds	Re- stricted Funds	Endow- ment Funds	Total Funds 2023
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income from:									
Donations and legacies	2a	110,066	12,888	15,254	136,808	90,341	-	-	90,341
Other trading activities	2b	15,576	-	-	15,576	13,474	-	-	13,474
Investments	2c	2,712	1,446	669	4,826	2,503	1,156	639	4,298
Church activities	2d	24,617	8,009	-	32,626	22,290	6,595	-	28,885
Total Income		152,971	22,342	15,923	191,236	128,608	7,751	639	136,998
RESOURCES EXPENDED:									
Church activities	3	155,652	12,029	-	167,681	126,761	7,370	-	134,131
Total Expenditure		155,652	12,029	-	167,681	126,761	7,370	-	134,131
Net Gain (Losses) on investments	6b	-	-	515	515	-	-	1,872	1,872
Net Income / (Expenditure)		(2,681)	10,313	16,438	24,070	1,847	381	2,511	4,739
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in Funds		(2,681)	10,313	16,438	24,070	1,847	381	2,511	4,739
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS									
Total funds b/fwd		60,850	48,506	28,819	138,175	59,003	48,125	26,308	133,436
Total Funds carried forward		58,169	58,819	45,251	162,245	60,850	48,506	28,819	138,175

Parochial Church Council of St Wilfrid, Calverley
Balance Sheet at 31 December 2024

	Note	Unre- stricted Funds	Restrict- ed Funds	Endow- ment Funds	Total Funds 2024	Unre- stricted Funds	Restrict- ed Funds	Endow- ment Funds	Total Funds 2023
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets									
Tangible fixed assets	6a	-	19,535	-	19,535	-	21,146	-	21,146
Investments	6b	-	-	22,780	22,780	-	-	22,265	22,265
		-	19,535	22,780	42,315	-	21,146	22,265	43,411
Current Assets									
Debtors	7	10,147	337	25	10,509	8,821	320	24	9,165
Cash at bank and in hand		73,100	38,947	7,198	119,245	84,410	27,040	6,530	117,980
CAF Bank for Investment				15,254	15,254				
		83,247	39,284	22,477	145,008	93,231	27,360	6,554	127,145
Liabilities									
Creditors : amounts		25,078	-	-	25,078	32,381	-	-	32,381
falling due in one year	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net Current assets		58,169	39,294	22,477	104,676	60,850	27,360	6,554	94,764
Total net assets		58,169	58,819	45,257	162,245	60,850	48,506	28,819	138,175
PARISH FUNDS									
Endowment	9	-	-	45,257	45,257	-	-	28,819	28,819
Unrestricted		58,169	-		58,169	60,850	-		60,850
Restricted	9		58,819		58,819		48,506		48,506
		58,169	58,819	45,241	162,245	60,850	48,506	28,819	138,175

The Balance Sheet, Statement of Financial Activities and notes thereto, together with the Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2024 were approved by the Parochial Church Council on 7th April 2025



Chairman of the meeting

Parochial Church Council of St Wilfrid, Calverley

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Parochial Church Council of St Wilfrid, Calverley is a Parochial Church Council (PCC) registered in England and Wales number 1130921 and governed by its Power of Measure and Church Representation Rules.

1.1 ACCOUNTING CONVENTION

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the PCC's Power of Measure and Church Representation Rules, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019). The PCC is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The accounts 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 the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the PCC. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

1.2 GOING CONCERN

At the time of approving the accounts, the Members have a reasonable expectation that the PCC has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Members continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

1.3 FUNDS

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from the investment of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending on the purpose for which the endowment was established.

Restricted funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invite by the PCC for a special object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on the fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

1.4 INCOME

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the income to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amount due. Dividends are accounted for when receivable. All other income is recognised when it is received. All income is accounted for gross.

1.5 EXPENDITURE

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under heading that aggregate all costs related to the category. Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

1.6 FIXED ASSETS

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.10 of the Charities Act 2011. Equipment used within the church premises has been written off in the year of acquisition.

Moveable church furnishings are capitalised at cost and depreciated over their useful economic life other than where insufficient cost information is available. In this case the item is not capitalised, but all items are included in the Church's inventory in any case.

Depreciation is calculated to write off the capitalised cost of fixed assets less their anticipated residual fair value over their estimated useful lives as follows:

- Fixtures and Fittings 20 years and 3 years straight line

Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange or whose value derives from them are valued at market value at the year end.

1.7 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

1.8 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the Charity's balance sheet when the Charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

De-recognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

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1.9 EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the PCC is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.10 RETIREMENT BENEFITS

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

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	Unre- stricted Funds	Restrict- ed Funds	Endow- ment Funds	Total Funds 2024	Unre- stricted Funds	Re- stricted Funds	En- dowme nt Funds	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
2 Income :								
2a Donations & legacies-								
Planned giving								
Gift Aid donations	72,966	-	-	72,966	64,783	-	-	64,783
Tax recoverable	18,454	-	-	18,454	16,944	-	-	16,944
Other	1,399	-	-	1,399	-	-	-	-
Open plate collections	11,893	-	-	11,893	4,964	-	-	4,964
Organ fundraising		-	-		-	-	-	-
Grants		-	-		-	-	-	-
Donations and appeals	5,354	12,888	15,254	33,495	3,650	-	-	3,650
	110,066	12,888	15,254	138,208	90,341	-	-	90,341
2b Other trading activities								
Coffee Shop	2,586	-	-	2,586	3,556	-	-	3,556
Other fund raising	12,990	-	-	12,990	9,918	-	-	9,918
	15,576	-		15,576	13,474	-		13,474
2c Income from invest- ments								
Dividends and interest including tax recoverable	2,712	1,446	669	4,827	2,503	1,156	639	4,298
	2,712	1,446	669	4,827	2,503	1,156	639	4,298
2d Income from Churchactivities								
Church Hall lettings	22,604			22,206	18,936	-	-	18,936
Children's activities		1,865		1,865	-	1,247	-	1,247
Fees	2,013	6,144		8,157	3,354	5,348	-	8,702
	24,617	8,009		32,626	22,290	6,595	-	28,885
Total Income	152,971	22,342	15,923	191,236	128,608	7,751	639	136,998

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	Unre- stricted Funds	Restrict- ed Funds	Endow- ment Funds	Total Funds 2024	Unre- stricted Funds	Re- stricted Funds	Endow- ment Funds	Total Funds 2023
	£		£	£	£	£	£	£
	£							
3 Expenditure :								
3 Church activities								
a Mission and charitable giving								
Overseas								
CMS	2,882	-	-	2,882	1,628	-	-	1,628
SAM	825	-	-	825	3,300	-	-	3,300
Tearfund	538	-	-	538	2,152	-	-	2,152
Home								
CPAS	-	-	-	-	1,628	-	-	1,628
Church Army	538	-	-	538	2,152	-	-	2,152
Jesus Shaped People	200	-	-	200	1,200	-	-	1,200
Other Donations	3,744	-	-	3,744	1,052	-	-	1,052
	8,727	-	-	8,727	13,112	-	-	13,112
Ministry								
Diocesan Share	75,464	-	-	75,464	61,500	-	-	61,500
Share 2022 not paid		-	-		(20,000)	-	-	(20,000)
Church running and maintenance costs	37,743	-	-	37,743	36,920	-	-	36,920
Churchyard upkeep		2,243	-	2,243	-	1,910	-	1,910
Church Hall costs	11,076	-	-	11,076	14,308	-	-	14,308
Printing and stationery	773	-	-	773	1,151	-	-	1,151
Organ repairs		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation		1,611	-	1,611	-	1,611	-	1,611
Bank Charges	316			316	108			108
	125,372	3,854	-	129,226	93,987	3,521	-	97,508
3 Coffee shop	687	-	-	687	776	-	-	776
b Children's Work		4,640	-	4,640	-	674	-	674
Fundraising Expenses	5,394			5,394	5,688			5,688
	6,081	4,640	-	10,721	6,464	674	-	7,138
3 Governance costs								
c Independent Examin	696	-	-	696	660	-	-	660
3 Other staff costs/fees	14,776	3535	-	18,311	12,538	3,175	-	15,713
d								
Total Expenditure	155,652	12,029	-	167,681	126,761	7,370	-	134,131

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STAFF COSTS

4a. Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024	2023
	4	3
Employment costs		
	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	14,776	11,448

No employee earned over £60,000 in the current or previous year.

5 TAXATION

As a charity the PCC is exempt from tax on income falling within part II of the Corporation Tax Act 2010.

6. FIXED ASSETS

6a. Tangible Assets

	Fixtures & Fittings
Cost	£
At 1 January 2024	36,027
Additions	
At 31 December 2024	36,027
Depreciation	
At 1 January 2024	14,881
Charge for the year	1,611
At 31 December 2024	16,492
Net book value	
At 31 December 2024	19,535
At 31 December 2023	21,146

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	2024	2023
	£	£
6b. Investments		
Market value as at 1 January	22,265	20,393
Revaluation gain / (loss)	515	1,872
Market value as at 31 December	22,780	22,265

The market value at 31 December 2024 represents investments in endowment funds

7. Debtors	2024	2024	2023	2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted /	Unrestricted	Restricted /
	-	Endowment	-	Endowment
	£	£	£	£
Tax recoverable	6,033	-	6,497	-
VAT recoverable	465	-	-	-
Prepayments	3,048		562	-
Other debtors	601	362	1,762	344
	10,147	362	8,821	344
8 Liabilities				
Amounts falling due in one year:				
Accrual for utility and other costs	5,312		5,328	-
Creditors	19,746		27,028	-
Other creditors	20		20	-
Wages			5	-
	25,078		32,381	-

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9. Funds

The restricted funds comprise the graveyard, children/youthwork, and fabric (reordering) funds.

The endowment funds comprise the following funds: poor (Parochial), insurance (John Stead Trust), graveyard, incumbent (W Blackett bequest), chancel (T H Gray bequest) and children (Woodhall Hills Sunday School).

Restricted funds

	At 1 January 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 December 2024
Graveyard	13,175	3,983	(2,243)	-	14,330
Fixed Asset Fund	21,146		(1,611)	-	19,535
Children and Youth	14,175	15,408	(4,640)	-	24,943
Funeral Fees	-	3535	(3,535)	-	-
Fabric Fund	10	1		-	11
Organ Repairs	-				
Total	48,506	22,342	(12,29)	-	58,819

Restricted funds –2023

	At 1 January 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 December 2023
Graveyard	12,288	2,797	(1,910)	-	13,175
Fixed Asset Fund	22,757	-	(1,611)	-	21,146
Children and Youth	13,070	1,779	(674)	-	14,175
Funeral Fees	-	3,175	(3,175)	-	-
Fabric Fund	10	-	-		10
Organ Repairs				-	-
Total	48,125	7,751	(7,370)	-	48,506

	At 1 January 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 December 2024
General Funds	59,003	128,608	(126,761)	-	60,850

	At 1 January 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 December 2023
General Funds– 2023	72,605	121,923	(134,437)	(1,088)	59,003

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Endowment funds	At 1 January 2024	Income	Expenditure	Gains / (Losses)	At 31 December 2024
Parochial	8,110	234	-	102	8,446
Insurance	7,257	171	-	141	7,569
Graveyard	1,628	-	-	43	1,671
Incumbent	11,326	264	-	214	11,804
Chancel	498	-	-	15	513
Woodhall Hills	-	15,254	-	-	15,254
Total	28,819	15,923		515	45,257

Endowment funds—2023	At 1 January 2023	Income	Expenditure	Gains / (Losses)	At 31 December 2023
Parochial	7,521	210	-	379	8,110
Insurance	6,560	168	-	529	7,257
Graveyard	1,488	-	-	140	1,628
Incumbent	10,267	261	-	798	11,326
Chancel	472	-	-	26	498
Total	26,308	639		1,872	28,819

10. Analysis of net assets

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total Funds £
Tangible fixed assets		19,535		19,535
Investment fixed assets			22,780	22,780
Current assets	83,247	39,284	22,477	145,008
Liabilities	(25,078)			(25,078)
All falling due within one year				
	58,169	58,819	45,257	162,245

Analysis of net assets—2023

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total Funds £
Tangible fixed assets	-	21,146	-	21,146
Investment fixed assets	-	-	22,265	22,265
Current assets	93,230	27,360	6,554	127,144
Liabilities	(59,428)	-	-	(59,428)
All falling due within one year	-	-	-	-
	33,802	48,506	28,819	111,127

11. Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the current or prior year.

Payments amounting to £ 990 were made to two Trustees in the year for specific services provided outside of their trustee role, (2023 £2,265 to three Trustees).

The remuneration of key management personnel is as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Aggregate compensation	nil	nil

THE BARN

I (Kelly Cartwright) took over the role of Barn & Events Manager in July 2024.

Throughout that time the Barn has been relatively consistently booked with:

- Play Academy each weekday (term time only),
- Pilates class every Monday evening
- Choir Practise every Wednesday evening
- Barn Babies every Thursday morning
- Belly Dance class every Thursday evening
- Sound Healing on the last Friday evening of each month

There was a break in private bookings between Clare finishing and me starting in the role. From September to December, I made 14 weekend bookings for private parties.

The Sound Healing booking had used the Barn 3 times prior to me taking over but has now been given a group booking rate after upping her booking schedule to every month.

In November and December, the Barn also hosted two creative workshops, these were ticketed events with guest artists. Attendance was good for both workshops, as was overall response to the events within the community. We hope to host more of these throughout 2025.

- Lino Workshop: We had 11 attendees with a gross income of £330, the guest artist cost £150 and I spent roughly £10 on promotional materials. All gave positive verbal feedback, 1 of which booked onto the next workshop too.
- Macrame Workshop: We had 8 attendees with a gross income of £220, the guest artist cost £150, no money was spent on promotion. This workshop didn't seem as successful as the lino, but I think this may have been due to the lack of promotional materials and the date/time. This was a weekday evening (as opposed to the Lino being a Saturday afternoon) and closer to Christmas.

The Barn had a thorough clean in August by a company called Shine Bright Cleaning. This included the rafters and all windows. This cost £380.

There have also been a few minor repairs. As these were prior to me being assigned a spending budget, the Wardens handled the expenses, so I am unsure of costs.

In regard to other events, I also organised the Winter Mini Market and Sketch Club in the Church. I believe the Mini Market raised upwards of £1000 and received great feedback from the community, roughly £61 was spent on promotional materials. Sketch Club was a pay as you feel event, there were 14 attendees. We hope to run these regularly throughout 2025.

When I started in July there were 20 bookings in the calendar from January through to September.

Kelly Cartwright-Hughes, Barn and events manager

BARN BABIES PARENT & TODDLER GROUP

Now in its 27th Year, Barn babies' parent and toddler group meets in the Barn on a Thursday morning term time only from 9.30-11.15am. After a couple of years of

reduced numbers and having dropped from three to one session a week post covid, we have had an increase in interest since September 2023 and have been running at full capacity. Sally Littlejohn continues to run it with me with Naomi Simkins helping out when she can and also with the help of our fabulous refreshment team, all ex-Barn Babies mums of Chloe Cross, Amreen Kapsi-Chawke, Liz Hill, Claire Higham, and Fiona Knowles. Lisa Dixon has had to step down from the refreshment team after many years of helping as she now has a job, and Liz is having to step down due to increased work hours after the summer term. So, if anyone would like to join our refreshment rota, please speak to me or Naomi.

Barn Babies aim continues to be, to provide a facility for families to meet others, feel welcomed by the local church and introduce young children to Father God and Jesus through See and Know.

Fiona Hainsworth, Barn Babies Co-ordinator

BELL RINGERS

Lots of comings and goings has been a feature of this year, with two learners starting their ringing journey and making good progress, but others having to put their ringing on hold for a variety of reasons. Average attendance on a Sunday is between seven and eight ringers and our current membership list stands at 18 which is an impressive number.

We have rung for more of the early Sunday Services than last year and also for Easter, Harvest and Remembrance Sunday. Occasionally there is no ringing either due to the weather conditions or because all three key holders are away on the same weekend. It is pleasing to note that our efforts are missed on these occasions.

Three couples chose to include bells as part of their wedding celebrations this year. A band, from various towers around Market Weighton, enjoyed their visit to ring at St Wilfrid's. The Yorkshire Tykes (Young Ringers) visited in November and rang methods conducted by a teenager who, together with his parents is a regular visitor to Calverley. The Western Branch of the Yorkshire Association of Bellringers visited for an afternoon's ringing in December.

Several of our ringers are active within the wider ringing community, regularly visiting towers in the local area including, St James, Tong, Holy Trinity, Idle, St Mary, Todmorden, St Mary, Oxenhope, St John, North Rigton and Bradford Cathedral. In return we welcome other local ringers to St Wilfrid's mainly from St James, Tong and All Saints, Otley.

The ringers are pleased to record thanks to the vicar, curate and other members of St Wilfrid's for their support over the year.

Anyone interested in finding out more about ringing or the bells should contact: nicola.goode2@virginmedia.com

Nicola Goode

CAFÉ REVIVE

We started a new initiative this year to provide support, resources and a welcoming

space for people living with memory loss, their carers and their family. We have been encouraged by the growing number of attendees each month, even in the terrible weather! A particular blessing has been the number of volunteers, cake bakers and words of support and encouragement from you all, and we would like to extend our thanks to all who are involved. If you feel called to become part of Café Revive please speak to Kim Pollard or Rachael Kelley – it is only once a month, and support could be physical, helping us to spread the word or in the form of light refreshments!

Blessings, Kim and Rachael

CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE & ANIMALS

The Team looks forward to another Year of working in the Churchyard and keeping it cared for and an asset for Parishioners, the Local Community and visitors to St Wilfrid's. The past twelve months have been a very busy one in this respect keeping on top of the mowing, strimming, weeding, tending flowers beds and shrubbery and carrying out general maintenance to seating and other facilities in the Churchyard. We are blessed with a very committed, loyal and able Team taking a great pride in the work they do for the good of St Wilfrid's. In doing this we are very appreciative of the help that has been given by the Probation Volunteer Team who have contributed enormously in assisting us tackling these tasks and those additional jobs which the regular Team have been unable to manage given other priorities. We very much look forward to their continued support in the coming months. Our thanks also go to Rob and the PCC and their prompt assistance with equipment replacement and maintenance costs which is a big factor in ensuring we always have fully functioning Kit available to cover the extensive Churchyard area at all times.

As regards specifics. The old dilapidated and unsightly fencing behind the Church is in the process of being removed and this should be completed by the end of March all being well; timber and wire fencing that can be recycled will be retained for future use as the need arises. The metal Container where all the Equipment is stored is troubled by lack of ventilation and heavy condensation which is problematic for storage; we have decided to store the Mowing and Strimming kit in the Barn outbuildings until such time as we can take measures to improve the ventilation problem. Dog fouling is another problem which unfortunately appears to be on the increase; hopefully the extra Notices around the Churchyard will help; and separately Moles have been doing some damage to grass, particularly the Cremated Remains area which. And finally, and thankfully, it's good to report there have been very few instances of vandalism."

Pat Kelly for the Churchyard Team

COMMUNITY COFFEE SHOP

Calverley Church Community Coffee Shop first began almost 20 years ago as the vision of John and Pauline. At that time there was no servery, no sink and few helpers. It was a massive undertaking and raised funds for the reordering as well as opening up the church on a Friday morning for people who otherwise might not come to church. Over the years the format changed with the advent of a dishwasher, servery, and more helpers.

After many years of service John and Pauline stepped down for a well-earned rest and 5 teams endeavoured to keep their vision alive. Sadly, last year several team members felt unable to continue their service, being overstretched with other church or work commitments, not to mention feeling the effect of advancing years.

Consequently, the church run coffee shop closed its doors on 18/10/24.

Happily, another door has now opened in the form of the monthly Cafe Revive. Run by a team headed by Kim and Rachel the cafe provides a welcome and valued environment for families living with the effects of dementia.

Margaret Roundhill

SOUTH LEEDS DEANERY SYNOD REPORT 2024

The Deanery Synod met on 25th January 2024 at St Peter's Church, Gildersome. Stuart Ward, Lay Chair, thanked Rev Phil Harris for serving as Area Dean, and also thanked Sarah Hancox for serving as Assistant Area Dean. Bishop Nick licensed Rev Phil Arnold as Area Dean and

Rev Sharon Wilkinson as Assistant Area Dean. Bishop Nick reflected on Jeremiah 29:4-14 and gave an overview of where we are as a Church and nation. He also referred to Psalm 137 and that we should be 'singing the Lord's song in a strange land' as he talked about us living in a time of fragmentation and danger. As we entered a year of General Elections for half of the world's population, the bishops would be identifying political issues and calling people to look at them through the lens of the Lord's Prayer, particularly seeking the Kingdom of God. Bishop Nick talked about the Diocese being a community of people with a diversity of views, and the need for us to keep our focus on the Kingdom of God together.

The Area Forum at St George's Church on Tuesday 12th March 2024 focussed on Church Growth.

The next meeting of the Deanery Synod was on Tuesday 14th May 2024 at Christ Church, Upper Armley. There were updates on the Deanery Synod elections, the practicalities of finding cover during a vacancy and an update on Parish Share. Rev Emily Tidball had been appointed as Priest-in-Charge of the parishes of Gomersal and Birkenshaw and as she had been serving as Deanery Secretary there was a need to appoint someone new for this role. There was a presentation by Janet Edmonds and Alena Rose-Douglas from the Diocese on using church buildings for mission and grants to support mission in our churches.

The third meeting of the Deanery Synod was on Thursday 12th September 2025 at St Wilfrid's, Calverley. Elections to Mission & Pastoral Committee – Rev Phil Arnold volunteered as Clergy Member and Stuart Ward led the election of Ian Waterhouse, previous Lay Chair, who was happy to continue. Brenda Pickard from Calverley agreed to take on the role of Deanery Secretary. Phil mentioned the Selection Panel for Ordinands and asked for any names, clergy or lay to be forwarded to him. DDV Advisors were also mentioned and Rev Rob Denton, who is an Advisor, gave a brief explanation of how it works. Rev Graham Blackwell was unavailable to speak about Artificial Intelligence so Rev Chris Balding shared a few tips on how it can be used practically. Rev Mark Watson spoke about his experiences of 3-year Interim Ministry at St Michael's.

The Area Forum at St George's Church on Tuesday 12th November 2024 focussed on Lay Training.

We are thankful for all those who serve on Deanery Synod and, in particular, the work of Rev Phil Arnold, Area Dean, Rev Sharon Wilkinson, Assistant Area Dean and Stuart Ward, South Leeds Deanery Lay Chair and Brenda Pickard, Deanery Secretary..

Brenda Pickard Deanery Synod Representative

FABRIC

This Fabric Report is submitted to the PCC by Brenda Pickard, Churchwarden in accordance with the Care of Churches and the Ecclesiastical jurisdiction measure 1991, which came into force in March 1993 and imposes a legal requirement on churchwardens to inspect the fabric of the church and all the articles belonging to it at least once a year and to make an annual fabric report and to make the same report (subject to any alterations decided on by the PCC) to the APCM. After the APCM, a copy is to be sent to the Archdeacon and the church's inspecting architect. All maintenance checks & any necessary repairs to the fabric of the church and Barn have been completed. All the articles and equipment in each building have been serviced and are in good working order.

Brenda Pickard & Fiona Hainsworth, Churchwardens

Church Wardens Report - Presented by Brenda Pickard, Churchwarden

Church

The following forms the Fabric Report for the Church, January - December 2024

- Quarterly pest control visits complete, intervention was necessary through November and December.
- Quarterly visits for organ tuning maintenance completed.
- Tower clock serviced
- Full electrical survey and PAT testing of all appliances
- Gas boilers inspected and serviced
- Fire safety inspection – alarm serviced, 4 extinguishers replaced, fire blanket serviced
- Lightning conductor test and inspection
- Church dishwasher serviced
- Organ humidifier serviced
- Repairs to church boundary wall after car collision damage
- Fitting of wire mesh to interior of air brick outside vestry to prevent entry by mice

The following forms the Fabric Report for the Barn, January – December 2024

- Quarterly pest control visits competed, intervention necessary through November and December
- Fire alarm test and fire safety inspection
- Gas boilers inspected and serviced
- Dishwasher serviced
- New fire door fitted to rear of Barn
- Replacement of LED flood light with sensor over Barn front entrance

- Replacement of floodlights to school playground, paid for by Play Academy

The following forms the Fabric Report for the Churchyard, January – December 2024

- Trench dug to fix a leaking pipe between the roadside & the scout hut

FLOWER ARRANGING

We continue to decorate the church at Easter, Harvest, Remembrance Sunday and Christmas. We couldn't do this without the support of an amazing team of volunteers and donations of flowers. In November we assembled a display with hundreds of knitted or crocheted poppies which had been crafted by some very talented people, and were blown away by your support.

We are always looking for ways to be more environmentally friendly with our displays, and would welcome any suggestions. The reusable twig wreaths seemed to work well at harvest and Christmas, and we are happy to report that the hydrangea petals were made into confetti which has been used at some of the weddings in church this year!

If anyone would like to join us, please do get in touch. No experience is necessary, just willing hands and a good imagination!

For more information email kim@calverleyparish.church

Kim Pollard for the Church Flower Arranging Team

COMMUNION TABLE FLOWER ROTA

At the present time the flower rota has two vacant dates for 2025 due to people been deceased or leaving the parish they are as follows: 3 August & 16 November.

I am in the process of approaching people in Church to try to fill these dates.

The flowers are placed in the silver vases usually every two weeks except for during Lent when the Altar is left bare until Easter. But during the hotter summer months they are provided every week, there has been some discrepancy about flowers during Advent but as some December dates are special memories for the people who provide flowers Rev Rob Denton has given permission for flowers to be on the Altar Pedestals during this period.

May I give my heartfelt thanks to everyone who provides flowers for the Altar/ Communion Table pedestals it is much appreciated,

Many Blessings, Julie Horan

GIFT AID

My role is to facilitate giving to church and I maximise gifts by reclaiming money from HMRC. For every taxpayer who makes a gift to church I can reclaim an additional 25% from HMRC, with the taxpayer's permission.

My job has become easier in those cases where the Parish Giving Scheme is used. PGS reclaim the tax on this giving and account to us monthly with the relevant gift aid. Last year we received an extra £11,955.94 by this method.

Some people still give by standing order direct to church or by using the envelope system. The tax reclaim on this giving is made by me in January every year and we have received an amount of £4412.73 in this respect.

There is also a scheme called the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme which allows me to reclaim tax on any donation of amounts less than £30 where I do not know the donor. This means any cash on the plate, in the Alms box or via the card reader. We received an extra £1619.91 in this way.

The total amount we were thus able to get back from HMRC was £ 17,988.58.

Regular giving is the best way to support our work and mission and I would encourage everyone who feels able to join the PGS scheme. You can speak to me in complete confidence about any aspect of giving and thank you to the 72 people who currently make regular contributions.

I would encourage everyone who supports our church to commit to regular giving and to review their giving annually to enable our work and mission to continue.

Margaret Roundhill

SMALL GROUPS

33 members of St Wilfrid's attend a small group on a regular basis across 3 groups.

6 groups in the first half of the year, 3 groups by the second half of the year, with EAT and The Thursday PM groups stopping running.

The remaining groups are;

TAG - Tuesday Afternoon Group, run by Sue Ward, in the church weeks 1,3 and 5 of the month 11am-2pm with lunch in The Barn, attended by c20 people, generally retired members.

Tuesday PM Group, run by Kim Raja, rotating round homes of members fortnightly on Tuesday or Wednesday pms. This group is attended by 6 people, generally mums.

The 3 groups which have closed are:

EAT - numbers tailed off and it was decided to take a break and see what happens when the church forms new groups for lent studies

Thurs PM 2 Group - The 5 members stopped meeting as ability to meet become difficult to meet for some members, but there is a desire to regroup when possible.

Val Pearson's Group - This group of 7 members, closed to give a break to long term hosts, Steven and Sarah. They meet informally, socially, monthly.

Victoria Denton, Small group co-ordinator

LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY

The Lay Eucharist Ministry team administer the Sacrament from the Eucharist to the sick and housebound at home or in hospital. The Sacrament is usually offered on a

monthly basis unless a more frequent visit is requested.

This year the team took the Sacrament to 3 individuals as well as to a number of residents at St Lukes Nursing Home during Easter week.

The total number of communions administered was 23.

John and Pauline Corbin

PASTORAL CARE

This ministry continues to provide vital contact to those unable to attend church on a regular basis. A small team have responded to requests and needs which included home and hospital visits and telephone contact to individuals.

John and Pauline Corbin

LICENCED LAY MINISTRY

Well despite stepping back from some of my duties here at St. Wilfrid's, I have still been busy, not least at other churches. Along with others I have helped at St. John's in Farsley and Pudsey Parish Church during their interregnums and preached at Service of the Word at St. John's on Christmas Day and St. John's Farnley and Wortley after the Christmas Services.

I was invited to lead the prayers at Rodley War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday and Calverley Park Cenotaph the day after, it was a privilege to officiate at both and thanks must go to the stalwarts of the Calverley branch of The Royal British Legion, Peter and Freda for 'Keeping the Candle lit' for those men of Calverley who made the greatest sacrifice...thank you.

On Maundy Thursday I gave a short talk in Church to the Barn Babies Mums and Dads and am grateful to Fiona for including me in her long and dedicated Ministry to the young families in Calverley.

Again, with others I visited C of E School next door throughout the year, with Open the Book and thank Margaret R. (No Fuss) for her resilience and leadership skills in keeping the small band of wannabe thespians on the road for the past 10 Years or so.

I have led Morning Prayer at 8-15 every Friday in School term time and are grateful for two regular attendees in Sandra and Eileen, the latter celebrates her 94th birthday in May and catches a bus in Rodley up to church in all-weather to attend, a true inspiration for myself and thanks to you both.

I Give thanks to God for that which has been my main ministry over the last nine years, taking funerals and interments both at St Wilfrid's and other locations in Leeds, this year, I was involved in taking 19 Christian funerals and 5 interments and was honoured to be asked to take the funerals of past members of this Church, Lynne Taylor, Vivian Powell and Peter Perkin .

I thank Pauline for her help and support during this past year to the organising of

Home Communion visits with others.

But as the book of Ecclesiastes tells us 'There is a time for everything' and Pauline and I now know that our time and our ministries are coming to an end, so after twenty-seven years of service and worship this will be my last APCM report as an LLM at St. Wilfrid's.

We are moving to be with our daughter Sally and her family in Farsley and after meeting with Rob he has gracefully accepted my decision to not only worship at St. John's but also offer my help and support as an LLM to their new Incumbent Rev. Nathanael Poole, which he has accepted.

Finally, I take this opportunity to thank not only our brothers and sisters in Christ but friends for the love and support they have shown to us both over the years.

With Love John, To God be the Glory.
John Corbin Licenced Lay Minister

MARRIAGE COURSES No courses took place in 2024.

MISSION PARTNERS

In January 2024 PCC decided to stop regular giving to most of the charities we had been supporting, until such time as we were able to also pay our parish share. It was decided to continue supporting Azaria, our CMS partner, as we had a real connection with her. Future giving was to come from a share of donations at occasional offices, from one-off donation drives such as for the women's refuge at Christmas and Foodbank at harvest, and from splitting the proceeds of fundraisers with charities who resonated with our values chosen at the time.

Revd Rob Denton

'OPEN THE BOOK'

The team has continued to present Bible stories during Tuesday morning assemblies at C of E school throughout the last year. The children are very enthusiastic, and we are never short of volunteers to help swell our numbers in non-speaking parts.

This year Fiona Hainsworth and Sue Longbottom have joined the team, but sadly after Easter we shall be losing John and Pauline who are standing down after many years loyal and valued service. With me John is the only other survivor of the original OTB team. We would really like to expand our team and if you feel you could help, please get in touch with us. No experience necessary!

From Easter the team will be Margaret Clayton, Fiona Hainsworth, Sue Longbottom, Margaret Roundhill.

Margaret Roundhill

MUSIC REPORT

The organ continues to enhance the worship at St Wilfrid's and has been played at many of the 9.15 services, some 10am joint services and for festivals such as

Christmas and Easter (and Holy Week), for a few weddings, funerals and a couple of evening services. The restoration work done to the organ has meant it is now performing well and reliably. It is tuned regularly and also has the blower serviced. Leaks are getting worse, however, with the connection between the bellows and the blower and it is now at risk of failing completely, so work will be undertaken to repair it and make a completely new connector.

The St Wilfrid's Singers sang on Easter Day, for the Traditional Carol Service, at a summer Songs of Praise and for evensong on Advent Sunday. Numbers continue to grow, and we were supported by Farsley Church Choir for the evensong service.

Jonathan Lacey, Organist

OUTREACH CHILDREN'S WORK

Messy Church

Unfortunately, due to very limited interest in the Messy Church programme offered, the Messy team have taken the very sad decision to suspend Messy Church for the foreseeable future.

Brenda and the Messy Team

What's The Story

In March, we invited Yr 5 children from Parkside, the C of E school & Pudsey South Royd into church for 'What's the Story about Easter?' and in December, Yr 1 children from the 3 schools came for 'What's the Story about Christmas?'. Yr 2's joined us for Christmas Crafts. Our RE work with our two schools has developed with a full programme of visits, each yr group coming into church at least once every term. We have been encouraged by how well the children engaged with the activities offered. Teacher response is that the groups love to come so we thank God for them and hope to continue to develop in 2025.

Brenda Pickard & the team

Stained Glass Workshops

Our regular visits during the year were 3 Stained Glass workshops for Yr 3 which led to some beautiful stained 'glass' & 3 Yr 4 groups came for the Heritage Trail.!

Brenda Pickard

SAFEGUARDING

'The Church of England, its archbishops, bishops, clergy and leaders are committed to safeguarding as an integral part of the life and ministry of the Church.'

At St Wilfrid's we are committed to ensuring the safety of all those who visit our church. We use the Parish Safeguarding Dashboard to monitor and report on all areas of safeguarding within the church.

All those working with children, young people or vulnerable adults and PCC members as trustees are required to complete a DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check and complete Diocesan safeguarding training.

Safeguarding is the responsibility of all of us. I would encourage everyone to take the Basic Awareness training, available via the Diocesan website. If you would like more information or help, just get in touch.

Anyone who has concerns regarding the safety of others within our church should contact myself or the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor or if the risk or danger is immediate ring the police. Contact details are available on our website.

June Hopkinson, Parish Safeguarding Officer.

SUNDAY CHILDREN'S GROUPS

The Sunday Kids Church has felt the benefit of splitting to create a 'Youth' age group to run alongside, so that sessions in the Kids group are more tailored to the 4-11/Primary-school age range. We continue to explore a variety of themes (often linked to that week's sermon) through several age-appropriate activities such as games, crafts, discussions, and exploring Bible passages. We have a core group of around 10 attendees on a regular basis, with some weeks being busier, and others quieter. We look forward to hosting the Mothering Sunday service alongside the Youth Church group with members of both groups contributing and helping to plan the service. We continue to pray for more DBS'd adults who can support and lead these sessions as part of a wider team, with some expressing interest following the latest Time and Talents outreach. Special thanks to Nicola Lightfoot who regularly assists in leading the sessions.

Olivia Gaunt

SUNDAY YOUTH GROUPS

Every 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sunday we meet with in the barn with children aged between 11-15. We discuss issues and topics relevant to their everyday using the Bible and scripture to help navigate these sometime tricky topics. We are currently in need of helpers and would love anyone willing and able to join us!

Harriet Pollard

YOUTH GROUP

The church opens up on Wednesday afternoons after school to welcome young people from Y7 to Y11 with toast, chat, board games, ping-pong - and now table football! We've explored the church calendar (harvest, Epiphany, Ash Wednesday, All Saints...) through cooking, games and crafts, and made Christmas gifts for care homes and our congregation. Every week is different, and every week opens up new conversations – particularly during the short space where we check in with how one another's day has gone at the end of every session. (Ask us what a 'spreader of truth' means – you might be surprised!)

We also offer the opportunity for a teen small group, exploring different ways to pray and read the Bible together, which runs from 4.30-5pm.

Our team has changed this year, with Sarah Cohen and Sally Corbin-Smith stepping down and Sandra Tempest and (most recently) a junior leader, Emelia Cohen, joining Rachel Marcus, Rob Denton and myself. Shirley Carson has continued to be an occasional stand-in when needed.

I can't stress how much fun it is to be a part of this group, and how much I enjoy the company of those who attend. I am so grateful to all who have served and now serve, particularly now that we have a growing number of young people attending.

As Y6 will be invited to join after the May half term, we urgently need more support if we are to keep running. If you would like to join in, do let me know. Every church will tell you that young people are their priority. St Wilfrid's are really trying to do this, but if even one of us in the team is unable to make it, we have to make a call as to whether we can run the session, and that's a real shame. Thank you for keeping us in your prayers

Rev. Lizzie Reynolds