

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST NICHOLAS, HORNSEA.

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Activities

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

Activities: REGULAR PUBLIC WORSHIP OPEN TO ALL; PROVISION OF SACRED SPACE FOR PERSONAL PRAYER AND CONTEMPLATION. PASTORAL WORK, VISITING SICK AND BEREAVED. TEACHING CHRISTIANITY. PROMOTION OF CHRISTIANITY. PROMOTING MISSION OF CHURCH,

Classification

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

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- East Riding Of Yorkshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£133,728	£186,067	-	-
2023-12-31	£117,843	£109,380	-	-
2022-12-31	£184,472	£235,244	-	-
2021-12-31	£103,063	£91,140	-	-
2020-12-31	£55,919	£69,257	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev CHRISTINA NOELLE MINETT STEVENS	Chair	2018-01-05
Christina Ann Taylor		2021-09-15
Jacqueline Parkhouse		2024-04-29
Joanne Gadie		2024-02-01
John Moss		2014-04-27
Nicola Jane Dixon		2021-04-25
Paul Antony Gadie		2023-05-30

Accounts

2024 Report and Accounts
for the
Parochial Church Council
of
The Benefice of St Nicholas

**Presented to the Annual General
Meeting on 7th April 2025**

**Finance Report Agreed by the PCC on
22nd November 2025**

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Aims and Purpose

St. Nicholas' Parochial Church Councils (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Tina Minett Stevens, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC of St Nicholas is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the St Nicholas Parish Hall at 1 Newbegin Hornsea HU18 1AB

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish communities. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- Mission and outreach work

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of our Church buildings and St. Nicholas Church Hall.

Achievements and Performance

Annual Safeguarding Report

Hornsea Benefice is compliant with all requirements of Section 5A of the the Church of England Safeguarding Code of Practice and the following statements demonstrate this:-

- Following last year's APCM myself, Christina Taylor and Jo Gadie took on the role of Parish Safeguarding Officers. We attended the Induction at the Diocese Headquarters and this was followed up with a visit from a Diocesan Officer to help us draw up and action plan.
- The first task was to ensure all PCC and Church Wardens had up to date DBS plus other volunteers/individuals who were on our database. This was done and all Open the Book, Families at 3 and Church Music volunteers are now covered and the Update Service was recommended to them. Community Development Worker has also been safely recruited and trained to the required level.
- Safeguarding Training continues to be a work in progress and details follow in the report.
- Safeguarding policy based upon and compliant with the C of E policy has been updated and accepted by the PCCS. Benefice Safeguarding Dashboard has been reviewed and is up to date with actions identified for each church.
- Safeguarding is a standing item on all PCC agendas and the PSO reports regularly.
- Up to date Safeguarding posters are prominent in all venues with contact information for any safeguarding issues that arise and risk assessments have been developed for events.
- Safer Recruitment processes are followed in the recruitment and training of all volunteers and Church Officers who work with children and vulnerable adults as well as in public events. We have adopted the simplified declaration for those in more prominent volunteers roles, full declaration for all officers and statement of Safer Working Practices for all one off events in order to promote a respectful and safe environment where any safeguarding concerns can be raised.

DBS

As DBS come up for renewals now – as long as the individual is registered for the update service this can be done annually by the Diocese so the 3 yearly cycle will phase out I assume.

We get an alert from 31:8 regarding expiry and if on update service all we need is sight of the original DBS, its number, name and DOB of the individual and the Diocese Safeguarding Admin do the check and send an acknowledgement for our records. No replacement DBS certificate is generated.

New volunteers (who so require) and any new Leaders/ Officers will be put through the DBS process.

Safeguarding Training

Sallie and Jo have been undertaking the Leadership Training but unfortunately due to circumstances Cheryl and I were unable to join their cycle but will do as soon as we can register ourselves to do so.

A number of PCC members still need to do some training and it may be possible to facilitate this once the Parish Hall has internet access for those who require assistance.

Code of Safer Working Practices

This code is sufficient for use in most of our events that require volunteers helping, who have not done Safeguarding Training because their role/ involvement does not require it. It is sufficient for them to read and sign to say that they are happy to follow it. A copy is in each church's Safeguarding folder. All group/ event/club leaders have undergone the correct level of Safeguarding Training required.

In conclusion we feel our Benefice has created a respectful environment in which all safeguarding concerns can be raised and responded to and remains a high priority in all our work.

Tina Taylor and Jo Gadie, Benefice Safeguarding Officers

Worship and Prayer

The PCC is keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling.

All are welcome to attend our regular services.

Attendances on a Sunday morning are holding steady.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life, in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping. Being able to livestream these services has been a blessing for family members unable to attend in person.

Fifth Sundays have been kept as Benefice Services, with each church hosting these in rotation.

Services and events in the parish is detailed in the reports below.

Our worship online has continued and a faithful number attend Morning Prayer each weekday: numbers are lower but a core of 4-6 remain. Morning Prayer reverted to online only during the winter months. Others join on Sundays for Communion, which has now dropped to 1 or 2 attending worship online.

Midweek St Nicholas offered a shorter service of Holy Communion, which moved into the parish hall for the winter where worship was more comfortable in the colder months. A small but faithful congregation of around 12 value this opportunity for worship and fellowship, with a local care home bringing a resident when possible. With the addition of a hearing loop/ PA system we are better able to meet the needs of those with hearing disabilities.

The congregation have now chosen to stay in the parish hall year round, and we now meet 'in the round' so that no-one has to move to receive Holy Communion. Members have begun to make use of the Warm Space lunches offered in the Hollis Room and this has allowed for more fellowship.

A group of men have formed who undertake 'handyman' tasks in the church and hall following the Wednesday service and it is a joy to see their relationships grow and we are grateful for all they do.

At the request of two local care homes, the Vicar celebrates a monthly Communion service with hymns for the residents, many of whom have been unable to attend church for years due to their infirmities. Ministry continues to develop as we build relationships with the care home staff.

All our services and events are promoted through our Facebook page *Hornsea Benefice serving the people of Hornsea, Atwick and Skipsea*.

There have been more opportunities to engage with the local schools and it has been a joy to welcome local primary schools into their local parish church, with Hornsea Burton and Skipsea schools coming for Harvest, Christmas and Easter. The Vicar and curate have been invited in to lead assemblies in the schools as well as attending classes to speak about the Christian faith and festivals as part of the Religious Education local syllabus.

The arrival of Rev Rosie as Curate in the summer has enabled us to offer different styles of worship and Rev Rosie brings a freshness to all that we do.

Pastoral Care

Some members of our parish are unable to attend church due to various circumstances. Revd Tina and Rev Rosie have visited all who have requested it, to share communion with them either at their homes or in hospital. We refer those in hospital to the Chaplaincy team who are often able to visit sooner given the distance we are from our local hospitals. The provision of online services has greatly helped our 'at home' members be part of our worship together. We make use of texts and phone calls to keep in touch with each other.

Informal care is offered by members of the congregations to one another, with lifts to church being particularly valued alongside the deepening of relationships. The former members of the Mothers' Union continue to meet socially and support one another.

Please remember we would rather be told multiple times that someone is in need than not at all!

Revd Tina

Occasional Offices

We continue to offer weddings, baptisms and funerals to all who request them. We have good working relationships with our local funeral directors and also our ecumenical colleagues, sharing services with them when asked and as appropriate.

26 funerals (9 of which were at local crematoriums, an increasing trend) and 2 interments of ashes were undertaken across the Benefice in 2024.

Sadly these included services for Keith Rhodes and Angela Wear in Hornsea, both of whom died following illnesses and who are greatly missed by us all for their support and wisdom as Churchwardens and friends.

Weddings and baptisms are less and less common, though there was an increase in weddings booked in 2024 for 2025. One wedding took place in 2024.

We make it as easy as possible for families to access baptisms, requiring only a home visit with the parents and godparents before the service. However, we only had 3 families attend for Baptism in the Benefice in 2024.

Revd Tina

Curate's Report

Since arriving in the Hornsea Benefice in June 2024, I have enjoyed getting to know people within the community, and I am enjoying my role as Curate here.

I am thankful for our regular worship services at Atwick, Hornsea, and Skipsea, where I have had the opportunity to carry out my role as a liturgical deacon both during the Sunday services and the midweek Communion in Hornsea. I have also been thankful for the opportunity to lead some of the monthly Evensong services.

I have helped to lead occasional services, my favourites being the Christingle services, that Stations of the Cross, and the World Day of Prayer. I have introduced and led a Taizé service, which is a quiet service with music, readings, candles, and Christian meditation. We have so far had two Taizé services, and these have been well received by those attending. I would like to continue organising Taizé services and have also had offers from people within the community to help with the music.

In addition, I have had a discussion with the Activities Coordinator at Mere Hall Care Home about potentially bringing a Taizé service into the care home itself.

Alongside the services in church, I have also attended and led some of the courses and groups that happen both within the benefice and in the wider deanery. Revd Tina and I have led this year's Lent course, focussing on prayer and different ways of praying, and I have learnt a lot from those sessions. I have also attended the Bible Study which takes place in Aldbrough, and I have attended some meetings of the Fellowship Group which is led by Revd Shirley in Beeford.

Another of the opportunities I have had this year is leading funerals and baptisms. I have had the privilege of walking alongside a number of families who are grieving the loss of a loved one, and of taking their loved one's funeral. I have led 2 baptisms so far this year, and have also attended weddings led by Revd Tina, to prepare for taking weddings after my priesting in June 2025.

During the past few months, I have had the chance to visit congregation members at home and bring communion to those who are unable to get to church. I thoroughly enjoy this ministry, and the conversations that are had. I also enjoy the conversations that I have with the residents in the local care homes which I visit with Revd Tina each month. We have a Eucharist service, and then usually stay for a cup of coffee and a chat. During coffee, we have some great conversations with the residents!

I have had the opportunity to go into all 3 of our local primary schools. I deliver collective worship at Hornsea Burton and Skipsea, and every so often, I join Revd Tina in delivering assemblies to Hornsea Community Primary School. Alongside school visits, I have enjoyed being involved in the work that is going on within the Benefice for young people, including Families at 3, and the newly formed Young Voices choir.

It has been great to see the events that have been put on by the churches, including the mouse festival at Skipsea, the Dominoes with a Difference evening, and not forgetting Atwick's bingo evening! There have of course also been a number of opportunities to partake in community events outside of the church, including the blessing of the Hornsea Inshore Rescue's new lifeboat called the 'Spirit of Hornsea'.

As is becoming clear to me, there are lots of things going on within the Benefice. We have been reflecting on this during our Revitalise days at Wydale and at the Revitalise meetings we have had in the Benefice. Revitalise has been helping us to think about what growth and mission looks like in our community, and I look forward to seeing how these discussions develop.

As a leader in the Church, I am also expected to have experience in meetings and PCC's, and have therefore joined a range of meetings, including PCC meetings, within the benefice. I will continue to attend these, and am already learning lots!

As well as the practical aspects of ministry that I have been partaking in this year, I have also been continuing some studies around ministry and theology. In January 2025, I graduated from my Master's Degree in Theology and Ministry from Durham University, which concluded the studies that I had been doing whilst at theological college in Durham. I have also attended IME (Initial Ministerial Education) days, mostly at the York Diocesan Offices, where we have had time to reflect upon our ministry and learn more about ministry. Alongside my own learning, I have had the opportunity to deliver training to staff at the theological college in Mirfield around neurodivergence, which I loved doing.

As is perhaps clear to you, I am very grateful to be serving in the Hornsea Benefice. This report has highlighted some of the things I have been a part of so far, but has by no means covered everything. Looking towards the future, I hope to continue developing in these aspects of ministry, and also have plans to undertake a project focussing on inclusion within our Benefice which will specifically be looking at our accessibility in terms of disability. I look forward to doing this project and am also looking forward to seeing how my ministry develops as I am priested in June.

I would like to say thank you to Revd Tina and everyone in the Benefice for the welcome, encouragement, patience and support that I have received. I look forward to seeing what the next year brings for us as a Benefice and for me in my ministry, and am excited to journey together over the coming year.

Rev Rosie Evans

Open The Book Report

This is a short reflection on what we have been doing as part of Open the Book team this year. We have 8 regular members of our Open the Book team, namely: Georgina Chamberlain, Enid Slaven, Sallie Hammond, Meg Croft, David Croft, Angela Leach, Stuart Leach, with Rev Rosie joining the team in 2024. All of the team have completed their Open the Book training online this year, which was helpful and informative.

The team meets every other week during term-time to prepare for the story the following Monday. We give thanks for Georgina who usually hosts these meetings, and for Enid who has hosted them in most recent weeks.

The team then delivers the story in Hornsea Burton Primary School the next Monday morning, with props of course. There are a number of children who come to help us act out the stories, and they enjoy being involved. The children seem to enjoy hearing the stories, and one of the staff recently fed back that they enjoy the days that open the book come and do the assembly.

With the few little interactions we have with the children, it is clear that many of them want to learn more about the Christian faith and want to explore questions around faith.

There have been some highlights of the year, with Enid's Oscar-worthy performance of a pious religious leader in the story of the widow's coins and Revd Rosie's ride on a donkey during the telling of Palm Sunday.

The stories and the reflection that comes at the end often also tie in with the themes that the children have been reflecting on. As a recent example, we did the story of the resurrection on the last week of the Easter term, and were told that the children were going to be learning about this story that week.

We have enjoyed Open the Book this year, and look forward to continuing to deliver the assemblies, bringing the stories of the Bible to life, and seeing what the next year brings for the team.

Rev Rosie Evans

Benefice Deanery Synod Report

Hornsea & Aldbrough benefices (comprising 7 churches) are now in North Holderness Coastal mission community, and Skirlaugh, Beeford and Leven, in North Holderness Rural. It is a two year plan in which we need to grow, challenge ourselves, and work collaboratively.

24.10.23

I was unable to attend this meeting, which was at Hornsea Church. As it was the first of the Deanery year, it began with a service of Holy Communion, conducted by Revd Tina.

On their retirement from office, Shirley and John were both thanked by Revd David, for their hard work, and their valuable contributions to the DLT.

The Deanery plan was discussed.

18.4.24

Revd David reported on the productive meetings held for couples getting married over the deanery this year.

Thanks were given to Pat Porter for her hard work as Deanery treasurer, as she had moved on to become Lay Dean. New treasurer is Ian Nursey who answered questions on free Will Offer.

The attendees then split into the two areas – Rural and Coastal- to discuss how we can help each other out in services etc. This was followed by a short quiz by Revd David.

29.5.24

Still no one volunteered to be Secretary! The room split into two groups to discuss what we should focus on in the future, as a Deanery. One suggestion was sharing what was happening in our parish so others could support these events. Another was how we could improve safeguarding training, so all churches achieve their goals of where they should be with this. And visiting each others' churches more. Suggestions of Speakers took place, with Coastal Erosion, Net Zero, and RABA reps being some suggestions (Royal Agricultural Benevolent Association) Unfortunately, Revd Susan Walker will not be replaced after retiring in September, and will be greatly missed.

Sallie Hammond – Synod representative for Atwick

Electoral Roll Reports

This is a year when the Electoral Rolls are renewed. Last year's figures are included for comparison.

The reduced numbers at Hornsea are more reflective of our actual worshipping community, but due to the illness of the Electoral Roll Officer when the roll was prepared there are further people to be included in the coming months.

Hornsea St Nicholas

We started the year with 98 on Roll.

The new Roll numbers 26

Electoral Roll Officer

St Nicholas Hornsea Reports

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Church Wardens Reports

Formal

Due to the sad loss of two previous Wardens, the Terrier has been misplaced. The Archdeacon is aware and this shall shortly be renewed. There has been no visitation by or on behalf of the Archdeacon this year.

Jo Gadie, Church Warden

Informal

It is customary for the church to have four churchwardens. Unfortunately, with the sad passing of Keith and Angela we now only have one. If anyone is interested in becoming a churchwarden, please contact the Churchwarden or the vicar.

The Parochial Church Council was elected at the Annual General Meeting. During the year no one has resigned. The PCC meets 8 times a year and if anyone would like the opportunity to be involved with the running of the church, there are vacancies.

During 2024 church attendance has been on a par with 2025 and there have been a number of events where visitors and families have been able to experience aspects of the church and its worship.

Jo Gadie, Church Warden

Fabric Report

During the Quinquennial inspection of the church building by the architect and the builder Matthias, structural defects to the tower pinnacles and parapet which required further investigation, remedial work and scaffolding access were discovered. The work has been agreed and scheduled for completion in 2025. We Had some scaffolding erected due to health and safety issues of people walking round the back for the disabled access, We shall also be having work done on the clock face whilst the scaffolding is in place.

On-going talks regards the disabled access is ongoing with the Town Council as this is seen unfit for wheelchairs and a ramp has been discussed instead of the zig zag access.

Lights in the church are failing one by one, as a temporary measure we have placed lights in the organ loft and the choir vestry pending a more permanent resolution.

Jo Gadie, Churchwarden

Ecumenical Relationships

The church is a member of Christians Together in Hornsea and our relationships continue to develop. It has been a joy to welcome and work alongside friends in our sister churches in many events and services this year, including the Easter Sunrise Service and Hornsea Carnival.

Revd Tina

Choir Report

This year has seen growth in all areas of choral worship within St. Nicholas Church.

In March we held a Come and Sing for The Crucifixion by John Stainer. This was very successful and attracted approximately 20 singers.

In May we enjoyed a Civic Service which welcomed members of Beverley Minster and Bridlington Priory Choir to song with St. Nicholas's .

More new music was added to welcome the arrival of Rev Rosie and the choir and congregational enjoyed learning new hymns and music for the occasion

In July the adult choir entered the church choir category in the local Hornsea Music Festival with great success and enjoyment. It was also a pleasure to host the Hornsea Music Festival in the church for some of their vocal classes, and we hope we can do this again in the future.

In October the newly formed Young Voices choir was started which is aimed at children of secondary school age. The choir is slowly becoming part of regular service as the members learn all the new music.

The Christmas period was busy for both choirs, and the choir enjoyed singing in care homes, with a fabulous addition of a cello, clarinet and piano ensemble to accompany the singing. The residents and choir thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The choir also visited Atwick to take part in the turning on of the Christmas lights and enjoyed singing carols round the tree with local residents. The carol service this year was a combined service with Young Voices and St. Nicholas's Church Choir, as well as Petrichora, enjoying a full 9 lessons and Carols. There were violins and a trumpet in addition to the choir and everyone enjoyed themselves.

The choir have enjoyed regular monthly evensong and have learnt a great deal of new music to support both Sunday services. New members have enjoyed taking part in both services as we gain confidence in the BCP evensong service. We look forward to continuing to expand and engage with all areas of church worship over the coming years, whilst expanding our members and repertoire. Many thanks must go not only to the commitment of the choir members, but to John for his astonishing support and dedication to his work. It is an honour and a joy to be able to work with him every week. Special thanks must also go to Rev. Rosie for all her support and encouragement with the Young Voices. Finally thanks to Rev Tina for her unending support in continued growth of Music and worship opportunities.

Leonie Creswell

Server Report

This has been a difficult year for our Serving Team, with June Tanton having to step down due to ill health: thank you for all your hard work over the years June and for all you have taught me. June continues to assist on both a Sunday and a Wednesday.

Jean Railton has also been out of action for over a year but hopefully when her back is sorted she will be back: Jean - you are greatly missed.

I would also like to thank Sandra for stepping in to the server position in my absence. As some of you know I can only serve every other Sunday due to work commitments, but I do call in and set everything up so it's ready for the service.

So I am asking if there is anyone who would like to become a server or just help set up in my absence then please don't hesitate to contact myself, Revd Tina or Rev Rosie.

Thank you, Jo Gadie

Growth Reports

Revitalise

Our church has been invited and joined the Revitalise programme through the Diocese. This has enabled members of the PCCs to go to Wydale and be inspired to help our churches to grow in faith, togetherness and mission in our local communities.

A Revitalise Group will be developed to help drive this forward in 2025.

Tina Taylor

Pollinate Eco-Garden Report

During the past year, we have achieved the following:

- Grown our gardening team with 4 new committed members
- Successfully improved the structure of the garden to include accessible footpaths, planting, outdoor electrics and covered arbour, thanks to funding from East Riding Council's UK Shared Prosperity Fund and Withernwick Windfarm Fund
- Held a number of community events and workshops, including 'Music In The Garden', Smile Foundation's Volunteering Celebration, winter planter workshop, 2 Yorkshire Wildlife Trust workshops, nature and photography workshops, birdbox making workshop for primary school, lead by practical pathways group from secondary school, and a Christmas Table Centrepiece Workshop. The workshops were funded by the UKSPF grant.
- Links were developed with the secondary school, as students designed a natural play area for the garden
- The gardening volunteers have attended an information session on Green Social Prescribing, lead by Anthony Hurd from Smile Foundation

Garden Church unfortunately shrunk drastically in numbers and was no longer successful when ending in September.

Plans for the year ahead include:

Organising a range of community workshops and community events

- Seek funding for the installation of an accessible greenhouse and accessible planting troughs
- Seek funding for the construction of the natural play area
- Continue to grow the garden volunteer group

Helen Ball, Lead Volunteer

Parish Hall Report

Thanks to grants from the UKSPF via the East Riding of Yorkshire Council, the hall was extensively re-furbished in August 2024. A further grant from the Hornsea Lions enabled more equipment to be purchased for the kitchen, and a digital grant from UKSPF allowed us to install AV equipment including a hearing loop to make the hall a more inclusive space.

In September 2024 we were able to employ Mr Jonathan Parker as Community Development Worker, using UKSPF funds which run out at the end of March 2025. We will be seeking alternative funding to support this role as it has had a great impact on our community work as Mr Parker's report explains:

The Hall reopened in September with the Craft Emporium and the Horticultural Show. Comments were all very positive about what a modern, clean looking space we now have.

Our weekly events continue to grow in popularity - Warm Space Wednesdays were slow to get going but are now well attended and have a group of regulars as well as passers by who are both local and visiting. The bingo sessions are also popular - again we seem to have built up a regular clientele.

The hall bookings are increasing all the time. We have added sessions from the Diabetes Awareness providers and regulars like Let's Sing , Church Without Walls and U3A all continue to enjoy the hall. We have also added a new choir -Hooked on Harmonies , a local youth band who use us for practice and ER Music Therapy who are regulars.

Our community partnership with Adult Education got off to a good start with courses on Air Fryer Cooking and Digital phone photography. They are coming back soon with course in Nuero-diversity and Pottery.

We are also looking forward to welcoming Citizens Advice from April -they will be joining us once a month - a great asset that St Nicholas has brought to the town and the Credit Union are about to place a stand with us to gauging interest with a view to a weekly visit.

Our community events were very well received - the Doodling/art groups were very, very popular and the Affordable Christmas was a fantastic Atmosphere and helped several families. Our Toy Sway also helped 12 families and got us on to Look North - the only down side was we chose the coldest and wettest day of the year!

We teamed up with The Hornsea Hormones to provide the Christmas Day Lunch for over 65 people - a huge success and many people who came attend one or more of our weekly sessions.

The Digital Grant was finally awarded and the tv/screen and sound system has recently been fitted and is already getting used including our first Family Film Night which went down well. We have been collecting surveys from our hall users and they are all very positive.

We have managed to recruit 6 regular volunteers and several more who are interested in getting more involved as we get ready to open the Community cafe - The Boathouse.

We are actively working with Adult Ed, Citizen's Advice, The Credit Union, Charlotte Eldred (artist), Hornsea Hormones, the 2 Primary Schools (especially Michelle Simmonite at Hornsea Primary), The Lions and are actively looking at ways of working more closely with The Detached Youth Team and The Success Centre.

The upstairs space has had a deep clean with a view to being able to hire that out more and a drama school are interested in using this from after Easter. The St Nicholas Parish Hall seems to be at the heart of the community again.

Jonathan Parker, Community Development Worker

Families at 3

This continues to thrive and since September we have had 16 families registered. Some have been attending from the start but there has been 5 new ones who have replaced others that no longer come due to new commitments.

Weekly we have a core attendance of 12 ish families with children from 3 years to 15 years.

We have a group of 5 volunteers plus Nicky and Tina from church who operate on a rota system. These come from the churches in Hornsea through Christians Together working. This year 2 ladies have retired from volunteering and we expressed our gratitude to their service. We have however recruited a lady from the RC who as a retired nursery teacher has also offered to lead a baby and toddler group which we plan for the Spring 2025

We have continued to be able to offer the sessions FREE of charge due to different grant funding sources that I have applied for.

We had 3 events this year/parties at the end of the School Terms – Easter and gave eggs and Christian materials and input – likewise at Christmas and each child received a present from Santa and each family biscuits. We also had a Praise party picnic in the Summer..

We continue to prepare the ground for seeds and were thrilled that there was a great response to our Christingle making and service in church on the last session before Christmas – also attended by other members of the public and families who attended just for this. Some of our families also came to Lights Night and the Crib service too.

Some also attended the Easter trail put together by Christians Together and our church staged the resurrection and New Life theme , with a tomb created in the Lady Chapel by one of our volunteers and some also attended the Light Party at the Hall for Halloween.

Tina Taylor

Community Events

In our mission to reach out to the wider community we try to host events to draw people into church.

The Horticultural Show in September was a real success and will happen again in 2025. We consulted people who placed entries and will adapt in response.

The trails put together by Christians Together draw in not only families from the area but holiday makers and adult members of the public because the church is open. See notes in Families at 3.

We held Open Afternoons on the Tuesdays in August which drew in both locals and holiday makers from all over the country and abroad. This not only gave opportunity to share our building but to pray with visitors and speak about our faith and the work of the church.

Lights Night and the launch of the Tree Festival was a huge success with more than 1000 people coming through and we are grateful to all the team for organising and to all who helped. We made some good contacts with the schools and will continue to develop this for the other events we stage. This event will also take place in 2025.

Opening the church for visiting the Tree Festival on the Saturdays was also successful and allowed people to take time to sit and reflect and also visit the memory tree. The inclusion of musical performances over lunch time was a big success. This will continue in 2025.

Tina Taylor

Financial Review

The PCC employs a bookkeeping service **Count on Us** to ensure we are compliant with accounting and charity regulations. Unfortunately Mr Elvin has suffered a serious illness and as such we do not yet have our accounts for 2024. The PCC continue to review the situation and we wish Mr Elvin well in his recovery.

We are not required to submit our accounts to the Charity Commission until later in the year and are confident we will be in a position to do so in good time.

Updated November 2025:

The accounts were finalised in November 2025 and are included in this report, and have been reported to the Charity Commission a month late.

Reserves policy

As of 31st December 2024 the PCC held a balance of £48,573.40 of which £0 is in unrestricted funds.

All our reserves have been expended and the balance is made up of restricted funds. These will be reimbursed during 2025 by grants from the Church Lands Trust.

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ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH HORNSEA

Registered Charity Number 1132888

Accounts for 2024

**PRESENTED TO THE
SPECIAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
ON 22nd November 2025**

2024 Treasurer: Vacant (Role undertaken by the Vicar &
Churchwardens)
Examiner: Mr Mark Elvin, Count on Us Bookkeeping &
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Achievements and Performance

Annual Safeguarding Report

Training

Due to the illness of our Safeguarding Officer during 2023, we are working with the Diocese to ensure all volunteers, Church Wardens and PCC members have completed the required Safeguarding courses within the past three years and hold a DBS where necessary.

Policies and notices

We have a policy approved by all the PCC and publicly displayed along with the information poster recommended by the diocese.

We are not aware of any safeguarding issues or concerns within the benefice at present.

Tina Taylor
Interim Safeguarding Officer

Worship and Prayer

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As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life, in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping. Being able to livestream these services has been a blessing for family members unable to attend in person. St Nicholas Hornsea has re-introduced a monthly Sung Evensong giving more opportunities for traditional worship.

Our worship online has continued and a faithful number attend Morning Prayer each weekday: numbers are lower but a core of 4-6 remain. Morning Prayer reverted to online only during the winter months. Others join on Sundays for Communion, which has now dropped to 1 or 2 attending worship online.

Midweek St Nicholas offers a shorter service of Holy Communion, which moved into the parish hall for the winter where worship was more comfortable in the colder months. A small but faithful congregation of around 12 value this opportunity for worship and fellowship, with a local care home bringing a resident when possible.

At the request of two local care homes, the Vicar celebrates a monthly Communion service with hymns for the residents, many of whom have been unable to attend church for years due to their infirmities.

We have continued to develop and continue our online offering alongside our social media presence through shared posts and our own team producing memes and short videos teaching about the festivals and our faith. All our services and events are promoted through our Facebook page *Hornsea Benefice serving the people of Hornsea, Atwick and Skipsea*.

There have been more opportunities to engage with the local schools and it has been a joy to welcome all three local primary schools into their local parish church, with Hornsea Burton school coming for Harvest, Christmas and Easter. The Vicar has been invited in to lead assemblies in the schools as well as attending classes to speak about the Christian faith and festivals as part of the Religious Education local syllabus.

Garden church has attracted new people to worship in the Pollinate Eco Garden – see separate report.

Pastoral Care

Some members of our parish are unable to attend church due to various circumstances. Reverend Tina has visited all who have requested it, to celebrate communion with them either at their homes or in hospital. The provision of online services has greatly helped our 'at home' members be part of our worship together.

Informal care is offered by members of the congregations to one another, with lifts to church being particularly valued alongside the deepening of relationships.

Revd Tina

Electoral Roll Report

We started the year with 108 on Roll.

Three people no longer wish to be included.

No person no longer qualifies as they are non – resident and no longer worship at St Nicholas.

No persons have moved away.

Seven people have died.

No names have been added to the Roll and the total at April 2024 is 98.

Electoral Roll Officer

Benefice Deanery Synod Report

At the Synod Meeting on 22.11.22 discussions took place on key actions of the proposed Deanery Plan.

To recap, Hornsea & Aldbrough benefices (comprising 7 churches) are now in North Holderness Coastal mission community, and Skirlaugh, Beeford and Leven, in North Holderness Rural. It is a two year plan in which we need to grow, challenge ourselves, and work collaboratively.

It was agreed that a 'Launch Evening' (involving food), would be a good way of getting everyone together going forward.

20.4.23

John Halliwell from Skirlaugh (where the meeting was held), spoke briefly about improvements made to the church building, which is a 3 year project.

Revd John Day based at Northallerton, spoke of his Advisor role which involves helping churches to grow. We worked in groups to put in order what we felt was important for our own churches to grow. Afterwards, he recommended a book to help, entitled 'How Village Churches Survive'.

12.7.23

The Revd Suzanne Cooke was announced as Priest In Charge of Leven& Brandesburton, and Andrew Pearson of Aldbrough, Mappleton, Goxhill & Withernwick.

Mr John Robinson stepped down after 5 years as Lay Dean, and the Revd Shirley Hebden as Area Dean.

An account of Free Will Offer was given. All parishes were asked to prepare a Deanery Plan to show how they would achieve the payment of their ministry costs by 2026.

Revd David Messer and his wife then gave an insightful talk on their visit to Cape Town.

24.10.23

As it was the first of the Deanery year, it began with a service of Holy Communion, conducted by Revd Tina.

On their retirement from office, Shirley and John were both thanked by Rev David, for their hard work, and their valuable contributions to the DLT.

The Deanery plan was discussed.

Church Wardens Reports

Formal

I am pleased to report the moveable items contained in the Terrier are in good order and repair. There has been no visitation by or on behalf of the Archdeacon this year.
Angela Wear, Church Warden

Informal

It is customary for the church to have four churchwardens. There were two until September when sadly Keith Rhodes died. There was then only one churchwarden. If anyone is interested in becoming a churchwarden, please contact the churchwarden or the vicar.

The Parochial Church Council was elected at the Annual General Meeting. During the year one member resigned and a member was coopted on during autumn. The PCC meets 8 times a year and if anyone would like the opportunity to be involved with the running of the church, there are vacancies.

During 2023 church attendance has been on a par with 2022 and there have been a number of events where visitors and families have been able to experience aspects of the church and its worship.

The church held the Deanery Confirmation Service on the 17th September where kneelers for the Lady Chapel altar steps were blessed by the Bishop of Hull.

Fabric Report

During the Quinquennial inspection of the church building by the architect and the builder Matthias, structural defects to the tower pinnacles and parapet which required further investigation, remedial work and scaffolding access were discovered. The work has been agreed and scheduled for completion in 2024.

The PCC engaged The Revd. Matthew Askey an artist, to produce a set of Stations of the Cross with scenes from around Hornsea as the backgrounds. The work is being financed by a legacy from a former member of the church and completion is expected in early 2024.

Lights to the west side of the outside of the church have been fitted and are working. A new notice board has been erected at the Parish Hall entry to the church grounds.
Angela Wear, Churchwarden.

Ecumenical Relationships

The church is a member of Christians Together in Hornsea and our relationships continue to develop. It has been a joy to welcome and work alongside friends in our sister churches in many events and services this year.

Revd Tina

Parish Hall Committee Report

I am pleased to report that, once again, the hall has been well used this year. We are gradually increasing our number of hall hirers; including local groups, national charities and private individuals. I am being kept very busy with bookings. I sent out nearly 40 invoices last year.

As some of you may know, we sadly said good bye to Steve, our care taker at the end of September. I am extremely grateful for the countless hours and unwavering commitment he has dedicated to maintaining both the hall and garden. His presence is greatly missed by all of us. I am now very ably assisted by Jo and Paul, whose efforts are making my job so much easier.

My thanks to everyone who helped in the big clear-out during October half term; and while a tip run was unavoidable, many of the items we no longer required were either recycled or donated to charity. We even managed to sell the heavy old trestle tables, which was a bonus. We have now purchased lighter, more practical folding tables, making life easier for everyone. It would be remiss of me, at this point, not to thank Jan and Ivor from the Hornsea emporium of Crafts for their invaluable assistance in unpacking the tables and disposing of their cardboard packaging. I am also grateful to Nerys, whose hard work and expertise have been instrumental in moving the hall forward.

In November the PCC commissioned Stuart Turton to carry out a full structural survey of the hall. Since the building dates back to the 1960s, he inevitably came back with quite an extensive list of repairs. Largely thanks to Helen, our Multiply worker, an application has been submitted for grant funding to cover the cost of the work, most of which we hope will be carried out in August 2024.

As you can see, making are hall fit for generations to come is proving to be quite a monumental task. I pray to God that he will give me the strength and stamina to see it through.

Nicky Dixon

Chair of St Nicholas Parish Hall Management committee

Choir Report

It's been a busy year for the choir, as we have now reverted to singing an anthem during most Sunday services.

We were delighted to welcome some new temporary members to sing in the special coronation service in May. A great deal of hard work and practice went into preparing for this service, which included learning a new anthem written especially for the occasion. The service was a resounding success, culminating in the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah.

In addition, we have a monthly choral even song service, which involves learning numerous new psalm, Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis settings, together with the responses. It is hoped that the lighter evenings will encourage more people to come and join us. There is usually the tempting incentive of hot soup or crumble!

At Christmas, as well as the usual church services, we sang carols in two care homes, Summer Court and Mere Hall. At Summer Court, the staff presented Marley with a toy and some edible treats; and at Mere Hall we were offered a welcome hot drink and freshly baked mince pies. In both cases, the residents and staff were delighted to see us; the singing was enjoyed by everyone, particularly John, who accompanied us with immense enthusiasm.

The choir is growing from strength to strength. We practice on Friday evenings at 6.30 in church, with an additional session on Thursday mornings for those who are able to

attend. It is hoped that we will be able to encourage new members to join our happy band of choristers in the future.

Nicky Dixon

On behalf of Leonie Creswell

Pollinate Eco-Garden Growth Report

The Pollinate Eco-Garden project has been running for one year, with the initial aim being to create:

'An ecumenical community garden project, through which the Christian community supports and connects with the people of Hornsea in a caring and non-threatening environment, drawing people to Christ and enabling spiritual growth, whilst taking a positive approach to caring for the environment and improving biodiversity.'

During the past year, we have achieved the following:

- Developed a small, committed team of 4 leading volunteers from 2 churches
- Engaged regularly with 26 members of the local community through weekly gardening sessions, with 19 of these volunteers regularly attending gardening sessions and workshops to December 2023. The 19 include 9 under 18s.
- Developed 'Garden Church – Praise In The Garden', which ran monthly on Saturday's May to October 2023. Of the 4 families attending garden group, 3 of the families regularly attended Garden Church. 2 of these families were not already connected with any church. Numbers attending Garden Church ranged from 15 to 30, depending on weather, and also drew in tourists during the summer season.
- Held two 'Music In The Garden' events. The first of these events took place in June 2023, hosting a young band from the local secondary school and welcoming approximately 60 visitors to the event. The second event, which was held in October, hosted several young bands from the secondary school and 2 adult musicians from a neighbouring village. This event attracted approximately 100 visitors throughout the day, with many families and teenagers attending.
- Held a successful 'Natural Wreath Making' community workshop in December 2023, attended by 20 members of the local community. 14 of those who attended were already connected with the garden project. Remaining materials were taken to Skipsea Church for the Wreath Festival and to Hornsea School and Language College to be used for wreath making by the nurture group and 6th form students to de-stress following exams.
- Held a 'Carols Around The Firepit' event in December 2023, attended by approximately 20 people.
- Received support to construct the garden from several local businesses: Martin Airey Construction (construction of herb wheel), Woods of Hornsea (donations of sand and cement), Hornsea Garden Centre (donation and delivery of pallets), Lucien's (donation of picnic benches), KCOM (construction of prayer labyrinth).

Plans for the year ahead include:

- Relaunching Garden Church in late spring, following a feedback survey
- Creating a reflective space in the garden through the completion of and planting of the prayer labyrinth

- Organising a range of community workshops, including connecting with other organisations and community groups, such as Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, PATT Foundation, Groundwork Yorkshire, Men In Sheds, etc and local artists and horticultural experts
- Organising community events such as 'Music In The Garden' and fun days
- Hosting the Hornsea area Volunteers Celebration Day in June
- Making the garden fully accessible to all with the construction of footpaths and seating areas
- Further develop connections with the secondary school through inviting the Year 10 nurture group to design a natural play area for Families@3; inviting the art department students to design a welcome board for the garden; continuing to connect with students and families through music events

Funding Awards

During December 2023, we submitted three Expressions of Interest for the UK Shared Prosperity Funding through East Riding of Yorkshire Council. All three of these applications were further developed to full application stage and we have been successful with the funding of two:

1. 'Community Cafe and Outreach Plan' to carry out essential upgrading works within the Parish Hall and to employ a Community Development Worker to enable the setting up of a community cafe and community outreach activities. Total awarded £64,200.
2. 'Pollinate Eco-Garden' to construct a fully accessible footpath and covered seating area, purchase outdoor mobility gardening equipment and tools, install outdoor electrics for events, and funding to run community workshops. Total awarded £14,400.

Financial Review

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £77,307 of which £30,371 was unrestricted voluntary donations, £31,550 VAT reclaim on repairs paid in 2023, £4,864 reclaimed under Gift Aid, £4,309 in fees and £682 from fundraising.

£77,955 was spent from unrestricted funds to provide the Christian ministry from St. Nicholas Church, including a £30,250 contribution to the diocese as our Freewill Offer; £5,500 was spent on insurance, and £11,190 on heating and lighting.

The Freewill Offer should be seen in the context of the cost of our incumbent, stipend and housing, notionally £51,000 shared across the Benefice.

The Parish Hall took £7,255 in rents and £10,820 was spent, including one-off costs of £2,016 to install internal safety glass and £1,672 on new tables.

The net result for the year was an excess of payments over receipts of £4,213 on unrestricted funds.

Adding bank and deposit balances brought forward at the beginning of the year, the balances carried forward at 31st December on all funds totalled £36,284 of which, £19,139 is held in restricted funds.

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Accounts for 2023

**PRESENTED TO THE
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ON**

Monday 29th April 2024

2023 Treasurer: Vacant (Role undertaken by the Vicar & Churchwardens)

Examiner: Mr Mark Elvin, Count on Us Bookkeeping & Accountancy Ltd

HORNSEA PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE TO 31/12/2023

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INCOME

Standing Orders	8888.00
Parish Giving Receipts	3825.94
Collections	5053.88
Donations to the General Fund	12603.58
Restricted Funeral Collections	14396.09
Restricted Donations Received	2402.30
Gift Aid Received	4864.03
Fund Raising Events	682.36
General Income	39017.13
Weddings & Funeral Fees	16482.00
Parish Hall Rents	7255.00
Other Income	2372.27
	<u>117842.58</u>

Income

117842.58

EXPENDITURE

Events and Misc Expenses	5724.33
Misc Fees	184.90
Freewill Offering	30250.00
Clergy & Staff Costs	6504.71
Church Insurance	5500.64
Printing / Stationery / Office	1897.55
Church Running Costs	1626.28
Church Utility Bills	11190.32
Church Repairs & Maintenance	10475.78
Bank Charges	184.42
Vicarage Costs	1747.54
Mission / Ministry	2668.04
Parish Hall Insurance	2301.78
Parish Hall Misc	3049.82
Parish Hall Maintenance	4249.58
Parish Hall Utilities	1168.75
Rental Refunds	50.00
Restricted Funeral Collections	13726.22
Diocese Fees Weddings and Funerals	6879.00
	<u>109379.66</u>

Expenditure

109379.66

EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE

8462.92

NOTES: Donations to the general fund include £10,346.42 from the Feoffes.

**REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES ON THE
UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS OF
HORNSEA PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

In accordance with instructions given to us we have compiled the annual accounts of Hornsea Parochial Church Council which comprise of an Income and Expenditure Account from the records, information and explanations provided to us.

Our work has been undertaken so that we may compile the accounts, report that we have done so, and report any matters to you which we consider materials and necessary. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the trustees for our work or this report and such responsibility for liability will be limited to an amount equal to that which has been charged for the said work being carried out.

In carrying out our work, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the annual accounts do not give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity as of 31st December 2023 and of it's surplus or deficit for the year then ended. Furthermore, there are no matters which we consider should be brought to the attention of the Trustees.

You have accordingly approved the accounts for the Year Ending 31st December 2023, and have acknowledged your responsibility for them and for providing all explanations necessary for their completion.

DATED: 20TH APRIL 2024.



Mark Elvin MICB PM. Dip
Count on Us Bookkeeping & Accountancy Ltd

ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH
HORNSEA PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF INCOME
AND EXPENSES FOR PERIOD
ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2023

I hereby approve the for the Year Ending 31st December 2023, and acknowledge my/our responsibility for them and for providing all explanations necessary for their completion.

Signed *CNM Stevens*

DATED *18/4/2024*

PRINT NAME & POSITION *CNM/NET STEVENS PCC CHAIR*

Statement of Restricted Funds

	Carried forward 1.1.2023	INCOME 2023	EXPENDITURE 20223	CLOSING BALANCE 31.12.2023
RESTRICTED FUNDS				
Organ	£10,503.00	£0.00	1196.00	£9,307.00
Clock	£1,664.00	£0.00	0.00	£1,664.00
Lady Chapel	0	0.00	0.00	£0.00
Music/ youthwork	£1,057.00	£360.00	1524.50	-£107.50
Families @ 3	£1,082.00	£2,584.00	806.84	£2,859.16
Jubilee Fund	0	0	0	£0.00
Evangelism Fund	£54.50	£1,053.00	161.10	£946.40
Eco Garden Fund	£474.00	£385.76	520.25	£339.51
Funeral collections		£14,194.17	14080.21	£113.96
Other Fees, Organist & Veerger		£3,110.00	2855.00	£255.00
Diocese Fees		£7,808.00	4047.00	£3,761.00
	£14,834.50	£29,494.93	£25,190.90	£19,138.53

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Annual Safeguarding Report

I was pleased to take up the post as Benefice safeguarding officer after the last APCM. Thank you to everyone who has welcomed and worked with me. I am undertaking the tasks on behalf of you all and can only achieve what we are legally, and morally, required to do with your support.

I had to do quite a bit of training before I was fully up to speed with all my role involved and then part way through the year the Diocese introduced a new traffic light system to measure each PCCs progress so this first year has mainly been about establishing good foundations.

We have also managed to arrange a safeguarding training course which many from the Benefice and beyond attended. If you were not able to attend this and are a PCC member this is something you'll need to do this year. And there is additional training to be done for Wardens.

The Diocesan traffic light system will help us focus on safeguarding priorities for the next year.

There is still quite a bit to be done to get to the standard we need to be so PCCs please be aware safeguarding business will be regularly on agendas, with work for you to do between meetings too.

Two areas I'd like to flag up we'll need to zone in on are:

1. Renewing DBS clearances for many. Please be patient and tolerant as / when I request to see the required documents from you..!
2. Tightening up the way people take up new roles if they involve working with children or vulnerable adults.

In the past it's sometimes been possible for people to start helping out without them or the group being 100% clear what their role might be or indeed their suitability for it. There are clearly risks involved in this approach and in future we'll need to move to a more formal process of job description, application, taking up references and, where appropriate, DBS clearances. There are good reasons for the new system and in time I'm sure it will become second nature to us all.

Thanks again for working with me and Reverend Tina to make our parishes and churches safeguarding compliant and so safe and secure places for all to be.

Lynn Hellmuth

Worship and Prayer

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St Nicholas Hornsea Report

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Wardens Formal Report

The Wardens are pleased to report that the Terrier and Log Book have been checked and can confirm that all fixed and moveable items are in situ. There has not been an Archdeacons inspection this year.

Keith Rhodes and Angela Wear.
Churchwardens

Wardens Report

It is with some pleasure that the wardens can report that the attendance figures for our church appear to be holding up and are hopefully slowly increasing.

The work on the East Windows has finally been finished and they look really excellent. The work has been completed to a very high standard.

We have recently had a fresh Quinquennial Report by our church Architect (this is obligatory every five years) and there is quite a lot of work to do to maintain our church in excellent condition. Most of it we were aware of but work on the Pinnacles is required and this was not expected. Fortunately virtually all the work required is outside and therefore should not affect the running of services. Whilst it would be desirable to get on and do the work immediately it will be appreciated that money constraints mean that the work will have to be spread out and done over a period of time.

Last year we reported that St. Nicholas usually has four Churchwardens but over the last twelve months we have only had two. If anyone feels that they would like to become a churchwarden please see the Vicar or one of the present Wardens. It is a great honour to be a Churchwarden and we would recommend it to anyone who would meet the necessary criteria.

It has been wonderful to see the choir in action – they sing extremely well- and to be led in procession by a Crucifer. Many of the congregation have commented on it in a very positive way. On the question of music we must thank John Boxhall our Organist and Leonie Creswell our Director of music. They have worked hard and successfully to create the present choir.

Lastly we would like to thank our vicar Tina. Few know the hours Tina puts in running the three churches of the Benefice but be assured she works very very hard for our churches.

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Children's Work

Families at 3 – Christina Taylor

Families at 3 sprang out of conversations when seeking ways to help our church to engage with our community and indeed grow. We have been seeking God's guidance about drawing in families. It was shared about the difficult time between after school and bed time. This coincided with the availability of Do it for East Yorkshire grant funding to provide equipment, resources and funds to buy in sessional workers etc.

We applied and were successful to launch a pilot project. The project has been supported by the PCC and indeed has their insurance under pinning.

Families at 3 are an all age whole family free after school provision hosted in the Parish Halls every Tuesday. Its aim is to provide head space for the adults whilst as volunteers provide a range of activities to engage the children. Activities will include crafts, board and card games, play activities, homework support etc. It will improve isolation and social engagement post Covid. There will also be refreshments.

As part of the grant it is expected to develop connections with other local organisations and this has already been achieved. We have received support from the Children's Centre, Library, Hub, Men in Sheds, Mothers' Union, Christians Together, local press and nurseries.

9 volunteers from our church, the URC and Church without Walls have been recruited and are going through safeguarding processes. Others are expressing interest too.

The project runs as a pilot until Easter and starts on Feb 22nd and it is hoped the response from families will warrant its continuation.

Advertising has been via social media, posters and local press.

We need support to spread the word to families who will benefit from this and to uphold the project, organisers and volunteers in prayer.

Muddy Church Report – Christina Taylor

Following attendance on a Muddy Church Zoom and permissions granted by the PCC and Hornsea Town Council the events started in September.

Publicity and posters were created and promoted about the monthly events based in Hall Garth Park. A Muddy Church event involves gathering, wandering and wondering about God and his creation. Each event is based on Scripture and celebrates an aspect of God in nature.

The aim of Muddy Church is to take God into the community, to provide a barrier free, inter-generational connection with nature which seeks to combat isolation and loneliness, promote the benefits of engaging with Nature and getting outside to do some physical activity and help to establish links with our church. The walk culminates in refreshments at church.

Up to now take up has been slow and we have been experimenting with different days and times to find a best fit. A special St Nicholas Trail themed wander in December based on the Christmas journey and characters, who travelled, from the URC to our church attracted 2 families from the URC. And a further Light themed trail in Christmas week brought along a family who had been on the Pumpkin Trail.

We continue to seek God's guidance on this and would welcome more involvement from our own congregation in both coming along and sharing the events with family, friends and neighbours. We would also welcome your prayers and suggestions.

Muddy Church is one of our missions to promote both growth in our church and engagement with our local community.

Pollinate Eco Garden

Following the well-attended launch praise party event in October 2022, a team of volunteers was developed, with representatives from several local churches. The team formed the basis of the gardening group, which started early November 2022.

The gardening group meets every Friday afternoon and has grown gradually, to include several families who home-school their children, individuals who are keen gardeners and a few people who live alone and enjoy the companionship that working together brings. The numbers attending each week can vary from 4 or 5 to around 18, when the families are all present.

The gardening group's first task focused on the creation of a wildlife area along the bottom of the garden. This involved a lot of clearing of weeds, ivy and debris and planting of a variety of native trees and shrubs (Hazel, Hawthorn, Blackthorn, Dog Rose and Dog Wood). The shrubs and trees were donated by the Woodland Trust and TCV (The Conservation Volunteers) and funded by OVO Energy, as part of their green recovery commitment. The planting will grow under the canopy of the mature trees in Hall Garth Park, forming a 'woodland edge' garden. We have constructed a 'dead hedge' boundary fence in front of the wildlife area, using tree and shrub cuttings, which will be a great habitat for wildlife. We plan to sow woodland wildflower mix in this area to attract beneficial insects and build bug hotels, bird boxes and hedgehog houses.

In addition to the wildlife area, we have also planted the embankment between the churchyard and the garden with a selection of bulbs so hopefully will have a growing burst of colour in the springtime, as well as an early pollen supply for insects. We are currently working on the creation of the vegetable garden, and have now completed the construction of pallet compost bins and vegetable planters, the digging out of fruit and vegetable beds, relocation of a donated greenhouse and seed planting.

The community has been very generous and have supported the project with donations of paving slabs (to act as a greenhouse base), a large potting shed (which we still need to build), a picnic bench (which is well used on gardening days), plant pots, seeds, Hornsea pebbles, trees and a lorry full of pallets (donated by Hornsea Garden Centre). Local builder, Martin Airey, has also offered a day's work to construct a central herb planter in the vegetable garden, using the donated Hornsea pebbles. We are now looking for a sponsor for the materials.

Our next tasks will involve the construction of a prayer garden and a natural play area, which we hope will be enjoyed by 'Families at 3'. Alongside the gardening group, we have also started 'Garden Church', which meets monthly on the last Saturday of the month. This is a time to share in worship activities in the garden and it is hoped that it will unite Christians across the town and also encourage those who are not already connected with any church to come along. The first Garden Church event was held in May and was attended by over 30 people, of varying ages, some of whom were from local congregations, and some who had no church connections but are connected with the gardening group. We also had a couple who were passing by and saw the sign board so stayed for worship and cuppas.

The project has had good coverage on BBC Humberside, with the most recent interview being with one of our gardening volunteers, who joined the project to combat loneliness. He spoke very highly of the project and how everyone gets to know each other so quickly and works well together.

The project has registered with HEYSmile Foundation and the NHS Trust on the Green Social Prescribing scheme, where medics can refer people to the gardening group, to improve mental health situations and social anxieties.

As yet, we have not received anyone into the workshops via this scheme but we do need to make contact with the local surgery to provide more information about the project. We hope to connect with the local schools and we have a meeting organised with relevant heads of department of Hornsea School and Language College on 9th June to discuss ways in which we could connect with the school. Once links have been established with the secondary school, we will then look to make links with the local primary schools, hopefully bringing both sets of students together through organised workshops.

We are keen to start a community garden café, which we hope will attract all ages, but especially parents of school children on the way to/from the school run. This will enable us to make additional connections with families in the community, in the hope that we can encourage them along to Garden Church. We are also looking to organise community events to make people aware of the garden and the wider project. These may include fun days, music in the garden events, bringing in other organisations to lead sessions and plant swap days. As we grow awareness of the project, we hope to raise support through funding and donations, gardening volunteers and grow the Garden Church congregation.

Helen Ball

Ecumenical Relationships

North Holderness Churches Together disbanded in 2021 as the structure was no longer working. The church is a member of Christians Together in Hornsea and our relationships continue to develop. It has been a joy to welcome and work alongside friends in our sister churches in many events and services.

Revd Tina

Health & Safety Report

Nerys Johnson is the Hornsea Benefice Health and Safety Support Officer, responsibility for Health and Safety remains that of the Church Warden of each Parish, the Manager of the St Nicholas Parish Hall, and the St Nicholas Volunteer Caretaker.

H&S also includes responsibility by all users of each Church, St Nicholas Parish Hall and all Church lands.

1. **Meetings:** in April 2022, Nerys Johnson met with representatives in each Parish regarding H&S which included an element of Training:
 - a. St Nicholas Hornsea, Church Wardens, plus St Nicholas Volunteer Caretaker
 - b. All Saints Skipsea Church Wardens
 - c. St Lawrence Atwick, Church Wardens, and Treasurer,
 - d. St Nicholas Parish Hall Manager, Church Warden, plus St Nicholas Volunteer Caretaker
2. **Health and Safety Policy:** a draft Health and Safety Policy using the Ecclesiastical Insurers Tool Kit was agreed, by each present. These are currently being reviewed and will need to be signed by the PCC's.
3. **Accident Book:** Each building has an official Health and Safety Executive Accident Book which is kept in a prominent place for accessibility, completed forms locked away securely. Church Wardens are responsible for ensuring the Accident Book is completed and report any serious accidents.
4. **First Aid Boxes:** these were checked and out of date items removed and to be replaced by the Church Wardens. The Boxes were placed in prominent accessible places.
5. **First Aiders:** Nerys Johnson and Steve Raw undertook 1st Aid training for St Nicholas, training is available to the others on request.

6. **Policies:** the following Ecclesiastical Insurance or H&S Exec Guidance Documents were handed out, or were already in place, discussed and checked:
 - a. COSHH – already in place
 - b. Fire Safety – already in place
 - c. Health and Safety Law Poster
 - d. Ladder Safety
 - e. Lone Workers
 - f. Reporting an Accident
 - g. Risk Assessments – already in place (review 2023)
7. **Building Checks:** a walk about was undertaken including checking location of documents, Fire Safety and Risk Assessment.
8. **Church Architects:** have produced Quinquennial Reports in 2023 highlighting and prioritising issues that require attention.
9. **Reviews:** reviews to check everything is in place, will be during 2023.
10. **Pollinate ECO Garden H&S and Risk Assessment:** was undertaken by the ECO Garden Team

Music Report 2022

As the guidelines for music in the Church were eased from the end of 2021 towards the beginning of 2022, more opportunities to sing could be created.

In October 2021 we began a series of organ recitals over the autumn. These were well attended and attracted a varied audience. This enabled the introduction of 4 lunchtime concerts from March-June 2022 as a pilot project. The attendance numbers varied and it was decided that the next series should run at a different time and day in 2023. A positive link between Hornsea School and Language College was made and a group of students were able to attend the lunchtime concerts. This is something that we look forward to encouraging in the future.

In March we were awarded funding from the Let's Create project which was used to perform a 'Come and Sing' in June, as part of the Queen's Jubilee Celebrations. This attracted a small number of singers but we were able to perform a program that was well received.

Whilst the future of the choir plans and music growth were being discussed, the choir had its activities paused for six months. In September a small group of singers worked towards Christmas and in January 2023 the choir resumed full time once more. After a successful Christmas period, the choir attracted some new members and looks forward to continuing to grow in 2023 with the introduction of a Junior Choir and a treble section planned for September 2023. Services will also begin to include weekend evensong from the Autumn next year too, as well as beginning to welcome occasional visiting choirs for services. The organ was able to be tuned after the removal of the dust protective sheeting and continues to be maintained in a good working order. Music is supported in the church by the continued loyalty and service of John Boxall, to whom we are very grateful.

Leonie Creswell
Director of Music

Parish Hall Committee Report 2022

It has been another busy year for the hall. As well as retaining our regular users, we are now receiving booking enquiries from regional and national charities, such as National Diabetes Awareness. This can partly be attributed to the general increase in public confidence to venture out following the numerous lock-downs; but mainly, I believe our increased number of bookings is largely due to our wider presence, both online and on Facebook.

Two years ago I took the decision to ask the PCC to pay for our annual membership of the East Riding Village Halls Network (ERVHN). For £30 a year, not only do we have access to other similar halls, whose trustees are more than happy to give out advice on matters such as VAT and grant applications (We meet once a month, either in person or via Zoom), but we are also listed on their website, which is regularly accessed by local and national organisations wishing to promote themselves in Hornsea. In November, I was asked to join their board of trustees. Unfortunately their meetings clash with those of Hornsea Town Council, so regrettably I had to decline their invitation.

In addition, we have welcomed the warm spaces initiative and the Pollinate Eco Garden. It has been wonderful to see the hall being used by so many on such a regular basis. We have seen an increase in the number of bookings for children's parties. Initially, I had my doubts. Many will remember the state in which the hall has been left by certain groups in the past; and I had no desire to be faced with dealing the consequences of history repeating itself. Our solution has been to charge a £50 returnable deposit on such occasions. I am delighted to report that so far we have been able to return all deposits. Knowing that people will only be refunded providing they leave the hall in the spotless condition they found it has proved to be an excellent incentive.

As ever, my thanks go to Steve Raw, without whom all this would have been unachievable.

What next for the hall? To be honest, the time taken to administer these block bookings, together with the invoicing and collating the monthly calendar for Steve is incredibly time-consuming! I am currently investigating the possibility of using an online booking and invoicing system. This would have two major advantages: firstly, it would take away the long-winded process of sending out booking confirmation emails and invoices, secondly, it would make the system less reliant on one person, which I believe would have long term benefits for all of us.

Nicky Dixon

Chair of St Nicholas Parish Hall Management Committee

Financial Review

Our annual income by monthly standing order decreased to £12,873 (2021: £16,241) while other forms of giving and donations increased so that our overall income was £27,935 (£24,941).

Additionally the Parish Hall made a surplus of £3,900, due to increased letting of the hall.

We paid our Freewill Offer to the Diocese in full, £31,500. It should be noted this is more than our general income for the year and we were only able to do this by allocating £10,000 of grants from the Church Lands Trust for this purpose.

Controls on other expenditure meant we ended the year in surplus on unrestricted funds, once grants made by the Church Lands Trust were taken into account. These grants were to cover expenditure on repair and maintenance of the church building in accordance with their charitable purpose.

As of 31st December 2022 the PCC held a balance of £3,097.11 in unrestricted funds. A further £13,500 is held in funds designated by the PCC, and £21,508 in restricted funds.

Reserves policy

The PCC aims to keep approximately four months running costs in reserves. This is also to cover emergency work needed on the Parish Hall. To achieve this we will need a reserve of £20,000. This amount to be reviewed by the PCC annually and increased at least by inflation (whichever is the greater of C.P.I* and R.P.I* at the time) This policy was adopted by the PCC on 18th February 2021 and will be reviewed during 2023.

It is anticipated that a grant will be made against VAT payments in 2023 which will replenish our reserves.

Structure Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St. Nicholas the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our vicar), churchwardens, and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. The full PCC met during the year post the Coronavirus pandemic. Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has a number of committees each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life.

These committees, which include ministry and mission, growth and outreach, fabric, and finance, are all responsible to the PCC and report back to it regularly with minutes of their decisions being received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary.

Administrative information

St. Nicholas' Church is situated on Newbegin, Hornsea. It is part of the Diocese of York within the Church of England. The correspondence address is 9 Newbegin, Hornsea, HU18 1AB. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and a charity registered with the Charity Commission.

PCC Members

PCC members who have served at any time from 1st January 2022 until the date this report was approved are:

Ex Officio Members:

Vicar

Revd. Tina N Minett Stevens

Churchwardens:

Keith Rhodes Judy Pring Angela Wear (from APCM 2022)

Judy Pring retired as Churchwarden in 2022.

There are now 2 Churchwardens with 2 vacancies.

Elected Members:

PCC Secretary

Nicky Dixon from April 2021

PCC Treasurer

Vacant (role split between the Vicar and Churchwardens)

Deanery Synod Representatives

Vacant

The Parochial Church Council

Nicky Dixon (Lay Chair)

Judy Jones

Nerys Johnson

Tina Taylor

John Moss

Co-Opted Members

None

ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH HORNSEA

Registered Charity Number 1132888

Accounts for 2022

**PRESENTED TO AN
EXTRAORDINARY PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
ON**

Sunday 5th November 2023

2022 Treasurer: Vacant (Role undertaken by the Vicar &
Churchwardens)

Examiner: Mr Mark Elvin

**ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH
HORNSEA PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

**ACCOUNTS FOR PERIOD
ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2022**

I hereby approve the accounts for the Year Ending 31st December 2022, and acknowledge my/our responsibility for them and for providing all explanations necessary for their completion.

Signed *C.N. Stevens*

DATED *5th November 2023*

PRINT NAME & POSITION *THE REV D C. N. MINETT STEVENS,*
VICAR

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**REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES ON THE
UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS OF
HORNSEA PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

In accordance with instructions given to us we have compiled the annual accounts of Hornsea Parochial Church Council which comprise of an Income and Expenditure Account from the records, information and explanations provided to us.

Our work has been undertaken so that we may compile the accounts, report that we have done so, and report any matters to you which we consider materials and necessary. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the trustees for our work or this report and such responsibility for liability will be limited to an amount equal to that which has been charged for the said work being carried out.

In carrying out our work, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the annual accounts do not give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity as of 31st December 2022 and of it's surplus or deficit for the year then ended. Furthermore, there are no matters which we consider should be brought to the attention of the Trustees.

You have accordingly approved the accounts for the Year Ending 31st December 2022, and have acknowledged your responsibility for them and for providing all explanations necessary for their completion.



Mark Elvin MICB PM. Dip
Count on Us Bookkeeping & Accountancy Ltd
16th October 2023

ST NICHOLAS PCC

ACCOUNTS TO 31ST DECEMBER 2022

Unrestricted Receipts	55445	
Unrestricted Payments	44736	

EXCESS FOR YEAR	10709	
BANK DETAILS		
Balance At Bank		27761
DESIGNATED FUNDS		
Feoffes	5590	
Stations of The Cross	5000	
Vicar's Discretionary Fund	2910	
RESTRICTED FUNDS		
Organ	10503	
Clock	1664	
Lady Chapel	0	
Music / Youthwork	1057	
Families @3	1082	
Jubilee Fund	0	
Evangelism Fund	5405	
Eco Garden Fund	474	
Funeral Collections to be remitted	1323	

		35008
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	(7247)	

NOTES:

EXPECTED REPAYMENT FROM FEOFFES FOR EXPENSES
ALREADY ACCOUNTED AND PAID IN YEAR
TOTAL £10346 PROVIDING AN EXCESS
OF FUNDS OF £3097.11

Accounts

2021 Report and Accounts
for the
Parochial Church Council
of
St Nicholas Hornsea

**Presented to the Joint Annual General
Meeting on 26th April 2022**

Aims and Purpose

St. Nicholas' Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Tina Minett Stevens, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC of St Nicholas is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the St Nicholas Parish Hall at 1 Newbegin Hornsea HU18 1AB

Objectives and Activities

The PCCs are committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish communities. The PCCs maintain an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- Mission and outreach work

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of our Church buildings and St. Nicholas Church Hall.

Achievements and Performance

Annual Safeguarding Report

Training

Most members and churchwardens have done the required training but there are a few outstanding courses, mainly due to covid interrupting the program. There may be new regulations from the diocese by now. There is a need to audit and make "catch up" arrangements during 2022.

Policies and notices

We have a policy approved by all the PCCs and publicly displayed along with the information poster recommended by the diocese.

We are not aware of any safeguarding issues or concerns within the benefice at present.

J Jones

Safeguarding Officer

Worship and Prayer

The PCC is keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling.

All are welcome to attend our regular services.

Being able to gradually return to more normal worship has been much appreciated in the course of 2021, especially with the return of congregational singing.

Attendances on a Sunday morning have grown but are still lower than before Covid and we recognise that the past two years may have permanently changed patterns of attendance on a Sunday morning.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life, in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping.

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St Nicholas	7	St Nicholas	3	St Nicholas	32

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Revd Tina

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Electoral Roll Officer

St Nicholas Hornsea Reports

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Wardens Formal Report

The Wardens are pleased to report that the moveable items contained in the Terrier are in good order and repair. There has been no Visitation by or on behalf of the Archdeacon during the last year.

K. Rhodes, J. Pring, J. Moss.

Churchwardens

Wardens Report

It is customary for our church to have four Churchwardens but for the last year we have had three only and one is retiring reducing our numbers to two, unless candidates come forward. It is a great honour to be a church warden, the job is not overly onerous and is considered to be an honourable position within the church. If anyone is interested please contact one of the existing churchwardens or the Vicar.

We are also a little short on numbers for the Parochial Church Council which is elected at the A.G.M. Anyone interested can however be co-opted on to the Council at a later date if necessary. Again it is not particularly onerous – we have about 8 meetings a year – and it is a chance to become involved in the decisions made for the running of our church.

Needless to say church attendance has suffered with the Covid Pandemic but happily numbers are slowly increasing mainly due to the hard work of our vicar and her support team. Happily the vicar and our director of music now have a presence in the Hornsea schools taking the gospel to the young people. This is something that successive vicars have tried without success in the past so well done to the Vicar.

Further disruption has been caused by all the work on the East Windows. This we know has taken a long time but it has been very much a specialist and laborious procedure. We are pleased to inform you however that the work is coming to an end and we hope that our lovely church will be returned back to us better than ever in the not too distant future.

There are good things happening in our church and the weekly 3 to 5 group for young mothers and their children is proving to be very successful. I am sure that there will be more information on this elsewhere in this annual report.

Keith Rhodes

Churchwarden

Deanery Synod

Two members of the PCC sit on the deanery synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church.

Parish Hall Committee Report

Despite the fact that Covid restrictions have been in place for most of this year, the hall has played a pivotal role in the recovery of our community.

Back in August we became aware that the Hornsea Pantry would be in need of a new home. After some consideration, the easiest solution was to give them sole use of the red room. Revd Tina drew up a bespoke license agreement for this purpose; and on 1st September, following the installation of a refrigerator and fridge freezer, the Pantry duly moved in, providing a life-line service twice a week for those in need of food and other essentials.

The good news is that we have an increasing number of reliable groups who use the hall on a regular basis, such as the Chill and Chat café, Lets sing, Hornsea and church without walls.

In order for this to happen, a great deal of hard work has to go on behind the scenes. As chair of the management committee, I took the decision to make the booking and invoicing systems totally paperless. Apart from this being much easier from my own personal perspective, it means that the information can be stored and accessed much more securely. The only person who has access to any personal information is myself. My computer is backed up regularly both to OneDrive and I-cloud, so I will be able to retrieve everything if I ever had a problem with my laptop. Anyone wanting to book the hall fills out a booking form. I then send out a booking confirmation email, together with the invoice. The invoice contains the account number and sort code for St Nicholas PCC so people can transfer the money to us electronically, thus eliminating the need for paper cheques which would then have to be paid in manually. Clearly this presents problems in this day and age, since the only place you can pay in cheques is at the post office. Please don't worry if you struggle to use computers. I can fill in the form over the phone and the odd paper cheque can easily be processed. We also have a Facebook page. My thanks go to Krissie for initiating this.

On a more practical front, anyone using the hall will have noticed its transformation in terms of appearance. Tommy has been putting his painting skills to good use. The Hollis room, corridor and storage space look absolutely fantastic. Anyone would think we'd had the job done professionally! Steve has excelled himself in the garden again; and even found time to tackle a number of small plumbing jobs. Of course, I mustn't forget to mention Marjorie, who seems to have spent most of her time this year scrubbing skirting boards, cleaning out cupboards and mopping floors to within an inch of their lives! We have also taken the decision to pay Rob Andrew to clean the toilets twice a week. So many people have commented how lovely our hall looks. My heart felt thanks go to everyone who has helped to achieve this.

For me, the highlight this year was on 29th June when I gave a talk to the East Riding Village Halls Network (ervhn) about our hall. I owe a huge debt of gratitude to Nerys, who was instrumental in creating what turned out to be a promotional video for the hall. The talk was well received and everyone was very complementary about both the quality of the video and the way in which we managed our hall.

So what next? Well, there's still a mountain of work to be done, particularly regarding the upper story. The Committee aim to achieve the quality mark under the Hall Mark scheme during 2022. This scheme is free of charge; furthermore, it would tell the world what we already know. Our wonderful hall, which, only a few years ago had a tenuous future, is very much alive and well! Thanks be to God!

Nicky Dixon

Chair of St Nicholas Parish Hall Management Committee

Ecumenical Relationships

North Holderness Churches Together disbanded in 2021 as the structure was no longer working. The church is a member of Christians Together in Hornsea and our relationships continue to develop. It has been a joy to welcome and work alongside friends in our sister churches in many events and services.

Revd Tina

Choir Report

During the last 12 months, Covid 19 restrictions changed the way the choir operated during services. Music was produced by the Vicar as part of the online services and as restrictions lifted, the piano was added. The choir adapted to the numbers that were allowed as the church opened up. 6 members of the choir were allowed to sing, socially distanced and in accordance with the strict Covid guidelines. Congregational singing was prohibited until the summer of 2021. Despite this, music remained as part of the service.

The Director of Music role was discussed over this year and plans were made to expand the choir to all ages, making opportunities for younger singers when restrictions were lifted and schools were opened again.

Leonie Creswell

Director of Music

Financial Review

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £47,046 (2021: 41,231) of which £24,941 (2021: £29,277) was unrestricted voluntary donations, including £1,198 (2021: £4,729) from Gift Aid, though a claim is pending with HMRC.

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The net result for the year was an excess of payments over receipts of £17,528 (2021: £13,338) on unrestricted funds.

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The funds breakdown is included in the accounts for the year. Funds include a legacy amount set aside by the PCC in accordance with their Legacy Policy to develop music and youth work and a further legacy to seed a Vicar's Discretionary Fund (£3,000).

The Families at 3 Fund is from a grant received from the East Riding Council to equip and run the project, of which 50% was received up front and the balance will be received in May 2022.

The Lady Chapel Fund of £5,000 will be used in part-payment of the windows repair costs: the major funder of this being the Church Lands Trust (Feoffees).

It should be noted that the costs of heating both the church and hall are substantial and will increase greatly in the coming year due to the current price of both gas and electricity as our contracts are up for renewal (April 2022). The best price will be obtained by looking at alternative providers.

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Keith Rhodes John Moss Judi Pring

Elected Members:

(and other positions held eg Deanery Synod rep and dates of leaving for those who left after the 1st January 2021).

PCC Secretary

Judi Pring from April 2021

PCC Treasurer

Vacant (role split between the Vicar and Churchwardens)

Deanery Synod Representatives

Judi Pring Eileen Harris

The Parochial Church Council

Barbara Booker (died March 2022)
Nicky Dixon (Lay Chair)
Sue Fox resigned 11th February 2021
Eileen Harris
Judy Jones

Co-Opted Members

none

ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH HORNSEA

Registered Charity Number 1132888

Accounts for 2021

**PRESENTED TO THE
ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
ON**

Tuesday 26th April 2022

2021 Treasurer: Vacant (Role undertaken by the Vicar & Churchwardens)

Examiner: Robert L Orry

**Report by the Independent Examiner to the members of St Nicholas Church
Hornsea**

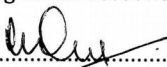
I report on the accounts of St Nicholas Church for the year ended 31st December 2021

My examination did not amount to an audit.

Nothing has come to my attention in connection with my examination which gives me cause to believe otherwise than that the accounts accord with the accounting records of the church.

I am not aware of any matter to which attention needs to be drawn in order to obtain an

understanding of the accounts.

Signed.....

Date.....18/02/2022.....

Name.....ROBERT L. ORRY.....

St Nicholas Church
Bank Rec 31st December 2021

Balance per bank statement	31.12.21	81801.25
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Less cheques not presented

824.32

Add lodgements not presented

80976.93

Bank account

Balance b/f	69053.55
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Receipts	103063.35
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Payments	91139.97
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Balance c/f	80976.93
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St Nicholas Church
Accounts to 31st December 2021

Unrestricted Receipts	47046.27
Unrestricted Payments	64574.16
Overspend for year	-17527.89

Bank Details

Balance at bank		80976.93
Designated funds	Feoffees	20000.00
	Organ	10701.00
	Clock	2352.00
	Lady Chapel	5000.00
	Vicar discretion Fund	3000.00
	Families @ 3	368.15
	Youth/music	3829.50
		45250.65
Available funds		<u>35726.28</u>

Accounts

2020 Report and Accounts
for the
Parochial Church Council
of
St Nicholas Church Hornsea

**Presented to the Annual General
Meeting on 25th April 2021**

Aims and Purpose

St. Nicholas' Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Tina Minett Stevens, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the St Nicholas Parish Hall at 1 Newbegin Hornsea HU18 1AB

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St. Nicholas. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- Mission and outreach work

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church of St. Nicholas and the Church Hall.

Achievements and Performance

Annual Safeguarding Report

DBS certification

All members of the PCC and volunteers have current DBS certificates. As they come up for renewal (in about 2 years) we will encourage members to join the Update service which will mean that certificates no longer need to be renewed and additionally can be used with other organisations. There is no charge for this service.

Training

Most members and churchwardens have done the required training but there are a few outstanding courses. We will complete an audit and make "catch up" arrangements once we are able to meet in person again.

Policies and notices

We have a policy approved by the PCC and publicly displayed along with the information poster recommended by the diocese.

We are not aware of any safeguarding issues or concerns within the benefice at present.

J Jones
Safeguarding Officer

Worship and Prayer

The PCC is keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling.

All are welcome to attend our regular services.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life, in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping.

In a year where our worship was curtailed and for a while moved solely online, we were able to celebrate 2 (14) baptisms and 3 (7) weddings. We held 30 (23) funerals either in or through our church this year. Figures in brackets are 2019 numbers for comparison.

Easter 2020 was, we hope, a unique festival held in and around the Vicarage garden during lockdown. The provision of a large wooden cross helped remind passers-by that while the building was closed, our life of worship continued nonetheless. Much imagination was needed to engage with the wider community.

Our worship online has built up and a small but faithful number attend morning prayer each weekday and many others join on Sundays for Communion. It is very difficult to gauge exact numbers but anecdotally there are many who are engaging without leaving comments or otherwise making their presence known.

Others who had been excluded from our worship together have been able to join others in prayer and worship and it is our intention to develop and continue our online offering. The PCC invested in some technology that will both improve the quality and make it less dependent on the Vicar.

Our social media presence has grown hugely this year thanks largely to the design skills of Krissie who produces daily pictures with a scripture verse. These are shared on the church page and also on other local community based pages.

More recently, Nerys has been putting together short videos with narration to help teach those with little or no Christian background.

We are all missing the opportunity to sing together in our worship and have benefitted from the work that Leonie put in to produce a virtual Carol concert at Christmas, as well as ongoing recordings of hymns for our worship together and for the benefit of our funeral families.

Revd Tina

Electoral Roll Report

We started the year with 115 on Roll (October 2020).

No-one no longer wishes to be included.

Eight have died.

We do have two new names to add to the Roll and the total at April 2021 is 109.

Electoral Roll Officer

Growth Committee Report

Hindsight is a wonderful thing! For a couple of years we had been talking about increasing our outreach on social media. On the 23rd March we had no choice but to do so. The vicar proved she is nothing but adaptable and started live streaming at least six times a week. The growth of people "attending" church has been phenomenal, as well as the live streaming benefiting some of those whose age, infirmity or responsibilities precludes them from regularly attending church in person. The live streaming has been backed up by regular videos and Bible picture images to encourage and educate.

Two regular events in the church year, the Horticultural Show and the Christmas Tree Festival still went ahead albeit with firm infection control measures in place. Both were well attended in light of the situation. In place of the unviable Christmas Eve Carol Service a children's nativity trail was created to offer those with young families an alternative way to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Church has also gone out into the great outdoors this year, with the start of Walking Church - a time to both appreciate God's creation and connect with the Creator.

Judi Pring
Chair

Ministry Committee Report

The Ministry Group met twice in 2020 before the Covid restrictions were imposed. At the first meeting in January a list of suggestions for mission giving was drawn up and used during the year along with further suggestions made as the year progressed to provide the PCC with proposals for mission support. As PCC meetings including the submission of proposals to the PCC meetings could not be held members were emailed for approval or otherwise for the suggestions made for expenditure in each quarter.

There was discussion on the arrangements for receiving Bishop John Pritchard's visit in mid-March and of the plans being made by Churches Together for the Easter period which did not take place due to the restrictions then in force. Easter Services proposed were discussed but some of the plans were subsequently abandoned.

A further meeting was held in March but with the likelihood of a 'lockdown' being declared a discussion was held on proposals from the diocese on how to proceed if spread of the covid disease occurred in readiness for the PCC meeting later that day.

No more meetings were held during the rest of the year and matters needing discussion were dealt with by email and telephone including the selection of proposals to the PCC for mission support in each subsequent quarter.

The usual Open Church in August did not take place due to the difficulties in adhering to Covid rules.

Although the town Lights Night celebrations were cancelled we are indebted to Krissie and Steve for organising and holding the Christmas Tree Festival during December opening Church on Saturdays and ensuring with the most welcome assistance of Hornsea Urban Gardeners members social distancing was observed by the many visitors who attended.

John Moss
Chair

Wardens Formal Report

The Wardens are pleased to report that the moveable items contained in the Terrier are in good order and repair. There has been no Visitation by or on behalf of the Archdeacon during the last year which is no doubt due to the Coronavirus Pandemic.

K. Rhodes, J. Pring, J. Moss.

Churchwardens

Fabric Committee Report

The much discussed Quinquennial Report of 2013 and the work required therein at a cost of £100,000.00 has had to be set aside due to serious faults found in the East Windows of the Organ Chamber, Lady Chapel and Sanctuary. They require repair as soon as possible particularly the large window in the Sanctuary. The cost of repairs is estimated at £140,000.00. To meet this cost the £100,000.00. from Feoffees, set aside for the Quinquennial works, will be utilised for the Window repairs together with a further £40,000.00. from Feoffees. It should be noted that whilst the Quinquennial works were desirable they were not essential for the safety of the church building and they will be deferred until the next quinquennial inspection whereas the work to the windows is considered to be essential and urgent. A faculty has been applied for to undertake the Window Repairs and which should be granted. It is then hoped that the work can be done before the end of June 2021. It will require scaffolding outside and also inside at the East End of the church. As a result some disturbance and inconvenience can be expected and which will be inevitable. However the repairs and modifications to the windows will enhance their appearance and should guarantee them for years to come.

During the last year a serious leak was discovered in the Central Heating System requiring the system to be closed down for several weeks. The leak was fortunately found and repairs made so that the heating is now working once again.

Overall the church is in good condition although work will continually need to be done to keep it so. It is unfortunate that so much money has to be expended but it is inevitable that major repairs will be needed from time to time considering the age (1420-1425) of the building. It is considered by experts that the church is in very good condition and thanks should be given to the Churchwardens and PCC over many years for their continuous attention and to Feoffees for looking after the Hornsea Church Lands Trust and being able to finance major maintenance projects from time to time.

Keith Rhodes
Chairman

Deanery Synod

Two members of the PCC sit on the deanery synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. This year Synod meetings were not been possible due to the Coronavirus Pandemic.

Parish Hall Committee Report

As chair of the parish hall management committee, I feel it is important to keep everyone updated with the current situation regarding the hall.

The Saturday coffee mornings and other such events came to an abrupt halt on 20th March, as a result of the first lock-down. On the one hand, our letting income dropped dramatically; on the other, our gas and electricity consumption was also much less because no one was hiring the hall.

Not long after the start of lock-down, we were approached by the Covid Crisis Support Group, who desperately needed a central space to use as a storage and distribution hub. It would have been unchristian to say no. We had an empty unused hall. Covid Crisis Support needed a central base to store food and other essentials. At first, we let it free of charge; but once the group had acquired some lottery funding, we agreed a nominal rate.

As the restrictions began to ease, we received a number of enquiries regarding the hire of the hall. Our choir used it as a rehearsal venue, since ventilation and social distancing are much easier to achieve in the hall, rather than the church. Other groups, such as Churches Without Walls and a small music group also rented the main hall. The Hollis room briefly welcomed the Welcome Centre and is now set to be used once a week by Mind. It is important to remember that the only groups using the hall at present are ones known and trusted by the management committee.

At this point, it would be remiss of me not to refer to the tremendous amount of hard work put in by Tina in order for this to happen. Apart from opening and locking up the hall for the groups who have been using it, the risk assessments necessary for the hall to be used during the pandemic are both lengthy and time-consuming to complete. Thanks to her strenuous efforts, our Parish Hall is now back in business, complete with a hire agreement which takes the pandemic into account.

As many of you will know, much work is required to bring the hall up to standard, particularly with regard to the upper story. At our ST. NICHOLAS' CHURCH meeting after the APCM back in October, it was agreed to spend £11,100 plus VAT to replace the entire roof. Although it has been frequently patched up in the past, it was agreed that the roof was now beyond repair. To date, this has been partially carried out; and hopefully, as the weather improves, this work will be completed in the near future.

In addition, the hall has seen many internal renovations. Thanks to the tireless efforts of Krissie and Steve, the main hall has been re-carpeted and painted to a high standard. The former office, now known as the Red Room, was beautifully decked out with furniture donated by Wendy.

So what next for the hall? My suspicion is that we won't be allowed to let the hall for large gatherings for a while yet, but once this can happen, there are numerous questions which need to be addressed; the most pressing of these being how to open and close up the hall to hirers in a sustainable manner. In the recent past, Krissie and Steve have undertaken this task. I know many of us are grateful to them for doing this. We have a temporary solution in place for now, but I hope you will join me in my prayers for something more sustainable. I for one, have many happy memories of events in the parish hall; and I'm sure you have too!

Nicky Dixon
Chair

Pastoral Care

Some members of our parish are unable to attend church due to various circumstances. Reverend Tina has visited all church members who have requested it, to celebrate communion with them either at their homes or in hospital. This has been much restricted due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, with door-step visits, telephone calls and monthly letters replacing most face-to-face visits for much of the year.

Revd Tina

Ecumenical Relationships

The church is a member of Christians Together in Hornsea and Churches Together in North Holderness. Most of the meetings and activities were curtailed by the Pandemic, but we were able to organise and hold a socially distanced family-friendly event on All Hallows Eve in 2020 with over 50 children enjoying themselves on a pumpkin trail round the town's churches. Our relationships continue to develop and it has been a joy to welcome and work alongside the new Methodist minister, Jackie Fowler as well as other long-standing friends in other churches.

Revd Tina

Choir Report

2020 was a challenging year, with much of the calendar year spent with little music in church due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

In February 2020, the choir successfully competed in the annual Cottingham Festival, gaining a second place in the Open Church Choirs category. The choir sang incredibly well and enjoyed taking part.

In September, the choir met whilst restrictions were lifted, and enjoyed learning some new repertoire as well as being able to contribute to Sunday worship once more. Despite this being in limited numbers, it was encouraging to see such commitment from all members during uncertain and stressful times.

In December 2020, with an absence of a traditional carol service the choir instead collaborated with other local singers to produce recordings of lessons and carols. These were then collated as a virtual service and broadcasted online.

In a trying and incredibly uncertain environment, we look forward to looking forward to growth and development within the choir over the next year. The limited occasions we have been able to meet have been fun, joyful and a reminder of how important choirs are in both the community and worship of the church. Many thanks to John Boxall for his continued support throughout this year: it is an honour for him to still be part of our worship after 70 years. Thanks also go to Revd. Tina for her enthusiasm and continued support in keeping music going.

Leonie Creswell
Choir Leader

Mothers' Union Report

2020 saw us without a Branch Leader after Sue Fox's resignation.

Ruth Watson to continue as secretary and Judy Johnson as treasurer. Various members offered to help run meetings on an ad hoc basis.

We had one meeting with a speaker, Mike Johnson from coast watch, before lockdown.

Following the partial lifting of lockdown we had garden parties at 4 different committee members' houses to celebrate Mary Sumner day in August, with 5 members at each venue. The members that lived alone really appreciated the company.

Back into lockdown and we started Zoom committee meetings and once we'd cracked it, we went onto Branch Zoom meetings.

During the first lockdown the committee had made and delivered goody bags to each of the members, containing a newsletter, prayer, homemade cake and sweets.

We did a second one prior to our Christmas Zoom meeting and this time asked members for a donation as Mothers' Union were fund raising with the Big Give on Facebook and would double whatever was raised. Our contribution was £130.

We then ended the year with a Zoom meeting with a Christmas Carol quiz, where the contestants had to sing the answers

Two further bits of information. Staff at head office, Mary Sumner house, have been cut by one third and the remaining staff have taken a voluntary cut in salary. Our subscriptions have been raised by £5.50 but York diocese considered this very carefully and are subsidising the raise as thanks for our support throughout a difficult year.

And secondly, please remember our A.F.I.A project. That is 'Away From It All' where we offer holidays to people within the parish that are suffering hardship. Families during school holidays and anyone else deserving outwith. This is a nicely appointed static caravan just outside Filey. An elderly couple from Hornsea went in September.

The Mothers' Union theme for 2021 is 'Rebuilding Hope and Confidence'

Ruth Watson

Mothers' Union Secretary

Finance Report

For a number of reasons this will be a year that we will not forget in a hurry. I am pleased to report that as many of the congregation worshipped online, mostly they continued to give by standing order and contactless, for which we can be grateful. That coupled with the reduced running costs of the church building, mainly because of lowered gas bills actually meant that we finished the year in a far healthier position than may have been envisaged at the start of the pandemic. We have received one minor legacy as well as a rebate of VAT from the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme and monies from Gift Aid.

Judi Pring

Treasurer during 2020

Gift Aid Report

We have reclaimed from HM Revenue and Customs £4,729 and I must thank you for filling in Gift Aid forms to enable us to claim this money back for the church.

Sue Fox
Gift Aid Officer 2020

Financial Review

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The Parochial Church Council

Barbara Booker

Nicky Dixon (Lay Chair)

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Eileen Harris

Judy Jones

Enid Slaven resigned 2nd September 2020

Co-Opted Members

none

Approved by the PCC on 7th April 2021 and signed on their behalf by the Reverend Tina Minett Stevens (PCC chairman)



St Nicholas' Church Hornsea
Vestry Meeting 25th April 2021
Agenda

- 1 Welcome
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Minutes of 2019 Vestry Meeting
- 4 Matters Arising
- 5 Election of Churchwardens
- 6 Any other business
- 7 Close

**Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting held on
Sunday 25th October 2020**

- 1** The meeting was convened by Revd Tina Minett Stevens and opened at 11.45am.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Sue Fox, Sidney Fox and Andrew Eastwood

3 MINUTES OF THE 2019 VESTRY MEETING

It was agreed to accept and sign the minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting 2019 as a true record. All were in favour with no abstentions.

4 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

5 ELECTIONS OF THE CHURCHWARDENS

Nominations were received from the following:

Mr John Moss, Mr Keith Rhodes and Ms J Pring

These were accepted and were therefore elected as Churchwardens to serve for 2020. The Vicar thanked them for agreeing to stand.

6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

As there was no other business the Vicar declared the Vestry meeting formally closed at 12.05pm.

**St Nicholas' Church Hornsea
Parochial Church Council Annual Meeting
25th April 2021**

Agenda

- 1 Welcome
- 2 Apologies for Absence
- 3 Minutes of 2019 Annual Meeting
- 4 2020 Annual Reports
- 5 To adopt the 2020 Accounts
- 6 Appointment of Independent Examiner
- 7 To elect PCC Members
- 8 To elect Safeguarding Officer
- 9 Date of next PCC Meeting
- 10 Chairman's remarks
- 11 Any other business
- 12 Close

St Nicholas' Church Hornsea

Minutes of the 2019 Parochial Church Council Annual General Meeting Held on Sunday 26th October 2020

- 1 Welcome: Tina welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2 Apologies for Absence: Andrew Eastwood, Sue and Sidney Fox.
- 3 Minutes of the 2018 Annual general meeting: These were agreed as a true record of what took place.
- 4 Matters arising from the minutes: none.
- 5 Warden's Formal Report: There were no questions pertaining to the report.
- 6 2019 Annual Reports: No questions were submitted.
- 7 Adoption of the 2019 Accounts: Enid Slaven asked why money from funeral collections had been donated to other charities. Tina explained that all monies from funeral collections had to go through the church accounts and then a donation was sent to each family's chosen charity. The motion to adopt the 2019 accounts, proposed by Eileen Harris and seconded by John Moss was duly carried. With no abstentions.
- 8 Appointment of Independent Examiner: It was agreed to reappoint Robert Orry to this role. There were no abstentions.
- 9 Election of PCC Members: Three PCC members have resigned this year, due to family issues. No one present wished to be elected onto the PCC. Tina asked everyone to think of people who might be approached for this.
- 10 Election of Welcomers: This matter will be discussed at a later date.
- 11 Election of Deanery Synod members: Eileen Harris and Judi Pring were re-elected.
- 12 Election of Safeguarding Officer: Judy Jones was re-elected, but she would like to be replaced in the near future.
- 13 Date of next PCC Meeting: To be confirmed.
- 14 Chairman's remarks: Tina thanked everyone for all their hard work and commitment under the current circumstances. Nicky thanked Tina for everything she has done to keep church services going throughout the pandemic.
- 15 Any other business: There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.52am.

**ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH
HORNSEA**

Accounts for 2020

**PRESENTED TO THE
ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
ON**

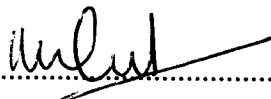
Sunday 25th April 2021

2020 Treasurer: Ms J Pring
Examiner: Mr Robert L Orry

**Report by the Independent Examiner to the members of Hornsea St
Nicholas Church**

I report on the accounts of St Nicholas Church for the year ended 31st December 2020
My examination did not amount to an audit.

Nothing has come to my attention in connection with my examination which gives me
cause to believe otherwise than that the accounts accord with the accounting records
of the church.

Signed.....

Date.....02/03/2021..

Name.....ROBERT L ORRY.....

St Nicholas Parish Church
Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2020
Receipts and Payments Account

	Note	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Endowment Fund	31.12.20
Receipts					
Voluntary receipts:					
Standing Orders		16686.00 £			
Envelopes		984.00 £			
Cash & Chqs at services		2656.20 £			
Donations		4221.76 £			
Funeral Collections			1622.88 £		
Gift Aid recovered		4729.34 £			
		29277.30	1622.88	0.00	30900.18
Activities for generating funds	A	378.20 £			
Investment Income	B	1746.73 £	6574.75 £		
Fees Weddings and funerals	C	2869.00 £	6490.00 £		
Parish Hall Rents	D	5361.40 £			
Diocese grant					
Insurance refund		1464.00 £			
ERYC		135.00 £			
Total receipts		41231.63	14687.63	0.00	55919.26
					55919.26
					agrees to inc exp a/c
Payments					
Church activities:	F	258.94 £	133.60 £		
Freewill Offer	G	12000.00 £			
Clergy and staffing costs	H	3367.19 £			
Church running expenses	I	34796.46 £			
Mission	J	4923.26 £			
Parish hall	K	9645.37 £			
Weddings and Funerals	L		4132.66 £		
Cost of generating funds					
Total payments		64991.22	4266.26	0.00	69257.48
					agrees to inc exp account
Excess payments over receipts for year					-13338.22
Cash at bank and in hand 1st January 2020		82391.77			
Transfer from closed accounts					
Cash at bank and in hand 31st December 2020					69053.55
					agrees to bank

St Nicholas Parish Church
Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2020
Further Analysis of Receipts and Payments Account

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Endowment Fund	31.12.20
Receipts				
A) Activities for generating funds				
Parish magazine advertising	198.20			
Coffee stop	180.00			180.00
Christmas Fair				0.00
	378.20			378.20
B) Investment income				
Dividends on CBF Inv fund	2619.22			2619.22
Bank and CBF Deposit fund interest				0.00
Fabric income		520.08		520.08
General income		5182.18		5182.18
				0.00
	2619.22	5702.26		8321.48
C) Church activities				
Fees for weddings and funerals	2869.00	6490.00		
Show, Cream teas				
	2869.00	6490.00		9359.00
D)				
Parish hall rent	5361.40			5361.40
Insurance refund	1464.00			1464.00
	6825.40			6825.40
Payments				
F) Church activities				
Hort Show exp	258.94			258.94
Fees for weddings and funerals	10.00	123.60		133.60
	10.00	123.60	0.00	392.54
G) Freewill offering	12000.00			12000.00
H) Clergy and staffing costs				
Vicar	847.19			847.19
Organist	690.00			690.00
Choir	1110.00			1110.00
Bellringer				0.00
Deacon/Vergers	720.00			720.00
	3367.19	0.00	0.00	3367.19
I) Church running expenses				
Printing/stationery/office costs	2786.40			2786.40
Church building running costs	12458.94			12458.94
Church repairs and maintenance	15909.19			15909.19
Church Utility bills	1718.59			
Vicarage costs	1923.34			1923.34
	34796.46	0.00	0.00	34796.46
J) Mission	474.89	4448.37		4923.26
K) Parish hall expenses				
Hall insurance				0.00
Hall expenses	9645.37			9645.37
	9645.37	0.00	0.00	9645.37
L)				
Funeral collections		2110.66		2110.66
Diocese fee weddings/funeral		2022.00		2022.00
	0.00	4132.66	0.00	4132.66

St Nicholas Church

Bank Reconciliation for the year ended 31st December 2020

Balance per bank statement 31.12.20 69053.55 £

Less cheques not presented

Add lodgements not presented

69053.55 £

Bank account

Balance b/f 82391.77 £

Receipts 55919.26

Payments 69257.48

Balance c/f 69053.55

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