

# THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF MARSKE IN CLEVELAND

England & Wales · Charity number 1132705

## Details

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**Other names** ST. MARK'S, MARSKE BY THE SEA

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Previously excepted

**Registered** 2009-11-13

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** Promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church.

**Activities:** Church Activities

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Redcar And Cleveland

## Finances

| Period end | Income   | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|----------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2024-12-31 | £124,131 | £105,671    | -      | -         |
| 2023-12-31 | £115,170 | £119,955    | -      | -         |
| 2022-12-31 | £122,894 | £125,431    | -      | -         |
| 2021-12-31 | £134,911 | £115,906    | -      | -         |
| 2020-12-31 | £101,495 | £113,905    | -      | -         |

## Trustees

| Name                     | Role  | Appointed  |
|--------------------------|-------|------------|
| Rev Julie Lesley Smith   | Chair | 2023-08-06 |
| Andrew Fox               |       | 2014-04-06 |
| CLARE MARSHALL           |       |            |
| Carol Anne Anderson      |       | 2023-05-21 |
| DR JANET ELIZABETH DACK  |       | 2012-04-17 |
| ELIZABETH JOYCE FOX      |       |            |
| Jack Colin George Thomas |       | 2022-04-10 |
| Jonathon Paul Bragg      |       | 2018-04-29 |
| Laura Maskery            |       | 2020-10-10 |
| MARGARET TINKLER         |       |            |
| Maureen Taylor           |       | 2025-01-05 |
| PETER TINKLER            |       |            |
| SUSAN SOTHERAN           |       |            |
| Susan Anne Thompson      |       | 2015-04-26 |

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# Accounts

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**St. Mark's Church**  
**MARSKE in CLEVELAND**



**Annual Report**  
and  
**Financial Statements**  
of the  
**Parochial Church Council**  
for the year ended  
**31<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

**Incumbent**

The Rev'd Julie Smith

**Bankers**

Santander UK PLC  
Bootle

**Independent Examiner**

Chantelle Hodgson  
Fellow Chartered Accountants  
6 Corby Dales Close  
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## **The Vicar's Report.**

Throughout 2024 St Mark's has engaged with the seasons of the church year in worship and outreach. During Epiphany we celebrated the visit of the wise men to the infant Jesus recognising that Jesus is not just for a select few but for everyone. This was explored in the school assemblies and in their visits to church to look at prayer. Prayer was at the heart of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The worship materials were put together by an ecumenical team from Burkina Faso. We joined with the other churches in Marske for a joint service on the 18<sup>th</sup> January.

February saw us reflecting on Candlemas and then moving into Lent, a period of reflection before Easter. People had the option of attending either an afternoon Lent Course run by the Mothers' Union, an afternoon course run by Revd Bruce and Revd Rachel Harrison or an evening course run by the Vicar. People also had the opportunity to raise money during Lent by taking a USPG collection box.

Lent was also looked at during school assemblies and Messy Church. We were also pleased to welcome the local Beavers to church during February and March.

March saw us once again joining with the other churches in the village for the World Day of Prayer at St Bede's which had been prepared by Christian women from Palestine.

The Key stage 2 children from Errington came to church to take part in Experience Easter.

At the end of March we gathered to remember the Last Supper, Jesus' arrest and trial, his crucifixion and rising in glory with a variety of services both inside the church itself and at other locations such as the square on Good Friday and St Germain's Churchyard on Easter Day.

On St Mark's Day (25<sup>th</sup> April) we began the first of a monthly Pop In Session at church (3pm-4.30pm) where we looked at penguins ( World Penguin Day 25<sup>th</sup> April) and the symbol of the lion for St Mark through crafts, games and refreshments. Other themes later in the year included World Music Day, World Bee Day and World Children's Day.

We continued the celebration of St Mark on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April where we were pleased to welcome the Rt Revd Paul Ferguson Bishop of Whitby to lead us in worship for a Confirmation and Holy Communion Service for 2 adults and 2 young people.

May saw the celebration of Ascension Day and Thy Kingdom Come prayer initiative culminating in Pentecost.

In June some of us attended the Deanery Morning at St Helen's in Carlin How. The speaker was Gram Seed who went from a life of crime and addiction to helping others find new life in God's kingdom. A service was held in June to commemorate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the D Day landings which ended with the church bells being rung.

In June we presented the Year 6s of Westgarth and Errington Primary Schools with the Scripture Union booklet It's Your Move and the Vicar went to speak with Year 6 at Westgarth about their move from primary to secondary school.

In July we celebrated Sea Sunday and also said goodbye to Bishop Paul as he retired.

During the Summer we had a sermon series looking at some of the Psalms.

In July we helped out at the Lunch Box scheme held in Errington School and run by Footprints in the Community with the assistance of the local churches.

In August we held a Messy Church morning at Errington School in conjunction with the Methodist Church and The Community Church.

During our worship in September, October and the first Sunday in November we looked at some of the parts of the Holy Communion Service. There was also a Blessing of the Animals Service in The White House in September.

In October we celebrated Harvest Festival through services in church and welcoming Errington Primary School for their Harvest Festival Service. Donations were sent to Farm Africa and Redcar Foodbank.

At the beginning of November we held a service for the recently bereaved (and anyone else who wished to remember a loved one). Services of remembrance were held on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November in church and at the War memorial and on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November at St Germain's Churchyard.

In November and December we supported the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence.

During November we also took part in the National Safeguarding Week reminding us that Safeguarding is something that everyone should be aware of.

As Advent began our knitted sheep were placed in shops as part of the Messy Church Sheep Trail before returning for the Christmas Eve Crib service. An Advent Study based on Women of the Nativity took place. Every child in Westgarth and Errington Primary Schools were given a copy of the Bible Society Christmas Book The Shiny Bright Sparkling Light.

As part of the Follow the Star Church of England campaign we held a Follow the Star week where people from the church and local community groups made stars that reflected their organisation.

December services included the Christingle Service and Carol Service. We were pleased to welcome Westgarth Primary School for their Christmas performance and Errington Primary School for their Carol Service. Both schools also attended church for Experience Christmas.

We were pleased to welcome people into church during the Santa Parade where we provided refreshments and were entertained by the choir from Errington Primary School and the Steelworks Steelband.

The Carol Singing in the square was cancelled due to bad weather but members of local churches gathered to give people Christmas tree baubles with details of one church service from each of the four churches in the village.

During 2024 we have also welcomed people to St Mark's for baptism, wedding and funeral services.

Representatives from St Mark's have attended Deanery Synod meetings and Deanery Chapter meetings.

"Abide in me as I abide in you. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete."

*John 15.7-9,11*

I give thanks for all who have been a part of the life of St Mark's in 2024 and look forward to continuing to proclaiming the Gospel in 2025.

Revd Julie Smith

## **St Mark's Mission**

At St Mark's Church in Marske we seek to glorify God by creating a community where we live with the love of Christ. As we follow Christ we value;

**Inclusion-** we respect the individual and embrace people of all faiths.

**Relevance-** we promote Christ as central to our community, our world and ourselves.

**Caring-** we share Christ's love through welcome, hospitality, service and stewardship.

**Relationships-** we build nurturing connections with God, each other and the wider community.

**Worship-** we provide a space for people to celebrate and grow in the healing love and grace of Christ.

## **Churchwardens' Report**

This year our social events have proved popular. We have had good support at concerts and 'Tea on the Lawn'. This has helped to raise money for the church expenses and the tower fund. We have received grant money towards the cost of the tower repairs and very generous donations from church members. It is hoped that the work on the tower can be completed in 2025. This will be the first major work on the fabric of St Mark's for several years.

It is noticeable that our Sunday morning attendances have dropped during the year. This is due partly to illness and infirmity. Visitors to the church tell us that they appreciate the warm welcome they receive. We need to continue to welcome more to join our worship.

St Mark's relies on its volunteers. We are grateful to all who help to make the church and its garden a pleasant and welcoming site. Thank you to all who make our church commitment easier.

Peter Tinkler, Sue Sotheran. Churchwardens.

## **PCC Secretary's Report for 2024**

St Mark's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the parish of Marske in Cleveland the whole Mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical. The PCC has responsibility for St Mark's Church building, the White House and St Germain's Tower.

## **Membership of the PCC**

Vicar Rev Julie Smith

Churchwardens Mrs Sue Sotheran and Mr Peter Tinkler

Elected Representatives The following succeeded the 2022-2023 committee in May 2024:

Miss Carol Anderson, Dr Janet Dack, Mrs Elizabeth Fox, Mrs Clare Marshall, Mrs Laura Maskery, Mrs Margaret Tinkler, Miss Sue Thompson, Mrs Maureen Taylor (co-opted), Mr Jonathan Bragg, Mr Jack Thomas, Mr Andrew Fox

Representatives on the Deanery Synod Dr Janet Dack, Mr Jack Thomas, Mr Peter Tinkler

Standing Committee Rev Julie Smith, Sue Sotheran, Peter Tinkler (Churchwardens), Elizabeth Fox, (PCC Secretary), Janet Dack (Reader).

The PCC met on ten occasions and has been occupied with monitoring all activities relating to St Mark's and considering revisions and additions where necessary.

Free Will Offering The PCC voted to retain our Freewill Offering at £56,000

Fund Raising Quiz Nights, "Tea on the Lawn", Amaryllis Night, concerts by the Fishermen's Choir, Rockulele, The Odell Singers were supported by the PCC.

Mission and Vision. In October the PCC examined St. Mark's Mission Statement which was found to need revision. There was a discussion as to whether we should offer some non Eucharistic services and use different styles of music. In December Ven. John Day "Growing Healthy Churches" Adviser was invited to speak to the PCC

Christmas Parcels for Eastern Europe Gift Filled boxes for children and adults were again donated by members of the congregation for onward delivery by "Children in Distress".

Redcar Women's Refuge. We have continued to provide gifts at Christmas and Easter.

Repairs to the tower. The quotation of £107,000 for repairs has been revised upwards to £110,000. We have sufficient funds to be able to attract grants. As we have always paid the full amount of our freewill offering, St. Mark's should receive a worthwhile donation from the Diocese. At December 31<sup>st</sup> the Tower Fund stood at £44,608.

Electoral Roll A new electoral roll will be needed in 2025.

Education Trust Advice from the Diocese has been requested as to how we can access funds and how we can use them. Elizabeth Fox (Honorary Secretary to the PCC)

## **Safeguarding Report**

### **Safeguarding Statement**

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, fully recognising its duty to have due regard to House of Bishops guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

All Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks and relevant training for St Mark's members who are responsible for regular activities with children and vulnerable adults have been completed and up to date, these are for all Church Leaders, Safeguarding team, PCC Members, Church Wardens, Messy Church Leaders, and Choir Master.

The Safeguarding representatives attend regular meeting and training events to keep up to date with all new regulations and guidance.

St Mark's is now on the "Parish Dashboard" and "the Parish Hub", this is a central online computerised system for recording parish records.

Safeguarding protocols & policies have been reviewed and updated where necessary. The Safeguarding Team has been more proactive in promoting a safer church environment at St Mark's

No Safeguarding issues have been reported this year.

Carol Anderson & Sue Thompson

Safeguarding Representative

## **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of St Mark's Church, Marske in Cleveland Parochial Church Council**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the St Mark's Church, Marske in Cleveland Parochial Church Council (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

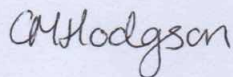
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.



Chantelle Hodgson  
Fellow Chartered Accountant (ICAEW)  
6 Corby Dales Close, Saltburn by the Sea TS12 1PS  
19 May 2025

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF MARSKE IN CLEVELAND

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

|                                                                            | Notes | Unrestrict<br>Fund<br>£ | Restricted<br>Fund<br>£ | Total<br>2024 | Total<br>2023<br>£ |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| <b>RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024</b> |       |                         |                         |               |                    |
| <b>Receipts</b>                                                            |       |                         |                         |               |                    |
| <i>Incoming resources from donors</i>                                      |       |                         |                         |               |                    |
| Tax Efficient planned giving                                               |       | 35628                   |                         | 35628         | 33775              |
| Gift Aid small donations scheme                                            |       | 10516                   |                         | 10516         | 9251               |
| Collections                                                                |       | 2244                    |                         | 2244          | 4268               |
| Donations                                                                  |       | 2876                    |                         | 2876          | 2372               |
| Income Tax Recovered                                                       |       | 10575                   |                         | 10575         | 9059               |
| <i>Activities for generating funds</i>                                     |       |                         |                         |               |                    |
| Christmas Bazaar                                                           |       | 2229                    |                         | 2229          | 2416               |
| Upleatham Trust                                                            |       | 1000                    |                         | 1000          | 0                  |
| Sundry                                                                     | A     | 5623                    |                         | 5623          | 5832               |
| <i>Income from Investments</i>                                             |       |                         |                         |               |                    |
| M & G Charifund                                                            |       | 3701                    |                         | 3701          | 3515               |
| Rent received from E E                                                     |       | 3063                    |                         | 3063          | 3063               |
| <i>Church Activities</i>                                                   |       |                         |                         |               |                    |
| Wedding/Funeral Fees                                                       |       | 11933                   |                         | 11933         | 9386               |
| Gross Income from Magazine                                                 |       | 2958                    |                         | 2958          | 4264               |
| White House Lets                                                           |       | 12216                   |                         | 12216         | 12636              |
| White House Genral                                                         |       | 4496                    |                         | 4496          | 0                  |
| Tower Fund                                                                 |       | 11237                   |                         | 11237         | 10283              |
| Sunday Club                                                                |       | 0                       |                         | 0             | 72                 |
| <i>Charitable Giving</i>                                                   |       |                         |                         |               |                    |
| Children' Society & Others                                                 |       |                         | 2290                    | 2290          | 3133               |
| Funerals                                                                   |       |                         | 1546                    | 1546          | 1845               |
| <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>                                                      |       | 120295                  | 3836                    | 124131        | 115170             |
| <b>Payments</b>                                                            |       |                         |                         |               |                    |
| <i>Church Activities</i>                                                   |       |                         |                         |               |                    |
| Diocesan Freewill Offering                                                 |       | 56000                   |                         | 56000         | 56000              |
| Clergy Expenses                                                            |       | 509                     |                         | 509           | 3134               |
| Church Running Expenses                                                    | B     | 18922                   |                         | 18922         | 26074              |
| Fees (Weddings & Funerals)                                                 |       | 5806                    |                         | 5806          | 2972               |
| Fees ( Auditor & Surveyor)                                                 |       | 420                     |                         | 420           | 330                |
| Costs of trading (Magazine)                                                |       | 4404                    |                         | 4404          | 4435               |
| White House                                                                | C     | 14762                   |                         | 14762         | 21128              |
| Charitable Giving                                                          |       |                         | 4019                    | 4019          | 5013               |
| Sunday Club                                                                |       | 0                       |                         | 0             | 78                 |
| Sundry                                                                     | D     | 829                     |                         | 829           | 791                |
| <b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>                                                      |       | 101652                  | 4019                    | 105671        | 119955             |
| <b>Excess/deficit of Receipts over Payments</b>                            |       |                         |                         | 18460         | -4785              |
| <b>Bank current account as at 1st January 2024</b>                         |       |                         |                         | 18198         | 22983              |
| <b>Transfer to Yorkshire Building Society</b>                              |       |                         |                         | -10000        |                    |
| <b>Bank current account as at 31st December 2024</b>                       |       |                         |                         | 26658         | 18198              |

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

| Notes                                                               | Unrestricted<br>Fund<br>£ | Restricted<br>Fund<br>£ | Total<br>2024 | Total<br>2023<br>£ |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| <b>STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2024</b> |                           |                         |               |                    |
| <b>CASH FUNDS</b>                                                   |                           |                         |               |                    |
| Santander Bank Account                                              | 26658                     |                         | 26658         | 18198              |
| Yorkshire Building Society                                          | 10000                     |                         | 10000         | 0                  |
| <b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS</b>                                             | <b>36658</b>              |                         | <b>36658</b>  | <b>18198</b>       |
| <b>INVESTMENT ASSETS</b>                                            |                           |                         |               |                    |
| Lloyds Banking Group 73 Ordinary Shares @ 54.78p                    | 40                        |                         | 40            | 35                 |
| M & G Charifund 117.206 Accumulation Units                          |                           | 38258                   | 38258         | 35158              |
| M & G Charifund 2067 Income Units                                   |                           | 30434                   | 30434         | 29662              |
| M & G Charifund 2045 Income Units (Parish Funds)                    | 30099                     |                         | 30099         | 29343              |
|                                                                     | <b>66797</b>              | <b>68692</b>            | <b>135489</b> | <b>112396</b>      |

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

| a                    | b                         | c                    |
|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Coffees/Raffles 2630 | Cleaning 2235             | Honorarium 1200      |
| Memorial Book 80     | Wine, Wafers etc 523      | Cleaning 3011        |
| "100" Club 1490      | Gas 4247                  | Gas 2517             |
| Amaryllis Supper 110 | Electricity 2726          | Electricity 1133     |
| Sale Calendars 471   | Stationery 1565           | Ins & Rates 2310     |
| Christmas Cards 265  | Insurance 4871            | Porch Roofing 3783   |
| General Sales 577    | Organ Service 210         | Routine Expenses 388 |
| <b>5623</b>          | Repairs 2183              | Rodent Riddance 420  |
|                      | Dona Percentage 236       | <b>14762</b>         |
|                      | Bazaar 69                 |                      |
|                      | Guisborough Deanery 57    |                      |
|                      | <b>18922</b>              |                      |
| d                    | List of funds at year end |                      |
| R.S.C.M. 127         | Sick & Poor Fund          | 738                  |
| Riding Lights 550    | Magazine                  | -1446                |
| F.W.O. Envelopes 90  | Tower                     | 40764                |
| Sundry Expenses 62   | White House               | 1950                 |
| <b>829</b>           | Church                    | -5834                |
|                      | Sunday Club               | 486                  |
|                      | <b>TOTAL</b>              | <b>36658</b>         |

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 2nd March 2025 and signed on its behalf by

Rev. Julie Smith (Vicar)

*Julie Smith* 2/3/2025.

### **Electoral Roll**

147 people on the electoral roll as of December 2024.

120 residents 27 non residents

David Dack (Electoral Roll Officer)

### **Redcar Foodbank.**

Basic foodstuffs have continued to be donated regularly at St. Mark's.

During the year 595.1 Kg of food and other items were donated by our parishioners. The staff at the Foodbank look forward to our weekly donations because of the wide variety of items we donate. They are extremely grateful and have expressed their thanks to all our church members.

### **Deanery Synod Report**

Deanery Synod Representatives

**Dr Janet Dack, Mr Jack Thomas, Mr Peter Tinkler**

The Deanery Synod has met three times to discuss good practice but also meet to share where support can be gathered. Whether this be on financial matters, through the work of Bruce Williams (Deanery Financial Advisor) or the Diocesan Financial Advisor.

There was a Deanery Day that sought to bring people together and celebrate the faith. Collective faith of the Anglican communion, irrespective of where our respective churches are (high, low, or in between).

Deanery Synod has been a really positive experience for people to gather and share what it means to be a Christian and how to spread that message!

**Deanery Meetings- 2nd July 2024, 1st October 2024.**

**Deanery Leadership Team (DLT): Revd Adam Reed (Area Dean), Oliver 'Ed' Evans (Lay Area Dean), Bruce Williams (Deanery Financial Advisor), Jack Colin George Thomas (Deanery Secretary), Father Adam Gaunt, Jean Parncutt.**

### **Parish Magazine**

Joyce Cawthorne decided to stand down as magazine editor in February 2024 and we thank her for her contribution to the life of St Mark's and beyond during her time producing the magazine.

As a temporary measure the Vicar took over as editor. Despite increasing the price of the magazine and not using colour it is running at a deficit. Joyce did an excellent job of recruiting and making sure payment was received from advertisers but this is still something that needs to be addressed.

The magazine is delivered to 250 residents and copies are placed in church, in the White House and in local businesses. Thanks go to Carol Anderson for coordinating this.

## Marske Bellringers

To celebrate 50 years since the new bells were hung in St Mark's, a peal was rung. A peal consists of three hours of continual ringing starting, and finishing, with the bells rung in order from the treble (lightest) to the tenor (heaviest) bells. We also rang two quarter peals (only 45 minutes) and this enabled two of our newer members to become qualified members of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers – Congratulations to Sue and Emma. We continue to ring for every 9.30 Sunday Service and to practice every Monday evening. We often welcome visitors to our ringing sessions and also venture out to other towers.

## Marske Bellringers Accounts 2024

| <u>INCOME</u> |          | <u>EXPENDITURE</u> |          |
|---------------|----------|--------------------|----------|
| Weddings      | £ 120.00 | subs               | £ 108.00 |
| subs          | £ 60.00  | Repairs            | £ 84.60  |
| interest      | £ 3.00   |                    |          |
| TOTAL         | £ 183.00 |                    | £ 192.60 |

## BALANCE

|                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| balance at 01/01/24 | £ 147.58 |
| deficit             | £ -9.60  |
| balance at 31/12/24 | £ 137.98 |

## The White House

The White House continues to host an array of long term regular users from MOAM Soup kitchen to childminders and keep fit classes. Over the year we have welcomed some new users and have begun to take a lot more bookings for children's parties and hope to continue working with community groups with their room hire requirements.

All enquiries regarding the White House to-

Mrs K Callaghan 07412656492 [thewhitehousemarske@gmail.com](mailto:thewhitehousemarske@gmail.com)

## **Mothers' Union**

Our Branch of 36 members continues to be run by committee.

On the first Monday in the month we hold a Prayer Group at 11am in church, the second Wednesday at 1.45pm is the Branch meeting when we have had interesting speakers and discussions and on the third Wednesday members take part in the 10.00am Communion Service followed by our coffee morning.

Last year in Lent and Advent we had house groups and Services in church were led by Revd. Julie. On Mothering Sunday we provided daffodils and cards for both Services and contributed towards church flowers at Easter and Christmas.

Fund raising events took the form of after Service lunches on Lady Day and Mary Sumner Day (to which we invited members from other Branches) and our annual Strawberry Tea. These with our monthly coffee mornings raised £1,400 for M.U. projects at home and abroad. Many thanks to all who supported these events.

We continued supporting the local Women's Refuge donating toiletries and household essentials and together with our Church congregation, Easter eggs and Christmas gifts for the women and children.

Sadly in 2024 two of our long serving members passed away. Some members are now unable to get to meetings but are still supportive in prayer and donations.

Jean Johnson (for Committee)

## **Friends of St Germain's**

Our volunteer group will soon be returning to our tasks now that Spring is here. We will begin by removing any Christmas tributes and spent flowers which remain on interment plots and graves. We will continue our work, as the weather allows, by weeding interment plots and graves, pruning back plants and removing vegetation from the perimeter fences and walls. We also maintain the flower bed along the fence. During the year we have enhanced some old graves by clearing the plot, membrane and covering with decorative stones. We are grateful to Hugh and Mark, who assist our team, for their work in the churchyard. They have strimmed and mowed pathways which has given visitors a clear route through the churchyard and around the Commonwealth Graves.

RCBC continue to cut the grass throughout the year and in April they replaced a broken gatepost.

In November a beautiful poppy cascade was created for the tower which was in place for the Remembrance Day service. Marske Fishermen's Choir led our Candlelit Christmas event in December, generous donations have boosted our funds. We have been given some funds by RCBC to help enable the repair of the perimeter Grade 2 listed wall.

Thank you

Gill Haveron

## **St. Mark's Choir**

The Choir leads the worship at the 9.30 Sunday Eucharist. The music is varied in style to accommodate a range of musical tastes within the congregation. We aim to sing a short choral item at all 9.30 Eucharist services including all major festivals.

The December Nine Lessons and Carols service went ahead as usual with some guests and members of the congregation joining the choir. The service was well attended again with an estimated congregation of 110. It clearly attracted visitors who do not regularly attend St Mark's, possibly because a notice was placed on St. Mark's Facebook page.

St Mark's is fortunate in having a small core of very loyal singers who attend almost all practices and services. We are a small choir and every voice really counts. At present we have eight singers. **N.B WE URGENTLY NEED RECRUITS IN ALL VOICES** in order for us to fulfil our role at St. Mark's. We have just one short practice on Monday morning and sing at one Sunday service - not much more commitment than is made by regular members of the congregation already. The Choir cannot be taken for granted.

We are fortunate in having two supplementary organists, Debbie Read and Llinos Mary who enjoy playing for us.

All at St. Mark's will miss Ann Saunby whose funeral was on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Anne was a longstanding, much loved and very sociable member of the choir. She had a lovely soprano voice, and proclaimed her faith through the choir she loved.

Andrew Fox, Organist and choirmaster.

### **Choir Accounts 2024** - Audited by Ian Stoker 02/04/25

For the purchase of robes, music, organ and piano repairs etc  
Summary

|                     | Petty Cash | Yorks BS               |
|---------------------|------------|------------------------|
| 31/12/23            |            |                        |
| Brought Forward     | £24.19     | £5100.82               |
| Income              | £10.00     | £ 172.84 Interest      |
|                     |            | <u>£ 178.00</u> Coffee |
|                     |            | Mornings               |
| Expenditure         | Nil        | Nil                    |
| Balance at 31/12/24 | £34.19     | £5451.66               |

#### **NB Coffee Mornings**

|          |                |
|----------|----------------|
| 31/01/24 | £50.00         |
| 29/05/24 | £47.00         |
| 01/08/24 | £40.00         |
| 30/10/24 | <u>£41.00</u>  |
|          | <u>£178.00</u> |

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# Accounts

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**St. Mark's Church**  
**MARSKE in CLEVELAND**



**Annual Report**  
and  
**Financial Statements**  
of the  
**Parochial Church Council**  
for the year ended  
**31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

**Incumbent**

The Rev'd Julie Smith

**Bankers**

Santander UK PLC  
Bootle

**Independent Examiner**

Graham Fitzgerald BA FCA DChA  
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## The Vicar's Report.

The Parish was in vacancy until 6<sup>th</sup> August 2023 and I would like to express my thanks to all the people who worked tirelessly both lay and ordained to ensure the worship and mission of St Mark's continued.

I'd also like to express my thanks for the warm welcome my family and I received upon moving to Marske. Beginning this new role in August when things are usually a little quieter gave me the opportunity to settle in and begin to get to know the Parish, the people that worship at St Mark's and the wider community.

It has been a delight to welcome people to Baptism services, to be part of the Messy Church team and to engage with couples preparing for marriage and to meet and worship with the pupils and staff of Errington and Westgarth primary schools.

Through these encounters we are given the opportunity to fulfil the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mark of Mission- *to teach, baptise and nurture new believers.*

It was good to take part in the Season of Creation during September and October enabling us to engage with the 5<sup>th</sup> Mark of Mission- *to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.*

October also saw us taking part in World Singing Day raising money for Teesside Mind which was a very tuneful and enjoyable way to respond to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Mark of Mission- *to respond to human need by loving service.*

Through the All Souls and Remembrance services in November we were able to reach out to the wider community in remembering deceased loved ones and those who had given their lives in the service of their country. This also provided an opportunity to engage with the 1<sup>st</sup> Mark of Mission- *to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom.*

St Mark's Church committed itself to be part of the Mother's Union Rise Up Campaign against domestic abuse in November and joined with the Mother's Union in participating in the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence (25<sup>th</sup> November-10<sup>th</sup> December) which is one way of meeting the 4<sup>th</sup> Mark of Mission- *to seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation.*

December saw us once again telling the beautiful Christmas story and the wider Gospel message through the Riding Lights production 'Bring it back Mac!', the Christingle Service and the Advent Course and Advent and Christmas Services.

As the church of Jesus Christ we have two stories to tell: the story of Jesus' life, death and resurrection, and the continuing story of what Jesus has done through his church, including what he is doing in our lives now by the power of the Holy Spirit. That is Living Christ's Story.

I give thanks for all that has been done to accomplish this in 2023.

*'You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, to be known and read by all; and you show you are a letter of Christ, prepared by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts' (2 Corinthians 3:2-3)*

Rev'd Julie Smith

## **St Mark's Mission**

At St Mark's Church in Marske we seek to glorify God by creating a community where we live with the love of Christ. As we follow Christ we value;

**Inclusion-** we respect the individual and embrace people of all faiths.

**Relevance-** we promote Christ as central to our community, our world and ourselves.

**Caring-** we share Christ's love through welcome, hospitality, service and stewardship.

**Relationships-** we build nurturing connections with God, each other and the wider community.

**Worship-** we provide a space for people to celebrate and grow in the healing love and grace of Christ.

## **Churchwardens' Report**

We started 2023 in vacancy. We were grateful to all our visiting clergy who gave cover so willingly. The Monday evening service was cancelled but all other services went ahead.

We were delighted to welcome Revd Julie Smith and her family as our new Vicar. She moved to Marske with her family in July.

It was good to be able to return to some of our traditional social and fundraising events such as 'Tea on the Lawn' and concerts. We all have a responsibility to maintain our building and this year we started to raise money for the repairs to the tower. Introducing the card machine at the back of church has enabled more people to make contributions. The church depends heavily on all our volunteers- seen and unseen. We thank all our church members for their ongoing support.

Mrs S Sotheran

Mr P Tinkler

Churchwardens

## **Building and Fabric Report**

There has been no work on the fabric of the church this year. All the statutory checks on alarms, electrics and fire extinguishers have been undertaken.

Mrs S Sotheran

## **PCC Secretary's Report for 2023**

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St Mark's Church had the responsibility of coordinating with the Incumbent in promoting, in the parish of Marske in Cleveland, the whole Mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC also has responsibility for St Mark's Church building, The White House building and St Germain's Tower in St Germain's Churchyard.

## **Safeguarding Statement**

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, fully recognising its duty to have due regard to House of Bishops guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

## **Membership of the PCC**

During 2023 the following served as members of the PCC

**Incumbent-** Revd Julie Smith (from 6<sup>th</sup> August 2023)

**Churchwardens-** Mrs Sue Sotheran and Mr Peter Tinkler

## **Elected Representatives**

Mr Jonathan Bragg, Mr Graeme Cox, Dr Janet Dack, Mrs Elizabeth Fox, Mr Andrew Fox, Mrs Clare Marshall, Mrs Laura Maskery, Mr John Ridgway (until October 2023), Mrs Margaret Tinkler, Mr Jack Thomas, Miss Sue Thompson.

## **Co-opted Members**

Miss Carol Anderson

## **Deanery Synod Representatives**

Dr Janet Dack, Mr Jack Thomas, Mr Peter Tinkler

The PCC met on seven occasions and has been occupied with maintaining the routine activities of the Parish and working to welcome Revd Julie Smith as our new Vicar on the 6<sup>th</sup> August.

The PCC expressed its wish to the Diocese in January 2023 that the vacancy should be advertised nationally. In May 2023 the PCC also expressed its wish to the Diocese that the Incumbent should be appointed as Vicar rather than as Priest in Charge.

## **Deanery Synod Report**

**Deanery Meetings-** 6<sup>th</sup> February, 13<sup>th</sup> June, 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

**Deanery Leadership Team (DLT)** Revd Adam Reed (Area Dean), Oliver 'Ed' Evans (Lay Area Dean), Bruce Williams (Deanery Financial Advisor), Jack Colin George Thomas (Deanery Secretary), Father Adam Gaunt, Jean Parncutt.

**St Mark's Deanery Synod Reps-** as above

**The Guisborough Deanery** is a family of churches. There are 15 parishes from a variety of different and sociological and economic backgrounds, all of which have different and similar challenges of faith and growth. The Deanery spans from Easington in its south, all the way to Coatham and Dormanstown in the north.

General topics of discussion at Deanery Synod meetings focused on the unanimous agreement that greater efforts were needed to be made to foster a more collaborative approach to faith in our Deanery. Efforts were being made to facilitate this.

The general Deanery Synod was a place of sharing good practice for church governance and a way of sharing where assistance could be formed. As a Deanery we nearly met the Deanery running costs which is a significant improvement on past performances, providing enough money to cover the cost of eight full time clergy, there are nine within the Deanery.

Deanery Synod Day was held in the middle of 2023 where all parishes in the Deanery were represented. It was a day whereby faith was embraced and the nature of faith was discussed.

Mr Jack Colin George Thomas

### **Fundraising**

Quiz nights, Tea on the Lawn, Magic Night, concerts by Marske Fisherman's Choir, Rockulele, the Odell Singers and The White Rose Singers were approved by the PCC.

### **Policies**

Policies for Conflict of Interest, Legacies, Ex-offenders and Complaints Procedure were adopted in October.

### **Standing Committee**

This was set up and comprises of Revd Julie Smith, Mrs Sue Sotheran, Mr Peter Tinkler, Dr Janet Dack, Mrs Elizabeth Fox.

### **Remembrance Sunday**

A Remembrance service was held in church at 9.45am preceded by a parade. There was then an Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial outside church with the reading of the names and the silence at 11am followed by the laying of wreaths. Approximately 200 people attended the outside part. A trumpeter from Marske Silver Band played the Last Post and Reveille. Scouts and Guides were present.

### **Repairs to the Tower**

There is now sufficient funds in the Tower Fund for us to apply for grants. The repairs are expected to cost in the region of £107 000. The Tower Fund stands at £44 000.

### **Links with Schools**

Both Westgarth and Errington primary schools have held events in St Mark's Church during 2023.

### **Links with the Community**

St Mark's contributed again to Scarecrow Week in May.

'Reindeer Night' was held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December with the Santa Parade. There were no reindeer due to animal welfare concerns. The church was open for refreshments and the sale of goods and the singing of Christmas music.

### **Parcels for Eastern Europe**

Members of the congregation donated gift filled shoe boxes for families in Eastern Europe.

### **Redcar Food Bank**

Basic foodstuffs have continued to be regularly donated at St Mark's.

### **Women's Refuge in Redcar**

Gifts were provided at Easter and Christmas.

Elizabeth Fox (PCC Secretary)

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF MARSKE IN CLEVELAND

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

|                                                                            | Notes | Unrestric<br>Fund<br>£ | Restricted<br>Fund<br>£ | Total<br>2023 | Total<br>2022<br>£ |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| <b>RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023</b> |       |                        |                         |               |                    |
| <b>Receipts</b>                                                            |       |                        |                         |               |                    |
| <i>Incoming resources from donors</i>                                      |       |                        |                         |               |                    |
| Tax Efficient planned giving                                               |       | 33775                  |                         | 33775         | 30958              |
| Gift Aid small donations scheme                                            |       | 9251                   |                         | 9251          | 9133               |
| Collections                                                                |       | 4268                   |                         | 4268          | 5877               |
| Donations                                                                  |       | 2372                   |                         | 2372          | 3217               |
| Income Tax Recovered                                                       |       | 9059                   |                         | 9059          | 10585              |
| Heating Grant from York Diocese                                            |       | 0                      |                         | 0             | 1250               |
| <i>Activities for generating funds</i>                                     |       |                        |                         |               |                    |
| Christmas Bazaar                                                           |       | 2416                   |                         | 2416          | 2691               |
| Sundry                                                                     | A     | 5832                   |                         | 5832          | 6221               |
| <i>Income from Investments</i>                                             |       |                        |                         |               |                    |
| M & G Charifund                                                            |       | 3515                   |                         | 3515          | 3413               |
| Rent received from E E                                                     |       | 3063                   |                         | 3063          | 3063               |
| <i>Church Activities</i>                                                   |       |                        |                         |               |                    |
| Wedding/Funeral Fees                                                       |       | 9386                   |                         | 9386          | 12000              |
| Gross Income from Magazine                                                 |       | 4264                   |                         | 4264          | 2722               |
| White House Lets                                                           |       | 12636                  |                         | 12636         | 9634               |
| White House Project                                                        |       | 0                      |                         | 0             | 10006              |
| Tower Fund                                                                 |       | 10283                  |                         | 10283         | 6340               |
| Sunday Club                                                                |       | 72                     |                         | 72            | 74                 |
| <i>Charitable Giving</i>                                                   |       |                        |                         |               |                    |
| Children' Society & Others                                                 |       |                        | 3133                    | 3133          | 2691               |
| Funerals                                                                   |       |                        | 1845                    | 1845          | 3019               |
| <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>                                                      |       | <b>110192</b>          | <b>4978</b>             | <b>115170</b> | <b>122894</b>      |
| <b>Payments</b>                                                            |       |                        |                         |               |                    |
| <i>Church Activities</i>                                                   |       |                        |                         |               |                    |
| Diocesan Freewill Offering                                                 |       | 56000                  |                         | 56000         | 57000              |
| Clergy Expenses                                                            |       | 3134                   |                         | 3134          | 2539               |
| Church Running Expenses                                                    | B     | 26074                  |                         | 26074         | 29457              |
| Fees (Weddings & Funerals)                                                 |       | 2972                   |                         | 2972          | 4359               |
| Fees ( Auditor & Surveyor)                                                 |       | 330                    |                         | 330           | 306                |
| Costs of trading (Magazine)                                                |       | 4435                   |                         | 4435          | 4349               |
| White House                                                                | C     | 21128                  |                         | 21128         | 12077              |
| White House Project                                                        |       | 0                      |                         | 0             | 7795               |
| Charitable Giving                                                          |       |                        | 5013                    | 5013          | 5613               |
| Sunday Club                                                                |       | 78                     |                         | 78            | 84                 |
| Sundry                                                                     | D     | 791                    |                         | 791           | 1852               |
| <b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>                                                      |       | <b>114942</b>          | <b>5013</b>             | <b>119955</b> | <b>125431</b>      |
| <b>Excess/deficit of Receipts over Payments</b>                            |       |                        |                         | <b>-4785</b>  | <b>-2537</b>       |
| <b>Bank current account as at 1st January 2023</b>                         |       |                        |                         | <b>22983</b>  | <b>25520</b>       |
| <b>Bank current account as at 31st December 2023</b>                       |       |                        |                         | <b>18198</b>  | <b>22983</b>       |

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

| Notes                                                               | Unrestricted<br>Fund<br>£ | Restricted<br>Fund<br>£ | Total<br>2023 | Total<br>2022<br>£ |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| <b>STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2023</b> |                           |                         |               |                    |
| <b>CASH FUNDS</b>                                                   |                           |                         |               |                    |
| Santander Bank Account                                              | 18198                     |                         | 18198         | 22983              |
| <b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS</b>                                             | <b>18198</b>              |                         | <b>18198</b>  | <b>22983</b>       |
| <b>INVESTMENT ASSETS</b>                                            |                           |                         |               |                    |
| Lloyds Banking Group 73 Ordinary Shares @ 45.41p                    | 35                        |                         | 35            | 33                 |
| M & G Charifund 117.206 Accumulation Units                          |                           | 35158                   | 35158         | 33926              |
| M & G Charifund 2067 Income Units                                   |                           | 29662                   | 29662         | 30375              |
| M & G Charifund 2045 Income Units (Parish Funds)                    | 29343                     |                         | 29343         | 30049              |
|                                                                     | <b>47576</b>              | <b>64820</b>            | <b>112396</b> | <b>117366</b>      |
| <b>Creditors</b>                                                    |                           |                         |               |                    |
| TotalEnergies - Church                                              | 1155                      |                         |               |                    |
| TotalEnergies - White House                                         | 562                       |                         |               |                    |

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

| a                     | b                         | c                          |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Coffees/Raffles 2508  | Cleaning 2332             | Honorarium 1200            |
| Memorial Book 40      | Wine, Wafers etc 488      | Cleaning 3818              |
| "100" Club 1330       | Gas 7338                  | Gas 2710                   |
| Sundry Functions 568  | Electricity 3697          | Electricity 1437           |
| Sale Calendars 491    | Stationery 853            | Ins & Rates 2731           |
| Reindeer Night 133    | Insurance 4654            | Painting Inside & out 8271 |
| Christmas Cards 282   | Organ Service 188         | Routine Expenses 961       |
| General Sales 346     | Repairs 6029              | <b>21128</b>               |
| Riding Lights 134     | Dona Percentage 178       |                            |
| <b>5832</b>           | Bazaar 317                |                            |
|                       | <b>26074</b>              |                            |
| d                     | List of funds at year end |                            |
| Concerts 90           | Sick & Poor Fund          | 888                        |
| World Singing Day 105 | Magazine                  | -171                       |
| F.W.O. Envelopes 140  | Tower                     | 24226                      |
| Baptism (W/O) 95      | White House               | -8585                      |
| Sundry Expenses 361   | Church                    | 1354                       |
| <b>791</b>            | Sunday Club               | 486                        |
|                       | <b>TOTAL</b>              | <b>18198</b>               |

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 28th April 2024 and signed on its behalf by

Rev. Julie Smith (Vicar)



## **Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. Mark, Marske in Cleveland**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 which are set out in the preceding 2 pages

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that there are no other material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act;  
or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records ; or
- 3 the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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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29<sup>th</sup> April 2024

### **Parish Magazine**

We have had another good year with the magazine and a variety of articles which I hope you all found interesting. Once again I need to thank the excellent photographers we have in the village and their generosity in allowing me to use their photographs. There are still some spaces left for advertising but the situation has improved.  
Joyce Cawthorne

### **Sunday Club**

We had two children in regular attendance. Our lessons consisted of lighting candles, prayers and taking a collection. A bible reading following the church calendar, bible stories and doing various crafts reflecting the lesson were also included. Throughout the year the children's work was displayed on the Sunday Club notice board, hoping to encourage other children to attend. We donated one week's collection to Farm Africa. We gave the children Christmas and Easter gifts. At the Christmas Fair we had a children's stall with a card game where every child won a gift. There were also toys, books etc for sale. This was well supported.  
Sue Thompson & Mary Baker

### **Children's Society**

The highlight of the year is always our Christingle Service when the church is filled with the light from all our Christingle candles. It is good to see so many families gathering for this service which raised £384 for the Children's Society. Thanks go to the team who put the 150 Christingles together and to Anne Boville for playing the piano at the service. The collection boxes held by individuals raised £532.12 for the charity. Our thanks to Barbara who organises this.  
Sue Beach

### **Messy Church**

Our team of helpers welcome children from 0-12 years of age with their families. Each session started with worship and a Bible story. Topics included Noah, Easter and Harvest. Craft activities and games followed with tea at the end. Meeting every month except August the team have proved to be flexible as numbers vary from month to month. We always have room for more.  
Cynthia Snowball

### **Marske Bellringers**

This year we were able to ring two quarter peals. The first to welcome Julie as our new Vicar and the second to mark 50 years since the bells were hung. We welcomed people to the tower to 'Ring for the King' on the day of his Coronation. We hosted (and entered) the District striking competition. Our latest recruits have made good progress as they progress to method ringing. We have rung for every Sunday 9.30 service as well as for a couple of weddings. We have also organised fund raisers for the repair work on the tower.

## **Marske Bellringers Accounts 2023**

### **INCOME**

Weddings     £   50.00  
subs           £   39.00

interest       £   3.00  
donations     £   22.50

TOTAL         £ 114.50

### **EXPENDITURE**

subs           £   84.00  
weddings

£ 84.00

### **BALANCE**

balance at 01/01/23     £ 117.08  
increase                   £   30.50  
balance at 31/12/23     £ 147.58

## **Electoral Roll**

155 people on the electoral roll as of December 2023.

127 residents 28 non residents

David Dack (Electoral Roll Officer)

## **Safeguarding**

All Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks and relevant training for St Mark's members who are responsible for regular activities and vulnerable adults have either been completed or members are awaiting suitable training course dates. These checks and training are for Church leaders, PCC members, Churchwardens, Sunday Club leaders, Messy Church Leaders and Choirmaster.

There have been no Safeguarding issues reported this year.

The PCC and Safeguarding Officers have made use of The Parish Dashboard System.

Carol Anderson & Sue Thompson Parish Safeguarding Officers

## **Mother's Union**

From January 2023 we continued to be run by committee. We had a monthly branch meeting on the second Wednesday and a prayer group on the first Monday of the month. Weekly house groups were held during Lent and a Lent Service took place led by Revd Bill Dewing our Archdeaconry Chaplain.

We continue being financially stable. A Spring Coffee morning and the annual Strawberry Tea together raised almost £500 for the Summer of Hope Appeal and this combined with other monies from our monthly coffee mornings in church and other donations meant that a total of £1190 was given to Mother's Union charities over the year.

In September we were pleased to welcome our new Vicar and Mother's Union member Revd Julie Smith to the branch and have appreciated her subsequent regular involvement.

Since October we have done the readings and intercessions on the third Wednesday of the month.

During the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence members held a vigil in the square holding placards and handing out information leaflets. Our branch has signed up to the Rise Up Campaign Pledge in support of an end to gender-based violence and the support of victims in our own country and around the world. Each month we collect essential items for the Women's Refuge in Redcar and along with members of our church congregation have donated gifts for these families at Easter and Christmas.

At the end of 2023 we lost a treasured member and branch secretary- Sue Gray.

We go forward with a membership of 37, of which 2 are indoor members. We now have an 'organising committee' of seven and are pleased to report that attendance at meetings has risen.

Jean Johnson (Committee Member)

## St Mark's Choir

The choir leads the worship at the 9.30am Sunday Eucharist. The music is varied in style to accommodate a range of musical tastes within the congregation. We aim to sing a short choral item at some 9.30am Eucharist services and at all major festivals.

The Nine lessons and Carols service went ahead as usual together with some guests and members of the congregation singing in the choir. Illness prevented other regulars who love the service from appearing this year. The service was well attended and again clearly attracted visitors who do not regularly attend St Mark's.

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All at St Mark's will miss Christyl Bell whose funeral was on November 10<sup>th</sup> and who proclaimed her faith through the choir she enjoyed so much.

Andrew Fox (Organist and Choirmaster)

## Choir Accounts 2023

For the purchase of robes, music, organ and piano repairs etc

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|                     | Petty Cash | Yorks BS                                               |
|---------------------|------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| 31/12/22            |            |                                                        |
| Brought Forward     | £24.19     | £4926.96                                               |
| Income              | Nil        | £ 263.83 Interest + Coffees                            |
| Expenditure         | Nil        | £ 90.00 Piano tuning and<br>Music from Iona Community. |
| Balance at 31/12/23 | £24.19     | £5100.82                                               |

Audited by Ian Stoker 18/1/24

## **The White House**

2023 saw the end of our programme of improvements for the White House. We now have a building which is clean, warm and a pleasant environment for our users. Thanks are due to all those who supported the appeal with gifts and time. Due to the pandemic we lost two of our main customers so we now need to increase the use of the buildings so that we can cover our overheads.

All enquiries regarding the White House to-

Mrs K Callaghan 07412656492 [thewhitehousemarske@gmail.com](mailto:thewhitehousemarske@gmail.com)

## **Friends of St Germain's**

Our group of 9 volunteers have continued to look after St Germain's churchyard. We have tidied untended interment plots by weeding and removing spent flowers. We have cleared older graves of weeds and laid membrane and gravel/stones to make maintenance easier. The perimeter wall and fences have had the vegetation pruned back.

RCB Council funded a new notice board which is outside the churchyard wall. A daybreak service was enjoyed on Easter Sunday. Our annual Remembrance Service was well attended and appreciated by all who joined us. Marske Fishermen's Choir led our Candlelit Carol Event which was a great success. The Memorial Tree in St Mark's gave an opportunity for visitors to remember their loved ones. Generous donations were collected from these sources. We are grateful to Bede Financial Services and the Library for facilitating our donation boxes. Edith Cockerill made a generous donation from sales of her craft work. St Mark's Ladies Fellowship also donated to our group. Visitors to the churchyard thank us for our work and remark on the beauty of our special landmark.

We have a Facebook page to distribute information. Posters on our events are placed on local notice boards.

Gill Haveron

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Bootle

**Independent Examiner**

J Gresham FCCA  
Azets Accountants  
Guisborough

## Churchwardens' Report

We were sorry to see David Tembey retire in July. His incumbency has been appreciated by many in Marske and his popularity was obvious at his retirement lunch. We have been grateful to Lynne for her contribution to the work of the Parish.

We have made a slow but sure recovery from the effects of the COVID pandemic. Attendance at services has been maintained and we have been fortunate that so many retired clergy have come to our aid. It is thanks to them that we have been able to maintain most of our services. It was regrettable that the Monday evening service was cancelled but it will be reconsidered when our new Priest in Charge is in position.

We have had more than our usual number of baptisms in 2022 as so many babies were unable to be baptised during the pandemic. We have had a plethora of double baptisms – usually a 2 year old and a younger sibling. It has been good to be able to celebrate weddings and host funerals again.

The schools have made a return and Messy Church made a slow start but now has increased numbers. We have hosted concerts again – starting with our friends from Rockulele. Coffee sessions and 'Tea on the Lawn' are back. All these increase social interaction and boost well being.

The pandemic had an adverse effect on the White House as groups could not meet and we could not hold fund raisers for our improvement plans. By the end of the year we had the money to complete the renovations and new groups were starting to book the rooms.

A vacancy in the Parish can be a demanding time for Churchwardens but we have been supported by a loyal congregation. We thank all who have supported us this year and are confident that you will welcome our new Parish Priest as he or she settles into a new era for St Mark's.

Sue Sotheran, Peter Tinkler  
Churchwardens

Church Web Site - [www.stmarks-marske.co.uk](http://www.stmarks-marske.co.uk)

Facebook - St Mark's Church, Marske-by-the-Sea

# PCC Secretary’s Report for 2022 Calendar Year

St Mark’s PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting the whole mission of the Church – pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical within the ecclesiastical parish and has maintenance responsibilities for St Mark’s Church, for the Church Institute known as the White House, and for St Germain’s Tower.

## Membership of PCC

### Church Wardens

Mrs Sue Sotheran and Mr Peter Tinkler

### Elected Representatives

The following succeeded the 2021-2022 committee in May 2022.

|                    |                       |                   |                     |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Dr Janet Dack,     | Mrs Elizabeth Fox,    | Miss Joan Hornby, | Mrs Clare Marshall. |
| Mrs Laura Maskery, | Mrs Margaret Tinkler, | Mrs Sue Thompson, | Mr Jonathan Bragg,  |
| Mr Graeme Cox,     | Mr Andrew Fox,        | Mr John Ridgway,  | Mr Jack Thomas      |

### Representatives on the Deanery Synod:

Dr Janet Dack, Mr Jack Thomas.

### The PCC

The PCC met on six occasions and has been occupied with the following:-

### Vacancy

The major event of the year was the retirement of Rev David Tembey in June. He served here for seven years, extending his service for a year. We could not have asked for a more effective and well liked occupant of this post at such a critical time. His final service was at Pentecost on June 5th .

The Church Profile was completed and sent to the Archdeacon in mid September and forwarded to the Bishop. The next step is for interviews and an appointment to be made.

Our Parish Representatives on the interviewing panel are Mrs Laura Maskery and Dr Janet Dack. The PCC wished the post to be advertised nationally in the Church Times to maximise the number of applicants.

An Open Week was held in the week prior to David’s retirement (May 21st -June 3rd ) was based on the theme ”The Church and the Community”

### Covid

The Liturgy has been restored to its pre-Covid form except that the congregation continue to take communion queuing below the chancel steps. Almost all other aspects of church life are as they were before Covid, including the recommencement of baptisms at 11.30 on Sundays following the 9.30 Eucharist.

### ”Living Christ’s Story “

The Diocese remains extremely stretched financially and may have used its reserves by 2027. “Living Christ’s Story” is a diocesan initiative to test how costs can be cut while sustaining the Church’s ministry.

The PCC reported its views and concerns last year. The Diocese has yet to finalise any plans for a restructuring of the parishes within the Deanery.

### Stained Glass window

The stained glass window approved last year in memory of Alan Beadnall, a former reader at St Mark’s, was installed in the plain light of the Memorial Chapel on the first Sunday of Lent. The window was donated by his family.

### Repairs to the Tower.

We have raised £10,000 towards the £107,000 needed to repair the tower. We do not yet have sufficient funds to be able to attract grants. As we have always paid our full amount of our Free Will Offering St Mark’s should get a worthwhile contribution from the diocese.

### Remembrance Sunday

We reverted to the pre-Covid practice of holding a Church Service, preceded by a parade, which was continued at the cenotaph for the laying of wreaths and the reading of the names of the Fallen. Rev Graham Pacey conducted the service. A trumpeter from Marske band played the Last Post and Reveille. The Scouts and Guides were present.

### Armistice Day

A short service was held at St Germain’s at 11 am by Rev Bruce Harrison and was well attended. Pupils from Errington School took part in the event.

### Links with the schools

Errington School held their Christmas service at St Mark’s.

### Links with the community

Reindeer Night this year without the reindeer! - was held on Thursday 8th December to coincide with the Marske Community Partnership event. The church was open the public, goods and refreshments were sold and singing of Christmas music was led by “Soundwaves” Saltburn, Marske and New Marske Parish Council held their Carol Service here this year. Music was provided by Marske Junior Brass band and the O’Dell singers.

Rockulele performed two concerts, one in summer and another just before Christmas. Redcar Food Bank Basic items of food have continued to be donated regularly at St Mark’s for onward delivery.

Parcels for Eastern Europe. Gift filled shoeboxes for families in Eastern Europe were again donated by members of the congregation for onward transport.

We have continued to provide gifts for the women’s refuge at Easter and Christmas.

### The White House See separate Report

Elizabeth Fox  
(Honorary secretary to the PCC0)

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF MARSKE IN CLEVELAND

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

|                                                                            | Notes | Unrestric<br>Fund | Restricted<br>Fund | Total<br>2022<br>£ | Total<br>2021 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| <b>RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022</b> |       |                   |                    |                    |               |
| <b>Receipts</b>                                                            |       |                   |                    |                    |               |
| <i>Incoming resources from donors</i>                                      |       |                   |                    |                    |               |
| Tax Efficient planned giving                                               |       | 30958             |                    | 30958              | 40011         |
| Gift Aid small donations scheme                                            |       | 9133              |                    | 9133               | 11154         |
| Collections                                                                |       | 5877              |                    | 5877               | 3876          |
| Donations                                                                  |       | 3217              |                    | 3217               | 3719          |
| Income Tax Recovered                                                       |       | 10585             |                    | 10585              | 12033         |
| Heating Grant from York Diocese                                            |       | 1250              |                    | 1250               | 0             |
| <i>Activities for generating funds</i>                                     |       |                   |                    |                    |               |
| Christmas Bazaar                                                           |       | 2691              |                    | 2691               | 825           |
| Sundry                                                                     |       | 6221              |                    | 6221               | 3483          |
| <i>Income from Investments</i>                                             |       |                   |                    |                    |               |
| M & G Charifund                                                            |       | 3413              |                    | 3413               | 3313          |
| Rent received from E E                                                     |       | 3063              |                    | 3063               | 3063          |
| <i>Church Activities</i>                                                   |       |                   |                    |                    |               |
| Weddng/Funeral Fees                                                        |       | 12000             |                    | 12000              | 16064         |
| Gross Income from Magazine                                                 |       | 2722              |                    | 2722               | 3772          |
| White House                                                                |       | 9634              |                    | 9634               | 5796          |
| White House Project                                                        |       | 10006             |                    | 10006              | 25472         |
| Tower Fund                                                                 |       | 6340              |                    | 6340               | 0             |
| Sunday Club                                                                |       | 74                |                    | 74                 | 28            |
| <i>Charitable Giving</i>                                                   |       |                   |                    |                    |               |
| Children' Society & Others                                                 |       |                   | 2691               | 2691               | 2302          |
| Funerals                                                                   |       |                   | 3019               | 3019               |               |
| <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>                                                      |       | 117184            | 5710               | 122894             | 134911        |
| <b>Payments</b>                                                            |       |                   |                    |                    |               |
| <i>Church Activities</i>                                                   |       |                   |                    |                    |               |
| Diocesan Parish Share                                                      |       | 57000             |                    | 57000              | 57000         |
| Clergy Expenses                                                            |       | 2539              |                    | 2539               | 1700          |
| Church Running Expenses                                                    | a     | 29457             |                    | 29457              | 14118         |
| Fees (Weddings & Funerals)                                                 |       | 4359              |                    | 4359               | 7650          |
| Fees ( Auditor & Surveyor)                                                 |       | 306               |                    | 306                | 276           |
| Costs of trading (Magazine)                                                |       | 4349              |                    | 4349               | 4069          |
| White House                                                                |       | 12077             |                    | 12077              | 8389          |
| White House Project                                                        |       | 7795              |                    | 7795               | 19101         |
| Charitable Giving                                                          |       |                   | 5613               | 5613               | 2151          |
| Sunday Club                                                                |       | 84                |                    | 84                 | 256           |
| Sundry                                                                     |       | 1852              |                    | 1852               | 1196          |
| <b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>                                                      |       | 119818            | 5613               | 125431             | 115906        |
| <b>Excess/deficit of Receipts over Payments</b>                            |       |                   |                    | -2537              | 19005         |
| <b>Bank current account as at 1st January 2022</b>                         |       |                   |                    | <b>25520</b>       | 6515          |
| <b>Bank current account as at 31st December 2022</b>                       |       |                   |                    | <b>22983</b>       | 25520         |

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF MARSKE IN CLEVELAND

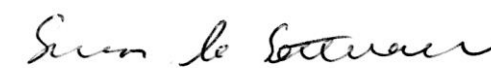
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

|                                                                               | Notes | Unrestricted<br>Fund<br>£ | Restricted<br>Fund<br>£ | Total<br>2022<br>£ | Total<br>2021<br>£ |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022</b>           |       |                           |                         |                    |                    |
| <b>CASH FUNDS</b>                                                             |       |                           |                         |                    |                    |
| Santander Bank Account                                                        |       | 22983                     |                         | 22983              | 25519              |
| <b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS</b>                                                       |       | <b>22983</b>              |                         | <b>22983</b>       | <b>25519</b>       |
| <b>INVESTMENT ASSETS</b>                                                      |       |                           |                         |                    |                    |
| Lloyds Banking Group 73 Ordinary Shares                                       |       | 33                        |                         | 33                 | 35                 |
| M & G Charifund 117.206 Accumulation Units                                    |       |                           | 33926                   | 33926              | 33995              |
| M & G Charifund 2067 Income Units                                             |       |                           | 30375                   | 30375              | 32166              |
| M & G Charifund 2045 Income Units (Parish Funds)                              |       | 30049                     |                         | 30049              | 31821              |
|                                                                               |       | <b>53065</b>              | <b>64301</b>            | 117366             | <b>123536</b>      |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>                                                            |       |                           |                         |                    |                    |
| Creditors                                                                     |       |                           |                         |                    |                    |
| TotalEnergies - Church                                                        |       | 1247                      |                         |                    |                    |
| TotalEnergies - White House                                                   |       | 632                       |                         |                    |                    |
| <b>NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022</b> |       |                           |                         |                    |                    |
| <b>a</b>                                                                      |       |                           |                         |                    |                    |
| Heat & Light                                                                  |       | 9093                      |                         | 9093               | 1740               |
| Other                                                                         |       | 4082                      |                         | 4082               | 12378              |
| Stained Glass Window                                                          |       | 8487                      |                         | 8487               |                    |
| White House Project                                                           |       | 7795                      |                         | 7795               |                    |
|                                                                               |       | <u>29457</u>              |                         | <u>29457</u>       | <u>14118</u>       |

Approved by the Pariochial Church Council on 7th March 2023

and signed on its behalf by

Mrs Susan Clare Sotheran (Churchwarden)



# Independent Examiner's report To the PCC of St. Mark, Marske-in-Cleveland

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 which are set out in the preceding 2 pages

## Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

## Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that there are no other material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act;  
or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records ; or
- 3 the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



Mr J Gresham FCCA  
Azets  
New Garth House  
Upper Garth Gardens  
Guisborough  
TS14 6HA  
27<sup>th</sup> March 2023

## Parish Magazine

Well how quickly has that year gone, or is it just me getting older!?

I continue to produce the magazine with the same enthusiasm that I started with and hope that you all still enjoy the content.

The success of the magazine is down to all you contributors and the kindness of people allowing me to use their brilliant photographs. We have a tough year ahead with the Tower repairs, however if we all pull together we will get there.

Thank you for your continued support, don't forget to send your recipes.

Joyce Cawthorne  
Church Magazine Editor:

Joyce Cawthorne  
[joycecawthorne@outlook.com](mailto:joycecawthorne@outlook.com)

## Sunday Club

We have two children attending on a regular basis during term time. We meet during the 9.30am service and start by holding our own service before our lessons, beginning with lighting candles,

collection and prayers.

We have worked through the Jesse Tree, throughout the year learning about Jesus' ancestry and displaying our work in church.

At the harvest festival the children brought food gifts. We had a stall at the church bazaar. The children joined in the carol service, and both read.

Our thanks to Cynthia Snowball and Joan Hodgson for their help when needed with the children. We look forward to the next year with open hearts and minds and thank God for his continued blessings.

Sue Thompson & Mary Baker

## St. Mark's Ladies' Fellowship

Although our numbers have dwindled these last two years, we still have a loyal group of members who attend out meetings.

We are trialling having a coffee and chat meeting on the first Wednesday during the summer months. Hopefully some of the lapsed members will attend.

Our AGM will be held on 17<sup>th</sup> May.

Jean Wardell  
Chairlady

## Marske Bellringers

This year we have been pleased to welcome four new recruits. Our recruits made such good progress that they were able to join our ringing for Queen Elizabeth II’s Jubilee. Later we rang all eight bells, half muffled, for the Queen’s death. All our ringers are back after COVID restrictions and we continue to ring every Sunday and practice every Monday evening.

Sue Sotheran

## Marske Bellringers Accounts

| INCOME    |   |               | EXPENDITURE    |   |               |
|-----------|---|---------------|----------------|---|---------------|
| Weddings  | £ | 240.00        | subs           | £ | 96.00         |
| subs      | £ | 24.00         | weddings       | £ | 120.00        |
|           |   |               | banner         |   |               |
| interest  |   |               | Heater         | £ | 200.00        |
| donations | £ | 47.00         | Christmas tree |   |               |
| TOTAL     | £ | <u>311.00</u> | TOTAL          | £ | <u>416.00</u> |

|                   |          |   |                      |
|-------------------|----------|---|----------------------|
| Balance           | 01/01/22 | £ | 222.08               |
| Plus Income       |          | £ | <u>311.00</u>        |
|                   |          | £ | 533.08               |
| Minus Expenditure |          | £ | <u>416.00</u>        |
| Balance           | 01/01/23 | £ | <u><u>117.08</u></u> |

## The Electoral Roll Statistics

Since the last update in MAY 2022  
we have had 6 deletions

To date as of the 28TH JAN 2023

We now have a total of 160 people on the Parish Electoral Roll  
132 who are resident within St. Mark’s Parish and 28 who reside outside the Parish.

David Dack  
Electoral Roll Officer

## Mothers’ Union



After our AGM in January last year, we continued to be run by Committee holding a Monthly - Prayer Group (1<sup>st</sup> Monday 11am) and Main Branch Meeting (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 1.45pm in White House).

In April we held our Lent Service in Church (kindly led by Rev David Tembey).

It was our special ‘Wave of Prayer’ Service in May at the close of which we made a presentation to our ‘soon to be retiring’ Vicar and his ‘lovely wife Lynne’.

In July we held a Jubilee Strawberry Tea with entertainment and on August 9<sup>th</sup> a Service for Mary Sumner Day was held, followed by Afternoon Tea - the two events raised £450 for Mothers Union charities.

During the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence (end November/December) some members observed the 3 mins silence at 1pm on Global Day and then on 3<sup>rd</sup> December held a Vigil in the Square with banners and handing out leaflets followed by a short Service in Church.

Throughout the year we regularly supported the local Women’s Refuge along with members of our Church congregation at Easter and Christmas.

Sadly, during the year we lost two of our longstanding members – Betty Smuk & Freda Rowlands (each with over 65yrs service).

We now have a total membership of 38 which includes some ‘Indoor Members’, however due to age/illness many are now finding it difficult to get along to meetings so attendance at Branch Meetings has continued to be lower than before Covid.



Jean Johnson (for Committee)

## Child Protection / Safeguarding

I have welcomed Sue Thompson who has offered to support me with this role.

Due to changes made by the Church of England, all Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) now need to be renewed every 3 years instead of 5 years, so all new checks will be completed within the next couple of months. These checks will be for all Church Leaders, PCC Members, Church Wardens, Sunday Club Leaders, Messy Church Leaders, Choir Master and all other members responsible for regular activities with children and vulnerable adults.

Carol Anderson & Sue Thompson  
Child Protection and Safeguarding Representative

## St. Mark's Choir

The Choir leads the worship at the 9.30 Sunday Eucharist and at services marking the major events of the Church Year. The music is deliberately varied in style so as to accommodate a range of musical tastes within the congregation. We aim to sing a short choral item at some 9.30 Eucharist services and at all major festivals.

Throughout 2022 the choir have sung and practised as we did before the outbreak of Covid days.

The Nine Lessons and Carols service went ahead as usual together with some guests and some former members of the choir singing. This service was well attended despite our (then) disfunctional heating system. A surprisingly large number of the congregation were not regular attenders at St Marks.

St Mark's is fortunate in having a small core of very loyal singers who attend almost all practices and services. We are only a small choir and every voice really counts. At present we have ten singers. N.B WE NEED RECRUITS IN ALL VOICES in order for us to fulfil our role at St Marks. The ability to read music is useful but not essential. We have just one short (enjoyable) practice on Monday morning, and sing at one Sunday service - not much more commitment than is made by most regular members of the congregation already. The presence of a Choir however cannot be taken for granted.

Andrew Fox  
Organist and Choirmaster

### Choir Accounts at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022

#### Summary

|                        | <u>Petty Cash</u> | <u>Yorks BS</u>            |
|------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| 31/12/21               |                   |                            |
| <u>Brought Forward</u> | £ 24.19           | £4722.45                   |
| Income                 | Nil               | £ 204.51 Interest,+Coffees |
| Expenditure            | Nil               | Nil                        |
| Balance at 31/12 2022  | £ 24.19           | £4926.96                   |

Audited by Ian Stoker.

For the purchase of robes,music,organ and piano repairs etc

## The White House

This year the lights have been replaced and we have new curtains across the back of the main hall. Blinds have been fitted in the smaller hall. The driveway has had a thorough clean. We should have enough money in the fund to pay for decorating inside and out and it is hoped that decorating will be completed in the first months of 2023.

The improvements to the building have taken longer than anticipated due to the effects of the pandemic. The end is in sight for our fund raising. It has been good to see new groups using the building and it is hoped that this increased interest will continue.

all enquiries about the White House to:

Mrs. K.Callaghan tel. 07412656492

email: [thewhitehousemarske@gmail.com](mailto:thewhitehousemarske@gmail.com)

## Friends of St Germain's

We have continued to meet on a weekly basis to work in the churchyard over the year. Storms in April caused damage to the perimeter fence. It was causing an obstruction to an adjacent property, so we removed the broken fence and vegetation which was taken away by the council. A new section of fence was erected, and volunteers completed the repair by applying preservative to the new wood.

Bulbs were provided by the council which we planted in some of the graves with a grass base. This makes grass cutting easier for the council. Two enclosed areas containing graves had become very overgrown so we cleared the plants, put down membrane and laid gravel. It has greatly improved the appearance and has remained free of vegetation.

Later in the year the small entrance gate post was replaced, and the gate re-hung. A new fastener was fitted to the large gate. The entrance in the corner of the churchyard needs a new post and the gate needs repairing. The perimeter fence had become unstable due to a broken post. This has been stabilised but needs the post replacing as a permanent repair. The bin store has been repaired and re-installed outside the perimeter fence by the council following our request.

The Remembrance Day service took place with Errington school pupils reading the roll of honour.

Marske Fishermen's choir lead the Christmas carol event in the churchyard. This was well attended and donations to our group were gratefully received.

Gill Haveron



## Children's Society

The Annual emptying of the House Boxes started in October, and after a slow return of the boxes to Barbara Fishpool, Barbara was able to bank to the Children's Society £562.12, which was a lovely amount. If you want, or know of anyone who would like a box at home, please get in touch with Barbara, or any church officer.

We must thank Barbara for all her hard work.



## Christingle



The Christingle Service was held on Sunday 11th December 2022. It was led by Reverend Bruce Harrison, with Ann in charge of the music. The sum of £456.23 was raised and sent off to The Children Society on Monday 12th December.

A coffee morning was held in the White House in October to raise the funds needed to buy the oranges, sweets, and things to make the Christingles.

So, thank you to all who helped in any way at both these events. We couldn't do it without your help and kindness.

Sue Beach

## Messy Church

COVID affected our numbers very badly and we were obliged to cancel a couple of our meetings in the spring. Since the summer we have welcomed our regular members back and have seen new families join us.

In the autumn we concentrated on New Testament stories - 'Calling the disciples', 'Feeding the five thousand', 'The wedding in Cana' and 'Invitations to the party'. Our afternoon ends with tea together.

Our younger members always have something to take home with them, usually a craft, because they will have eaten the food activity. Thank you to our team of leaders who create an afternoon of fun and learning for our families.



Cynthia Snowball



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# Accounts

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**St. Mark's Church**  
**MARSKE in CLEVELAND**



**Annual Report**  
and  
**Financial Statements**  
of the  
**Parochial Church Council**  
for the year ended  
**31<sup>st</sup> December 2021**

**Incumbent**

The Rev'd David Tembey

**Bankers**

Santander UK PLC  
Bootle

**Independent Examiner**

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## **PCC Secretary's Report for 2021 Calendar Year**

St Mark's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting the whole mission of the Church – pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical within the ecclesiastical parish and has maintenance responsibilities for St Mark's Church, for the Church Hall known as the White House and for St Germain's Tower.

**Membership of PCC** - As elections could not be held the membership of the PCC has continued during 2021 as for 2020 viz:-

**Church Wardens** Mrs Sue Sotheran and Mr Peter Tinkler

**Representatives on the Deanery Synod**

**Elected Representatives**

|                    |                             |                   |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Dr Janet Dack      | Mrs Elizabeth Fox           | Miss Joan Hornby  |
| Mrs Clare Marshall | Mrs Margaret Tinkler        | Mrs Sue Thompson  |
| Mrs Jean Wardell   | Mrs Laura Maskery(co-opted) | Mr Jonathan Bragg |
| Mr Graeme Cox      | Mr Andrew Fox               | Mr John Ridgway   |

**Covid** - After Epiphany on January 6th 2021 it was uncertain whether services could recommence by Lent or Easter. In the event, the annual Easter Day dawn service, very well attended, was held at St Germain's on the 4<sup>th</sup> of March and was immediately followed by 9.00am Easter Eucharist at St Mark's with the congregation socially distanced, wearing masks, but without any singing. This single 9.00am Eucharist continued until Sunday October 3<sup>rd</sup> (Harvest Festival) when St Mark's returned to having an 8.00am said and a full choral 9.30 am service. (Choir distanced and singing masked and congregation masked.) The Vicar continued to administer communion using dipping and tongs from the common cup in the nave with the congregation queuing, Baptisms recommenced at 11.30 on Sundays, There was a full set of well attended services over the Christmas period :- The Christingle Service which raised money for the Children's Society in addition to that raised in donation boxes; The Carol Service at which Rod Pearson and Debbie Reed assisted; The Crib Service on the afternoon of Christmas Eve; the "midnight" service on Christmas Eve, 8.00am and 9.30am Eucharist on Christmas Day and Eucharist on St Stephen's Day which, this year, fell on a Sunday.

**The PCC** - The PCC met on four occasions and once on Zoom and has been occupied with the following:-

**"Living Christ's Story"** - The Diocese is extremely stretched financially and will have used its reserves by 2027 unless costs can be cut. "Living Christ's Story" is a diocesan initiative to test how costs can be cut while sustaining the Church's ministry.

The PCC have considered the themes set out by the diocese :-

- |                            |                           |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| a) Growth and Discipleship | b) Organising Ourselves.  |
| c) Financial Challenges.   | d) Ministerial Reshaping. |
- and reported its views.

The PCC found it very difficult to be positive about the major restructuring of the Anglican Church in this area implied by "Living Christ's Story" document particularly as it could lead to the number of parishes and priests being reduced.

We should know the diocesan conclusions in February 2022 at a Synod meeting at St Peter's Redcar at which the Bishop will be present.

**Future plans in relation to Covid** - The PCC has responded, as has been appropriate to St Mark's, to guidance from the diocese and the UK government.

**Stained Glass window** - The PCC has approved the addition of a stained glass window in memory of Alan Beadnall in the plain light of the North wall of the nave.

**Repairs to the Tower** - It is estimated that repairs to the tower will cost £107,000. We do have sufficient funds to be able to attract grants. As we have always paid our full amount of our Free Will Offering, St Mark's should get a worthwhile contribution from the diocese.

**Confirmation** - Bishop Paul confirmed our four candidates, three of them adults, at St Marks on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> of November.

**Public Address System** - Graeme Cox has renovated our 20 year old PA system and it can be used in church and for outside services. No other devices must be attached, apart from a microphone.

**Armistice Day** - A short service was held at St Germain's and was well attended. Pupils from Errington School took part in the event.

**Remembrance Day** - There was a parade starting at 10.30am from Meadow Road. Marske Brass Band were not present this year. We were unable to have the usual service inside St Mark's as it would have been unacceptably crowded.

The Vicar held a 15 minute service at the cenotaph at which prayers were said and the Vicar spoke. The names of the Fallen were read, and wreaths were laid. A trumpeter from Marske band played Last Post and Reveille. The Scouts and Guides were present.

An unusually large crowd spilling off the pavements well over onto the green area opposite the cenotaph listened attentively to the service. The public address system restored by Graeme Cox enabled everyone to hear clearly. The Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council provided very effective traffic control.

**Links with the schools** - Harvest was celebrated with Errington School. Their Christmas service could not be held in St Mark's as planned, the Vicar however attended a service in school.

**Concerts** - There has been only one concert held in St Mark's this year - A concert of Christmas music given by The White Rose Singers which proved to be a very enjoyable and appropriately festive occasion.

**Reindeer Night** - St Mark's hosted the reindeer at the Marske Community Partnership event and opened the church for the general public. Refreshments were served.

**Redcar Food Bank** - Basic items of food have continued to be donated regularly at St Mark's for onward delivery by Kevin and Elizabeth Wass.

**Parcels for Eastern Europe** - Gift filled shoeboxes for families in Eastern Europe were again donated by members of the congregation for onward transport.

**The White House** - See separate Report

**His Royal Highness The Prince Philip Duke of Edinburgh:-**

A memorial service was held in St Mark's on the evening of the Duke of Edinburgh's Funeral in April. It was attended by local Councillors and our Member of Parliament.

Elizabeth Fox (Honorary secretary to the PCC)

## ***Vicar's Report***

I look back on 2021 with mixed feelings. A fresh Covid lockdown began in January and it was back to filming reflections on Facebook and zooming meetings. Funerals continued, but baptisms and weddings were again postponed. I took the decision to postpone my retirement for a year from June in the hope that that would be enough to see the church back to normal operations and began the meetings and paperwork that that entailed.

With Lynne's help we prepared Lent bags which we delivered to as many of the congregation as we could so that, at least, they could observe Lent in their homes with aids.

It was a relief to get back to services on Easter Sunday: the sunrise service at St Germain's was well attended but we had only the one service in church at 9am. This service was to continue until 3 October when we finally reverted to 8am and 9.30am. The Wednesday morning service began again on 14 April but it was not until November 1 that we felt confident enough to begin Monday evening services.

Living Christ's Story began in earnest and the change in the marriage laws came into effect; weddings and baptisms began to trickle back and we ran confirmation classes during the summer. The new Head at Errington School, Sarah Rule, reached out to us with a view to increasing church involvement in school and this was gratefully accepted. We have had some fun times together and have been exploring the Christian faith in different ways. During the year Sue was beaver away on the White House improvements and was successful in a number of grant claims so that the work did not act as a drain on church finances. And we managed to celebrate Christmas as we used to do; Covid has not gone away, but we are having to live with it and try and get on with our lives as best we can.

I could not have gone through the year without my lovely wife Lynne, who was unwavering in her love and support despite the year being incredibly difficult in that her lovely mum died and we sold Lynne's childhood home.

The support of everyone in church for me and for each other was a blessing and enabled so much to be done despite the difficult circumstances.

Thank you and God Bless.

*David Tembey*

## **Churchwardens' report**

This year we have been ruled by COVID restrictions, with uncertainty and caution. It was good to get back to a more normal routine at the end of the year. We are indebted to Vicar David for the way he has lead us through the year.

Pew cushions, ordered before the pandemic, are now in place and being appreciated.

We have continued to support our regular charities including, Children's Society, Farm Africa, Crisis appeals and USPG. Church members have given generously to the food bank. Despite the time that the church was closed we still sent 510.3kgs, we thank Kevin Wass for his regular deliveries on our behalf.

We thank all who give of their time and talents to St Mark's – flower arrangers, choir members, brass cleaners, stewards, welcomers, coffee makers and all those who help to make St Mark's a welcoming and supportive community.

*Sue Sotheran and Peter Tinkler*

Churchwardens

## **Safeguarding/Child Protection**

All Disclosures and Barring Service (DBS) checks and relevant training for St Mark's members who are responsible for regular activities with children and vulnerable adults have been completed and are up to date.

No safeguarding issues have been reported this year.

*Carol Anderson*

Child Protection and Safeguarding Representative.

## **Electoral Roll**

We had a total of 171 (145 residents and 26 non residents) in OCTOBER 2020 when I last reported.

To date as of the 12<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2022 we have had 8 deletions (7 Residents 1 Non Resident) and 3 additions, giving us a total now of 166 (141 residents and 25 non residents).

If you wish to be included on the electoral roll or wish to amend any details, I would be grateful if you would complete a form, a supply of which are at the back of the church or see Sue!

Thankyou.

*David Dack*

Electoral Roll Officer

## **Parish Magazine**

I have been editing the magazine for approximately 18 months now, and I am still enjoying doing it.

Thanks must go to Tony Galloway for all the work he did prior to me. It is not easy filling 10 or 12 pages (not counting the regular information pages), plus the next month comes round very quickly!

I try to present a balance between church and community and hope I achieve this.

Encouraging people to send articles is a great help, as is Parish Pump and having a cousin in Manchester who produces his church magazine.

I am aiming to fill all the advertising slots, before the next millennium.

Keep your articles and recipes coming.

*Joyce Cawthorne*

Church Magazine Editor: Joyce Cawthorne

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**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF MARSKE IN CLEVELAND**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021**

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| Children' Society & Others                                                 |                           | 2302                    |                    | 1176               |
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| <b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>                                                      | <b>113755</b>             | <b>2151</b>             | <b>115906</b>      | <b>113905</b>      |
| <b>Excess/deficit of Receipts over Payments</b>                            |                           |                         | <b>19005</b>       | <b>(12410)</b>     |
| <b>Bank current account as at 1st January 2021</b>                         |                           |                         | <b>6515</b>        | <b>6926</b>        |
| <b>Transferred from M &amp; G Charifund</b>                                |                           |                         |                    | <b>12000</b>       |
| <b>Bank current account as at 31st December 2021</b>                       |                           |                         | <b>25520</b>       | <b>6515</b>        |

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| <b>STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2021</b> |                           |                         |                    |                    |
| <b>CASH FUNDS</b>                                                   |                           |                         |                    |                    |
| Santander Bank Account                                              | 25519                     |                         | 25519              | 6516               |
| <b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS</b>                                             | <b>25519</b>              |                         | <b>25519</b>       | <b>6516</b>        |
| <b>INVESTMENT ASSETS</b>                                            |                           |                         |                    |                    |
| Lloyds Banking Group 73 Ordinary Shares                             | 35                        |                         | 35                 | 26                 |
| M & G Charifund 117.206 Accumulation Units                          |                           | 33995                   | 33995              | 28555              |
| M & G Charifund 2067 Income Units                                   |                           | 32166                   | 32166              | 28371              |
| M & G Charifund 2045 Income Units (Parish Funds)                    | 31821                     |                         | 31821              | 28066              |
|                                                                     | <b>57375</b>              | <b>66161</b>            | <b>123536</b>      | <b>91534</b>       |
| <b>Creditors</b>                                                    |                           |                         |                    |                    |
| TotalEnergies - Church                                              | 1638                      |                         |                    |                    |
| TotalEnergies - White House                                         | 560                       |                         |                    |                    |

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

|              |              |  |              |              |
|--------------|--------------|--|--------------|--------------|
| a            |              |  |              |              |
| Heat & Light | 1740         |  | 1740         | 3314         |
| Other        | 12378        |  | 12378        | 12752        |
|              | <u>14118</u> |  | <u>14118</u> | <u>16066</u> |

Approved by the Pariochial Church Council on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2022 and signed on its behalf by

Rev. David Tembey

*David Tembey*

# ***Independent Examiner's Report***

## ***To the PCC of St. Mark, Marske-in-Cleveland***

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 which are set out in the preceding.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that there are no other material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act;  
or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records ; or
- 3 the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.



Mr J Gresham FCCA  
Azets  
New Garth House  
Upper Garth Gardens  
Guisborough  
TS14 6HA  
21<sup>st</sup> March 2022

## **Marske Bellringers** **Accounts 2021**

### INCOME

|           |          |
|-----------|----------|
| Weddings  | £ 550.00 |
| Donations | £ 15.00  |

TOTAL                    £ 565.00

### EXPENDITURE

|                |          |
|----------------|----------|
| Subs           | £ 120.00 |
| Weddings       | £ 230.00 |
| Banner         | £ 10.00  |
| Repairs        | £ 47.00  |
| Christmas tree | £ 80.00  |

TOTAL                    £ 487.00

Balance     at 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2021     £ 144.08

Increase                             £ 78.00

. Balance     at 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2021     £ 222.08

Audited by E Fox

## **Marske Bellringers**

This year the bell ringers have been pleased to be able to ring for weddings again. During lockdown some of our members used a special computer system to keep up with change ringing. COVID restrictions have prevented three of our regular members from ringing and we hope they will be back with us soon.

We have managed to return to ringing for most Sunday morning services but on six bells rather than on all eight. We will look to recruiting more ringers in 2022.

*Sue Sotheran*



"Ready when you are, George..."

## **The Children's Society**

It was lovely this year to be able to hold our Christingle in Church, on Sunday 12th December 2021, and well attended, with safety in all our minds. Rev David Tembey lead the service, with Ann helping out with the music.

We were able to send the excellent sum of £542.13 to The Children's Society, this was banked directly to them.

Once again, we held a coffee morning in the White House to raise the funds for the oranges etc for the service. Many thanks to all the people who helped in any way to these events. Special thanks go to Sue Sotheran for all her help.

The Annual emptying of the House Boxes started in October, and after a slow return of the boxes to Barbara Fishpool, Barbara was able to bank £574.24 to the Children's Society in December.

So, a big thank you to you all for this big effort. Many thanks to Barbara for all her work.

If you want, or know of someone who would like a box for home or any other place, please get in touch with Barbara or any Church Officer.

*Susan Beach*

## **Ladies Fellowship**

We started our meetings again in September with a welcome evening. We met in the big room (White House) so we could social distance and we wore our masks.

We held our 65th birthday party in November, at the Zetland Hotel. It was a happy event as always.

Thankfully things are a little easier now and we look forward to more members re-joining us.

*Jean Wardell*

(Chairlady)

## **The White House**

It has been difficult to raise funds during the COVID crisis as several planned events had to be cancelled. However generous donations from grant holders and church members, along with the sale of masks and cakes, has ensured a steady income.

This year we have been able to replace the kitchen, thanks to a legacy from Brian Race. Another part of the roof had to be replaced – all our flat roofs are now watertight and insulated. It has not helped our progress as we have had to spend over £20,000 on roof repairs.



It is good to see the building in use again. The new floors fitted in December 2020 means that the standard of cleanliness can be improved.

Instructions have been issued for new lights in the two halls and a new 'stage' access in the main hall, as we have the money for that. Hopefully the final stages – decoration of the halls and corridor as well as new disabled access can be completed in 2022.

*Mrs S Sotheran*

All Enquiries about the White House to:  
Mrs K. Callaghan Tel: 07412 656492  
email: [thewhitehousemarske@gmail.com](mailto:thewhitehousemarske@gmail.com)

Church Web Site - [www.stmarks-marske.co.uk](http://www.stmarks-marske.co.uk)

Facebook - St Mark's Church, Marske-by-the-Sea

## **Friends of St Germain's**

Our group has met each week, weather permitting, to help keep the churchyard tidy for visitors and those tending family plots. We aim to keep the interment plots tidy of weeds and dead flowers for those who are unable to regularly tend them. Overgrown vegetation has been cut back from the perimeter wall. We have had a few kind donations from families who live out of the area or cannot manage. Some older graves have been cleared and membrane and stones laid to make maintenance easier.

The commonwealth graves were prepared for the Remembrance Service which was well attended by forces veterans, local residents and children from Errington School who presented the roll of honour.

Local schools have explored the churchyard as part of their curriculum studies.

Visitors from further afield show appreciation and interest in our well loved landmark.

We planted more daffodil bulbs, donated by RCBC.

We cancelled our annual Christmas songs/carol event, led by Marske Fishermen's Choir. We hope to host a fund raising event this year.

During 2022 we hope to focus on clearing overgrown graves. Essential repairs are needed to gates and to re-instate the information board.

We have a Facebook page to distribute information.

*Gill Haveron*



## **Sunday Club Report**

We were unable to meet in church during lockdown, so we delivered activities to the children on a regular basis. These included: Making chain links for the colours of the church year. The children looked for crosses when out or at home that we made into posters for our board.

Activities for Palm Sunday, Easter, Ascension Day and Pentecost were delivered.

We coloured leaves on a tree as a weather record from the start of the school summer holidays up to Harvest Festival when we held our first meeting in church and displayed them on our board.

We gave print outs of various Bible stories.

We contributed to the church magazine.

We had a table in August for tea on the lawn to showcase what we do.

We took part in the Carol Service in December. The children were given Christmas presents.

*Sue Thompson*

## **St Mark's Choir**

The Choir aims to lead the worship at the 9.30 Sunday Eucharist and at services marking the major events of the Church Year. The music is deliberately varied in style so as to accommodate a range of musical tastes within the congregation. We aim to sing a short choral item at some 9.30 Eucharist services and at all major festivals.

During 2021 the choir did not meet at all until the end of September and on October 3rd (Harvest) we sang our first Eucharist since March 15<sup>th</sup> 2020 and then continued, properly distanced, for the rest of the year - something we have found to be quite difficult.

The Nine Lessons and Carols service went ahead as usual with some guests and some former members of the choir singing, and with the assistance of Rod Pearson and Debbie Reed in playing.

St Mark's is fortunate in having a small core of very loyal singers who attend almost all practices and services. We are only a small choir however, and every voice really counts. At press we have ten singers. N.B WE NEED RECRUITS IN ALL VOICES in order for us to fulfil our role at St Mark's. The ability to read music is useful but not essential. We have just one short (enjoyable) practice on Monday morning and sing at one Sunday service - not much more commitment than is made by most regular members of the congregation already. The presence of a Choir however cannot be taken for granted.

Since our last report we have learned that Jim Pitt who until just a few years ago had been a fixture in the choir for several decades, had passed away, aged 82. He, and his lovely tenor voice, will be remembered with great pleasure and affection.

Andrew Fox - Organist & Choirmaster

### **CHOIR ACCOUNTS AT 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2021**

#### 1. Yorkshire Building Society Account 4890706730

|                 |                            | Income         | Balance         | Expenditure |
|-----------------|----------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------|
| <u>31/12/20</u> | <u>Brought Forward</u>     |                | <u>£4616.16</u> |             |
| <u>31/03/21</u> | Interest                   | £ 6.29         | <u>£4622.45</u> |             |
| <u>09/04/21</u> | Bequest from Margaret Pitt | <u>£100.00</u> | <u>£4722.45</u> |             |
|                 |                            | <u>£106.29</u> | <u>£4722.45</u> | <u>Nil</u>  |

#### 2. Petty Cash      No transactions in 2021    £24.19 Carried Forward from 2020

#### SUMMARY

|                                             | <u>Petty Cash</u> | <u>Yorks BS</u> |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| <u>31/12/20</u>                             |                   |                 |
| <u>Brought forward</u>                      | £24.19            | £4616.16        |
| Income                                      | Nil               | £ 106.29        |
| Expenditure                                 | Nil               | Nil             |
| <u>BALANCE at 31<sup>st</sup> Dec. 2021</u> | <u>£24.19</u>     | <u>£4722.45</u> |

## **Mothers' Union Report**

The branch continues to be led by committee. Over the year we have held a Wave of Prayer Service in May and on 9th August celebrated Mary Sumner Day with a service followed by afternoon tea with donations raising £250.00. In September a further £150.00 was donated to Mothers' Union appeals.



Our meetings on the second Wednesday of the month at 1.45pm in the White house resumed in September and we have enjoyed renewing our fellowship. As yet we are not holding evening meetings or house groups but prayer group on the first Monday at 11.00am has resumed.

A planned vigil for the 16 days of Activism Against Gender Violence had to be cancelled because of a severe storm. We continued to support the Women's Refuge and donated gifts at Easter, Harvest and Christmas.

Cissie Graham a long serving and much loved member, Betty Smuk and Kath Watson have died this year. Irene Pollitt is a new member and our Membership now totals 45. We welcome visitors to all of our meetings.

Our members are most grateful to our Vicar and fellow member, Rev. David Tembey, for his support, especially with Services, and give thanks that we have been able to meet together in fellowship and prayer once again.

*Jean Johnson*  
(for Committee)

## **Messy Church Report**

Because of the pandemic we have been unable to hold Messy Church for over 18 months, but at the end of November we got together again and were able to welcome our families back with a service based on Advent thinking about the stresses of preparing for Christmas as well as the joys of looking forward to this special season. We enjoyed worshipping together, singing and all of the creative activities as well as sharing a meal.

At present we are considering holding messy church on fewer occasions over the year and are trying this with our next service planned for lent 2022. We ask for your prayers that God will guide us as we go forward with this trial.

Many thanks go to all of our Messy Church leaders and especially to Rev David Tembey for his stories and teaching.

We look forward to another year of worship with Messy Church and pray for God's blessing and guidance on this part of our outreach to families.



*Cynthia Snowball*





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| Sundry                                                                     | 1196                      |                         | 1196               | 133                |
| <b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>                                                      | <b>113755</b>             | <b>2151</b>             | <b>115906</b>      | <b>113905</b>      |
| <b>Excess/deficit of Receipts over Payments</b>                            |                           |                         | <b>19005</b>       | <b>(12410)</b>     |
| <b>Bank current account as at 1st January 2021</b>                         |                           |                         | <b>6515</b>        | <b>6926</b>        |

|                                               |       |       |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Transferred from M & G Charifund              |       | 12000 |
| Bank current account as at 31st December 2021 | 25520 | 6515  |

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# Accounts

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## **PCC Secretary's Report for 2020 Calendar Year**

St Mark's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting the whole mission of the Church – pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical within the ecclesiastical parish and has maintenance responsibilities for St Mark's Church, for the Church Institute known as the White House, and for St Germain's Tower.

The service held at St Marks on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> of March 2020, the culmination of "Come and see Week"-was the last normal service to be held in St Marks in 2020. "Lockdown" to control the spread of the Corona virus began that week. Routine meetings of the PCC, and also the Annual General meeting (APCM) at which elections take place could not be held.

Membership of PCC As elections could not be held membership of the PCC has continued for the moment as for 2020 viz:-

Church Wardens Mrs Sue Sotheran and Mr Peter Tinkler

Representatives on the Deanery Synod Mrs Janet Dack, (Reader) Miss Joan Hornby.

Elected Representatives Mrs Elizabeth Fox, Mrs Clare Marshall, Mrs Margaret Tinkler, Mrs Sue Thompson, Mrs Jean Wardell, Mr Jonathan Bragg, Mr Graeme Cox, Mr Andrew Fox, Mr Ian Stoker, Mr John Ridgway

Services on Sundays, Mondays and Wednesdays were suspended at St Mark's church during the periods 16 March to 4 July and 5 November to 5 December. Services on Sundays and Wednesdays were re-instated during the periods 5 July to 4 November and 6 December to 6 January 2021 during which no singing was allowed and the congregation had to socially distance. The church was open for one hour each day for private prayer during the periods 15 June to 3 July and 9 November to 2 December. During the year when no services were held the vicar produced very helpful short videos of reflections, readings and prayers which were available on the church Facebook page.

The PCC met on three occasions before lockdown to discuss matters related to LYCIG and the plans for "Come and See" events in the deanery and at St Mark's. It met once in September -extremely socially distanced using the entire main hall of the White House -when the lockdown rules had been somewhat relaxed - to take account of the impact of Covid on St Mark's and to make plans, if possible.

The APCM was held on the 18<sup>th</sup> of October to when the initial lockdown had been relaxed, to conduct essential business. The continuation in office of the churchwardens and of the 2020 PCC was endorsed.

The Electoral Roll at December 31<sup>st</sup> 2020 stands at 169. Of these 23 were non-residents of the Parish

Confirmation There are five confirmation candidates

### **The White House**

Mrs Katie Callaghan has taken responsibility for White House bookings and maintenance. Last year the PCC considered the future of the White House and decided to implement a programme of improvements as and when finances were available from fund raising, grants and donations. New toilets, the conversion of the store room into a meeting room, upvc windows for the entire building, new washable flooring for the two halls, repairs to the flat roof and a new heating system have all been completed. The heating system allows each room to be heated separately and will never allow the heating to be on for more than two hours. Financing will now be concentrated on a new kitchen and associated works.

### **Come and See**

St Mark's gave breakfast to the visiting Come and See team. The church showed the film "Paddington" but had a disappointing attendance. Any follow up events were unviable due to COVID restrictions.

Charity Giving After the initial lockdown basic food stuffs continued to be donated regularly to Redcar Food Bank at St Mark's for onward delivery by Kevin and Elizabeth

Wass. Gift filled shoe boxes were again sent for Romanian children for Christmas. Harvest Festival gifts were donated to the Redcar Food Bank and the Womens' Refuge and gifts to the Redcar Womens' Refuge at Christmas and Easter.

Elizabeth Fox (Honorary secretary to the PCC)

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF MARSKE IN CLEVELAND**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020**

| Notes                                                            | Unrestricted<br>Fund<br>£ | Restricted<br>Fund<br>£ | Total<br>2020<br>£ | Total<br>2019<br>£ |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31ST DECEMBER 2020</b> |                           |                         |                    |                    |
| <b>CASH FUNDS</b>                                                |                           |                         |                    |                    |
| Santander Bank Account                                           | 6516                      |                         | 6516               | 6926               |
| <b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS</b>                                          | <b>6516</b>               |                         | <b>6516</b>        | 6926               |

**INVESTMENT ASSETS**

|                                                |              |              |              |               |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| Lloyds Banking Group 73 Ordinary Shares        | 26           |              | 26           | 45            |
| M&G Charifund 117.206 Accumulation Units       |              | 28555        | 28555        | 32782         |
| M&G Charifund 2067 Income Units                |              | 28371        | 28371        | 34326         |
| M&G Charifund 2045 Income Units (Parish Funds) | 28066        |              | 28066        | 49167         |
|                                                | <b>28092</b> | <b>56926</b> | <b>85018</b> | <b>123246</b> |

**OTHER ASSETS**

**Debtors**

|                 |   |  |  |     |
|-----------------|---|--|--|-----|
| Weight Watchers | 0 |  |  | 325 |
| Slimming World  | 0 |  |  | 280 |

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020**

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**Non-recurring giving/donations**

|                                           |             |  |             |      |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------|--|-------------|------|
| Pew Cushions                              | 902         |  | 902         | 1640 |
| Other                                     | 1697        |  | 1697        | 1364 |
| St Germain's Tower re Redcar & Cleve B.C. | 1000        |  | 1000        | 0    |
|                                           | <b>3599</b> |  | <b>3599</b> | 3004 |

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|                 |              |  |              |              |
|-----------------|--------------|--|--------------|--------------|
| Heat & Light    | 3314         |  | 3314         | 4905         |
| New Photocopier | 0            |  | 0            | 540          |
| Pew Cushions    | 2043         |  | 2043         | 0            |
| Other           | 10709        |  | 10709        | 9623         |
|                 | <b>16066</b> |  | <b>16066</b> | <b>15068</b> |

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|                                          |            |  |            |              |
|------------------------------------------|------------|--|------------|--------------|
| Nativity Carvings                        | 0          |  | 0          | 5000         |
| David France (Transfer re St. Germain's) | 0          |  | 0          | 11178        |
| St. Germain's (Transfer)                 | 0          |  | 0          | 3766         |
| Other                                    | 133        |  | 133        | 764          |
|                                          | <b>133</b> |  | <b>133</b> | <b>20708</b> |

**Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 28th January 2021 and signed on its behalf by**

*David Tembey*

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