

THE PARISH OF SOWERBY

St. Peter's Sowerby and St. Mary's Cottonstones

Charity Number 1132024

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

**Year ended 31st December 2022
Presented at the Annual General Meeting
on 23rd April, 2023**

**VICAR
Rev. Jeanette Roberts**

Vicar's Report

As I write I am reminded of the hymn "Through all the changing scenes of life".

"Through all the changing scenes of life,
in trouble and in joy,
the praises of my God shall still
my heart and tongue employ".

Or perhaps the Bob Dylan lyric for a more popular slant on events....."Oh the times, they are a changing"

2022 can be characterized as a year of change. Some of which has been monumental, both nationally and globally and will, no doubt, change our world forever. As the people of God, we are called to move 'forward', in love and in service. We stand 'in the gap' of what is in our present time and what is to come in God's time. Nonetheless, we live in hope and in wonder of a God who is every present, ever creative and ever gracious and who is bigger than we can possibly imagine.

2022 was the year in which Russia invaded the Ukraine (a country most of us knew little about until this happened). It brought war again to Europe and has made everyone, particularly the countries of the NATO Alliance, extremely anxious as they have navigated the waters of diplomacy and sanctions to avert a major world war.

We celebrated the Platinum Jubilee of our beloved Queen Elizabeth II, only to mourn her death a few short months later. Whilst this sent shock waves through our country, it was good to see tradition take over as Charles transitioned from being Prince of Wales to our new King, seamlessly. It helped us to understand that whilst life may be changing at breakneck speed, some things are steadfast and timeless and wait in the wings for such a time as they are needed (a bit like God really). These are the things we hold to, when we are being shaken and moved by eternal (and internal) forces.

It was also the year in which 'football DID come home', as the Lionesses gave us all something to cheer about as the England Women's team won the Euro Final.

On the Diocesan front, Archdeacon Anne retired and Bill Braviner took over as the Archdeacon of Halifax. Our area Bishop, Jonathan Gibbs, also left to become the Bishop of Rochester. His replacement is to be looked for in 2023. Even on the church front, things seem to be changing!

In our parishes, things are still getting back to normal following on from lockdown and the pandemic. The year saw people begin to return to churches and outreach and missional activities returned.

The Hub at St. Luke's every Wednesday is a wonderful example of our mission and outreach work. With a wonderful team of volunteers, it is a collaboration between church and community and is a credit to everyone involved. The decision was made by the PCC at St. Luke's to remove the pews, thus enabling our building to be used by our community in a much more flexible and versatile way. It is an opportunity to place our church once again at the heart of our community in Norland.

At St. Mary's, crisis was averted as woodworm had been found under the floor. As is the way, we feared this would be the death knell for the church and it would have to close. Following hastily organized fundraising efforts and the community's generosity, we were able to raise the money needed to treat the dry rot and keep the church building open. The congregation, however, is down to four (this includes the churchwardens and myself) and we need to have serious conversations and prayer, regarding the future for St. Mary's.

At St. Peter's, the congregation remains stable on a Sunday. However, the people accessing Messy Church once a month has grown back to almost thirty people. In November, we began a "Warm Space" at St. Peter's Community Centre as a response to rising energy prices and the cost of living crisis. It continues to be popular and has become a bit of a social hub on a Monday and Wednesday. There is also support for people through the CIC (Community Interest Company) and we have started a Community Pantry. We are working in conjunction with Grass Roots Nursery to make the Centre a hive of activity which can benefit our community.

There are challenges ahead for sure, and we have to be honest about these. The future will definitely be about collaborative working as budgets and services are squeezed even more. In the entire Calder Valley next year, there will only be two Stipendiary priests (myself and Rev. Ian Sparks) so even at Diocesan level, the future needs to be thought about imaginatively and creatively.

I would like to thank you all for everything you continue to do. For the offices you hold, the time that you give and for the love that you share. Thank you too for your unwavering support. As we celebrated 'Christ the King' in November, that was my first service after being licensed to be your vicar ten years ago. That time has gone by so quickly. I continue to learn from you all, love you all and face the challenges and changes of life with you all.

May God bless you all and surround you with his light and love.

Rev. Jeanette Roberts.

Electoral Roll Officer's Report

The number on the Electoral Roll at 31st December, 2022 remained the same as it was at 31st December, 2021 i.e. twenty four.

Robert Jowett

Deanery Synod Report

As there was only one meeting of the Deanery Synod towards the end of the year, there is nothing to report.

Miriam Asquith and Janet Jowett

Safeguarding Officer's Report – Report not received

St. Mary's Churchwardens' Report

In February 2022, we received the Quinquennial report. No matters were categorized as urgent but tower ventilation and repairs to the boundary wall were flagged as essential with an estimated cost of £5,000 to £10,000.

Within twelve to twenty four months, some repointing, further repairs to boundary walls and a lighting upgrade was itemized at a further cost of between £10,000 and £50,000.

The report only made a passing reference to the dry rot present in the sub floor of the worship area which was missed during the actual quinquennial inspection visit. Sadly, Richard Crookes, the architect, died suddenly. His attempts to specify the work required to treat the dry rot only served to create problems when seeking permission from the diocese as he had assumed that only a small area would be treated and that timber lintels would be degraded and require concrete replacements. In the event, the timber lintels were sound. To date, despite the work being completed in February 2022, we have still not received a full faculty and have only recently been told by the DAC that the work has been approved in principle. They have still not decided whether we need to display public notices to determine whether or not there were any objections to the work carried out thirteen months ago. During this time, we have had three interim faculties.

Peter Cox, a subsidiary of Rentokil, carried out the work which involved removing all the old timber heating ducts under the worship area and treating all the adjacent surfaces with an anti-fungicidal liquid. The work is guaranteed for twenty-five years.

The total cost of the work was £19,200. A VAT refund of £2,872 was obtained in respect of this work in early 2023. The project was funded by the Social Centre who set up a Community Group to help raise funds in the four month period prior to the work being carried out. Funding included a £5,000 loan for the Diocese which was relatively straight forward in obtaining.

Sadly, the enthusiasm shown by the community in saving the building has not translated in an increased attendance at our monthly service. Whilst the Church is full at services involving the school and the annual crib service, the average Sunday attendance is now four people.

Having recently received a substantial legacy and with the social centre generating income from its tenant, the building is financially in quite good shape but the building is little used and the PCC will need to consider in the year ahead the options for the future.

Jim Skelsey and Miriam Asquith

St. Peter's Churchwardens' Report

For the first time in a number of years this was considered a normal year. No more lockdowns and certainly no more restriction on numbers etc. Once again the Advent and Christmas services were well attended despite heating problems in the church.

Messy Church recommenced in October 2022 and continues to provide fellowship for a wide range of the community. It attracts people of all ages and gives an insight into the Christian teachings. Warm Spaces also started in the Community Centre and, despite a slow start, continues to bring in people. Whilst some do visit because of the economy, others seem to benefit from the company of others. It has also brought in much needed volunteers to help with the day to day tasks of Warm Spaces.

The church was open for Rushbearing, Heritage Open Days and St. Nicholas Day. Fund raising is still being affected by COVID-19 but it is hoped that this coming year normality will be restored. The community supported all our events and the St. Nicholas Day service was particularly enjoyed by all.

The quinquennial report was received in May, 2022 and whilst it was comprehensive, there were no immediate concerns. Discussions within the PCC took place about how to fund the work that had been identified but nothing was finalized. In late June, the church was informed of the sad news that our architect, Richard Crooks, had died. The PCC are looking for a replacement for Richard. Until a replacement architect is appointed, Richard's son, Tom, will provide guidance if required. The church remains on the at risk register.

Repairs to the bell tower to prevent birds from accessing the space continue. Despite the best efforts of the telecoms companies, no solution seems to work. The telecoms company are content enough to continue to fund the repairs to the bell tower.

Thanks must go to Rev. Jeanette for her support to all of us and the work that she puts into the Benefice. Congratulations are also due as Rev. Jeanette celebrated ten years with us. Our thanks also to Rev. Lesley for all she does in the benefice.

Helen Gleave & Ken Cuttle, Church Wardens
Janet Jowett, Assistant Church Warden.

Children and Young People's Report – Report not received.

St. Mary's Social Centre Report

The Centre continues to rely heavily on the income from its tenant, Total Brickworks. We have six years remaining on the lease with this company.

Despite a lack of regular users of the Centre, there has been renewed interest from the community in the building and in developing its use. A community Group was formed in January and has

St. Mary's Social Centre Report (continued)

continued to meet throughout the year. The group received a Calderdale Council Ward Forum Grant of £1,000 as a donation to the dry rot project. A "Whats App" group has also been established and some events have been run including Rushbearing refreshments, Owl Hunt participation and a fireworks viewing event.

The Centre continues to be used by a Keep Fit group, for children and adult parties, as a sleepover for scouts and as a polling station.

Energy bills have increased fourfold since September, in part due to the high standing charges.

The Centre has also been repaying the Diocesan Loan. This should be settled during 2023 as we have asked for a statement and expressed our wish to pay off the outstanding balance. Following Rushbearing in September, a sewer survey was carried out as blockages were becoming a regular feature of this event. No structural problems with the drain was found.

In December, an electrical installation report was carried out by L. Tyson. No remedial work was needed and the results were communicated to our insurers.

We have also given notice to Chubb Fire and will be giving the work to L. Tyson, a local firm.

A new electric oven was purchased during the year to replace a model which no longer worked.

The Centre Accounts are shown separately. The Centre accounts facilitated the work undertaken to clear the dry rot from under the Worship area of the Church. Comparisons against previous years are, therefore, more complex.

Jim Skelsey

St. Mary's Social Centre Accounts

Income & Expenditure Accounts to 31.12.22

	<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
Normal Activity	7700	4780	4639	2837
Project	7442	7803	19642	0
Donations	0	0	1000	500
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<u>TOTALS</u>	15142	12583	25281	3337
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St. Mary's Social Centre Accopunts (continued)

Notes to the accounts.

Donations were made to the St. Mary's Fabric Fund.

During 2022, total expenses were £10,139 higher than income during the period.

When the project costs and income are stripped out, the new income from ongoing activities was £3061 in 2022 compared to £1943 last year.

The balance at the bank at the start of 2022 was 12,984. After the new outflow of £10,139, the balance on 1st January, 2023 was £2845.

The Centre still has a loan of around £4,000 to repay to the Diocese. Included in the project costs in 2022 are £1108 of repayments on this loan.

A VAT refund of £3063 will be credited to the account in 2023.

In addition to taking on the initial £5,000 loan from the Diocese, the Centre contributed £3,169 to the initial cost of the project. The VAT refund will almost compensate the Centre for this initial outlay with a credit for the loan due from the Fabric Fund in early 2023.

Jim Skelsey

St. Peter's Community Centre Report

The Centre has continued to be used on a regular basis.

At the Annual General Meeting in April, 2022, all the existing committee members were re-elected and a new member from one of the Centre Users was elected. At the first meeting after the A.G.M., a further person from the community was elected.

The committee now consists of the Vicar, four members nominated by the PCC and three members from the Community/Centre Users plus one co-opted member.

The Uniformed Groups and the Yoga Classes have continued to use the Centre and the Dance Group re-commenced in May. Lego Club and Messy Church also re-started meeting monthly on Saturday afternoons. Grass Roots Nursery hired the hall during the school holidays to run a Holiday Club.

Grass Roots Nursery were given permission to clear the cellar so that they could use it for storage. They also provided a new more secure door to the cellar.

In November, due to the rising cost of energy bills, the Centre started opening on Mondays and Wednesdays as a "Warm Space" where people could come to be warm and have a hot drink.

St. Peter's Community Centre Report (continued)

Soup was also served at lunchtimes. Numbers varied week by week and it soon became a social hub as well as a warm space. Volunteers to man the Centre during opening hours not only came from church and Centre members but also from other people in the community.

Also in November, the Centre began to be used as a CIC Hub to help those members of the community who needed support.

During the year, concern was expressed about unauthorised cars in the car park, sometimes not leaving enough space for Centre Users. After discussion, it was acknowledged that this would be difficult to administer.

Hazel V. Parkin

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS of the PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Year ended 31st December 2022

VICAR

Rev. Jeanette Roberts

BANKERS

**Virgin Money (formerly Yorkshire Bank)
Waterhouse Street,
HALIFAX**

**Lloyds Bank,
Commercial Street,
HALIFAX**

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

**Davina Law
11, Church Close,
Sowerby
SOWERBY BRIDGE
HX6 1HA**

STATEMENT of FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ended 31st DECEMBER 2022

INCOMING RESOURCES

2021 total		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2022 total	NOTES
Income from Donors						
£ 9,155	Planned Giving, (Envelopes & Bank)	£9,469			£9,469	1
£ 1,257	Loose collections	£1,974			£1,974	
£ 820	General Donations & Special Efforts	£1,895			£1,895	2
£ 32	Donations & Fundraising (St.Peter's Fabric)			£56	£56	4a
£ 150	Donations & Fundraising (St.Mary's Fabric)			£0	£0	
£ 577	Donations (Charities & World Wide Church)			£302	£302	3
£ 800	Donations (St.Peter's Organ Fund)			£868	£868	4
£ 2,385	Tax refund - all funds	£2,479		£238	£2,716	
£ 86	Income from Worship related activities	£198			£198	5
Income from Charitable & Ancillary Trading						
£ 7,100	Tower & Land Rental (St.Peter's)	£7,100			£7,100	
£ 7,570	House Rent & Water	£7,190			£7,190	
£17,501	St.Peter's Community Centre Receipts		£23,018		£23,018	
£ 7,583	St.Mary's Social Centre Receipts		£15,142		£15,142	
Miscellaneous Income						
£ 659	PCC Fees	£1,200			£1,200	
£ 422	Diocesan Fees (Weddings etc)			£592	£592	
£ 30	Organ & Verger Fee's etc. (Weddings & Funerals)			£340	£340	
£ 1,025	Graveyard Fees, grants & donations			£484	£484	
£ 7	Receipts for Ministry Expenses				£0	
£ 214	Receipts for Office/Admin	£145			£145	8
£ 585	Misc. Receipts				£0	
£ 5,000	Diocesan Loan re; St.Mary's repairs				£0	9
	LPW Grant Scheme re; St.Peter's repairs 2021			£337	£337	
Investment Income						
£ 15	Bank interest	£7	£53	£278	£338	
Total Incoming Resources		£31,657	£38,213	£3,494	£73,364	

OUTGOING RESOURCES

2021 total		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2022 total	NOTES
£ 577	Charities & World Wide Church (per contra)			£302	£302	3
£ 7,000	Parish Share (formerly Common Fund)	£5,000			£5,000	
£12,940	Church building running costs & insurance (PCC)	£13,976			£13,976	
£ 1,564	Church building maintenance	£1,643			£1,643	7
£ 819	Costs of Worship & related activities	£742			£742	5
£ 632	Ministry (clergy) expenses (gross)	£978			£978	
£ 198	Graveyard Maintenance & Repairs			£10	£10	6
£ 390	Office & Administration expenses	£435			£435	
£ 960	Organists Salaries	£960			£960	
£ 26	Costs of Fundraising	£99			£99	
£ -	Costs of Governance				£0	
Costs of Ancillary Trading						
£10,884	St.Peter's Community Centre running costs		£16,861		£16,861	
£ 2,860	St.Mary's Social Centre running costs		£6,000		£6,000	
£ 3,876	House Mortgage Repayments & misc costs.	£1,772			£1,772	
Misc. Expenditure						
£ 422	Fees to Diocese, etc. (per contra)			£592	£592	
£ 30	Organist & Verger Fees (per contra)			£340	£340	
Non-recurring major expenditure						
£ 2,315	St.Peter's Restoration & Quinquennial			£1,830	£1,830	
	St.Mary's Repairs, Fees & Quinquennial		£13,534	£6,030	£19,564	
Total Outgoing Resources		£25,603	£36,396	£9,103	£71,102	
Net Incoming - Outgoing Resources		£6,054	£1,818	-£5,609	£2,263	
Transfers between funds						
£ 420	House Water from Gen.Fund to St.Peter's Centre	-£420	£420			
	"Woolly Art" donations 50% to St.Peter's Centre	-£372	£372			
-£ 176	Energy balance from Gen.Fund to St.Mary's Centre	-£53	£53			G1
£ 200	St.Mary's Centre from Graveyard Fund		£200	-£200		
£ 20	Use of St.Peter's Centre from General Fund	-£20	£20			
£ 500	St.Mary's Centre transfer to reserves (10D)		-£1,000	£1,000		
Fund balances brought forward at 1-1-2022		£3,422	£21,146	£26,780	£51,348	
Fund balances carried forward at 31-12-2022		£8,611	£23,029	£21,971	£53,611	

Statement of Assets and Liabilities - as at 31st December 2022

Total 2021		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Notes
Fixed Assets						
£125,000	Freehold Building: St.Peter's Centre & School-house		£125,000		£125,000	10
	Total fixed assets		£125,000		£125,000	
Current Assets						
£ 236	Misc. Stock Value	£152			£152	11
£ 3,548	Misc. Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment	£211	£1,430	£1,266	£2,907	12
Balances on Deposit a/c's						
£ 558	CBF Deposits (3D)	£566			£566	G2
£ 4,049	St.Peter's Centre Deposit (4D)		£11,102		£11,102	
£ 4,651	Graveyards (5D)			£4,989	£4,989	
£ 12,442	St.Peter's Fabric (8D, gen)			£11,131	£11,131	
£ 1,121	St.Peter's Fabric (8D, Bells)			£1,158	£1,158	
£ 1,360	St.Mary's Fabric (10D)			£1,385	£1,385	
£ 2,207	St.Peters Organ Fund (12D)			£3,308	£3,308	
Balances on current accounts;						
£ 553	General Fund (Virgin Money)	£862			£862	13
£ 2,311	General Fund (Lloyds Bank)	£7,184			£7,184	13
£ 9,113	St.Peters Community Centre		£9,083		£9,083	
£ 12,984	St.Mary's Church Social Centre		£2,844		£2,844	
£ -	Cash in hand (All funds)				£0	
£ 370	Sundry Debtors (All Funds)		£1,806		£1,806	16
	Total current Assets	£8,974	£26,265	£23,237	£58,476	
Liabilities						
Amounts falling due within one year						
£ 800	House Mortgage (1 year)	£0			£0	
£ 1,108	St.Mary's repair loan (1 year)		£1,108			9
£ 2,693	Sundry Creditors (All funds)	£1,620	£406		£2,026	15
	Total current Liabilities	£1,620	£1,514	£0	£2,026	
	Net current Assets/Liabilities	£7,354	£24,751	£23,237	£55,342	
	Total assets less current liabilities	£7,354	£149,751	£23,237	£180,342	
Amounts falling due after one year						
£ 4,433	St.Mary's repair loan (residue)		£3,118			9
	Net Assets/Liabilities	£7,354	£149,751	£23,237	£180,342	
The Church Funds						
£28,704	Restricted Funds			£23,237	£23,237	
£144,957	Designated Funds		£149,751		£149,751	
£2,240	Unrestricted Funds	£7,354			£7,354	
£175,901	TOTAL CHURCH FUNDS	£7,354	£149,751	£23,237	£180,342	
NOMINAL LIABILITY						
-£164,274	Shortfall on Common Fund (Diocese)	-£185,164				14

SOWERBY PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
Notes to the Financial Statements, year ended 31st December 2022

1. Not all of this amount is available for Gift Aid tax claim as not all envelopes are gift aided.

2. “Special Efforts”

Item	INCOME
Rushbearing	£ 91
Heritage Weekend	£ 27
Ladies Night	£ 155
Christmas Fayre	£ 518
Card sales	£ 48

3. “Charities & World Wide Church”

Made up of;	Childrens Society	£ 302	Per Contra
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4. Restricted Donations.

4a. Guide book sales £36, “Bells” fund £20 to the Fabric Fund.

5. “Worship Related Activities Account”

ITEM	INCOME	EXPEND
Worship Activities	£ 0	£ 218
Coffee Stall	£ 132	£ 0
Flowers	£ 0	£ 0
Altar Requisites	£ 32	£ 209
Music etc	£ 0	£ 110
Children & young people	£ 0	£ 89
Benefice Magazine	£ 33	£ 100

6. Graveyards made a surplus for the year of £338, including interest.

7. St.Peter’s £1,643 St.Mary’s £0

8. from St.Luke’s Norland

9. A restricted loan of £5,000 was obtained in 2021 from the Diocesan Board of Finance for the dry-rot eradication works at St.Mary’s. This is repayable quarterly over 5 years at £277 p.q.

10. St.Peter’s Centre, including the School House, was purchased from the Diocesan Board of Education in 2003 for a privately agreed price of £80,000. The current price is based on the Land Registry house price inflation calculator, although the mixed designation of the building makes the current valuation somewhat theoretical. A separate valuation for insurance purposes obtained during 2013 put the reinstatement cost at £985,000

11. 38 Guide books @ £4 each.

12. St.Peter’s PC & Sound System (Refurbished 2019), plus Centre Chairs & A/V equipment, etc.

13. The PCC currently uses 2 current accounts as of the start of 2006. The Lloyds account is the old St.Peters Church account. As Virgin Money has now taken over the former Yorkshire Bank, this title will be used in future for our other account.
14. This represents the amount underpaid to the Diocese since 2009. This year the assessment was £25,890 of which we were able to pay £5,000, approx 20%
15. These amounts are for energy, consisting of Church gas used up to 31-12-22 but not yet invoiced, and an electricity bill (Jan 22) from St.Peter's Centre which has been credited as paid but where the money has not been taken from our account. This problem was notified to the energy company during 2021 but is still being investigated.
16. This is the amount agreed as owed by Grass Roots Nursery at the end of 2022 for their extra energy, which will be paid in 3 instalments during the first part of 2023.

General Notes.

G1. St.Mary's Centre Costs

75% of Gas, Water and Electricity costs for St.Mary's are paid by the St.Mary's Church Social Centre. In addition the centre pays any cleaning costs. These are all regarded as "trading" costs.

During the year, the Parish pays the electricity and water bills, and the Centre pays the gas bills. At the year end there is then an adjustment payment, this year from the parish to the centre, to arrive at the correct ratio for all three utilities, (75% centre, 25% parish.)

G2. Policy on "reserves."

Reserve accounts now exist in all categories of funds. Account 3D is the deposit account for the general fund, (ie "free reserves"). It stands at a figure which gives some leeway to deal with cash flow requirements but no more than that. (Currently £566.)

"Designated Funds" are those which have been earmarked for a specific purpose by a vote of the PCC at some time in the past, but could be "undesignated" in the future by a similar vote. Legally they are regarded as "unrestricted", ie they could be spent for any purpose legitimately allowed for by a PCC.

Restricted accounts contain money which has been given or provided for the specific purposes concerned, and cannot legally be spent on anything else. In order to build up sufficient funds for major projects such as building restoration it may have to stay in the accounts for some time until it can be combined with other funds (eg external grants) in order to fulfil its original purpose. Interest and tax recovered on restricted funds is always retained in the restricted account.

RJB

Accounts as at 31.12.22

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2021	RECEIPTS	2022	Notes	2021	Centre Development Fund (Designated)	2022	Notes
£14,246	Hire Charges – Day Nursery	£13,560		£7,046	Start Balance (a/c 4D)	£4,049	
£2,945	Hire Charges - General	£8,532		£3	Interest for year	£53	
£140	Uniform Groups	£300		-£3,000	From operating a/c	£7,000	
£171	Community Cafe	£0		£4,049	TOTAL (in a/c 4D)	£11,102	
	Utilities – Day Nursery	£627					
					Centre Operating Funds (Designated)		
				£13,275	Closing Balance (Lloyds)	£9,083	
		£23,018		£4,049	Add Development Fund (4D)	£11,102	
	PAYMENTS			-£329	Less Community Spirit Fund	-£329	
£60	Booking refunds	£20		£12,833	Year end true picture (Designated)	£19,856	
£795	Repairs	£1,239					
£6,444	Heat, Light, Water	£11,224			“Community Spirit” Fund (Designated)		
£1,647	Kitchen & Cleaning Expenses	£2,326					
£1,533	Insurances	£1,609		£244	Start Balance (in Lloyds a/c)	£329	2
£406	Broadband	£443		£85	Income from Cafe		
				£329	TOTAL (in Lloyds Bank)	£329	
		£16,861					
	Surplus as at 31 December 2020	£6,157			Paid to CS Group from Centre	£0	
					Less invoiced expenditure	£0	
					Residue	£0	
£13,275	Opening Balance	£9,113			Residue from 2021	£200	3
£6,617	Surplus for year	£6,157			Add Lloyds Bank	£329	
£420	House Water from Gen. Fund	£420			Total funds available	£529	
£20	Use of Hall from Gen.Fund	£20					
	50% Woolly Art Donations from Gen.Fund	£372	1				
£3,000	From reserve account 4D						
	To reserve account 4D	-£7,000					
-£14,268	New Boiler Installation						
£50	Cafe float repaid						
£13,275	Closing Balance	£9,083					

Accounts from as at 31.12.22

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2021 RECEIPTS

£316	Takings	£0
		£0
	PAYMENTS	
£145	Cost of Food	£0
£0	Sundry Expenses	£0
		£0
£171	Surplus as at 31 December 2020	£0
£50	Start Balance (Cash float)	£0
£171	Add surplus	£0
		£0
£221	Paid to St.Peter's Centre a/c	£0
£0	Cash Float residue	£0
	Distribution	
£85	St.Peter's Centre 50%	£0
£85	Community Spirits 50%	£0
		£0

Notes:

1. "Woolly Art" donations are divided equally between St.Peter's Church and Community Centre.
2. No activity with Community Spirits group during 2022
3. Residue of Community Spirits fund held outside Parish
4. Cafe was closed during 2022

ST MARY'S CHURCH SOCIAL CENTRE**Page 6****Accounts as at 31-12-22**

2021	RECEIPTS	2022	Notes
£580	Hire Charges	£500	
£4,200	Rental Income	£7,200	
£2,450	Donations	£6,412	1
£353	Misc Income	£1,030	2
		£15,142	
	PAYMENTS		
£1,149	Gas bills	£2,742	
£0	Cleaning & Materials	£0	3
£1,712	Repairs & Maintenance	£1,880	
	Fixtures & Fittings	£270	4
	Diocesan Loan Repayments	£1,108	5
		£6,000	
	Surplus as at 31 December 2020	£9,142	
		Designated	Restricted
£3,738	Opening Balance	£7,984	£5,000
£4,723	Surplus (deficit) for year	£9,142	
-£176	Energy balance from General Fund	£53	
£200	Grass cutting from Graveyard Fund	£200	
-£500	To Fabric Fund (10D)	-£1,000	
£5,000	Diocesan Loan	£0	
	Dry Rot Eradication	-£12,235	-£5,000 5
	Fees	-£1,300	6
£3,738	Closing Balance	£2,844	£0

Notes;

1. Includes a £5k individual donation
2. From Cottonstones Community Group, includes £1k grant from Calderdale Council
3. Cleaning has been provided by volunteer labour for the past 2 years
4. New Oven in Kitchen
5. Restricted Loan obtained 2021 for dry rot eradication works.
6. Architect's and Engineer's fees for dry rot eradication works.

SOWERBY PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
("THE PCC")

Charity No; 1132024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE PCC

This report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2022 which are set out on pages 1 to 7 is in respect of an examination carried out under Regulations 3(3) of the Church Accounting Regulations 1997 to 2006 ("the Regulations") and s.43 of the Charities Act 1993 ("the Act").

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, you consider that the audit requirements of Regulations 3(3) and section 43(2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of Regulation 25.

Basis of the report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2011 edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishops' Council. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiners'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 41 of the Act; and

* to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations 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.

(Signed)



(Dated) 20/4/2023

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SOWERBY PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Finance Report for year ending 31-12-2022

The year has been very much a case of “steady as we go” compared with last year. General giving showed a modest increase. General donations increased considerably, due to the start of the “Woolly Art Club” which meets in the Centre and donates 50% to Church funds and 50% to the Centre. Fees for weddings and funerals showed an increase of almost 100%, probably due to a “post covid bounce” in such events.

On the output side, church running costs increased by around £1k (7.7%) some of which was down to the dramatically increased energy prices kicking in from October. Other outgoings increased as well, but these were probably due to the “post covid” factor bringing these amounts back to their “normal” region. Offset against these increases was the considerable reduction in costs for the School House, due to the repair loan being terminated after the first three monthly repayments, leaving a credit balance of around £44 which we are still trying to recover!

The graveyard fund showed a reduction in activity on both sides, but still with a positive outcome. Recent years have produced a reduction in the number of burials, which are the main source of income for this fund, and it is worth noting that St.Peter’s churchyard is very close to being full which will eventually lead to it’s closure.

The year end showed a large increase in the general fund balance. This was due to our caution in needing to be able to cover the large energy hike going into 2023. As it turned out this was possibly a little overdone, so £2k was paid to the Parish Share at the very start of the new year. As a result of all this, share payments for 2022 were down £2k on the previous year.

The Community Centres both showed a major increase in financial activity, but for different reasons. St.Peter’s Centre had a considerable increase in bookings, reflected in an increase of 190% in general hire charges. Again, some of this is probably down to “post covid bounce”. It also led to an increase in outgoings, most notably energy. The overall result was a healthy surplus, which allowed the transfer of £7k to the reserve fund at the year end.

At St.Mary’s the increase was mainly due to the emergency dry rot repairs, which had attracted over £6k in donations plus a £5k loan, and resulted in outgoings this year totalling some £18.5k. A grant for the VAT part of this has been successfully applied for, which will appear in next year’s accounts.

In conclusion, the year’s financial activities probably reflect a gradual shift in actual activity from the worship side of parish life to that of the wider community.

Richard Barnes
Parish Treasurer
21/3/23