

**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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St John's Parish Church, Ben Rhydding

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.

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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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PCC membership (continued)

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

Bill Marwick

Deputy warden

Caroline Watson

Representatives on Deanery Synod

Lynn Haygarth

Sylvia Walker

Elected members

Karen Oxtoby Secretary

Charles Jenkins Treasurer

Caroline Watson

Nikki Gibson

Resigned 3 April 2022

Amy Stidworthy

Resigned 3 April 2022

Janet Munro

Andy Rayment

James Wright

Miranda Armitage

Peter Debney

Mark Gurney

Appointed 3 April 2022

Debbie Walker

Appointed 3 April 2022

Elspeth Holmes

Appointed 3 April 2022

Non-elected Members

Rev Jan Copsey Associate Priest

Sylvia Walker LLM

Dawn Jenkins LLM & Safeguarding Officer

Financial summary

An overall surplus of £15,039 was recognised in 2022 (2021: surplus £14,009). On our general (unrestricted) fund there was a surplus of £14,111 (2021: surplus £13,999) and on restricted funds a surplus of £628 (2021: surplus £10).

The Church paid £94k in parish share in 2022 compared to the share request of £118k, in line with the 2022 budget approved by the PCC. The PCC has budgeted a target of £88k for parish share in 2023 the ability to meet the share being impacted by the increase in utility costs, specifically the renewal of the gas contract towards the end of February 2023, as well as general inflationary pressures. 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.

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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

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**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

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