

**Report of the Trustees and  
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended  
31 December 2022  
for  
Stokesley with Seamer PCC**

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for the Year Ended 31 December 2021**

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## **Stokesley with Seamer PCC**

### **Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022.

#### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

##### **Registered Charity number**

1131281

##### **Principal address**

The Rectory  
Leven Close  
Stokesley  
Middlesbrough

##### **Trustees**

###### **Ex-officio**

Clergy: Rev Ben Gunter (Priest-in-Charge & Chair)

Churchwardens: Judith Turland; John Groom (Vice Chair); David Hand; Beverley Turner

Deanery Synod Member: Jo Tulip (Minutes Secretary)

###### **Elected**

Jane Atha (Safeguarding); Martin Bailey (PCC Representative on the Standing Committee); Alwyn Boulby; Nadine Brown; Anne Bryant (Treasurer); Guy Davies; Jennifer Finel; Colin Hinton; Jenny James (Secretary); Sue Wardle; Heather Waring; Jean Webster; Michael Westgarth-Taylor (PCC Representative on the Standing Committee).

The PCC has also appointed an unremunerated office holder who is not a PCC member: Electoral Roll - Paula Davies

##### **Independent examiner**

Gillian Duffy & Co Ltd, Chartered Accountants

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2017) and a registered charity (number 1131281). It has the responsibility, with the Priest-in-Charge (its Chair), of promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. All who attend worship are encouraged to register on the Church Electoral Roll and to stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC met 6 times during the year. The Standing Committee, comprising the churchwardens, treasurer and secretary plus two PCC representatives met 5 times during the year. Our Annual Parish Meeting was held on 9 May 2022.

##### **Risk Management and Safeguarding**

PCC Members, as trustees, acknowledge their duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. PCC members have also taken due regard of House of Bishops' guidance on Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults, and the PCC adopted the new 'Promoting a Safer Church' national policy in 2017 and updated policies in accordance with Diocesan guidelines in the course of 2019. No reports have been received of any incidents of concern.

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Purpose and Values**

Our statement of purpose and values, adopted in 2011, continues to be:

###### **Purpose:**

Our purpose is to worship God, to follow Jesus, and to show his love to all.

###### **Values:**

1. We worship the one true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We aim to do this through prayer, praise and study that is faithful, varied and vibrant, offered throughout the week.
2. As a reflection of God's open and inclusive love, we welcome all people of all ages, so they may develop a relationship with him.
3. As the Body of Christ, our commitment to one another is one of friendship, encouragement and support, within and

beyond our organised activities.

4. We want everyone to explore their call to discipleship in daily life, and we encourage them to develop that calling in the offering of time, skills, and money within and beyond the church.

5. We ensure that the church's vision, values, activities and organisation are widely and accessibly publicised and understood.

6. We maintain and develop our buildings for worship and mission and as valued spiritual places and resources within the local community.

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

### **Membership, Worship, Study, Prayer, Mission, Evangelism, and Ecumenical Activity**

The new 2022 Electoral Roll contained 122 members (2021: 132) from 98 households, 5 being non-resident.

2022 has been a turbulent year, globally and locally. The ending of Covid restrictions was immediately followed by the invasion of Ukraine. National celebrations marking the Queen's Jubilee came just months before her death and a period of deep mourning across the world. The uncertainties of the pandemic were replaced by uncertainties of spiralling costs. Throughout, the church remained a constant, a witness to God's faithfulness, a place of comfort and of hope, a reminder of God's unchanging love. It has been a privilege for our church to serve its communities, marking moments of global significance with special services as well as a quiet space for private prayer and reflection.

It has been a particular joy to count the children, teachers and parents of Stokesley Primary Academy among those communities. In the summer, over 200 children built the 'Ukraine Road' in church with stones painted in blue and yellow and carrying prayers for the refugees on the road. To mark the death of the Queen, children and parents attended a special service, laying homemade flowers on the altar. At harvest, they brought food for people struggling with the cost of living rises which was given to Middlesbrough Foodbank. And for Remembrance they joined us at the War Memorial to remember all those lost in conflict. A thriving relationship with the school saw Rev Ben Gunter taking weekly assemblies and becoming a familiar face with children, teachers and parents.

The wider Stokesley community celebrated the Queen's Jubilee with a special service and a wonderful picnic with a jazz band at the Rectory. It was a delight to see all generations eating together as we welcomed new families into church life. Equally poignant was a gathering for the screening of the Queen's funeral, which we showed on our new big screen in church followed by a service of commemoration. It was perhaps unsurprising that the turnout for the Remembrance service and parade this year was particularly high with standing room only in church and packed streets, taking over £10k for The Royal British Legion. There has been much to remember and to give thanks for this year. We are grateful to Churches Together in Stokesley for their hard work in making this happen.

Our church community has also experienced deep sadness and loss as we said goodbye to our beloved Lay Reader of 30 years, Noël Harker, friend and spiritual mentor to so many. It was a pleasure to welcome back the Rev Paul Hutchinson, Noël's vicar for the previous decade who took the funeral alongside the current incumbent. Many of those whose lives she touched came to pay their respects including Readers from across the diocese and members of Order of the Holy Paraclete, of which she was a tertiary.

We also said goodbye to long-standing church member and dear friend, Hilary Frow, whose faithful and prayerful presence is much missed. We are grateful to our pastoral team, as they continue to provide support and a listening ear to those who are bereaved, ill or isolated.

Against this backdrop, the familiar rhythm of our church life has continued, providing much needed certainty. Gathering together for our Lent course on the topic of prayer was a precious time. 2022 has also been a year of experimentation as we have tried different service patterns to include children and families; we now have around 20 children who follow the family service. We are grateful to Rev Jon Dean from our neighbouring parish for his help in swelling our capacity.

The new screen has created new opportunities in worship, including variation in liturgy and music. It is also proving popular during occasional offices, and families have valued the opportunity to share photos of their loved ones at baptisms, weddings and funerals.

Numbers are gradually increasing at our regular services along with the diversity of our worshipping community. Some new ideas have worked well, some less so. But collectively there is a desire to welcome new people into our community and a willingness to move forward together in our walk of faith.

A "Generous Giving Campaign" took place in the Spring which had fair results considering the challenging wider economic situation. There was a modest increase in giving and a number of donors switched to a more efficient system,



the "Parish Giving Scheme". Unfortunately, several chose to opt out of one of its main benefits which is an index-linked annual increase, meaning that in real terms their giving continues to decrease each year.

Our presence in the wider community has increased this year with our monthly Coffee and Cake and Kids Craft attracting over hundred people and around 30-50 children each time. The church open day, autumn fair and garden party were well attended and raised significant funds along with our regular coffee mornings. In October, a group of adults and families took part in a churchyard clear-up and we are grateful to Tim Weller who built two large planters to improve the entrance to church. A donation to both improve the sound system and attach castors to the pews will mean that our building will become a more multi-purpose space for community use.

The many seeds that were sown over the course of 2022 came to fruition at Christmas with increased attendance at all services and particularly the 'Crib and Carols' which saw 230 coming along. Our strong partnership with the school resulted in a packed Nativity Service by the children; our relationship with Churches Together saw a joint service of Nine Lessons and Carols directed by the Roman Catholic Priest Father Bill Charlton and with participation from all three churches. Our links with the uniformed organisations saw increased attendance at Christingle. It was also a joy to welcome the Community Choir and Stokesley Choral Society (including the school choir) for their Christmas concerts.

An enormous amount of time and effort has gone into the work behind scenes to enable all this to happen. We are immensely grateful to all who have contributed and we give thanks to God for all He has done in our church and community this year. We look forward to further developments in the coming year.

### **Public benefit**

The Parish of Stokesley with Seamer-in-Cleveland, in the Stokesley Deanery of the Diocese of York, comprises the market town of Stokesley and the rural area immediately to its west and north, including Tame Bridge, Seamer, Tanton and Newby. The parish church of St. Peter & St. Paul, Stokesley and its churchyard (closed for burials, and now maintained by Hambleton DC) are on Stokesley High Street. The smaller parish church of St. Martin, Seamer and its churchyard (open for burials, maintained by the PCC) are on Hilton Road, Seamer. The Parish is also responsible for a large detached churchyard (open for burials, maintained by the PCC) on Helmsley Road, Stokesley.

The PCC, mindful of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, is committed to: enabling as many people as possible to worship at our churches (and in other places, when appropriate); encouraging different groups within the parish to explore aspects of Christian faith; enabling individuals to live out their faith in the communities in which they live and work; making our buildings, land and ministers available for religious, educational and artistic purposes by schools and other community groups; encouraging the support of various charities whose aims are consistent with the PCC's; providing pastoral care. This pastoral care includes ministry through baptisms and weddings, visiting the sick, and the conduct of funerals (and burials in our churchyards) and the care of the bereaved: it is exercised both by clergy and by lay members of the church.

### **Financial Review**

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £94,932 (2021 £94,880) of which £44,527 (2021 £44,883) was unrestricted planned voluntary donations, and a further £8,049 (2021 £17,533) was from gift aid. £6,250 of 2021 gift aid related to the gift aid on donations for restricted purposes. We also received legacies of £10,000, which has no restrictions on their use, and a legacy of £1,000 which is restricted to Seamer Church.

Our voluntary income was some £16,500 lower than in 2021. The difference was due to 2021 donations for the media project, including the gift aid thereon, offset by the legacy received in 2022.

Our fundraising, at £12,215 was significantly better than £6,592 raised in 2021. This reflected the return of the Grand Draw, the Autumn Fair, and monthly Farmers' Market coffee and cake. Our investment income was £2,550 (2021 £578) with due to a full year's interest on the Riverslea proceeds. Unfortunately our stock market based investments decreased in value by £9,429 over the year.

£105,415 was spent from unrestricted funds to provide Christian ministry, including and increased Freewill offer to the Diocese of York of £60,000 (2021 £53,000).

There was an overspend on unrestricted funds of £4,356 (2021 overspend £4,520), which is after including the unrestricted legacy income of £10,000 which is not expected to recur.

### **Reserves policy**

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds that equates to at least three months' unrestricted payments. This is equivalent to £34,000. We ended the year with unrestricted funds of £72,406 and are budgeting a further deficit in 2023.

We hold our unrestricted funds in our HSBC current account and a Virgin Money charity savings account. Restricted funds are held in CBF Church of England Deposit Fund and the CBF Church of England Investment Fund.

### **Volunteers**

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard for our church community. The outstanding work of the churchwardens, John Groom, Judith Turland, David Hand and Bev Turner, along with many others, has been instrumental in sustaining and developing the church community and God's work in Stokesley. We are also grateful to Jo Tulip for her tireless and faithful service to Stokesley Parish Church over many years - we wish her well in her new home close to her family. The PCC acknowledges a huge debt of gratitude to them for all they have done for the church (both seen and unseen) in challenging times..

Approved by the PCC on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2023 and signed on their behalf by the Reverend Ben Gunter (PCC Chairman)



Rev Ben Gunter

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
Stokesley with Seamer PCC**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages eight to fifteen.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'), and you consider that an audit is not required and that an independent examination is needed.

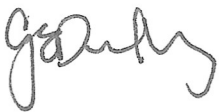
I have examined your charity's accounts as required under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. that accounting records were not kept as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. that the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. that the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or
4. that there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



Gillian Duffy & Co Ltd

12 March 2022

Stokesley with Seamer PCC  
Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2022 Total funds	2021 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>					
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>					
Voluntary income	2(a)	71,575	6,734	78,308	94,880
Activities for generating funds	2(b)	12,215		12,215	6,592
Investment income	2(c)	2,550		2,550	578
<b>Incoming resources from charitable activities</b>					
Charitable Activities	2(d)	7,352		7,352	6,028
Other incoming resources	2(e)	1,140	630	1,770	1,049
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<b>94,832</b>	<b>7,364</b>	<b>102,195</b>	<b>109,128</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>					
<b>Costs of generating funds</b>					
Church activities	3(a)	105,725	28,951	134,675	91,271
Raising funds		1,545		1,545	931
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>107,269</b>	<b>28,951</b>	<b>136,220</b>	<b>92,202</b>
<b>NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS</b>		<b>(12,438)</b>	<b>(21,587)</b>	<b>(34,025)</b>	<b>16,926</b>
Gross transfers between funds		8,570	(8,570)		
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains and losses</b>		<b>(3,868)</b>	<b>(30,157)</b>	<b>(34,025)</b>	<b>16,926</b>
<b>Other recognised gains/losses</b>					
Gains/ (losses) on investment assets		(798)	(8,631)	(9,429)	14,159
Net movement in funds		(4,666)	(38,788)	(43,454)	31,085
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		76,762	327,743	404,505	373,420
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>72,096</b>	<b>288,955</b>	<b>361,051</b>	<b>404,505</b>

**Stokesley with Seamer PCC**  
**Balance sheet**  
**as at 31 December 2022**

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Investments	6	275,400	282,432
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	7	130	380
Cash at bank and in hand		86,987	122,004
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Creditors	8	(1,465)	(311)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>85,652</u>	<u>122,073</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>361,051</u>	<u>404,505</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	9		
Unrestricted funds		72,096	76,762
Restricted funds		288,955	327,743
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>361,051</u>	<u>404,505</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 12 March 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



Rev B Gunter (PCC Chairman)



A Bryant (Treasurer)

The notes form part of these accounts.

**Notes to the Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**ACCOUNTING CONVENTION**

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs and the Regulations' 'true and fair view' provisions, and under FRS102 (2016) as the applicable accounting standards and the 2016 version of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

**FUNDS**

**Unrestricted funds**

These represent the remaining income funds of the PCC that are available for spending on the general purposes of the PCC, including amounts designated by the PCC for particular projects, which are therefore not included in 'free reserves' as disclosed in the trustees' report.

**Restricted funds**

These are income funds that must be spent on particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

<b>2</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		
<b>2(a)</b>	<b>Voluntary income</b>		
	Donations	3,594	25,000
	Gift aid	8,049	17,533
	Legacies	11,000	2,000
	Grants	4,490	1,130
	Planned giving	44,527	44,883
	Collections and other giving	5,462	3,798
	Contactless giving	1,186	537
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		78,308	94,880
<b>2(b)</b>	<b>Activities for generating funds</b>		
	Autumn fair	2,563	2,529
	Grand draw	3,300	
	Other fundraising events	6,288	3,608
	Traidcraft	65	455
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		12,215	6,592
<b>2(c)</b>	<b>Investment income</b>		
	Dividends and interest	2,550	578
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		2,550	578
<b>2(d)</b>	<b>Incoming resources from charitable activities</b>		
	Fees retained by the PCC	7,352	6,028
<b>2(e)</b>	<b>Other incoming resources</b>		
	Contribution to costs	1,770	1,049
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		1,770	1,049
	<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<hr/>	<hr/>
		<b>102,195</b>	<b>109,128</b>

3	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	2022	2021
3(a)	<b>Church activities</b>	£	£
	Freewill offer to Diocese	60,000	53,000
	Wages	2,700	2,700
	Insurance	4,903	4,750
	Light and heat	5,324	3,117
	Church admin costs	2,644	1,773
	Incumbent's expenses	167	152
	Assistant's expenses		47
	Church cleaning	1,479	1,085
	Rectory expenses	170	637
	Mission and evangelism	605	543
	Church maintenance	1,921	1,724
	Upkeep of services	2,000	871
	Upkeep of churchyard	6,368	4,357
	Hall hire		456
	Other PCC property upkeep	4,569	9,850
	Major repairs to church	41,557	6,087
	Grants to institutions	267	121
		<u>134,675</u>	<u>91,271</u>
3(b)	<b>Raising funds</b>		
	Traidcraft costs	112	453
	Fundraising costs	<u>1,432</u>	<u>478</u>
		1,545	931
	<b>Total resources expended</b>	<u>136,220</u>	<u>92,202</u>
	Net (expenditure)/income before gains and losses	(34,025) -	16,926
	<b>Realised recognised gains and losses</b>		
	Realised gains/(losses) on fixed asset investments	(9,429)	14,159
	<b>Net (expenditure)/income</b>	<u>(43,453)</u>	<u>31,085</u>



#### 4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration nor other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021 other than as detailed below.

The parish organist, who is member of the PCC was paid from PCC funds for his music services, and this comprises the full amount of staff costs disclosed below. He also receives additional payments for services at funerals and weddings, and the PCC collects these funds on his behalf and accounts for them via the payroll. This is in addition to the costs disclosed below, which comprise the cost borne directly by the PCC.

A small, immaterial proportion of the expenses paid to the incumbent may have related to his services as chairman of the PCC.

#### TRUSTEES' EXPENSES

Trustees are reimbursed for expenses incurred on behalf of the PCC.

#### RELATED PARTIES

Unrestricted donations of £20,181 and restricted donations of £1,000 were received from related parties (PCC members).

#### 5. STAFF COSTS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	<u>2,700</u>	<u>3,065</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2022	2021
Church organist	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

No employee payments were large enough to attract social security costs.

**6. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS**

	£
<b>MARKET VALUE</b>	
Market value at 1 January 2022	282,432
Interest	2,397
Investment loss	<u>(8,631)</u>
Market value at 31 December 2022	<u>275,400</u>

**7. DEBTORS**

Year end debtors of £130 relate to hire of the church prior to the year end, which was paid after the year end.

**8. LIABILITIES**

	2022 £	2021 £
Amounts falling due within one year		
Incumbent's expenses		169
Suppliers	1,415	107
Collection on behalf of charities	<u>50</u>	<u>35</u>
	<u>1,465</u>	<u>311</u>

9. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2022 Total funds	2021 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Investments		275,400	275,400	282,432
Current assets	72,096	13,555	85,651	122,073
	<u>72,096</u>	<u>288,955</u>	<u>361,051</u>	<u>404,505</u>

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1 January 2022 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31 December 2022 £
<b>Unrestricted (designated) funds</b>				
General fund	49,859	(6,728)	(2,060)	41,071
Quinquennial fund	10,881	(16,508)	10,560	4,933
Bell repair fund	1,347		70	1,417
Legacies	<u>14,675</u>	<u>10,000</u>		<u>24,675</u>
	76,762	(13,236)	8,570	72,096
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Church Redevelopment		310		310
Churchyard		(1,990)	1,990	-
Fabric	1,992			1,992
Flower Fund		35		35
Heating		-		-
Media project	31,250	(23,419)		7,831
Riversdene	190,669	2,397		193,066
Sanctuary	429			429
Seamer		1,080		1,080
Church House	<u>103,403</u>	<u>(8,631)</u>	<u>(10,560)</u>	<u>84,212</u>
	327,743	(30,218)	(8,570)	288,955
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>404,505</u>	<u>(43,454)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>361,051</u>

**The Restricted funds consist of:**

Church redevelopment: specific donations for improvement projects at Stokesley Church

Churchyard: maintenance of Stokesley Churchyard

Fabric: specific legacies and grants for the upkeep of the fabric and fittings of the church

Flower Fund: specific donations for flowers at services

Heating: specific donations and grants for the heating systems at Stokesley Church

Media project: donations towards modernising church audio visual systems

Riversdene: a domestic property sold by the parish in 2020; the proceeds may only be used for to further the religious and other charitable work of the Church of England in the parish

Sanctuary furnishings: for the maintenance of the Lady Chapel at Stokesley church, for altar frontals etc

Seamer: specific legacies and donations for Seamer Church

Church House: a property sold by the parish in 1972; the proceeds may only be used for capital building projects.

**The Unrestricted (designated) funds consist of:**

Quinquennial: for the cost of the five-yearly architect's report and the repairs recommended

Bell repair: for bell repairs, replacement bell ropes etc.

Legacies: legacies given to further the general work of the church set aside until needed.