

St. Mark's Church
MARSKE in CLEVELAND



Annual Report
and
Financial Statements
of the
Parochial Church Council
for the year ended
31st December 2022

Incumbent

The Parish is in Vacancy

Bankers

Santander UK PLC
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

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 Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2022	Total 2021
		£	£	£	
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022					
Receipts					
<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	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		117184	5710	122894	134911
Payments					
<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
TOTAL PAYMENTS		119818	5613	125431	115906
Excess/deficit of Receipts over Payments				-2537	19005
Bank current account as at 1st January 2022				25520	6515
Bank current account as at 31st December 2022				22983	25520

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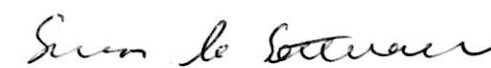
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		£	£	£	£
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022					
CASH FUNDS					
Santander Bank Account		22983		22983	25519
TOTAL CASH FUNDS		22983		22983	25519
INVESTMENT ASSETS					
Lloyds Banking Group 73 Ordinary Shares		33		33	35
M & 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
		53065	64301	117366	123536
LIABILITIES					
Creditors					
TotalEnergies - Church		1247			
TotalEnergies - White House		632			
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022					
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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 31st 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 and matters 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
27th 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
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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 17th 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 (1st Monday 11am) and Main Branch Meeting (2nd 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 9th 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 3rd 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 31st 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	£ 24.19	£4926.96
at 31/12 2022		

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

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

