

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST. JOHN'S, BEN RHYDDING

England & Wales · Charity number 1133844

Details

Other names ST JOHN'S PCC, BEN RHYDDING

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Activities

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

Activities: The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at St. John's and become part of the church family. The PCC aspires to see the faith of the congregation being put into practice in the communities where members live and work. The PCC is responsible for the maintenance of the buildings and management of the finances.

Classification

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

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Bradford City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£200,706	£140,957	-	-
2023-12-31	£174,221	£179,439	-	-
2022-12-31	£175,350	£160,311	-	-
2021-12-31	£133,559	£119,550	-	-
2020-12-31	£130,933	£156,267	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev PETER WILLOX BSc	Chair	2013-10-30
Andrew Rayment		2020-10-05
Caroline Watson		2021-04-12
DAWN JENKINS		2016-09-12
Deborah Walker		2022-04-03
James Wright		2021-04-12
KAREN JAYNE OXTOBY		2016-04-11
MARY BOOLUCK		2025-05-12
Mark Gurney		2022-04-03
Miranda Armitage		2018-04-16
NICOLA STEWART		2025-05-12
Peter Debney		2022-04-03
SYLVIA CONSTANCE WALKER		2013-10-30
Sharon Crosby		2024-04-29

Accounts

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of
St John's, Ben Rhydding**

**ANNUAL REPORT and FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

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St John's Parish Church, Ben Rhydding

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2024

The members of the Parochial Church Council (the PCC) present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024. The PCC is a registered charity and a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the accounts, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (SORP FRS102) effective 1 January 2019. The PCC is eligible for, and has chosen to, apply the disclosure exemption permitted by FRS 102, Section 7.1B, and has not therefore presented a statement of cash flows in these financial statements.

Objects and activities

The PCC has the responsibility, with the Vicar, Rev Peter Willox, in promoting, in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the church: pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical. The PCC is also responsible for the maintenance of the church building and hall of St John's Ben Rhydding and 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 PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at St John's and become part of the church family. The PCC aspires to see the faith of the congregation being put into practice in the communities where members live and work, and so has a commitment to ensure that the teaching and worship are both challenging and relevant to today's society. The PCC is also committed to finding ways of helping others in the community find direction and challenge for their lives, as well as fellowship and comfort through their relationship with God and His Church.

The Vicar and the PCC have been working with the whole church of St John's to continue to develop our vision for the future. This can be summarised as:

“To be a welcoming and inclusive church, reaching out to our community with the love of God”.

Our mission is to create a caring and compassionate safe space for all who come in to our church community and, working together with others where we can: Fulfil our calling to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom; teach, baptise and nurture new believers; respond to human need through loving service; seek to transform unjust structures of society; challenge violence of every kind, and pursue peace and reconciliation; strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the Earth.

The PCC met 6 times during 2024, and the 'Wardens and Standing Committee', a subcommittee of the PCC, met 6 times. In planning and carrying out activities at St John's for the year, the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

St John's Parish Church, Ben Rhydding

Review of performance and achievements

Church electoral roll and attendance

There are 144 people (2023:143) on the church electoral roll, of which 53 are men and 91 women, 90 being resident and 54 being non-resident in the parish

Worship

In 2024, we continued to maintain our pattern of Sunday worship at church, as well as livestreaming on Zoom, providing a variety of services to suit the needs of the congregation and its visitors:

- Every Sunday at 8.30am there was a said service of communion.
- The main service on Sunday was at 10am, Common Worship communion being celebrated on the first and third Sundays in the month. We continued to use a liturgy for the 3rd Sunday communion which allowed more space for reflection and the sharing our faith stories.
- On the second Sunday in the month we continued our 'Explore Together' Service which often has opportunity to discuss questions around the theme of the day.
- Our fourth Sunday celebration service was a relatively informal service of praise. We experimented with this service from June onwards in an endeavour to make it more intergenerational in order to broaden the appeal to families. This was preceded by a breakfast to bridge the gap between the 8.30am and 10 am services.
- A quieter and reflective service with communion happened at 10am on the fifth Sunday of the month with a "Celtic" style liturgy.

A service sheet was sent out every week via email, so that those not able to come into church could still participate in worship either online or quietly at home. This was accompanied by a copy of the talk, the prayers for the day and news sheet with feature articles. Paper versions of this pack were delivered to those who are not online.

Zoom prayer meetings continued, on the 2nd and 4th Sundays, at 6pm. These were stopped in the late autumn as we reviewed the time and place for such a meeting.

Our team of musicians have continued to show great commitment in providing inspiring worship to our 10am services. Special thanks go to the Stidworthy family, Dave and Elaine Atkinson, Caroline Watson, and Jan and Andy Copsey, for taking responsibility for their respective Sundays.

The preaching and leading team consist of Rev Peter Willox, Rev Jan Copsey, Sylvia Walker (Licensed Lay Minister (LLM)) and Dawn Jenkins (LLM), who meet regularly online to look at themes for services. Elizabeth Hall, Methodist Lay Preacher, also preaches occasionally. The Venerable Mike Edson (retired), who celebrated 50 years in ordained ministry in 2023, has stepped back from preaching and leading this year due to ill health. Our thanks go to him for his ministry and support.

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Worship (continued)

The Ark service, a fresh expression of worship, where people of all ages with or without learning difficulties, are encouraged to join us in worship and fellowship in a very informal setting through crafts, dance, music, and drama, continued to meet once a month in church, with online presence as well. Attendance is generally around 35-40 adults. Many of our members have connections to other churches but a significant number are now owning The Ark as their church. To stay in contact with everyone, regular mailings are sent out by email and relevant information updated on the website.

Messy Church services are held on Sunday afternoons once a month. These are aimed at enabling families of all ages to come and share some fun time and worship in a safe Christian environment. Whilst some families come and go there is a core group of 12 families attending more regularly.

School services. No Easter services were held in church this year for our schools. However, we did host Ben Rhydding Primary's harvest service in October and, just before Christmas, we were able to host Christmas services for Ashlands Primary School, Moorfield School, and Ben Rhydding Primary.

In 2024 our clergy conducted 1 baptism (2023:5), 3 weddings (2023:2) and 11 funerals (2023:10).

Fellowship and pastoral care

There continues to be several committed members of St John's, who visit people who are sick, housebound, or elderly on behalf of the Church, and far more who keep an eye on neighbours and those who are vulnerable, simply as a matter of Christian love. Sylvia Walker (LLM) co-ordinates this important work together with Caroline Elston.

This year we have had 4 house groups, and 2 smaller Spiritual Growth Groups, meeting in people's homes for study and support involving up to 50 people. We have also provided opportunity for people new to faith or wanting to refresh their understanding of the faith through the 'Being With' course.

Children and young people

The work with, and amongst, children and young people continues to be an important part of our ministry at St John's. Numbers of families returning post-covid to our 10am service have been low, families instead preferring to come to our Messy Church. This has had an impact on our Sunday School (known as Lighthouse). Sally de La Poer, Geri Huang-Faulkner and Ros Brown continued to run Lighthouse on the 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays until October 2024 when unfortunately the lack of children meant they were unable to continue this ministry.

Amy Stidworthy, Nick Heywood and our Vicar, Peter, have continued to run the CYFA (14-18) group on Sunday evenings. Amy stood down, after many years of being involved, at the end of the year. Our thanks go to her for her love and care for our teenagers.

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Children and young people (continued)

The two mid-week morning toddler groups on Wednesday and Friday, have continued to offer a much needed space for carers of young children. Jan Copsey has continued to coordinate the groups despite having to take time out due to injury.

Fellowship and pastoral care

All those who work with children and young people at St John's are checked in accordance with our Vulnerable Adults and Child Protection Policy and are subject to its procedures which are in line with Diocesan guidelines. Our Safeguarding Officer, Dawn Jenkins, who has received training and guidance from the diocesan safeguarding team, helps us ensure we are keeping up to date with our responsibilities, and that the PCC undertake all the regulatory safeguarding training provided by the Diocesan Safeguarding team.

Local community

Welcome Café/Warm Space. In 2024, our weekly 'Welcome Café and Warm Space' staffed by volunteers from St John's, continued to run throughout the year. The 'warm space' concept is a national initiative to offer a warm and welcoming environment to anybody in the local community during the energy crisis. St John's received Warm Spaces grants of £2,451 in 2024 (2023: £1,770) from Bradford Metropolitan District Council (BMDC) to help fund this initiative. This was mostly attended by church members but also drew others from our local community.

Open The Book in Schools. Our team, which takes dramatic versions of Bible stories into our local schools' assemblies resumed on a once per month basis with the helpful addition of some new members. The children of the local primary schools were once again able to enjoy participating in "What's the Story" of Christmas, a story telling event held in church.

Other Community events run by our church

- The Fairtrade stall run by Hilary Davies and others, continues to be a regular feature at church services but also at some of our other events.
- We ran a refugee day where refugees and asylum seekers based in Bradford came out to Ilkley for a social occasion, food and games.
- We ran our annual memorial service for those in our community who wanted to mark the passing of a loved one.
- A Community Earth weekend was held in April as a response to Earth Day. Entitled 'This Precious Earth', as well as themed worship on the Sunday, included an opportunity for local environmental groups to display information and talk with local people about their work, and how we can all get involved. There was also a themed singing workshop and concert run by nationally known community singers Anna Tabbush and Camilo Menjura.
- The Purple Room, a monthly evening of music and spoken word, has drawn many people not usually attached to church into our building.

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Local community (continued)

Community event runs for the purpose of fundraising for the North Aisle Roof consisted of:

- 'Women in Faith' retreat day, 8th March
- Afternoon Tea, 9th March
- Quiz nights, 23rd November and 4th May
- Barn Dance, 8th June
- Gold Rush during June
- Bridge and Afternoon Tea, 6th July
- Evening of Dance, 11th July
- Singing Workshop, 17th August
- The Ark Afternoon Tea, 14th September
- Promises Auction in September
- Christmas Fair, 15th November

The church building and hall

Our building continues to be a great resource for our local community groups, including the Wright Theatre Arts dance school, The Ben Rhydding Community Choir and related groups, The U3A, and a Singing for Lung Health group financed by the NHS. We have been able to keep the church open during daylight hours every day of the week over the year, for visitors and people who want to pray or be quiet. The Church space continues to benefit from the new chairs, and a number of concerts have been held there.

Room hire took another upturn this year and special thanks go to Miss Lisa King for practically overseeing the administration of the hiring of the church premises during 2024.

Links with other Christian organisations

St John's continues to have an active role in the deanery of South Craven and Wharfedale. The Vicar is on the standing committee of the Deanery Synod and has become a representative on Diocesan Synod. He has also recently taken on the role of Retired Clergy Officer for the Bradford Episcopal Area. We continue to support and greatly benefit from the Otley Christian Resources Hub (OCRH) which started out as a deanery project. Our Vicar is Chair and a trustee of the OCRH which is a charitable incorporated organisation. The Church also maintains links with others in the Ilkley area through Churches Together in Ilkley (CTI) – our Vicar is currently Moderator. These ecumenical links continue to be strong as the church plays its part in CTI, notably helping to support the locally organised Food Bank.

Two of our congregation are trustees of CTI 2000, along with our Vicar who acts as Chair for the committee. CTI 2000 is a registered charity originally set up by Churches Together in Ilkley (CTI) whose aim is to provide accommodation, and opportunities for socialising, for those in our community with learning difficulties.

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Links with other Christian organisations (continued)

It continues to be a privilege to be able to host the CTI 2000 gardening project, for adults with learning difficulties, on our church allotment, and a few more people are now helping from the church. This connection also helps to strengthen ties between that project and the Ark.

St John's Church has many links into the world church, and through money, gifts and prayers, supports many good works and people, in places often quite different to ours. The congregation have also benefited from these links, being challenged to look at how they can be active Christians in our community.

Several of our church members, including Rev Peter Willox, are on the board of trustees of Give a Child a Hope, which supports disadvantaged children at a school at the Revival Centre in Matugga, Uganda.

We support Miss Azaria Spencer who works amongst street children in Guatemala with the Church Mission Society. Azaria got married to David De Pocasangre, who has also become a CMS mission partner. We also support Pam and Simon Wanderlii, working with Mission Aviation Fellowship.

The Mission Support Group is chaired by John Sheen. The group continues to maintain contact with our mission partners and has also reviewed the list of mission partners and organisations we support. The group regularly provide information to update the congregation of the prayer and practical needs of our mission partners. The group also makes recommendations on mission giving to the PCC and managing the distribution of funds. In 2024, £7,350 was given to mission (2023: £8,137).

Environmental responsibilities

Care of the environment is a core part of St John's mission and climate emergency declaration, and continued to be included in worship and communications in 2024. The 'Season of Creation' was marked, in September, by four services with an environmental focus.

St John's is working to achieve the goal, set out by the Church of England, for all its churches to achieve carbon net zero by 2030. The PCC continues to monitor our carbon footprint, supported by our environment and carbon net zero committees. Both our electricity and gas contracts were renewed during 2024 on three year green tariffs.

Using the same energy footprint tool as previously but adjusting the 2023 comparative to reflect the fact that non electric vehicle usage is no longer incorporated within the calculation the results for St John's are as follows:

Year	Gross CO ₂ Footprint	Net CO ₂ Footprint
2024	22.4	2.1
2023	17.8 (16.7 adjusted)	2.4 (2.2 adjusted)

The increase in the gross footprint is due to the significant increase in the use of the church during the year for a wide variety of concerts and events. However this is offset by Climate Stewards.

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Environmental responsibilities (continued)

St. John's have set up community recycling bins for pens, dental products and marigold gloves which will be taken to Terracycle collection points.

Governance and structure

Rev Peter Willox was licensed as Vicar on 16th September 2012. He is assisted by the Rev Jan Copsey, who is licensed as a non-stipendiary Associate Priest.

Committees

To enable the church to fulfil its Vision, we have several committees and teams. These meet when required between full meetings of the PCC, and bring items to it for discussion and decision.

Standing committee: This is the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between meetings, subject to any direction given by the Council. At St John's, this is named the **Wardens and Standing Committee**. It meets every two months and consists of the vicar, the wardens and assistant wardens, treasurer and secretary. It meets to progress items of general maintenance and other issues delegated to it by the PCC, and ensures that the duties of the wardens are being covered.

Finance committee: This oversees the general financial activities of St John's (including mission giving) by monitoring income and expenditure, budgeting and maintaining appropriate financial controls.

Mission support group: This group attends to matters relating to St John's support of mission and relief agencies. The Mission Support Group works with our mission partners to assess needs.

Environment Committee: This committee, with the assistance of the Carbon Net Zero Group, is concerned with St John's 'Care of Creation' mission; to "strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth". The committee is chaired by the Parish Environment Officer, Lynn Haygarth.

Clergy and Readers team: The Vicar met regularly with the Associate Priest, Rev Jan Copsey, and our two Licensed Lay Ministers, Sylvia Walker and Dawn Jenkins, to discuss worship and general and particular pastoral issues.

Many members of the church give much of their time on a voluntary basis to help the church function and grow, and the PCC would like to formally record its thanks to them. Where external professional advice is necessary the Diocesan Advisory Committee and church architect have proved most helpful.

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Governance and structure (continued)

PCC membership

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the church representation rules. At St John's, membership of the PCC consists of the Vicar, churchwardens, Associate Priest, Licensed Lay Ministers, Deanery Synod representatives and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. The PCC also has power to co-opt members who have a specific role in the church. All members of the congregation are encouraged to join the electoral roll and play an active part in our church life.

Elected members serve for a period of three years. During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

Vicar

Rev'd Peter Willox Chair

Wardens

Debbie Walker
Caroline Watson Acting Treasurer

Assistant wardens

Caroline Elston
Mark Gurney

Representatives on Deanery Synod

Lynn Haygarth
Sylvia Walker

Elected members

Karen Oxtoby Secretary
Miranda Armitage
Peter Debney
Elspeth Holmes
Janet Munro
Andy Rayment
James Wright
Sharon Crosby Appointed 29 April 2024
Nikki Gibson Appointed 29 April 2024

Non-elected Members

Rev Jan Copsey Associate Priest
Sylvia Walker LLM
Dawn Jenkins LLM & Safeguarding Officer

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Financial summary

An overall surplus of £59,749 was recognised in 2024 (2023: deficit £(5,218)). On our general (unrestricted) fund there was a surplus of £12,822 (2023: deficit £(5,734)) and on restricted funds a surplus of £46,927 (2023: surplus £516).

The Church paid £85.5k in parish share in 2024 compared to the share request of £125k, in line with the 2024 budget approved by the PCC. The PCC has budgeted a target of £80k for parish share in 2025. The ability to meet the share continues to be affected by high utility costs as well as inflationary pressures on other expenditure. The share provides support to other parishes and mission initiatives as well as clergy stipends, homes and pensions. The PCC recognises the importance of meeting its full share request and will continue to work towards this goal, despite the ongoing difficult circumstances.

Although the church was unable to pay its requested 2024 parish share in full, no liability for this is being carried forward in these accounts based on the advice of the Diocese.

In 2024, there was an decrease in unrestricted regular giving of 4.5%. Hall hire continued to be a significant source of income at £30.2k, an increase of 3.1% over 2023. Excluding parish share, general costs have decreased by 1%, savings on repairs and maintenance offsetting the impact of continuing high inflation on other major cost categories, notably utilities and administration costs. The PCC reviews income and expenditure on a regular basis and continues to closely manage its costs, as well as look at ways to increase income.

In addition to regular giving from the congregation, St John's also benefited in the year from a legacy of £11.5k as well as generous donations and fundraising efforts towards the repair of the North Aisle Roof. The PCC is very grateful to all its church members for their time, effort and donations which enable St John's to continue as a thriving church for the benefit of its local community and the wider world.

Pensions

St John's participates in NEST, a workplace pension scheme which is run by the NEST Corporation, a non-departmental public body which is accountable to Parliament through the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions.

The pension scheme is a defined contribution scheme. The pensions costs charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the year were £434 (2023: £Nil).

Reserves policy

It is the PCC's policy to hold unrestricted funds which equates to two and a half to three months' expenditure. These reserves are held to meet the day-to-day running costs of the church and to help finance significant projects as and when required.

The available reserves of £46.5k consist of the unrestricted reserves of £85.7k, less fixed assets of £4.4k, and reserves designated by the PCC under the above policy of £34.9k.

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Reserves policy (continued)

The allocation of the available reserves was carefully considered at the year end by the PCC when £1,500 was transferred to the restricted fund for roof repairs and an additional payment of £1,500 towards our parish share for 2024 above the budgeted amount. It was felt prudent to retain additional reserves until the north aisle roof project has been completed and some additional maintenance work required arising from storm damage which has arisen after the budget had been approved..

The budget is prepared on an annual basis, approved by the PCC, and by members, at the annual parochial church meeting. In 2024, the PCC continued its policy of budgeting for major repairs and renewals expected in the year.

Risk management

The major risks to which the PCC is exposed have been reviewed, and systems or procedures designed to manage those risks have been established.

Rev'd P Willox
Chair
12 May 2025

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the year ending 31 December 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Income and endowments:					
Voluntary income – direct giving		121,325	36,994	158,319	138,468
Gross income from events and other activities		31,882	9,252	41,134	35,473
Bank interest		1,253	-	1,253	280
Total income and endowments	2	154,460	46,246	200,706	174,221
Expenditure:					
Grants and mission giving	8	7,350	-	7,350	8,137
Support costs		388	-	388	392
Directly relating to the work of the Church		112,120	669	112,789	152,579
Church management and administration		20,255	19	20,274	18,331
Fundraising costs		-	156	156	-
Total expenditure	3	140,113	844	140,957	179,439
Net income/(expenditure)		14,347	45,402	59,749	(5,218)
Transfers between funds		(1,525)	1,525	-	-
Net movement in funds		12,822	46,927	59,749	(5,218)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Balance brought forward		72,884	1,887	74,771	79,989
Balance carried forward		85,706	48,814	134,520	74,771

The accompanying notes on pages 14 to 21 are an integral part of this statement.

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BALANCE SHEET as at 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	4	4,356	5,518
Current assets:			
Debtors and prepayments	5	32,157	19,252
Short term deposits		90,146	6,316
Cash at bank and in hand		16,263	50,693
		138,566	76,261
Liabilities falling due within one year	6	8,402	7,008
Net current assets		130,164	69,253
Total net assets		134,520	74,771
Represented by:			
Unrestricted funds	7	85,706	72,884
Restricted funds	7	48,814	1,887
Total funds		134,520	74,771

The Accounts were approved by the Parochial Church Council on 12 May 2025.

----- Vicar (Chair)

----- Warden

The accompanying notes on pages 14 to 21 are an integral part of this statement.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 December 2024

1. Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, the applicable accounting standard FRS102 and SORP FRS102.

The financial statements have been prepared using the accruals basis and the historic cost convention. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

a. Funds

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application for the general purposes of the PCC. Restricted funds are allocated for a specific purpose by either the donor or the PCC. The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that are affiliated to another body nor those which are informal gatherings of church members.

b. Incoming resources

Voluntary income:

- Collections and donations are recognised when received.
- Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid income is recognised when claimable.
- Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its entitlement and the likely amount due.
- Funds raised from special events and activities are accounted for gross of expenditure.

Other income:

- Rental income from letting church premises and allotments is accounted for when incurred.
- Parochial fees for weddings, funerals etc are accounted for when they arise.

c. Resources used

Expenses are recognised when incurred. Grants, mission giving, and Diocesan Share are accounted for when payable.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 December 2024 (continued)

d. Balance sheet

Fixed assets:

- Consecrated land and buildings are excluded from the accounts by Section 10(2) of the Charities Act 2011 as they are removed from the definition of charity for the purposes of the Act. Costs associated with the maintenance or improvement of such assets are written off in the year incurred.
- Moveable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are considered to be inalienable property. There is insufficient cost information available to capitalise historic purchases of these assets. From 2014, purchases of such assets are capitalised where the cost is greater than £4,000 and depreciated over their useful lives.
- All other fixtures, fittings and office equipment are capitalised where the cost is greater than £4,000 and are depreciated over their useful lives.

Current assets:

- Amounts owing to the PCC at the year-end are shown as debtors.
- Short term deposits include cash held at the bank or in the money market.

e. Reserves policy

The PCC has considered the amount of reserves that should be held and has decided that two and a half to three months of operating costs is appropriate.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 December 2024 (continued)

2. Income and endowments

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Voluntary Income (direct giving)				
Regular giving	85,222	-	85,222	92,413
Other collections at services	2,504	1,531	4,035	3,441
Grants	2,451	5,500	7,951	2,615
Legacies	10,418	1,070	11,488	2,000
Sundry donations	324	24,519	24,843	10,848
Income tax recoverable	20,406	4,374	24,780	27,151
	121,325	36,994	158,319	138,468
Gross income from events and activities:				
Church hall and allotment fees	30,226	-	30,226	29,317
Fees	1,614	-	1,614	1,468
Fundraising activities	-	8,868	8,868	3,930
Sundry receipts	42	384	426	758
	31,882	9,252	41,134	35,473
Bank interest	1,253	-	1,253	280
Total income and endowments	154,460	46,246	200,706	174,221

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 December 2024 (continued)

3. Expenditure

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Grants and mission giving:					
Mission partners	8	4,360	-	4,360	4,250
Other mission agencies	8	2,890	-	2,890	2,750
Other charities and agencies	8	160	-	160	1,137
		7,410	-	7,410	8,137
Support costs:					
Teaching and worship		388	-	388	392
Directly relating to the work of the Church:					
Parish share to Diocese		85,500	-	85,500	88,000
Service expenses		2,029	-	2,029	1,741
Clergy expenses		449	-	449	509
Pastoral care		100	-	100	100
Hospitality		136	669	805	194
Insurance		2,495	-	2,495	2,387
Repairs and maintenance	9	8,390	-	8,390	48,681
Telephone and broadband		1,576	-	1,576	1,301
Utilities		10,282	-	10,282	9,376
Depreciation		1,163	-	1,163	290
		112,120	669	112,789	152,579
Church management and administration					
Staff costs	10	17,165	-	17,165	15,272
Printing and stationery		2,134	-	2,134	2,638
IT		772	-	772	222
Sundry expenses		124	19	143	199
		20,195	19	20,214	18,331
Fundraising costs		-	156	156	-
Total expenditure		140,113	844	140,957	179,439

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 December 2024 (continued)

4. Tangible fixed assets

	Church fixtures, fittings and equipment £
Cost	
At 1 January 2024	22,808
Additions	-
Disposals	(17,000)
At 31 December 2024	5,808
Depreciation	
At 1 January 2024	17,290
Disposals	(17,000)
Charge for the year	1,162
At 31 December 2024	1,452
Net book value	
At 31 December 2024	4,356
At 31 December 2023	5,518

5. Debtors and prepayments

	2024 £	2023 £
Income tax recoverable	16,233	13,291
Other debtors	11,397	5,277
Prepayments and accrued income	4,527	684
	32,157	19,252

6. Liabilities falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Sundry creditors	2,394	2,954
Sundry accruals	6,008	4,054
	8,402	7,008

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 December 2024 (continued)

7. Funds

Movement in funds are as follows:

	1 Jan 2024 £	Incoming Resources (note 2) £	Resources Expended (note 3) £	Transfers Between funds £	31 Dec 2024 £
Roof Fund	1,379	45,341	(844)	1500	47,376
Environmental Improvements	40	-	-	-	40
Sound and Vision	(275)	250	-	25	-
The Ark	743	655	-	-	1,398
Restricted funds	1,887	46,246	(844)	1,525	48,814
Gifts	12,500	-	-	-	12,500
Legacies	2,000	10,418	-	-	12,418
Messy Church	2,538	100	(288)	-	2,350
Youth Work	510	-	-	-	510
Designated funds	17,548	10,518	(288)	-	27,778
General reserves	55,336	143,942	(139,825)	(1,525)	57,928
Total funds	74,771	200,706	(140,957)	-	134,520

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS – 31 December 2024 (continued)

8. Mission giving	2024	2023
	£	£
Mission partners:		
Give a Child a Hope	1,285	1,250
MAF	1,025	1,000
Open Doors	1,025	1,000
CMS	1,025	1,000
	4,360	4,250
Other mission agencies:		
Sudan Link	1,025	1,000
Otley Christian Resources Hub	565	550
Inn Churches	515	500
CAP	475	300
CPAS Falcon Camps	310	300
Operation Mobilisation	-	100
	2,890	2,750
Total mission giving	7,250	7,000
Other charities and agencies:		
Give a Child a Hope	-	350
Friends of Martin House	-	350
The Principle Trust	-	370
Climate Stewards	60	67
Total other charities and agencies	60	1,137
Other	100	-
Total grants and mission giving	7,410	8,137

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 December 2024 (continued)

9. Repairs and maintenance

	2024	2023
	£	£
Heating/boiler repairs	1342	4,585
Tree surgery	600	-
Lighting and electrical installation and repairs	478	-
Tables	500	-
Catering equipment	151	-
Vacuum cleaner	146	-
Chairs	-	24,151
Sound desk	-	4,558
Hall windows	-	2,378
Church floor restoration	-	4,480
Roof work	-	734
Sound and vision repairs	349	18
Piano and organ tuning and repairs	150	420
Cleaning services	2,847	4,419
Sundries including full appliance servicing	1,827	2,938
Total repairs and maintenance	8,390	48,681

10. Staff costs

The Church had three part-time employees during 2024 (2023:3) whose wages during the year were:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Total staff costs	17,165	15,272

The highest paid employee received total remuneration of £8,986 (2023: £7,881). PCC members were not paid and did not receive any other benefits from employment with the Church in the year other than clergy expenses of £549 (2023: £509). These expenses covered pastoral aid costs and sundry travel fees for 2 clergy (2023: 2). No PCC member received payment for professional or other services from the Church in the year (2023: Nil). There were no related party transactions during the year which require disclosure (2023: Nil).

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STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The Charities Act 2011 requires the Parochial Church Council (PCC) to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the PCC and of its financial activities for that year. In preparing these financial statements, the PCC is required to:

1. Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
2. Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
3. Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the PCC will continue in operation.

The PCC is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy, at any time, the financial position of the PCC and enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006. The PCC is also responsible for safeguarding the assets and hence for taking steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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

Rev'd Peter Willox
PCC Chair
12 May 2025

St John's Parish Church, Ben Rhydding

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
to the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of
St John's Ben Rhydding**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

..... 12 May 2025

Karen Gardner FCA,
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Accounts

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of
St John's, Ben Rhydding**

**ANNUAL REPORT and FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2023

The members of the Parochial Church Council (the PCC) present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023. The PCC is a registered charity and a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the accounts, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (SORP FRS102) effective 1 January 2019. The PCC is eligible for, and has chosen to, apply the disclosure exemption permitted by FRS 102, Section 7.1B, and has not therefore presented a statement of cash flows in these financial statements.

Objects and activities

The PCC has the responsibility, with the Vicar, Rev Peter Willox, in promoting, in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the church: pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical. The PCC is also responsible for the maintenance of the church building and hall of St John's Ben Rhydding and 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 PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at St John's and become part of the church family. The PCC aspires to see the faith of the congregation being put into practice in the communities where members live and work, and so has a commitment to ensure that the teaching and worship are both challenging and relevant to today's society. The PCC is also committed to finding ways of helping others in the community find direction and challenge for their lives, as well as fellowship and comfort through their relationship with God and His Church.

The Vicar and the PCC have been working with the whole church of St John's to continue to develop our vision for the future. This can be summarised as:

“To be a welcoming and inclusive church, reaching out to our community with the love of God”.

Our mission is to create a caring and compassionate safe space for all who come in to our church community and, working together with others where we can: Fulfil our calling to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom; teach, baptise and nurture new believers; respond to human need through loving service; seek to transform unjust structures of society; challenge violence of every kind, and pursue peace and reconciliation; strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the Earth.

The PCC met 6 times during 2023, and the 'Wardens and Standing Committee', a subcommittee of the PCC, met 6 times. In planning and carrying out activities at St John's for the year the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

St John's Parish Church, Ben Rhydding

Review of performance and achievements

Church electoral roll and attendance

There are 143 people (2022:145) on the church electoral roll, of which 55 are men and 88 women, 86 being resident and 57 being non-resident in the parish

Worship

In 2023, we continued to maintain our pattern of Sunday worship at church, as well as livestreaming on Zoom, providing a variety of services to suit the needs of the congregation and its visitors:

- Every Sunday at 8.30am there was a said service of communion.
- The main service on Sunday was at 10am, Common Worship communion being celebrated on the first and third Sundays in the month. We continued to use a liturgy for the 3rd Sunday communion which allowed more space for reflection and the sharing our faith stories.
- On the second Sunday in the month we continued our 'Explore Together' Service which often has opportunity to discuss questions around the theme of the day.
- Our fourth Sunday celebration service was a relatively informal service of praise.
- A quieter and reflective service with communion happened at 10am on the fifth Sunday of the month with a "Celtic" style liturgy.

A service sheet was sent out every week via email, so that those not able to come into church could still participate in worship either online or quietly at home. This was accompanied by a copy of the talk, the prayers for the day and news sheet with feature articles. Paper versions of this pack were delivered to those who are not online.

Zoom prayer meetings continued, on the 2nd and 4th Sundays, at 6pm.

Our team of musicians have continued to show great commitment in providing inspiring worship to our 10am services. Special thanks go to the Stidworthy family, Dave and Elaine Atkinson, Caroline Watson, and Jan and Andy Copsey, for taking responsibility for their respective Sundays.

The preaching and leading team consist of Rev Peter Willox, Rev Jan Copsey, Sylvia Walker (Licensed Lay Minister (LLM)) and Dawn Jenkins (LLM), who meet regularly online to look at themes for services. We were also supported by the ministries of the Venerable Mike Edson (retired) and Philip Johnston (LLM emeritus).

The Ark service, a fresh expression of worship, where people of all ages with or without learning difficulties, are encouraged to join us in worship and fellowship in a very informal setting through crafts, dance, music, and drama, continued to meet once a month in church, with online presence as well. Attendance is generally around 35-40 adults. Many of our members have connections to other churches but a significant number are now owning The Ark as their church. To stay in contact with everyone, regular mailings are sent out by email and relevant information updated on the website.

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Worship (continued)

Messy Church services are held on Sunday afternoons once a month. These are aimed at enabling families of all ages to come and share some fun time and worship in a safe Christian environment. By the end of 2023, we were pleased to report an average of 12 families now back attending our monthly Messy Church services.

School services. No Easter services were held in church this year for our schools. Just before Christmas, we were able to host Christmas services for Ashlands Primary School, Moorfield School, and Ben Rhydding Primary.

In 2023 our clergy conducted 5 baptisms (2022:5), 2 weddings (2022:0) and 10 funerals (2022:13).

Fellowship and pastoral care

There continues to be several committed members of St John's, who visit people who are sick, housebound, or elderly on behalf of the Church, and far more who keep an eye on neighbours and those who are vulnerable, simply as a matter of Christian love. Sylvia Walker (LLM) co-ordinates this important work together with Caroline Elston.

We have 6 house groups, which currently involve 45 people, that meet in people's homes for study and support. This year, we also ran a welcome/nurture course called "Being With" for those new to faith who wish to learn more about what that might mean for them, an Advent course 'Searching for Home' and the Essence course, which explores contemporary faith.

Children and young people

The work with, and amongst, children and young people continues to be an important part of our ministry at St John's. Numbers of families returning post-covid to our 10am service have been low, families instead preferring to come to our Messy Church. This has had an impact on our Sunday School (known as Lighthouse). However, Sally de La Poer and Ros Brown continued to run Lighthouse on the 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays.

Amy Stidworthy, Nick Heywood and our Vicar, Peter, have continued to run the CYFA (14-18) group on Sunday evenings.

The two mid-week morning toddler groups on Wednesday and Friday, have also continued.

All those who work with children and young people at St John's are checked in accordance with our Vulnerable Adults and Child Protection Policy and are subject to its procedures which are in line with Diocesan guidelines. The policy was reviewed in 2023. Our Safeguarding Officer, Dawn Jenkins, who has received training and guidance from the diocesan safeguarding team, helps us ensure we are keeping up to date with our responsibilities, and that the PCC undertake all the regulatory safeguarding training provided by the Diocesan Safeguarding team.

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Local community

Welcome Café/Warm Space

In 2023, our weekly 'Welcome Café and Warm Space' staffed by volunteers from St John's, continued to run throughout the year. The 'warm space' concept is a national initiative to offer a warm and welcoming environment to anybody in the local community during the energy crisis. St John's received Warm Spaces grants of £1,770 in 2023 (2022: £1,440) from Bradford Metropolitan District Council (BMDC) to help fund this initiative. This was mostly attended by church members but also drew some others from our local community.

Open The Book in Schools.

Our team, which takes dramatic versions of Bible stories into our local schools' assemblies resumed on a twice monthly basis. However, due to the difficulty getting more people to commit to the team, we have gone to a monthly pattern. The children of the local primary schools were once again able to enjoy participating in "What's the Story" of Christmas?

Other Community events

- The **Fairtrade stall** run by Hilary Davies and others, continues to be a regular feature at church services but also at some of our other events.
- Our Children's Nearly New Sale was only able to take place in the Spring of 2023 with the current leaders, Jane Wearing and Caroline Elston stepping back after a 16-year tenure. Thank you to both ladies for all their hard work.
- We ran a refugee day where refugees and asylum seekers based in Bradford came out to Ilkley for a social occasion, food and games.
- On the occasion of the Coronation of King Charles, we opened the church up for prayer and reflection, and live-streamed the ceremony for anyone in the community.
- We ran our annual memorial service for those in our community who wanted to mark the passing of a loved one.
- An afternoon tea and autumn fair were held in November.

Links with other Christian organisations

St John's continues to have an active role in the deanery of South Craven and Wharfedale. The Vicar is on the standing committee of the Deanery Synod and has become a representative on Diocesan Synod. He has also recently taken on the role of Retired Clergy Officer for the Bradford Episcopal Area. We continue to support and greatly benefit from the Otley Christian Resources Hub (OCRH) which started out as a deanery project. Our Vicar is Chair and a trustee of the OCRH which is a charitable incorporated organisation. The Church also maintains links with others in the Ilkley area through Churches Together in Ilkley (CTI) – our Vicar is currently Moderator. These ecumenical links continue to be strong as the church plays its part in CTI, notably helping to support the locally organised Food Bank.

Two of our congregation are trustees of CTI 2000, along with our Vicar who acts as Chair for the committee. CTI 2000 is a registered charity originally set up by Churches Together in Ilkley (CTI) whose aim is to provide accommodation, and opportunities for socialising, for those in our community with learning difficulties.

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Links with other Christian organisations (continued)

It continues to be a privilege to be able to host the CTI 2000 gardening project, for adults with learning difficulties, on our church allotment, and a few more people are now helping from the church. This connection also helps to strengthen ties between that project and the Ark.

St John's Church has many links into the world church and through money, gifts and prayers, supports many good works and people, in places often quite different to ours. The congregation have also benefited from these links, being challenged to look at how they can be active Christians in our community.

Several of our church members, including Rev Peter Willox, are on the board of trustees of Give a Child a Hope, which supports disadvantaged children at a school at the Revival Centre in Matugga, Uganda.

We also support Miss Azaria Spencer who works amongst street children in Guatemala with the Church Mission Society, and Pam and Simon Wanderlii, working out in Australia and Papua New Guinea with Mission Aviation Fellowship.

The Mission Support Group is chaired by John Sheen. The group continues to maintain contact with our mission partners and has also reviewed the list of mission partners and organisations we support. The group regularly provide information to update the congregation of the prayer and practical needs of our mission partners. The group also makes recommendations on mission giving to the PCC and managing the distribution of funds. In 2023, £8,137 was given to mission (2022: £9,921).

The church building and hall

We have been able to keep the church open during daylight hours every day of the week over the year, for visitors and people who want to pray or be quiet.

In September 2023, we changed the church seating from pews to chairs. These are visually very appealing, comfortable and provide for a much more flexible worship space, and seem to have been well received by those who enter our building.

Hall hire took an upturn this year, income being almost 7% above pre-Covid levels . Special thanks go to Sandy Tod for practically overseeing the hall hiring for over the last 25 years. Sandy has now stepped down from this role and Miss Lisa King will be taking on the mantle.

Environmental responsibilities

Care of the environment is a core part of St John's mission and climate emergency declaration, and continued to be included in worship and communications in 2023. The Season of Creation was marked, in September, by four services with an environmental focus.

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Environmental responsibilities (continued)

St John's is working to achieve the goal, set out by the Church of England for all its churches, to achieve carbon net zero by 2030. St John's has a renewable energy tariff for its electricity and a carbon offset tariff for its gas, and monitors its energy usage on a regular basis. St John's carbon footprint for 2023 was 2.4 metric tonnes (2022: 2.7 metric tonnes). This carbon footprint is offset through Climate Stewards, an organisation which works with trusted community carbon projects in the global south.

In 2023, St. John's set up community recycling bins for pens, dental products and marigold gloves which will be taken to Terracycle collection points.

Governance and structure

Rev Peter Willox was licensed as Vicar on 16th September 2012. He is assisted by the Rev Jan Copsey, who is licensed as a non-stipendiary Associate Priest.

Committees

To enable the church to fulfil its Vision, we have several committees and teams. These meet when required between full meetings of the PCC, and bring items to it for discussion and decision.

Standing committee: This is the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between meetings, subject to any direction given by the Council. At St John's, this is named the **Wardens and Standing Committee**. It meets every two months and consists of the vicar, the wardens and assistant wardens, treasurer and secretary. It meets to progress items of general maintenance and other issues delegated to it by the PCC, and ensures that the duties of the wardens are being covered.

Finance committee: This oversees the general financial activities of St John's (including mission giving) by monitoring income and expenditure, budgeting and maintaining appropriate financial controls.

Mission support group: This group attends to matters relating to St John's support of mission and relief agencies. The Mission Support Group works with our mission partners to assess needs.

Environment Committee: This committee, with the assistance of the Carbon Net Zero Group, is concerned with St John's 'Care of Creation' mission; to "strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth". The committee is chaired by the Parish Environment Officer, Lynn Haygarth.

Clergy and Readers team: The Vicar met regularly with the Associate Priest, Rev Jan Copsey, and our two Licensed Lay Ministers, Sylvia Walker and Dawn Jenkins, to discuss worship and general and particular pastoral issues.

Many members of the church give much of their time on a voluntary basis to help the church function and grow and the PCC would like to formally record its thanks to them. Where external professional advice is necessary the Diocesan Advisory Committee and church architect have proved most helpful.

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Financial summary

An overall deficit of £(5,218) was recognised in 2023 (2022: surplus £15,039). On our general (unrestricted) fund there was a deficit of £(5,734) (2022: surplus £14,411) and on restricted funds a surplus of £516 (2022: surplus £628).

The Church paid £88k in parish share in 2023 compared to the share request of £118k, in line with the 2023 budget approved by the PCC. The PCC has budgeted a target of £84k for parish share in 2024 the ability to meet the share impacted by high utility costs as well as continuing inflationary pressures on other expenditure. The share provides support to other parishes and mission initiatives as well as clergy stipends, homes and pensions. The PCC recognises the importance of meeting its full share request and will continue to work towards this goal, despite the ongoing difficult circumstances.

Although the church was unable to pay its requested 2023 parish share in full, no liability for this is being carried forward in these accounts based on the advice of the Diocese.

In 2023, there was an increase in regular giving of 1.4% and the value of hall hire was almost 7% above 2019 (pre-Covid). Excluding parish share, general costs have increased by 6.4% reflecting the impact of continuing high inflation on major cost categories, notably repairs and maintenance and administration, in addition to utilities. The PCC reviews income and expenditure on a regular basis and continues to closely manage its costs, as well as look at ways to increase income.

In addition to regular giving from the congregation, St John's also benefited in the year from generous donations and fundraising efforts which, in addition to legacies and donations received in 2022, have enabled the replacement of the hall windows, restoration of the church floor, replacement of the pews with chairs, and a new projection system and sound desk cabinet. The PCC is very grateful to all its church members for their time, effort and donations which enable St John's to continue as a thriving church for the benefit of its local community and the wider world.

Pensions

St John's participates in NEST, a workplace pension scheme which is run by the NEST Corporation, a non-departmental public body which is accountable to Parliament through the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions.

The pension scheme is a defined contribution scheme. The pensions costs charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the year were £Nil (2022: £Nil).

Reserves policy

It is the PCC's policy to hold unrestricted funds which equates to two and a half to three months' expenditure. These reserves are held to meet the day-to-day running costs of the church and to help finance significant projects as and when required.

The available reserves of £31.7k consist of the unrestricted reserves of £72.9k, less fixed assets of £5.5k, and reserves retained under the above reserves policy of £35.7k. Of the £31.4k, £3k has already been designated against specific projects. The allocation of the remaining unrestricted reserves is currently being considered by the PCC, who need to balance spending on specific church projects against the uncertainty that high utility costs and other inflationary pressures continue to pose to the church's finances.

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Reserves policy (continued)

The budget is prepared on an annual basis, approved by the PCC, and by members, at the annual parochial church meeting. In 2023, the PCC continued its policy of budgeting for major repairs and renewals expected in the year.

Risk management

The major risks to which the PCC is exposed have been reviewed, and systems or procedures designed to manage those risks have been established.

Rev'd P Willox
Chair
29 April 2024

St John's Parish Church, Ben Rhydding

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the year ending 31 December 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Income and endowments:					
Voluntary income – direct giving		120,309	18,159	138,468	145,130
Gross income from events and other activities		31,172	4,301	35,473	30,141
Bank interest		280	-	280	79
Total income and endowments	2	151,761	22,460	174,221	175,350
Expenditure:					
Grants and mission giving	8	7,067	1,070	8,137	9,921
Support costs		392	-	392	403
Directly relating to the work of the Church		117,011	35,568	152,579	135,032
Church management and administration		18,331	-	18,331	14,955
Total expenditure	3	142,801	36,638	179,439	160,311
Net income/(expenditure)		8,960	(14,178)	(5,218)	15,039
Transfers between funds		(14,694)	14,694	-	-
Net movement in funds		(5,734)	516	(5,218)	15,039
Reconciliation of funds:					
Balance brought forward		78,618	1,371	79,989	64,950
Balance carried forward		72,884	1,887	74,771	79,989

The accompanying notes on pages 13 to 20 are an integral part of this statement.

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BALANCE SHEET as at 31 December 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	4	5,518	-
Current assets:			
Debtors and prepayments	5	19,252	25,315
Short term deposits		6,316	6,120
Cash at bank and in hand		50,693	53,900
		76,261	85,335
Liabilities falling due within one year	6	7,008	5,346
Net current assets		69,253	79,989
Total net assets		74,771	79,989
Represented by:			
Unrestricted funds	7	72,884	78,618
Restricted funds	7	1,887	1,371
Total funds		74,771	79,989

The Accounts were approved by the Parochial Church Council on 29 April 2024.

----- Vicar (Chair)

----- Warden

The accompanying notes on pages 13 to 20 are an integral part of this statement.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 December 2023

1. Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, the applicable accounting standard FRS102 and SORP FRS102.

The financial statements have been prepared using the accruals basis and the historic cost convention. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

a. Funds

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application for the general purposes of the PCC. Restricted funds are allocated for a specific purpose by either the donor or the PCC. The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that are affiliated to another body nor those which are informal gatherings of church members.

b. Incoming resources

Voluntary income:

- Collections and donations are recognised when received.
- Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid income is recognised when claimable.
- Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its entitlement and the likely amount due.
- Funds raised from special events and activities are accounted for gross of expenditure.

Other income:

- Rental income from letting church premises and allotments is accounted for when incurred.
- Parochial fees for weddings, funerals etc are accounted for when they arise.

c. Resources used

Expenses are recognised when incurred. Grants, mission giving, and Diocesan Share are accounted for when payable.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 December 2023 (continued)

d. Balance sheet

Fixed assets:

- Consecrated land and buildings are excluded from the accounts by Section 10(2) of the Charities Act 2011 as they are removed from the definition of charity for the purposes of the Act. Costs associated with the maintenance or improvement of such assets are written off in the year incurred.
- Moveable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are considered to be inalienable property. There is insufficient cost information available to capitalise historic purchases of these assets. From 2014, purchases of such assets are capitalised where the cost is greater than £4,000 and depreciated over their useful lives.
- All other fixtures, fittings and office equipment are capitalised where the cost is greater than £4,000 and are depreciated over their useful lives.

Current assets:

- Amounts owing to the PCC at the year-end are shown as debtors.
- Short term deposits include cash held at the bank or in the money market.

e. Reserves policy

The PCC has considered the amount of reserves that should be held and has decided that two and a half to three months of operating costs is appropriate.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 December 2023 (continued)

2. Income and endowments

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Voluntary Income (direct giving)				
Regular giving	89,222	3,191	92,413	87,952
Other collections at services	2,348	1,093	3,441	4,258
Gifts	-	-	-	15,000
Grants	2,615	-	2,615	5,561
Legacies	2,000	-	2,000	6,007
Sundry donations	985	9,863	10,848	2,932
Income tax recoverable	23,139	4,012	27,151	23,420
	120,309	18,159	138,468	145,130
Gross income from events and activities:				
Church hall and allotment fees	29,317	-	29,317	26,615
Fees	1,468	-	1,468	1,467
Fundraising activities	-	3,930	3,930	1,970
Sundry receipts	387	371	758	89
	31,172	4,301	35,473	30,141
Bank interest	280	-	280	79
Total income and endowments	151,761	22,460	174,221	175,350

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 December 2023 (continued)

3. Expenditure

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Grants and mission giving:					
Mission partners	8	4,250	-	4,250	5,050
Other mission agencies	8	2,750	-	2,750	2,954
Other charities and agencies	8	67	1,070	1,137	1,917
		7,067	1,070	8,137	9,921
Support costs:					
Teaching and worship		392	-	392	403
Directly relating to the work of the Church:					
Parish share to Diocese		88,000	-	88,000	94,000
Service expenses		1,741	-	1,741	1,698
Clergy expenses		509	-	509	339
Pastoral care		100	-	100	100
Hospitality		194	-	194	210
Insurance		2,387	-	2,387	2,738
Repairs and maintenance	9	13,113	35,568	48,681	26,454
Telephone and broadband		1,301	-	1,301	1,173
Utilities		9,376	-	9,376	5,487
Depreciation		290	-	290	2,833
		117,011	35,568	152,579	135,032
Church management and administration					
Staff costs	10	15,272	-	15,272	11,990
Printing and stationery		2,638	-	2,638	1,684
IT		222	-	222	1,132
Sundry expenses		199	-	199	149
		18,331	-	18,331	14,955
Total expenditure		142,801	36,638	179,439	160,311

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 December 2023 (continued)

4. Tangible fixed assets

	Church fixtures, fittings and equipment £
Cost	
At 1 January 2023	17,000
Additions	5,808
Disposals	-
At 31 December 2023	22,808
Depreciation	
At 1 January 2023	17,000
Disposals	-
Charge for the year	290
At 31 December 2023	17,290
Net book value	
At 31 December 2023	5,518
At 31 December 2022	-

5. Debtors and prepayments

	2023 £	2022 £
Income tax recoverable	13,291	17,700
Other debtors	5,277	6,947
Prepayments and accrued income	684	668
	19,252	25,315

6. Liabilities falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Sundry creditors	2,954	1,504
Sundry accruals	4,054	3,842
	7,008	5,346

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 December 2023 (continued)

7. Funds

Movement in funds are as follows:

	1 Jan 2023 £	Incoming Resources (note 2) £	Resources Expended (note 3) £	Transfers Between funds £	31 Dec 2023 £
Chairs	-	6,794	(24,151)	17,357	-
Church Floor	-	4,480	(4,480)	-	-
Clothing Sale	-	1,070	(1,070)	-	-
Hall Windows	-	3,750	(2,378)	(1,372)	-
Roof Fund	-	1,379	-	-	1,379
Solar Panels	-	40	-	-	40
Sound and Vision	628	4,947	(4,559)	(1,291)	(275)
The Ark	743	-	-	-	743
Restricted funds	1,371	22,460	(36,638)	14,694	1,887
Gifts	12,500	-	-	-	12,500
Legacies	18,757	2,000	-	(18,757)	2,000
Messy Church	2,765	-	(227)	-	2,538
Youth Work	510	-	-	-	510
Designated funds	34,532	2,000	(227)	(18,757)	17,548
	-				
General reserves	44,086	149,761	(142,574)	4,063	55,336
Total funds	79,989	174,221	(179,439)	-	74,771

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS – 31 December 2023 (continued)

8. Mission giving

	2023	2022
	£	£
Mission partners:		
Give a Child a Hope	1,250	1,250
MAF	1,000	1,000
Open Doors	1,000	1,000
CMS	1,000	1,000
James Dannenberg (Partnership Trust)	-	800
	4,250	5,050
Other mission agencies:		
Sudan Link	1,000	1,000
Otley Christian Resources Hub	550	175
Inn Churches	500	675
CAP	300	500
CPAS Falcon Camps	300	-
Operation Mobilisation	100	-
L'Arche	-	604
	2,750	2,954
Total mission giving	7,000	8,004
Other charities and agencies:		
Give a Child a Hope	350	685
Friends of Martin House	350	735
The Principle Trust	370	-
Climate Stewards	67	-
Chellow Hearts	-	266
Little Hiccups	-	231
Total other charities and agencies	1,137	1,917
Total grants and mission giving	8,137	9,921

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 December 2023 (continued)

9. Repairs and maintenance

	2023 £	2022 £
Chairs	24,151	-
Sound desk	4,558	3,372
Hall windows	2,378	-
Boiler repairs	4,585	-
Church floor restoration	4,480	-
Roof work	734	-
Church tower ladders	-	8,460
Automated doors	-	4,601
Lighting and electrical installation and repairs	-	2,854
Heating improvements	-	698
Painting and re-decoration	-	293
Kitchen shutter repairs	-	292
Sound and vision repairs	18	60
Piano and organ tuning and repairs	420	305
Cleaning services	4,419	2,911
Sundries including full appliance servicing	2,938	2,608
Total repairs and maintenance	48,681	26,454

10. Staff costs

The Church had four part-time employees during 2023 (2022:3) whose wages during the year were:

	2023 £	2022 £
Total staff costs	15,272	11,989

The highest paid employee received total remuneration of £7,881 (2022: £5,993). PCC members were not paid and did not receive any other benefits from employment with the Church in the year other than clergy expenses of £509 (2022: £339). These expenses covered pastoral aid costs and sundry funeral fees for 2 clergy (2022: 1). No PCC member received payment for professional or other services from the Church in the year (2022: Nil). There were no related party transactions during the year which require disclosure (2022: Nil).

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STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The Charities Act 2011 requires the Parochial Church Council (PCC) to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the PCC and of its financial activities for that year. In preparing these financial statements, the PCC is required to:

1. Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
2. Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
3. Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the PCC will continue in operation.

The PCC is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy, at any time, the financial position of the PCC and enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006. The PCC is also responsible for safeguarding the assets and hence for taking steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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

Rev'd Peter Willox
PCC Chair
29 April 2024

St John's Parish Church, Ben Rhydding

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
to the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of
St John's Ben Rhydding**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

..... 29 April 2024

Karen Gardner FCA,
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Accounts

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of
St John's, Ben Rhydding**

**ANNUAL REPORT and FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2022

The members of the Parochial Church Council (the PCC) present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022. The PCC is a registered charity and a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the accounts, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (SORP FRS102) effective 1 January 2019. The PCC is eligible for, and has chosen to, apply the disclosure exemption permitted by FRS 102, Section 7.1B, and has not therefore presented a statement of cash flows in these financial statements.

Objects and activities

The PCC has the responsibility, with the Vicar, Rev Peter Willox, in promoting, in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the church: pastoral, evangelistic, social, and ecumenical. The PCC is also responsible for the maintenance of the church building and hall of St John's, Ben Rhydding and 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 PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at St. John's and become part of the church family. The PCC aspires to see the faith of the congregation being put into practice in the communities where members live and work, and so has a commitment to ensure that the teaching and worship are both challenging and relevant to today's society. The PCC is also committed to finding ways of helping others in the community find direction and challenge for their lives, as well as fellowship and comfort through their relationship with God and His Church.

The Vicar and the PCC have been working with the whole church of St John's to continue to develop our vision for the future. This can be summarised as:

“To be a welcoming and inclusive church, reaching out to our community with the love of God”.

Our mission is to create a caring and compassionate safe space for all who come in to our church community: and working together with others where we can, fulfil our calling to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom; teach, baptise and nurture new believers; respond to human need through loving service; seek to transform unjust structures of society; challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation; strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the Earth.

The PCC met 6 times during 2022, and the 'Wardens and Standing Committee', a subcommittee of the PCC, met 6 times. In planning and carrying out activities at St John's for the year the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

St John's Parish Church, Ben Rhydding

Review of performance and achievements

Church electoral roll and attendance

There are 145 people (2021:145) on the church electoral roll, of whom 90 are resident and 55 not resident in the parish.

Worship

In 2022, we continued to maintain our pattern of Sunday worship at church, as well as livestreaming on Zoom for those too vulnerable to attend, providing a variety of services to suit the needs of the congregation and its visitors:

- Every Sunday at 8.30am there was a said service of communion.
- The main service on Sunday was at 10am, Common Worship communion being celebrated on the first and third Sundays in the month. We continued to use a liturgy for the 3rd Sunday communion which allowed more space for reflection and the sharing our faith stories.
- On the second Sunday in the month we continued our creative 'Explore Together' Service. However, we have not been able to reinstate inviting the congregation to participate in a "learning zone" as we did prior to March 2020.
- Our fourth Sunday celebration service was a relatively informal service of praise.
- A quieter and reflective service with communion happened at 10am on the fifth Sunday of the month with a "Celtic" style liturgy.

A service sheet was sent out every week via email, so that those not wanting to come into church could still participate in worship either online or quietly at home. This was accompanied by a copy of the talk, the prayers and news sheet with feature articles. Paper versions of this pack was delivered to those who are not online.

Zoom prayer meetings continued, on the 2nd and 4th Sundays, at 6pm.

Our team of musicians have continued to show great commitment in providing inspiring worship to our 10am services. Special thanks go to the Stidworthy family, Dave and Elaine Atkinson, Caroline Watson, and Jan and Andy Copsey, for taking responsibility for their respective Sundays.

The preaching and leading team consist of: Rev Peter Willox, Rev Jan Copsey, Sylvia Walker (Licensed Lay Minister (LLM)) and Dawn Jenkins (LLM), who meet regularly online to look at themes for services. We were also supported by the ministries of the Venerable Mike Edson (retired) and Philip Johnston (LLM emeritus).

The Ark service, a fresh expression of worship, where people of all ages with or without learning difficulties, are encouraged to join us in worship and fellowship in a very informal setting through crafts, dance, music, and drama, continued to meet once a month in church, with online presence as well. It has been wonderful that many of our regulars have now returned to church, and over the year we have gradually returned to pre-covid attendance figures. Many of our members have connections to other churches but a significant number are now owning The Ark as their church. To stay in contact with everyone, regular mailings are sent out by email and relevant information updated on the website.

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Worship (continued)

Messy Church services are held on Sunday afternoons once per month. These are aimed at enabling families of all ages to come and share some fun time and worship in a safe Christian environment. By the end of 2022, we were pleased to report an average of 14 families are now back attending our monthly Messy Church services.

School services. No Easter services were held in church this year for our schools. Just before Christmas, we were able to host the Christmas services for Ashlands Primary School, Moorfield School, and Ben Rhydding Primary.

In 2022 our clergy conducted 5 baptisms (2021:2), 0 weddings (2021:0) and 13 funerals (2021:11).

Fellowship and pastoral care

There continues to be several committed members of St John's, who would normally visit people who are sick, housebound, or elderly on behalf of the Church, and far more who keep an eye on neighbours and those who are vulnerable simply as a matter of Christian love. Sylvia Walker (LLM) co-ordinates this important work.

We have 3 fellowship groups (known as Growth Groups) that meet in people's homes for study and support. We have also this year run a welcome/nurture course called "Being With" for those new to faith who wish to learn more about what that might mean for them.

Children and young people

The work with and amongst children and young people continues to be an important part of our ministry at St John's. Numbers of families returning post-covid to our 10am service have been low, families instead preferring to come to our Messy Church. This has had an impact on our Sunday School (known as Lighthouse). However, Sally de La Poer and Ros Brown continued to run Lighthouse on the 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays.

Amy Stidworthy, Nick Heywood and our Vicar, Peter, have continued to run the CYFA (14-18) group on Sunday evenings.

The two mid-week morning toddler groups on Wednesday and Friday, have also continued.

All those who work with children and young people at St John's are checked in accordance with our Vulnerable Adults and Child Protection Policy and are subject to its procedures which are in line with Diocesan guidelines. The policy was reviewed in 2022. Our Safeguarding Officer, Dawn Jenkins, who has received training and guidance from the diocesan safeguarding team, helps us ensure we are keeping up to date with our responsibilities, and that the PCC undertake all the regulatory safeguarding training provided by the Diocesan Safeguarding team.

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Local community

Welcome Café/Warm Space

In March 2022, on a Tuesday afternoon once per month, St John's started to host its new Welcome Café for parishioners and the local community. In November 2022, this became our weekly 'Welcome Café and Warm Space' staffed by volunteers from St John's. The 'warm space' concept is a national initiative to offer a warm and welcoming environment to anybody in the local community during the energy crisis. St John's received a Warm Spaces grant of £500 from Bradford Metropolitan District Council (BMDC) to help fund this initiative. This was mostly attended by church members but also drew some others from our local community.

Open The Book in Schools. Our team, which takes dramatic versions of Bible stories into our local schools' assemblies resumed on a twice monthly basis, and the children of the local primary schools were once again able to enjoy participating in "What's the Story" of Christmas?

Other Community events

- The **Fairtrade stall** run by Hilary and Miranda outside in the church grounds on 1st Friday in a month, in the early part of the year.
- Our usual twice a year Children's Nearly New Sales was able to take place in 2022.
- We have flown the Ukrainian flag and adorned one of our trees with blue and yellow ribbons in support of Ukraine during the on-going war. We also offered times for the community to come into church and pray or be quiet in reflection, with regard to the war.
- We ran a refugee day where refugees and asylum seekers based in Bradford came out to Ilkley for a social occasion, food and games.
- On the occasion of Queen Elizabeth's death, we opened the church up for prayer and reflection, had a book of condolence and memories, and live-streamed the funeral for those who did not want to be alone in a time of national mourning.
- We sent out a message and card to all the houses in the parish at both Easter and Christmas.
- We ran our annual memorial service for those in our community who wanted to mark the passing of a loved one.
- An afternoon tea and autumn fair were held in November.

Links with other Christian organisations

St John's continues to have an active role in the deanery of South Craven and Wharfedale. The Vicar is on the standing committee of the Deanery Synod and has become a representative on Diocesan Synod. We continue to support and greatly benefit from the Otley Christian Resources Hub (OCRH) which started out as a deanery project. Our Vicar is Chair and a trustee of the OCRH which is a charitable incorporated organisation. The Church also maintains links with others in the Ilkley area through Churches Together in Ilkley (CTI). These ecumenical links continue to be strong as the church plays its part in CTI, notably helping to support the locally organised Food Bank.

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Links with other Christian organisations (continued)

Two of our congregation are trustees of CTI 2000, along with our Vicar who acts as Chair for the committee. CTI 2000 is a registered charity originally set up by Churches Together in Ilkley (CTI) whose aim is to provide accommodation and opportunities for socialising, for those in our community with learning difficulties. It continues to be a privilege to be able to host the CTI 2000 gardening project, for adults with learning difficulties, on our church allotment, and a few more people are now helping from the church. This connection also helps to strengthen ties between that project and the Ark.

St John's Church has many links into the world church and through money, gifts and prayers, supports many good works and people, in places often quite different to ours. The congregation have also benefited from these links, being challenged to look at how they can be active Christians in our community. It has been a privilege to have one of our mission partners in our congregation, James Dannenburg, who is a Bible translator and regularly travels to Turkey to join with others as they produce Bibles in Turkic languages.

Several of our church members, including Rev Peter Willox, are on the board of trustees of Give a Child a Hope, which supports disadvantaged children at a school at the Revival Centre in Matugga, Uganda. Once again, due to the pandemic, our mission partner Bishop Ivan Lugolobi from the Revival Centre could not visit us in June as planned.

We also support Miss Azaria Spencer who works amongst street children in Guatemala with the Church Mission Society, and Pam and Simon Wanderlii, working out in Australia and Papua New Guinea with Mission Aviation Fellowship.

The Mission Support Group is chaired by John Sheen. The group continues to maintain contact with our mission partners and has also reviewed the list of mission partners and organisations we support. The group regularly provide information to update the congregation of the prayer and practical needs of our mission partners. The group also makes recommendations on mission giving to the PCC and managing the distribution of funds. In 2022, £9,921 was given to mission (2021: £8250).

The church building and hall

We have been able to keep the church open during daylight hours every day of the week over the year, for visitors and people who want to pray or be quiet.

Hall hire was gradually able to resume by most groups who had been using our premises before the pandemic. Some have decided not to come back, some are still due to return, and we have had new hirers starting. Special thanks go to Sandy Tod for practically overseeing the hall hiring.

The ladder to the church tower was replaced by a new galvanised steel ladder thanks to a generous donation of £4,000. The double doors to the south entrance were automated to improve accessibility on to the church premises and the vestry and lounge were both redecorated. The automated doors were funded by a grant from BMDC of £4,486.

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Governance and structure

Rev Peter Willox was licensed as Vicar on 16th September 2012. He is assisted by the Rev Jan Copsey, who is licensed as a non-stipendiary Associate Priest.

Committees

To enable the church to fulfil its Vision, we have several committees and teams. These meet when required between full meetings of the PCC and bring items to it for discussion and decision.

Standing committee: This is the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between meetings, subject to any direction given by the Council. At St John's, this is named the **Wardens and Standing Committee**. It meets every two months and consists of the vicar, the wardens and assistant wardens, treasurer and secretary. It meets to progress items of general maintenance and other issues delegated to it by the PCC, and ensures that the duties of the wardens are being covered.

Finance committee: This oversees the general financial activities of St John's (including mission giving) by monitoring income and expenditure, budgeting and maintaining appropriate financial controls.

Mission support group: This group attends to matters relating to St John's support of mission and relief agencies. The Mission Support Group works with our mission partners to assess needs.

Clergy and Readers team.

The Vicar met regularly with the Associate Priest, Rev Jan Copsey and our two Licensed Lay Ministers, Sylvia Walker and Dawn Jenkins, to discuss worship and general and particular pastoral issues.

Many members of the church give much of their time on a voluntary basis to help the church function and grow and the PCC would like to formally record its thanks to them. Where external professional advice is necessary the Diocesan Advisory Committee and church architect have proved most helpful.

PCC membership

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the church representation rules. At St John's, membership of the PCC consists of the Vicar, churchwardens, Associate Priest, Licensed Lay Ministers, Deanery Synod representatives and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. The PCC also has power to co-opt members who have a specific role in the church. All members of the congregation are encouraged to join the electoral roll and play an active part in our church life.

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Financial summary (continued)

Although the church was unable to pay its requested 2022 parish share in full, no liability for this is being carried forward in these accounts based on the advice of the Diocese.

In 2022, there was an increase in regular giving of 4.8% and the level of hall hire improved to almost pre-Covid levels. St John's benefitted in the year from gifts and legacies of £17.5k including Gift Aid) and £6k respectively. The increase in costs of the general work of the church all reflect the impact of high inflation especially repairs and maintenance, utility and administration costs. The PCC reviews income and expenditure on a regular basis and is looking to both increase income in 2023 and continue to closely manage its costs. The PCC is very grateful for the continuing generosity of all its church members.

Pensions

St John's participates in NEST, a workplace pension scheme which is run by the NEST Corporation, a non-departmental public body which is accountable to Parliament through the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions.

The pension scheme is a defined contribution scheme. The pensions costs charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the year were £Nil (2021: £363).

Reserves policy

It is the PCC's policy to hold unrestricted funds which equates to two and a half to three months' expenditure. These reserves are held to meet the day-to-day running costs of the church and to help finance significant projects as and when required.

Of the available reserves of £79k, £36k was retained at the end of 2022 under the above reserves policy. The further allocation of unrestricted reserves will be reviewed on a regular basis by the PCC, who need to consider the balance between spending on specific church projects and the uncertainty that high utility costs and other inflationary pressures currently pose to church finances

The budget is prepared on an annual basis, approved by the PCC, and by members, at the annual parochial church meeting. In 2022, the PCC continued its policy of budgeting for major repairs and renewals expected in the year.

Risk management

The major risks to which the PCC is exposed have been reviewed, and systems or procedures designed to manage those risks have been established.

Rev'd P Willox
Chair
24 April 2023

St John's Parish Church, Ben Rhydding

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the year ending 31 December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Income and endowments:					
Voluntary income – direct giving		134,675	10,455	145,130	118,462
Gross income from events and other activities		28,185	1,956	30,141	14,678
Bank interest		79	-	79	9
Total income and endowments	2	162,939	12,411	175,350	133,559
Expenditure:					
Grants and mission giving	8	7,400	2,521	9,921	8,650
Support costs		403	-	403	550
Directly relating to the work of the Church		122,770	12,262	135,032	98,788
Church management and administration		14,955	-	14,955	11,562
Total expenditure	3	145,528	14,783	160,311	119,550
Net income/(expenditure)		17,411	(2,372)	15,039	14,009
Transfers between funds		(3,000)	3,000	-	-
Net movement in funds		14,411	628	15,039	14,009
Reconciliation of funds:					
Balance brought forward		64,207	743	64,950	50,941
Balance carried forward		78,618	1,371	79,989	64,950

The accompanying notes on pages 11 to 18 are an integral part of this statement.

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BALANCE SHEET as at 31 December 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	4	-	2,833
Current assets:			
Debtors and prepayments	5	25,315	10,219
Short term deposits		6,120	6,040
Cash at bank		53,900	48,084
		85,335	64,343
Liabilities falling due within one year	6	5,346	2,226
Net current assets		79,989	62,117
Total net assets		79,989	64,950
Represented by:			
Unrestricted funds	7	78,618	64,207
Restricted funds	7	1,371	743
Total funds		79,989	64,950

The Accounts were approved by the Parochial Church Council on 24 April 2023.

----- Vicar (Chair)

----- Treasurer

The accompanying notes on pages 11 to 18 are an integral part of this statement.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 December 2022

1. Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, the applicable accounting standard FRS102 and SORP FRS102.

The financial statements have been prepared using the accruals basis and the historic cost convention. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

a. Funds

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application for the general purposes of the PCC. Restricted funds are allocated for a specific purpose by either the donor or the PCC. The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that are affiliated to another body nor those which are informal gatherings of church members.

b. Incoming resources

Voluntary income:

- Collections and donations are recognised when received.
- Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid income is recognised when claimable.
- Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its entitlement and the likely amount due.
- Funds raised from special events and activities are accounted for gross of expenditure.

Other income:

- Rental income from letting church premises and allotments is accounted for when incurred.
- Parochial fees for weddings, funerals etc are accounted for when they arise.

c. Resources used

Expenses are recognised when incurred. Grants, mission giving, and Diocesan Share are accounted for when payable.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 December 2022 (continued)

d. Balance sheet

Fixed assets:

- Consecrated land and buildings are excluded from the accounts by Section 10(2) of the Charities Act 2011 as they are removed from the definition of charity for the purposes of the Act. Costs associated with the maintenance or improvement of such assets are written off in the year incurred.
- Moveable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are considered to be inalienable property. There is insufficient cost information available to capitalise historic purchases of these assets. From 2014, purchases of such assets are capitalised where the cost is greater than £4,000 and depreciated over their useful lives.
- All other fixtures, fittings and office equipment are capitalised where the cost is greater than £4,000 and are depreciated over their useful lives.

Current assets:

- Amounts owing to the PCC at the year-end are shown as debtors.
- Short term deposits include cash held at the bank or in the money market.

e. Reserves policy

The PCC has considered the amount of reserves that should be held and has decided that two and a half to three months of operating costs is appropriate.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 December 2022 (continued)

2. Income and endowments

	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Voluntary Income (direct giving)				
Regular giving	87,952	-	87,952	83,879
Other collections at services	4,258	-	4,258	1,584
Gifts	10,000	5,000	15,000	-
Grants	1,075	4,486	5,561	-
Legacies	6,007	-	6,007	11,750
Sundry donations	1,963	969	2,932	1,967
Income tax recoverable	23,420	-	23,420	19,692
	134,675	10,455	145,130	118,872
Gross income from events and activities:				
Church hall and allotment fees	26,615	-	26,615	13,298
Fees	1,467	-	1,467	1,343
Fundraising activities	32	1,938	1,970	-
Sundry receipts	71	18	89	37
	28,185	1,956	30,141	14,678
Bank interest	79	-	79	9
Total income and endowments	162,939	12,411	175,350	133,559

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 December 2022 (continued)

3. Expenditure

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Grants and mission giving:					
Mission partners	8	5,050	-	5,050	6,375
Other mission agencies	8	2,350	604	2,954	2,175
Other charities and agencies	8	-	1,917	1,917	100
		7,400	2,521	9,921	8,650
Support costs:					
Teaching and worship		403	-	403	550
Directly relating to the work of the Church:					
Parish share to Diocese		94,000	-	94,000	74,000
Service expenses		1,294	404	1,698	1,391
Clergy expenses		339	-	339	342
Pastoral care		100	-	100	-
Hospitality		210	-	210	-
Insurance		2,738	-	2,738	2,651
Repairs and maintenance	9	14,596	11,858	26,454	11,375
Telephone and broadband		1,173	-	1,173	1,197
Utilities		5,487	-	5,487	4,432
Depreciation		2,833	-	2,833	3,400
		122,770	12,262	135,032	98,788
Church management and administration					
Staff costs	10	11,990	-	11,990	10,523
Printing and stationery		1,684	-	1,684	564
IT		1,132	-	1,132	435
Sundry expenses		149	-	149	40
		14,955	-	14,955	11,562
Total expenditure		145,528	14,783	160,311	119,550

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 December 2022 (continued)

4. Tangible fixed assets

	Church equipment £
Cost	
At 1 January 2022	17,000
Additions	-
Disposals	-
At 31 December 2022	17,000
Depreciation	
At 1 January 2022	14,167
Disposals	-
Charge for the year	2,833
At 31 December 2022	17,000
Net book value	
At 31 December 2021	-
At 31 December 2021	2,833

5. Debtors and prepayments

	2022 £	2021 £
Income tax recoverable	17,700	10,015
Other debtors	6,947	24
Prepayments and accrued income	668	180
	25,315	10,219

6. Liabilities falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Sundry creditors	1,504	465
Sundry accruals	3,842	1,761
	5,346	2,226

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 December 2022 (continued)

7. Funds

Movement in funds are as follows:

	1 Jan 2022 £	Incoming Resources (note 2) £	Resources Expended (note 3) £	Transfers Between funds £	31 Dec 2022 £
Automated Doors	-	4,486	(4,486)	-	-
Church Tower Ladders	-	4,000	(4,000)	-	-
Clothing Sale	-	1,917	(1,917)	-	-
Communion Cups	-	404	(404)	-	-
Sound and Vision	-	1,000	(3,372)	3,000	628
The Ark	743	604	(604)	-	743
Restricted funds	743	12,411	(14,783)	3,000	1,371
Gifts	-	12,500	-	-	12,500
Legacies	15,750	6,007	-	(3,000)	18,757
Maintenance and Development	3,211	-	(3,211)	-	-
Messy Church	2,884	-	(119)	-	2,765
Youth Work	-	510	-	-	510
Designated funds	21,845	19,017	(3,330)	(3,000)	34,532
General reserves	42,362	143,922	(142,198)	-	44,086
Total funds	64,950	175,350	(160,311)	-	79,989

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS – 31 December 2022 (continued)

8. Mission giving

	2022	2021
	£	£
Mission partners:		
James Dannenberg (Partnership Trust)	800	2,000
Give a Child a Hope	1,250	1,250
MAF	1,000	1,125
Open Doors	1,000	1,000
CMS	1,000	1,000
	5,050	6,375
Other mission agencies:		
Sudan Link	1,000	1,000
Christian Aid	-	500
Otley Christian Resources Hub	175	275
CAP	500	-
Inn Churches	675	-
L'Arche	604	-
	2,954	1,775
Total mission giving	8,004	8,150
Other charities and agencies:		
Chellow Hearts	266	-
Give a Child a Hope	685	-
Little Hiccups	231	-
Friends of Martin House	735	-
Other	-	100
Total other charities and agencies	1,917	100
Total grants and mission giving	9,921	8,250

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 December 2022 (continued)

9. Repairs and maintenance

	2022 £	2021 £
Church tower ladders	8,460	-
Automated doors	4,601	-
Sound desk	3,372	-
Lighting and electrical installation and repairs	2,854	1,562
Heating improvements	698	-
Painting and re-decoration	293	-
Kitchen shutter repairs	292	-
Boiler repairs	-	2,788
Sound and vision system	60	943
Toilet improvements	-	613
Church doormat	-	471
Plumbing repairs	-	272
Piano and organ tuning and repairs	305	300
Cleaning services	2,911	1,590
Sundries including full appliance servicing	2,608	2,836
Total repairs and maintenance	26,454	11,375

10. Staff costs

The Church had three part-time employees in 2022 (2021:3) whose wages during the year were:

	2022 £	2021 £
Wages	11,989	10,160
Pension costs	-	363
Total staff costs	11,989	10,523

The highest paid employee received total remuneration of £5,993 (2021: £5,061). PCC members were not paid and did not receive any other benefits from employment with the Church in the year other than clergy expenses of £339 (2021: £174). These expenses covered pastoral aid costs and sundry funeral fees for 1 clergy (2021: 3). No PCC member received payment for professional or other services from the Church in the year (2021: Nil). There were no related party transactions during the year which require disclosure (2021: Nil).

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STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The Charities Act 2011 requires the Parochial Church Council (PCC) to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the PCC and of its financial activities for that year. In preparing these financial statements, the PCC is required to:

1. Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
2. Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
3. Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the PCC will continue in operation.

The PCC is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy, at any time, the financial position of the PCC and enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006. The PCC is also responsible for safeguarding the assets and hence for taking steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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

Rev'd Peter Willox
PCC Chair
24 April 2023

St John's Parish Church, Ben Rhydding

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
to the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of
St John's Ben Rhydding**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

..... 24 April 2023

Karen Gardner FCA,
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Accounts

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of
St John's, Ben Rhydding**

**ANNUAL REPORT and FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 31 December 2021**

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St John's Parish Church, Ben Rhydding

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2021

The members of the Parochial Church Council (the PCC) present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021. The PCC is a registered charity and a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the accounts, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (SORP FRS102) effective 1 January 2019. The PCC is eligible for, and has chosen to, apply the disclosure exemption permitted by FRS 102, Section 7.1B, and has not therefore presented a statement of cash flows in these financial statements.

Objects and activities

The PCC has the responsibility, with the Vicar, Rev Peter Willox, in promoting, in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also responsible for the maintenance of the church building and hall of St John's, Ben Rhydding and 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 PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at St. John's and become part of the church family. The PCC aspires to see the faith of the congregation being put into practice in the communities where members live and work, and so has a commitment to ensure that the teaching and worship are both challenging and relevant to today's society. The PCC is also committed to finding ways of helping others in the community find direction and challenge for their lives, as well as fellowship and comfort through their relationship with God and His Church.

The Vicar and the PCC have been working with the whole church of St John's to continue to develop our vision for the future. This can be summarised as:

“To be a growing family that encourages each member to mature in faith and discern God's call as we share God's love and bring the benefits of God's kingdom to our world”.

To help us achieve this vision we aim to develop:

deeper relationships; meaningful worship; growth in faith; a serving building; community engagement; faith sharing.

Over the year 2020/21 we chose *Church as a place of welcome, inclusion and outreach* as an over-arching theme for our work together.

The PCC met 8 times during 2021 online due to the restrictions caused by the Covid 19 pandemic with a new 'Wardens and Standing Committee', a subcommittee of the PCC, meeting 4 times. In planning and carrying out activities at St John's for the year the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

St John's Parish Church, Ben Rhydding

Review of performance and achievements

Church electoral roll and attendance

There are 145 people (2020:147) on the church electoral roll, of whom 90 are resident and 55 not resident in the parish.

During the 3rd National Lockdown in January 2021, the PCC decided to close the church for services. Our online service averaged about 60 people during that time. We opened the church up again for services from 4 April (Easter Sunday) but only for a said communion at 8.45am, the 10am service being online. During this time, we averaged 28 people in church and 39 online.

Due to ongoing restrictions the Sunday morning worship at 10am did not resume in church until the beginning of September 2021. The early morning worship at 8.45am then changed to a half hour service at the new time of 8.30am. During this time, we had an average of 62 adults join us in church and a further 15 online via Zoom.

Worship

In 2021, we continued to maintain, where possible, our pattern of Sunday worship at church and livestreamed via Zoom, providing a variety of services (restricted by Covid considerations) to suit the needs of the congregation and its visitors:

- Every Sunday at 8.45am, (8.30am from September 2021) there was a said service of communion.
- The main service on Sunday was at 10am, Common Worship communion being celebrated on the first and third Sundays in the month. We continued to use a liturgy for the 3rd Sunday communion which allowed more space for reflection and the sharing our faith stories.
- On the second Sunday in the month we continued our creative 'Explore Together' Service. However, we have not been able to reinstate inviting the congregation to participate in a "learning zone" as we did prior to March 2020.
- Our fourth Sunday celebration service was a relatively informal service of praise.
- A quieter and reflective service with healing prayer and communion happened at 10am on the fifth Sunday of the month with a "Celtic" style liturgy.

An interactive service sheet with links to song videos was sent out every week via email, so that those not wanting to come into church or be online could still participate in worship. This was accompanied by a pastoral letter from the vicar, a copy of the talk, the prayers, the news sheet with feature articles, and activities for children. We continued to send these out every week even when we were back in church.

Special thanks need to be given to Andy Copsey for offering his technical skills and enabling our worship to continue online, Dawn and Charles Jenkins who co-hosted the Zoom service after September 2021, and John Tinkler for keeping the news sheet varied and up-to-date.

St John's Parish Church, Ben Rhydding

Worship (continued)

For those unable to access this technology or use email, which amounted to 10 people in the congregation, the Rev Peter Willox delivered the service sheet, pastoral letter, and news sheet to their homes in person.

Zoom prayer meetings continued on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 6pm.

Our team of musicians have continued to show great commitment in providing inspiring worship to our 10am services. Special thanks go to the Stidworthy family, Dave and Elaine Atkinson, Caroline Watson, and Jan and Andy Copsey, for taking responsibility for their respective Sundays.

The preaching and leading team consist of: Rev Peter Willox, Rev Jan Copsey, Sylvia Walker (Reader) and Dawn Jenkins (Reader), who meet regularly online to look at themes for services. We were also supported by the ministries of the Venerable Mike Edson (retired).

The Ark service, a fresh expression of worship, where people of all ages with or without learning difficulties, are encouraged to join us in worship and fellowship in a very informal setting through crafts, dance, music and drama, continued to meet online twice a month and then moved back into church with online presence as well in September. It has been wonderful that many of our regulars have tried to keep coming over these last two years even though online has not been ideal. That being said, we have learned the importance of giving each member a time to share what is important to them in their own way, and we have been able to keep in contact with some members who were isolating, who otherwise would have not been able to participate. Inevitably some have not been able to join us, and numbers have been down, but we were still managing to average around 20 households on Zoom, and more have returned as we came back into church. Many of our members have connections to other churches but a significant number are now owning The Ark as their church. To stay in contact with everyone, a new website was launched in 2020 and regular mailings sent out by email.

Messy Church services restarted in November 2021 and moved to Sunday afternoons. These are aimed at enabling families of all ages to come and share some fun time and worship in a safe Christian environment. Progress has been slow as it has been hard to get families to come back.

School services. No Easter services were held in church this year for our schools. Just before Christmas we were able to host the Christmas services for Ashlands School and Moorfield School. Ben Rhydding Primary cancelled their scheduled service in church due to Covid rates.

In 2021 our clergy conducted 2 baptisms (2020:2), 0 weddings (2020:2) and 11 funerals (2020:18).

St John's Parish Church, Ben Rhydding

Fellowship and pastoral care

There continues to be several committed members of St John's, who would normally visit people who are sick, housebound, or elderly on behalf of the Church, and far more who keep an eye on neighbours and those who are vulnerable simply as a matter of Christian love. Sylvia Walker (Reader) coordinates this important work. During the pandemic, we have had to rely on telephone and online contact more than physical visiting. Members of our Growth Groups have kept in regular contact with each other. For those not in groups a group of volunteers have been ringing around just to keep in touch.

Our Growth Groups, which are coordinated by Rob Malley, would normally meet in people's homes for fellowship and study. For obvious reasons these have not been meeting in person and meeting online has had limited success.

Our Monday afternoon groups 'Cake & Chat' and 'The Care and Wellbeing Café' sadly did not resume in 2021.

Children and young people

The work with and amongst children and young people continues to be an important part of our ministry at St John's. We normally run a structured crèche for babies and toddlers, a Sunday school, known as 'Lighthouse' (ages 4-9) and Pathfinders (10-13) on the first, third and fourth Sundays and if there is a fifth Sunday. Our CYFA group (14-18) meets every Sunday evening of term time.

During Lockdown Fiona Croucher continued to run Pathfinders online via Zoom during the Sunday morning service until September 2021, when she sadly had to step down. Furthermore, many of our children's leaders have had to step down, resulting in us having to combine all our Sunday morning children's groups into one, which is currently led solely by Sally de la Poer, plus occasional volunteers for safeguarding purposes. Amy Stidworthy, Nick Heywood and our Vicar, Peter, have continued to run the CYFA group online and then at church.

An interesting development is that, through our connection with Revival Centre, Matugga, Uganda, we have one family from Kampala regularly joining us for worship and their children and their friends have joined in our children's groups which has proved to be a great connection for all involved. A special Zoom time was set up just for them on Monday evenings which has been much appreciated.

The two midweek morning toddler groups, "See and Know" on Wednesday, and "Little Grasshoppers" on Friday, have also been able to resume in the autumn on a booking basis.

All those who work with children and young people at St John's are checked in accordance with our Vulnerable Adults and Child Protection Policy and are subject to its procedures which are in line with Diocesan guidelines. The policy was last fully reviewed and updated during 2019 and again reviewed in 2021. Our new safeguarding officer has received training and guidance from the diocesan safeguarding team, helps us ensure we are keeping up to date with our responsibilities, and that the PCC undertake all the regulatory safeguarding training provided by the Diocesan Safeguarding team.

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Local community

Another casualty during the pandemic has been the annual Ben Rhydding Community Fete. The committee finally made the decision to end it after 13 successful events, due to the lack of volunteers to take on responsibility. We, and the committee, are sad that the fete in 2018 turned out to be the last one, but we are hoping we may be able to put on smaller outdoor events in the near future.

Open The Book in Schools. Our team, which takes dramatic versions of Bible stories into our local schools' assemblies, has been unable to go into schools due to Covid infection rates and restrictions. However, Easter and Christmas "What's the Story" videos were produced by the Otley Christian Resources Hub, and our local team respectively, and these were used in school.

Our usual twice a year Children's Nearly New Sales were unable to take place in 2021.

Once again, we were able to take advantage of our church grounds to interact with our local community during the pandemic.

- The **Fairtrade stall** run by Hilary and Miranda outside in the church grounds has gone from strength to strength. It is run during the first Friday of every month at 9am and has been well attended.
- On Good Friday we invited members of the community to come and lay decorated stones on our **Cairn of Remembrance and Hope**, remembering with thanks those who had inspired us or those who had died who were close to us.
- An afternoon tea was held in July – which ended up inside due to the weather.
- A picnic was held on the Vicarage lawn.
- We joined in the Soroptomists' **Campaign against Domestic Violence**, hanging orange pompoms in our trees.
- Then later, we invited school children and members of our community to adorn our trees with green decorations and invited people from our community to a Climate Vigil to coincide with the **COP26** in Glasgow.
- We again illuminated our church tower and windows with coloured lights over **Christmastide**.

We have also had some **events online**: our annual Pet Service put together by Sylvia Walker, and a virtual Harvest supper, quiz and rice challenge, led by Hilary Davies and Miranda Armitage

Links with other Christian organisations

St John's continues to have an active role in the deanery of South Craven and Wharfedale. The Vicar is on the standing committee of the Deanery Synod and has become a representative on Diocesan Synod. We continue to support and greatly benefit from the Otley Christian Resources Hub (OCRH) which started out as a deanery project. Our Vicar is Chair and a trustee of the OCRH which is a charitable incorporated organisation. The Church also maintains links with others in the Ilkley area through Churches Together in Ilkley (CTI). These ecumenical links continue to be strong as the church plays its part in CTI, notably helping to support the locally organised Food Bank.

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Links with other Christian organisations (continued)

Two of our congregation are trustees of CTI 2000, along with our Vicar who acts as Chair for the committee. CTI 2000 is a registered charity originally set up by Churches Together in Ilkley (CTI) whose aim is to provide accommodation and opportunities for socialising, for those in our community with learning difficulties. It continues to be a privilege to be able to host the CTI 2000 gardening project, for adults with learning difficulties, on our church allotment, and a few more people are now helping from the church. This connection also helps to strengthen ties between that project and the Ark.

St John's Church has many links into the world church and through money, gifts and prayers, supports many good works and people, in places often quite different to ours. The congregation have also benefited from these links, being challenged to look at how they can be active christians in our community. It is a privilege to have one of our mission partners in our congregation, James Dannenburg, who is a Bible translator and regularly travels to Turkey to join with others as they produce Bibles in Turkic languages.

Several of our church members, including Rev Peter Willox, are on the board of trustees of Give a Child a Hope, which supports disadvantaged children at a school at the Revival Centre in Matugga, Uganda. Once again, due to the pandemic, our mission partner Bishop Ivan Lugolobi from the Revival Centre could not visit us in June as planned. We also support Miss Azaria Spencer who works amongst street children in Guatemala with the Church Mission Society, and Pam and Simon Wanderlii, working out in Australia and Papua New Guinea with Mission Aviation Fellowship.

The Mission Support Group is chaired by John Sheen. The group continues to maintain contact with our mission partners and has also reviewed the list of mission partners and organisations we support. The group regularly provide information to update the congregation of the prayer and practical needs of our mission partners. The group also makes recommendations on mission giving to the PCC and managing the distribution of funds. In 2021, £8,250 was given to mission (2020: £9,210).

There were special collections at church services during the year for the Children's Society and a Church Gift Day.

The church building and hall

We have been able to keep the church open during daylight hours every day of the week over the year for visitors and people who want to pray or be quiet. Guidance for visitors around Covid-19 precautions were available to ensure compliance with Government regulations.

Hall hire was gradually able to resume by most groups who had been using our premises before the pandemic. Some have decided not to come back, some are still due to return, and we have had new hirers starting. It has been a difficult time for all community groups but especially for those small businesses that use our hall and lounge, as Covid regulations meant that numbers had to be restricted. The PCC made the decision to make allowances for this in pricing, timing, and space allocation. Special thanks go to Sandy Tod for practically overseeing the hall hiring.

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The church building and hall (continued)

Small general maintenance projects such repairs to the boiler, taps and kitchen roller shutter have been undertaken in 2021. The PCC has now turned its attention towards how we can improve accessibility into church for wheelchair users.

Governance and structure

Rev Peter Willox was licensed as Vicar on 16th September 2012. He is assisted by the Rev Jan Copsey, who is re-licensed as a non-stipendiary Associate Priest.

Committees

To enable the church to fulfil its Vision, we have several committees and teams. These meet when required between full meetings of the PCC and bring items to it for discussion and decision.

Standing committee: This is the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between meetings, subject to any direction given by the Council. This year it was renamed the **Wardens and Standing Committee** and was given more responsibilities. It meets every two months and consists of the vicar, the wardens and assistant wardens, treasurer and secretary. It meets to progress items of general maintenance and other issues delegated to it by the PCC, and ensures that the duties of the wardens are being covered.

Finance committee: This oversees the general financial activities of St John's (including mission giving) by monitoring income and expenditure, budgeting and maintaining appropriate financial controls.

Property committee. This oversees the maintenance and upkeep of the church buildings.

Mission support group: This group attends to matters relating to St John's support of mission and relief agencies. The Mission Support Group works with our mission partners to assess needs.

Clergy and Readers team.

The Vicar met regularly on Zoom with the Associate Priest, Rev Jan Copsey and our two readers, Sylvia Walker and Dawn Jenkins, to discuss worship and general and particular pastoral issues.

We have two retired clergy in our congregation who offer support where they can, and whose wisdom and experience are of benefit to the whole church.

Many members of the church give much of their time on a voluntary basis to help the church function and grow and the PCC would like to formally record its thanks to them. Where external professional advice is necessary the Diocesan Advisory Committee and church architect have proved most helpful.

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Financial summary

An overall surplus of £14,009 was recognised in 2021 (2020: deficit £(25,334)). On our general (unrestricted) fund there was a surplus of £13,999 (2020: £(15,304) and on restricted funds a surplus of £10 (2020: deficit £(10,030)).

The Church paid £74k in parish share in 2021 compared to the share request of £116k, in line with the 2021 budget approved by the PCC. St John's ability to meet the share request continued to be impacted in 2021 by the effect of the pandemic, both on regular giving and hall hire income. The PCC has budgeted a challenging target of £95k for parish share in 2022. The share provides support to other parishes and mission initiatives as well as clergy stipends, homes and pensions. The PCC recognises the importance of meeting its full share request and will continue to work towards this goal, despite the ongoing difficult circumstances.

Although the church was unable to pay its requested 2021 parish share in full, no liability for this is being carried forward in these accounts based on the advice of the Diocese.

In 2021, the PCC considered the church finances in relation to the continuing impact of the pandemic. There was again a shortfall in income in the year. Regular giving fell by 9% in 2021 against the previous year, and although the level of hall hire improved in 2021 after the lifting of restrictions, it still fell short of pre-Covid levels. The PCC reviews income and expenditure on a regular basis and is looking to increase income in 2022 as well as closely managing costs. The PCC is very grateful for the continuing generosity of its church members.

Pensions

St John's participates in NEST, a workplace pension scheme which is run by the NEST Corporation, a non-departmental public body which is accountable to Parliament through the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions.

The pension scheme is a defined contribution scheme. The pensions costs charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the year were £363 (2020: £513).

Reserves policy

It is the PCC's policy to hold unrestricted funds which equates to two and a half to three months' expenditure. These reserves are held to meet the day-to-day running costs of the church and to help finance significant projects as and when required.

Of the available reserves of £62,117, £30,375 was retained at the end of 2021 under the above reserves policy. A further £21,845 was allocated to specific church projects. Due to the uncertainty that the pandemic continues to pose to church finances, a further review of the allocation of unrestricted reserves will be left until December 2022.

The budget is prepared on an annual basis, approved by the PCC, and by members, at the annual parochial church meeting. In 2021, the PCC continued its policy of budgeting for major repairs and renewals expected in the year.

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Risk management

The major risks to which the PCC is exposed have been reviewed, and systems or procedures designed to manage those risks have been established.

Rev'd P Willox
Chair
3 April 2022

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the year ending 31 December 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Income and endowments:					
Voluntary income – direct giving		118,462	-	118,462	118,276
Restricted income		-	410	410	50
Gross income from events and other activities		14,678	-	14,678	12,213
Bank interest		9	-	9	394
Total income and endowments	2	133,149	410	133,559	130,933
Expenditure:					
Grants and mission giving	8	8,250	400	8,650	9,210
Support costs		550	-	550	455
Directly relating to the work of the Church		98,788	-	98,788	132,097
Church management and administration		11,562	-	11,562	14,505
Total expenditure	3	119,150	400	119,550	156,267
Net movement in funds		13,999	10	14,009	(25,334)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Balance brought forward		50,208	733	50,941	76,275
Balance carried forward		64,207	743	64,950	50,941

The accompanying notes on pages 13 to 20 are an integral part of this statement.

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BALANCE SHEET as at 31 December 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	4	2,833	6,233
Current assets:			
Debtors and prepayments	5	10,219	14,143
Short term deposits		6,040	38,885
Cash at bank		48,084	547
		64,343	53,575
Liabilities falling due within one year	6	2,226	8,867
Net current assets		62,117	44,708
Total net assets		64,950	50,941
Represented by:			
Unrestricted funds	7	64,207	50,208
Restricted funds	7	743	733
Total funds		64,950	50,941

The Accounts were approved by the Parochial Church Council on 3 April 2022.

----- Vicar (Chair)

----- Treasurer

The accompanying notes on pages 13 to 20 are an integral part of this statement.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 December 2021

1. Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, the applicable accounting standard FRS102 and SORP FRS102.

The financial statements have been prepared using the accruals basis and the historic cost convention. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

a. Funds

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application for the general purposes of the PCC. Restricted funds are allocated for a specific purpose by either the donor or the PCC. The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that are affiliated to another body nor those which are informal gatherings of church members.

b. Incoming resources

Voluntary income:

- Collections and donations are recognised when received.
- Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid income is recognised when claimable.
- Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its entitlement and the likely amount due.
- Funds raised from special events and activities are accounted for gross of expenditure.

Other income:

- Rental income from letting church premises and allotments is accounted for when incurred.
- Parochial fees for weddings, funerals etc are accounted for when they arise.

c. Resources used

Expenses are recognised when incurred. Grants, mission giving, and Diocesan Share are accounted for when payable.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 December 2021 (continued)

d. Balance sheet

Fixed assets:

- Consecrated land and buildings are excluded from the accounts by Section 10(2) of the Charities Act 2011 as they are removed from the definition of charity for the purposes of the Act. Costs associated with the maintenance or improvement of such assets are written off in the year incurred.
- Moveable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are considered to be inalienable property. There is insufficient cost information available to capitalise historic purchases of these assets. From 2014, purchases of such assets are capitalised where the cost is greater than £4,000 and depreciated over their useful lives.
- All other fixtures, fittings and office equipment are capitalised where the cost is greater than £4,000 and are depreciated over their useful lives.

Current assets:

- Amounts owing to the PCC at the year-end are shown as debtors.
- Short term deposits include cash held at the bank or in the money market.

e. Reserves policy

The PCC has considered the amount of reserves that should be held and has decided that two and a half to three months of operating costs is appropriate.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 December 2021 (continued)

2. Income and endowments

	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Voluntary Income (direct giving)				
Regular giving	83,879	-	83,879	91,807
Other collections at services	1,584	-	1,584	1,406
Legacies	11,750	-	11,750	4,000
Sundry donations	1,557	-	1,557	301
Income tax recoverable	19,692	-	19,692	20,762
	118,462	-	118,462	118,276
Restricted income	-	410	410	50
Gross income from events and activities:				
Church hall and allotment fees	13,298	-	13,298	9,089
Fees	1,343	-	1,343	1,891
Fundraising activities	-	-	-	811
Sundry receipts	37	-	37	422
	14,678	-	14,678	12,213
Bank interest	9	-	9	394
Total income and endowments	133,149	410	133,559	130,933

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 December 2021 (continued)

3. Expenditure

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Grants and mission giving:					
Mission partners	8	6,375	-	6,375	6,725
Other mission agencies	8	1,775	400	2,175	1,900
Other charities and agencies	8	100	-	100	585
		8,250	400	8,650	9,210
Support costs:					
Teaching and worship		550	-	550	455
Costs of generating voluntary income:					
Fundraising supplies		-	-	-	-
Directly relating to the work of the Church:					
Parish share to Diocese		74,000	-	74,000	88,001
Service expenses		1,391	-	1,391	1,484
Clergy expenses		342	-	342	621
Hospitality		-	-	-	-
Insurance		2,651	-	2,651	2,621
Repairs and maintenance	9	11,375	-	11,375	28,683
Telephone and postage		1,197	-	1,197	1,208
Utilities		4,432	-	4,432	6,079
Depreciation		3,400	-	3,400	3,400
		98,788	-	98,788	132,097
Church management and administration					
Staff costs	10	10,523	-	10,523	12,789
Printing and stationery		564	-	564	706
IT		435	-	435	383
Covid-19 costs		-	-	-	406
Sundry expenses		40	-	40	221
		11,562	-	11,562	14,505
Total expenditure		119,150	400	119,550	156,267

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 December 2021 (continued)

4. Tangible fixed assets

	Church equipment £
Cost	
At 1 January 2020	17,000
Additions	-
Disposals	-
At 31 December 2021	17,000
Depreciation	
At 1 January 2021	10,767
Disposals	-
Charge for the year	3,400
At 31 December 2021	14,167
Net book value	
At 31 December 2021	2,833
At 31 December 2020	6,233

5. Debtors and prepayments

	2021 £	2020 £
Income tax recoverable	10,015	10,750
Other debtors	24	1,675
Prepayments and accrued income	180	1,718
	10,219	14,143

6. Liabilities falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Sundry creditors	465	700
Sundry accruals	1,761	8,167
	2,226	8,867

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 December 2021 (continued)

7. Funds

Movement in funds are as follows:

	1 Jan 2021 £	Incoming Resources (note 2) £	Resources Expended (note 3) £	Transfers Between funds £	31 Dec 2021 £
The Ark	733	410	(400)	-	743
Restricted funds	733	410	(400)	-	743
Maintenance and Development	7,317	-	(106)	(4,000)	3,211
Messy Church	2,894	-	(10)	-	2,884
Legacies	-	11,750	-	4,000	15,750
Designated funds	10,211	11,750	(116)	-	21,845
General reserves	39,997	121,399	(119,034)	-	42362
Total funds	50,941	133,559	(119,550)	-	64,950

8. Grants and mission giving

	2021 £	2020 £
Mission partners:		
James Dannenberg (Partnership Trust)	2,000	2,000
Give a Child a Hope	1,250	1,250
MAF	1,125	1,125
Open Doors	1,000	1,000
CMS	1,000	1,000
A Rocha	-	350
	6,375	6,725
Other mission agencies:		
Sudan Link	1,000	1,125
Christian Aid	500	500
Otley Christian Resources Hub	275	275
	1,775	1,900
Total mission giving	8,150	8,625
Other	100	585
Total other charities and agencies	100	585
Total grants and mission giving	8,250	9,210

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 December 2021 (continued)

9. Repairs and maintenance

	2021 £	2020 £
Boiler repairs	2,788	1,505
Lighting and electrical installation and repairs	1,562	713
Sound and vision system	943	490
Toilet improvements	613	22,696
Church doormat	471	-
Plumbing repairs	272	-
Piano and organ tuning and repairs	300	-
Cleaning services	1,590	1,998
Sundries including full appliance servicing	2,836	1,281
Total repairs and maintenance	11,375	28,683

10. Staff costs

The Church had three part-time employees in 2021 (2020:3) whose wages during the year were:

	2021 £	2020 £
Wages	10,160	12,276
Pension costs	363	513
Total staff costs	10,523	12,789

PCC members were not paid and did not receive any other benefits from employment with the Church in the year other than clergy expenses of £174 (2020: £236). These expenses covered pastoral aid costs and sundry funeral fees for 3 clergy (2020: 2). No PCC member received payment for professional or other services from the Church in the year (2020: Nil). There were no related party transactions during the year which require disclosure (2020: Nil).

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STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The Charities Act 2011 requires the Parochial Church Council (PCC) to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the PCC and of its financial activities for that year. In preparing these financial statements, the PCC is required to:

1. Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
2. Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
3. Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the PCC will continue in operation.

The PCC is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy, at any time, the financial position of the PCC and enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006. The PCC is also responsible for safeguarding the assets and hence for taking steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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

Rev'd Peter Willox
PCC Chair
3 April 2022

St John's Parish Church, Ben Rhydding

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
to the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of
St John's Ben Rhydding**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

..... 3 April 2022

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Accounts

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**ANNUAL REPORT and FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
of the PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
for the year ended 31 December 2020**

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St John's Parish Church, Ben Rhydding

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2020

The members of the Parochial Church Council (the PCC) present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020. The PCC is a registered charity and a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the accounts, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (SORP FRS102) effective 1 January 2019. The PCC is eligible for, and has chosen to, apply the disclosure exemption permitted by FRS 102, Section 7.1B, and has not therefore presented a statement of cash flows in these financial statements.

Objects and activities

The PCC has the responsibility, with the Vicar, Rev'd Peter Willox, in promoting, in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the church - pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also responsible for the maintenance of the church building and hall of St John's, Ben Rhydding and 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 PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at St. John's and become part of the church family. The PCC aspires to see the faith of the congregation being put into practice in the communities where members live and work, and so has a commitment to ensure that the teaching and worship are both challenging and relevant to today's society. The PCC is also committed to finding ways of helping others in the community find direction and challenge for their lives, as well as fellowship and comfort through their relationship with God and His Church.

The Vicar and the PCC have been working with the whole church of St John's to continue to develop our vision for the future. This can be summarised as:

“To be a growing family that encourages each member to mature in faith and discern God's call as we share God's love and bring the benefits of God's kingdom to our world”.

To help us achieve this vision we aim to develop:
deeper relationships; meaningful worship; growth in faith; a serving building; community engagement; faith sharing.

Over the year 2019/20 we chose **Community Engagement** as an over-arching theme for our work together.

The PCC met 13 times during 2020, mostly online due to the restrictions caused by the Covid 19 pandemic. In planning and carrying out activities at St John's for the year the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

St John's Parish Church, Ben Rhydding

Review of performance and achievements

Church electoral roll and attendance

There are 147 (2019:157) people on the church electoral roll, of whom 57 (2019: 50) are not resident in the parish.

The average 2020 Sunday attendance cannot be compared with the 2019 figures since worship in church was prohibited between 23rd March 2020 and the summer due to the Corona virus pandemic. Worship in church only resumed on a very restricted basis from September 6th at the 8.45am service.

Worship

In 2020 up until 22nd March we continued to maintain and develop our pattern of Sunday worship, providing a variety of services to suit the needs of the congregation and its visitors.

- Every Sunday at 8am there was a traditional Book of Common Prayer communion service, except when there was a fifth Sunday in the month.
- The main service on Sunday was at 10am, Common Worship communion being celebrated on the first and third Sundays in the month. We continued to use a liturgy for the 3rd Sunday Communion which allowed more space for reflection and the sharing our faith stories.
- On the second Sunday in the month we continued our creative 'Explore Together' Service where the congregation are invited to participate in a "learning zone" of their choice to think and pray through the theme of the day in their own preferred learning style.
- Our fourth Sunday celebration service was a relatively informal service of praise.
- A quieter and reflective service with healing prayer and communion happened at 10am on the fifth Sunday of the month which a "Celtic" style liturgy.

From 23rd March when the country went into Lockdown our main 10am Sunday service went online using either an emailed interactive service or live via the Zoom platform. The interactive service sheet contained links to the worship songs either from YouTube or pre-recorded by our own musicians, and links to the pre-recorded sermon, readings and prayers.

On average around 45 families logged in using the Zoom platform every Sunday. The interactive service sheet was accompanied by a pastoral letter, the prayers, readings, new sheet with feature article and activities for children.

This method of transmitting the service continued throughout 2020 and became more refined as it went along and was co-hosted by Andy Copsey. Special thanks need to be given to Andy Copsey for offering his technical skills and enabling our worship to move online with relatively few problems. The types of service followed the pre-lockdown formats even to the extent of using Break out Groups for the Explore service as well as at the end of the service.

For those unable to access this technology or use email, which amounted to 9 people in the congregation, the Rev. Peter Willox delivered the service sheet, pastoral letter, and news sheet to their homes in person.

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Worship (continued)

At the beginning of June, the Church of England was allowed to re-open its doors for private prayer, funerals, and weddings on a very restricted basis. St John's was able to open its doors for 4 hours per week on a Tuesday and a Sunday afternoon under strict Covid-safe conditions up until 2nd September 2020.

From 6th September worship in church resumed under covid-secure conditions with a capacity of up to 30 people at 8.45am. This was a quiet reflective service with Holy Communion and in the absence of music and singing. The 10am Zoom services continued as they had been doing hitherto. Zoom prayer meetings were also introduced from September on 2nd and 4th Sundays at 6pm.

Our team of musicians worked very hard to bring the congregation musical compilations filmed at home and edited by Andy Copsey. Special thanks go to the Stidworthy family who recorded numerous ensembles, and Dave and Elaine Atkinson.

The preaching and leading team consist of Rev'd Peter Willox, Rev'd Jan Copsey, Sylvia Walker (Reader) and Dawn Jenkins (Reader) who meet regularly online to look at themes for services.

The Ark service, a fresh expression of worship, where people of all ages with or without learning difficulties are encouraged to join us in worship and fellowship in a very informal setting through crafts, dance, music and drama, normally runs monthly on a Sunday afternoon, with an additional meeting in a local cafe on a Friday midmonth. It is a great source of joy. It continues to thrive and regularly draws a congregation of between 40 and 50, some of whom attend other churches as well, but a significant number are now owning The Ark as their church. The Ark Services also went online via Zoom and were held regularly twice per month on a Sunday afternoon.

Messy Church services, which traditionally take place on a Saturday late afternoon bi-monthly and are aimed at enabling families of all ages to come and share some fun time and worship in a safe Christian environment, were unable to meet during lockdown and the rest of 2020, though they were able to participate in the Zoom Christingle service, and our Messy Church leaders have been in touch with the families by email on a regular basis.

The School Harvest and Carol services were unable to go ahead in 2020, but St John's was able to provide the pupils with Christingle packages from the Children's Society along with an invite to join the Christmas Zoom Christingle service on line on Christmas Eve.

In 2020 our clergy conducted 2 baptisms (2019: 6), 2 weddings (2019: 2) and 18 funerals (2019: 19).

St John's Parish Church, Ben Rhydding

Fellowship and pastoral care

There continues to be a number of committed members of St John's, who would normally visit people who are sick, housebound or elderly on behalf of the Church, and far more who keep an eye on neighbours and those who are vulnerable simply as a matter of Christian love. Sylvia Walker (Reader) coordinates this important work. During the pandemic we have had to rely on telephone and online contact more than physical visiting. Members of our Growth Groups have kept in regular contact with each other. For those not in groups a group of volunteers have been ringing around just to keep in touch.

Our Growth Groups, which are coordinated by Rob Malley, meet for fellowship and study, and continue to thrive, albeit online, and are always open to new members.

Our Monday afternoon groups Cake & Chat and The Care and Wellbeing Cafe sadly have not resumed in 2020. The Cake and Chat group is an opportunity for adults in the community to join for a couple of hours for fellowship, games, cake and chat. The Care and Wellbeing Café provides support and entertainment for people with dementia and their carers. There is always a need for more volunteers to help lead this group. We look forward to restarting these groups when we are able.

Children and young people

The work with and amongst children and young people continues to be an important part of our ministry at St. John's. We normally run a structured crèche for babies and toddlers, a Sunday school, now known as 'Lighthouse' (ages 4-9) and Pathfinders (10-13) on the first, third and fourth Sunday and if there is a fifth Sunday. Our CYFA group (14-18) meets every Sunday evening of term time.

During Lockdown Fiona Croucher has continued Pathfinders online via Zoom during the morning Sunday service and Fiona and Amy Stidworthy led an online midweek meeting for mainly younger church children during the lockdowns. This has been very much appreciated. Amy, Nick Heywood and our Vicar, Peter, have continued to run the CYFA group online. An interesting development is that, through our connection with Revival Centre, Matugga, Uganda, we have one family from Kampala regularly joining us for worship and their children have joined in our children's groups which has proved to be a great connection for all involved.

Sadly, the two midweek morning toddler groups, "See and Know" on Wednesday and "Little Grasshoppers" on Friday as well as Messy Church on a Saturday have not been able to meet during Lockdown.

All those who work with children and young people at St John's are checked in accordance with our Vulnerable Adults and Child Protection Policy and are subject to its procedures which are in line with Diocesan guidelines. The policy was last fully reviewed and updated during 2019 and will be again reviewed late in 2021. Our new safeguarding officer has received training and guidance from the Diocesan safeguarding team and will help us ensure we are keeping up to date with our responsibilities. Regular training in Child Protection and safeguarding issues is provided by the Diocesan Safeguarding team.

St John's Parish Church, Ben Rhydding

Local community

The church continues to be actively involved in the local community but this has been curtailed by lockdown so the following usual events could not take place in 2020:

- The annual Ben Rhydding Community Fete
- The Fairtrade stall that usually runs every third week of the month after the main Sunday morning service.
- Open the Book in Schools
- The Children's 'Nearly New' Sales

However, we were able to take advantage of our church grounds to interact with our local community during the lockdowns:

- At Remembrancetide we invited people to come and light candles outside as part of a "Beacon of Hope", to give thanks for special people in their lives, both living and deceased,
- We joined in the Soroptomists' campaign against domestic violence, hanging orange pompoms in our trees,
- Then later we invited school children and members of our community to adorn our trees with Christmas decorations,
- We illuminated our church tower and windows with coloured lights over Christmastide and had an interactive willow structure built near our west end window.

We have also had some events online:

- A Harvest supper, quiz and rice challenge led by Hilary Davies and Miranda Armitage.
- Zoom for Matugga
- Zoom Afternoon Tea and quiz run by Miranda and Sophie Armitage.

Links with other Christian organisations

St John's continues to have an active role in the deanery, South Craven and Wharfedale. The Vicar is on the standing committee of the deanery synod. We continue to support and greatly benefit from the Otley Christian Resources Hub (OCRH) which started out as a deanery project. Our Vicar is Chair and a trustee of the OCRH which has become a charitable incorporated organisation. The Church also maintains links with others in the Ilkley area through Churches Together in Ilkley (CTI). These Ecumenical links continue to be strong as the church plays its part in CTI, notably helping to support the locally organised Food Bank.

Two of our congregation are trustees of CTI 2000, along with our Vicar who acts as Chair for the committee. CTI 2000 is a registered charity originally set up by Churches Together in Ilkley (CTI) whose aim is to provide accommodation and opportunities for socialising, for those in our community with learning difficulties. It continues to be a privilege to be able to host the CTI 2000 gardening project, for young adults with learning difficulties, on our church allotment, and a few more people are now helping from the church. This connection also helps to strengthen ties between that and the Ark.

St John's Church has many links into the world church and through money, gifts and prayers supports many good works and people, in places often quite different to ours. The congregation have also benefited from these links, being challenged to look at how they can be active Christians in our community. It is a privilege to have one of our mission partners in our congregation, James Dannenburg, who is a Bible translator and regularly travels to Turkey to join with others as they produce Bibles in Turkic languages.

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Links with other Christian organisations (continued)

Several of our church and local community members, including Rev'd Peter Willox, have travelled out to Uganda to see the work first-hand at the Revival Centre in Matugga. Sadly, due to the pandemic, our mission partner Bishop Ivan Lugolobi from the Revival Centre could not visit us in June as planned. We also support Miss Azaria Spencer who works amongst street children in Guatemala with the Church Mission Society, and Pam and Simon Wanderlii, working out in Australia and Papua New Guinea with Mission Aviation Fellowship.

The mission support group is chaired by John Sheen. The group continues to maintain contact with our mission partners and has also reviewed the list of mission partners and organisations we support. The Mission Support Group regularly provide information to update the congregation of the prayer and practical needs of our mission partners.

The group makes recommendations on mission giving to the PCC and managing the distribution of funds. In 2020, £8,625 was given to mission (2019: £8,250).

There were special collections at church services during the year for Christian Aid, and a Church Gift Day.

The church building and hall

The church was open during daylight hours every day of the week for visitors and people who want to pray or be quiet until 23rd March 2020 and then re-opened under Covid-secure restrictions for private prayer in June 2020.

The hall and the lounge were hired out regularly by a large number of community organisations, as well as private individuals, up until lockdown in March 2020. Hall hire was able to resume by one group through October 2020, until a second lockdown occurred.

In terms of general maintenance projects in 2020, the main concern of the PCC was to commence plans to completely refurbish the toilets and re-site the disabled toilet giving improved wheelchair access. This work has now been completed.

Governance and structure

Rev'd Peter Willox was licensed as Vicar on 16th September 2012. He is assisted by the Rev'd Jan Copsey, who is re-licensed as a non-stipendiary Associate Priest.

Committees

To enable the church to fulfil its Vision we have a number of committees and teams. These meet when required between full meetings of the PCC and bring items to it for discussion and decision.

Standing committee: This is the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between meetings, subject to any direction given by the Council. This only meets as needed.

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Governance and structure (continued)

Finance committee: This oversees the general financial activities of St John's (including mission giving) by monitoring income and expenditure, budgeting and maintaining appropriate financial controls.

Property committee. This oversees the maintenance and upkeep of the church buildings.

Mission support group: This group attends to matters relating to St John's support of mission and relief agencies. The Mission support group works with our mission partners to assess needs.

Warden's team.

The Vicar met regularly on Zoom with the wardens, Caroline Elston and Suzanne Mills; the Assistant Wardens, Roger Houghton and Bill Marwick; the Associate Priest, Rev'd Jan Copsey and our two readers, Sylvia Walker and Dawn Jenkins. This group helps set the agenda for PCC business and discusses the spiritual direction of the church.

We have had two retired clergy in our congregation who offer support where they can, and whose wisdom and experience are of benefit to the whole church

Many members of the church give much of their time on a voluntary basis to help the church function and grow and the PCC would like to formally record its thanks to them. Where external professional advice is necessary the Diocesan Advisory Committee and church architect have proved most helpful.

PCC membership

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the church representation rules. At St John's, membership of the PCC consists of the Vicar, churchwardens, Associate Priest Readers, Deanery Synod representatives and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. The PCC also has power to co-opt members who have a specific role in the church. All members of the congregation are encouraged to join the electoral roll and play an active part in our church life.

Elected members serve for a period of three years. During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

Vicar

Rev'd Peter Willox

Chairman

Wardens

Caroline Elston

(resigned 5 October 2020)

Suzanne Mills

(resigned 1 November 2020)

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PCC membership (continued)

Representatives on Deanery Synod

Dawn Jenkins
Lynn Haygarth (resigned 5 October 2020)
Sylvia Walker (appointed 9 November 2020)

Elected members

Miranda Armitage
Kathleen Balfour
Margaret Beatham
Nikki Gibson
Kath Hannam
Roger Houghton Assistant warden (resigned 8 March 2020)
Charles Jenkins Treasurer
Lynn Haygarth (resigned 5 October 2020)
Bill Marwick Assistant warden
Karen Oxtoby Secretary
Andy Rayment (appointed 5 October 2020)
Amy Stidworthy

Non-elected Members

Rev'd Jan Copsey Associate Priest
Sylvia Walker Reader
Dawn Jenkins Reader

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

St John's APCM is usually held the April following the financial year end. Following the lockdown on 23 March 2020, and on advice from the Church of England, the APCM for 2019 was delayed until October 2020.

Financial summary

An overall deficit of £(25,334) was recognised in 2020 (2019: deficit £(3,403)). On our general (unrestricted) fund there was a deficit of £(15,304) (2019: £154) and on restricted funds a deficit of £(10,030) (2019: deficit £(3,557)).

The Church paid £88k in parish share in 2020 compared to the share request of £116k. This included a payment of £10k from historical reserves, following a review by the PCC in November 2020, as well as £5k of additional donations from church members after an appeal in December 2020. The PCC had budgeted £94,000 for parish share, but this proved unachievable due to the impact of the pandemic on hall hire income. The PCC has consequently budgeted £74,000 for parish share in 2021. The share provides support to other parishes and mission initiatives as well as clergy stipends, homes and pensions. The PCC recognises the importance of meeting its full share request and will continue to work towards this goal, despite the current difficult circumstances.

Although the church was unable to pay its requested 2020 parish share in full by the deadline of 4 January 2021, no liability for this is being carried forward in these accounts based on the advice of the Diocese.

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Financial summary (continued)

The PCC has considered the church finances in relation to the impact of the pandemic. Although there has been a shortfall in income due to loss of hall hire, the major source of income which is voluntary giving, remains substantially the same. The PCC is reviewing the income and expenditure on a regular basis and the loss of income will be managed through cost reductions. The PCC continues to be very grateful for the generosity of its church members during such a challenging time.

Pensions

St John's participates in NEST, a workplace pension scheme which is run by the NEST Corporation, a non-departmental public body which is accountable to Parliament through the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions.

The pension scheme is a defined contribution scheme. The pensions costs charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the year were £513 (2019: £421).

Reserves policy

It is the PCC's policy to hold unrestricted funds which equates to two and a half to three months' expenditure. These reserves are held to meet the day-to-day running costs of the church and to help finance significant projects as and when required.

Of the available reserves of £43,975, £33,764 was retained at the end of 2020 under the above reserves policy. A further £10,211 was allocated to specific church projects. Due to the uncertainty that the coronavirus pandemic poses to church finances, a further review of the allocation of unrestricted reserves will be left until December 2021.

The budget is prepared on an annual basis, approved by the PCC, and by members, at the annual parochial church meeting. In 2020, the PCC has continued its policy of budgeting for major repairs and renewals expected in the year.

Risk management

The major risks to which the PCC is exposed have been reviewed, and systems or procedures designed to manage those risks have been established.

Rev'd P Willox
Chair
12 April 2021

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the year ending 31 December 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Income and endowments:					
Voluntary income – direct giving		118,276	-	118,276	118,178
Restricted income		-	50	50	3,283
Gross income from events and other activities		12,213	-	12,213	30,014
Bank interest		394	-	394	288
Total income and endowments	2	130,883	50	130,933	151,763
Expenditure:					
Grants and mission giving	8	9,210	-	9,210	14,042
Support costs		455	-	455	1,164
Costs of generating voluntary income		-	-	-	-
Directly relating to the work of the Church		128,417	3,680	132,097	125,740
Church management and administration		14,333	172	14,505	14,220
Total expenditure	3	152,415	3,852	156,267	155,166
Net movement in funds		(21,532)	(3,802)	(25,334)	(3,403)
Transfers between funds		6,228	(6,228)	-	-
Net movement in funds		(15,304)	(10,030)	(25,334)	(3,403)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Balance brought forward		65,512	10,763	76,275	79,678
Balance carried forward		50,208	733	50,941	76,275

The accompanying notes on pages 12 to 20 are an integral part of this statement.

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BALANCE SHEET as at 31 December 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	4	6,233	9,633
Current assets:			
Debtors and prepayments	5	14,143	20,179
Short term deposits		38,885	38,693
Cash at bank		547	12,649
		53,575	71,521
Liabilities falling due within one year	6	8,867	4,879
Net current assets		44,708	66,642
Total net assets		50,941	76,275
Represented by:			
Unrestricted funds	7	50,208	65,512
Restricted funds	7	733	10,763
Total funds		50,941	76,275

The Accounts were approved by the Parochial Church Council on 12 April 2021.

----- Vicar (Chair)

----- Treasurer

The accompanying notes on pages 12 to 20 are an integral part of this statement.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 December 2020

1. Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006, the applicable accounting standard FRS102 and SORP FRS102.

The financial statements have been prepared using the accruals basis and the historic cost convention. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

a. Funds

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application for the general purposes of the PCC. Restricted funds are designated for a specific purpose by the PCC. The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that are affiliated to another body nor those which are informal gatherings of church members.

b. Incoming resources

Voluntary income:

- Collections and donations are recognised when received.
- Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid income is recognised when claimable.
- Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its entitlement and the likely amount due.
- Funds raised from special events and activities are accounted for gross of expenditure.

Other income:

- Rental income from letting church premises and allotments is accounted for when incurred.
- Parochial fees for weddings, funerals etc are accounted for when they arise.

c. Resources used

Expenses, grants, mission giving and Diocesan Share are accounted for when payable.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 December 2020 (continued)

d. Balance sheet

Fixed assets:

- Consecrated land and buildings are excluded from the accounts by Section 10(2) of the Charities Act 2011 as they are removed from the definition of charity for the purposes of the Act. Costs associated with the maintenance or improvement of such assets are written off in the year incurred.
- Moveable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are considered to be inalienable property. There is insufficient cost information available to capitalise historic purchases of these assets. From 2014, purchases of such assets are capitalised where the cost is greater than £4,000 and depreciated over their useful lives.
- All other fixtures, fittings and office equipment are capitalised where the cost is greater than £4,000 and are depreciated over their useful lives.

Current assets:

- Amounts owing to the PCC at the year-end are shown as debtors.
- Short term deposits include cash held at the bank or in the money market.

e. Reserves policy

The PCC has considered the amount of reserves that should be held and has decided that two and a half to three months of operating costs is appropriate.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 December 2020 (continued)

2. Income and endowments

	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Voluntary Income (direct giving)				
Regular giving	91,807	-	91,807	89,286
Other collections at services	1,406	-	1,406	5,761
Legacies	4,000	-	4,000	-
Sundry donations	301	-	301	860
Income tax recoverable	20,762	-	20,762	22,271
	118,276	-	118,276	118,178
Restricted income	-	50	50	3,283
Income tax recoverable	-	-	-	-
	-	50	50	3,283
Gross income from events and activities:				
Church hall and allotment fees	9,089	-	9,089	27,185
Fees	1,891	-	1,891	1,884
Fundraising activities	811	-	811	
Sundry receipts	422	-	422	945
	12,213	-	12,213	30,014
Bank interest	394	-	394	288
Total income and endowments	130,883	50	130,933	151,763

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 December 2020 (continued)

3. Expenditure

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Grants and mission giving:					
Mission partners	8	6,725	-	6,725	7,975
Other mission agencies	8	1,900	-	1,900	275
Other charities and agencies	8	585	-	585	5,792
		9,210	-	9,210	14,042
Support costs:					
Teaching and worship		455	-	455	1,164
Costs of generating voluntary income:					
Fundraising supplies		-	-	-	-
Directly relating to the work of the Church:					
Parish share to Diocese		88,001	-	88,001	97,000
Service expenses		1,484	-	1,484	1,520
Clergy expenses		621	-	621	784
Hospitality		-	-	-	535
Insurance		2,621	-	2,621	2,561
Repairs and maintenance	9	28,403	280	28,683	9,162
Telephone and postage		1,208	-	1,208	1,052
Utilities		6,079	-	6,079	9,726
Depreciation		-	3,400	3,400	3,400
		128,417	3,680	132,097	125,740
Church management and administration					
Administration wages	10	12,789	-	12,789	13,034
Printing and stationery		706	-	706	964
IT		211	172	383	176
Covid-19 costs		406	-	406	-
Sundry expenses		221	-	221	46
		14,333	172	14,505	14,220
Total expenditure		152,415	3,852	156,267	155,166

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 December 2020 (continued)

4. Tangible fixed assets

	Church equipment £
Cost	
At 1 January 2020	17,000
Additions	-
Disposals	-
At 31 December 2020	17,000
 Depreciation	
At 1 January 2020	7,367
Disposals	-
Charge for the year	3,400
At 31 December 2020	10,767
 Net book value	
At 31 December 2020	6,233
 At 31 December 2019	 9,633

5. Debtors and prepayments

	2020 £	2019 £
Income tax recoverable	10,750	5,753
Other debtors	1,675	8,509
Prepayments and accrued income	1,718	5,917
	14,143	20,179

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 December 2019 (continued)

6. Liabilities falling due within one year

	20	2019
	£	£
Sundry creditors	700	954
Sundry accruals	8,167	3,925
	8,867	4,879

7. Funds

Movement in funds are as follows:

	1 Jan 2020 £	Incoming Resources (note 2) £	Resources Expended (note 3) £	Transfers Between funds £	31 Dec 2020 £
Sound and Vision	9,908	-	(3,680)	(6,228)	-
The Ark	855	50	(172)	-	733
Restricted funds	10,763	50	(3,852)	(6,228)	733
Maintenance and Development	22,513	4,500	(22,696)	3,000	7,317
Messy Church	2,894	-	-	-	2,894
Designated funds	25,407	4,500	(22,696)	3,000	10,211
General reserves	40,105	126,383	(129,719)	3,228	39,997
Total funds	76,275	130,933	(156,267)	-	50,941

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 December 2019 (continued)

8. Grants and mission giving

	2020	2019
	£	£
Mission partners:		
James Dannenberg (Partnership Trust)	2,000	4,000
Give a Child a Hope	1,250	1,250
MAF	1,125	1,125
Open Doors	1,000	800
CMS	1,000	800
A Rocha	350	-
	6,725	7,975
Other mission agencies:		
Sudan Link	1,125	-
Christian Aid	500	-
Otley Community Resources Hub	275	275
	1,900	275
Total mission giving	8,625	8,250
Other charities and agencies:		
Clothing sale:		
Martin House	-	981
Give a Child a Hope	-	981
Friends of Addingham Primary	-	581
Children in Need	-	342
Christian Aid	-	311
Sudan Link	-	235
	-	3,431
Other	585	2,361
Total other charities and agencies	585	5,792
Total grants and mission giving	9,210	14,042

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 December 2019 (continued)

9. Repairs and maintenance

	2020 £	2019 £
Toilet improvements	22,696	644
Boiler repairs	1,505	-
Lighting and electrical installation and repairs	713	807
Sound and vision system	490	501
Quinquennial	-	1,140
Fencing	-	435
Plumbing repairs	-	166
Piano and organ tuning and repairs	-	400
Cleaning services	1,998	2,704
Sundries including full appliance servicing	1,281	2,365
Total repairs and maintenance	28,683	9,162

10. Staff costs

The Church had three part-time employees in 2019 whose wages during the year were:

	2020 £	2019 £
Wages	12,276	12,613
Pension costs	513	421
Total staff costs	12,789	13,034

No employees had employee benefits in excess of £60,000 (2019: Nil).
PCC members were not paid and did not receive any other benefits from employment with the Church in the year (2019: Nil). No PCC member received payment for professional or other services from the Church in the year (2019: Nil)

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**STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES
OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

The Charities Act 2011 requires the Parochial Church Council (PCC) to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the PCC and of its financial activities for that year. In preparing these financial statements, the PCC is required to:

1. Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
2. Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
3. Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the PCC will continue in operation.

The PCC is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy, at any time, the financial position of the PCC and enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006. The PCC is also responsible for safeguarding the assets and hence for taking steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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

Rev'd Peter Willox
PCC Chair
12 April 2021

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE PCC OF ST JOHN'S BEN RHYDDING**

This report on the accounts of St John's Parish Church, Ben Rhydding for the year ended 31 December 2019, which are set out on pages 11 to 21, is in respect of an examination carried out under regulation 3(c) of the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act).

Respective responsibility of trustee and examiner

The PCC is responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The PCC consider that the audit requirements of regulation 3(c) of the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and section 144 of the Charities Act do not apply and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011,
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items and disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you, as trustees, concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently, no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's report

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act, have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Peter Wilde ACA, 8 Ashburn Place, Ilkley, LS29 9NW

.....12 April 2021