

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST PAULS YORK

England & Wales · Charity number 1133875

Details

Other names	THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST PAUL YORK, ST PAUL'S PCC YORK
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2010-01-28
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

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

Activities: The primary object of all PCCs is the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England. The PCC (Powers) Measure 1956 states that the PCC 'is to co-operate with the Minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical'.

Classification

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

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£186,283	£174,590	-	-
2023-12-31	£179,403	£177,129	-	-
2022-12-31	£176,137	£160,985	-	-
2021-12-31	£153,728	£155,968	-	-
2020-12-31	£153,441	£155,458	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ADRIAN CHURCH		
Brian Patrick		2022-05-15
Caroline Wilson		2023-04-23
Charles Montagu		2025-05-01
Michael Townend		2026-01-10
Natalie Imelda Bell		2020-12-01
Rev Paul Millard		2020-04-20
TOM HARRY PATRICKSON		2020-10-20
Thomas John Hanham		2019-04-28

Accounts



**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH
OF ST PAULS YORK**

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Charity registration number 1133875

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Pauls York

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The trustees present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provision of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, 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 published in October 2019.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is the executive committee of a Church of England parish and consists of clergy and churchwardens of the parish, together with representatives of the laity. Legally the PCC is responsible for the financial affairs of the church parish and the maintenance of its assets, and for promoting the mission of the church.

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in:

- The promotion of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England
- Promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, social, evangelistic and, Ecumenical
- To know Jesus better and make Him better known
- Practical support and care for people in the parish, from the youngest to the eldest, irrespective of level of need or, ability to pay

The church family welcomes visitors from within as well as outside the parish boundary. Visitors attend by personal choice, and we welcome anyone from all walks of life to take part in the life of the church.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Following on from the new visionary goals in 2023 (Community; Discipleship; Identity in Christ; Culture of Invitation; Heart for Holgate) there were three new vision priorities agreed as follows to help further develop 'A Place to Belong'.

- To Know: For each person coming to St Paul's to know Jesus and God's great love for them.
- To Grow: For each person to grow in their faith.
- To Go: For each person to have the confidence to go into the world to share their faith and God's love.

Church services

Church services continued to thrive throughout the year. The Sunday 10:30 service averages over 80 adults and children with up to 140 for special services (baptisms, Advent/Easter services). These services are streamed (joint with St Barnabas) online and average 80 views (150 for special events). Children's groups during the service include creche, Jump (reception-year 3), Junior Youth (year 4 – year 6) and Youth.

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There is also Sunday evening Encounter services held twice a month and Thursday 12:15 services have regularly had 15-20 people with up to 50 for special services linked to Coffee and Co.

Partnerships

The partnership with St Barnabas has continued to develop throughout the year with continued shared streaming and joint services. Relationships are also continuing to be built with St Paul's Primary school with collective worship and end of term services.

Other activities/groups

Numerous activities and groups run outside of our regular services. These include:

- Toddlers
- Reading the Bible Together
- Coffee & Co
- DMC (youth: year 7 – year 9)
- Open Table (youth: year 10 – year 13)
- Men's and Women's ministry

There are several regular home groups that meet on different evenings during the week. They meet to spend time supporting and encouraging each other through prayer, reading the bible, and socials.

The church also returned to Pocklington School in July for the weekend away. A prosperous time was had building community and discipleship and growing in faith together.

Staff team

Marion (Curate), Izzie (Youth) and Louise (Admin) have continued to establish themselves as key members of the church. We have continued to look for a replacement for the vacant Children and Family worker role.

VOLUNTEERS

The PCC recognises the significant contribution made by volunteers each year and thank each and every one of those who have given their time to enable the church to carry out its work.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total income for the year amounted to £186,283 (2023: £179,403) whilst total expenditure was £174,590 (2023: £177,129). There were investment losses of £18,427 (2023: £41,831) leaving an overall deficit of £6,734 (2023: £39,557 deficit). This was made up of an unrestricted deficit of £454 (2023: £9,185) and a restricted deficit of £6,280 (2023: £30,372).

There was an increase in planned giving during the year. The reduction in collections was mitigated by an increase in unplanned giving.

The free will offer was increased to £72,000 this year (2023: £65,000) and the PCC have made the decision to maintain this into 2025.

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Investment policy

The funds held within investments relate solely to the reordering restricted fund. Quarterly reports are received and reviewed. Investments are currently held with Ruffer although with the recent losses this is being reviewed as to whether this is the most appropriate use of the funds.

Reserves policy

The current reserves policy is to maintain a balance on free reserves equivalent to two months running costs and an additional one month's salary costs. For the year ended 31 December 2024 this was £32,103 (2023: £32,522).

Free reserves currently stand at £35,801 (2023: £31,525) and therefore the year end position meets this target.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Parish of St Paul's, York is a parish within the Church of England as defined by canon law. Individual parishes within the church of England do not have a separate constitution. They work within the framework of Church of England ecclesiastical law, consisting of the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) and the Church Representation Rules. The PCC is a Registered Charity.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Paul's the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our rector), churchwardens, the reader and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services/members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the electoral roll and stand for election to the PCC.

At April 2025 the electoral role stood at 109 people of which 44 are resident in the parish and 65 are non-resident.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. New members are given basic information and welcomed to the PCC as trustees.

The full PCC met eleven times during the year with an average level of attendance of 77% (2023: 76%).

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity name	The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Pauls York		
Working name	St Paul's Holgate PCC		
Charity number	1133875		
Address	St Paul's Church Holgate Road York YO24 4BF		
Rector	Rev Paul Millard		
Trustees (PCC members)	Rev Paul Millard	(Rector & Chair)	
	Rev Matthew Woodcock	(Pioneer Minister)	(Resigned May 24)
	Rev Marion Barella	(Curate)	
	Adrian Church	(Ex-officio Lay Reader)	
	Jayne Andrie	(Church Warden)	
	Claire Gardiner	(Church Warden)	
	Natalie Bell		
	Tom Hanham	(Lay Vice-chair)	
	Dr Ellie McCullough		(Resigned Feb 24)
	Mary McNiven		(Resigned Apr 25)
	Emma Newman-Jones	(Deanery Synod rep)	
	Brian Patrick		
	Tom Patrickson		
	Caroline Wilson		
Other members	Matthew Morgan	(Ordinand)	(Left Jan 25)
Secretary & electoral role officer	Janet Leigh		
Independent Examiner	M Bryan FACCA 34 Neville Street York YO31 8NP		

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TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standard (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting policies have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees' Report was approved by the PCC on 5 May 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

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Rev Paul Millard
Rector

.....
Tom Patrickson
Trustee

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024 which comprises the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet and relevant notes.

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

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M Bryan FACCA
34 Neville Street
York
YO31 8NP

20 July 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	2	139,967	6,654	146,621	147,220
Charitable activities	3	9,712	10,893	20,605	14,078
Investment income	4	4,117	9,819	13,936	12,317
Other income	5	4,791	330	5,121	5,788
Total income		158,587	27,696	186,283	179,403
Expenditure					
Raising funds	6	414	-	414	614
Charitable activities	7	157,049	15,130	172,179	175,459
Other expenditure	8	1,551	446	1,997	1,056
Total expenditure		159,014	15,576	174,590	177,129
Net income/(expenditure) before gains/(losses) on investments		(427)	12,120	11,693	2,274
Net gains/(losses) on investments	11	-	(18,427)	(18,427)	(41,831)
Net income/(expenditure) after gains on investments		(427)	(6,307)	(6,734)	(39,557)
Transfers between funds		(27)	27	-	-
Net movement in funds		(454)	(6,280)	(6,734)	(39,557)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds b/fwd		79,296	479,410	558,706	598,263
Total funds c/fwd		78,842	473,130	551,972	558,706

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	31 December 2024		2023
		£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS				
Tangible assets	10	23,505		25,549
Investments	11	415,724		434,151
		439,229		459,700
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors	12	28,556		12,408
Cash at bank and in hand		100,483		108,533
Total current assets		129,039		120,941
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13	(16,296)		21,935
NET CURRENT ASSETS		112,743		99,006
NET ASSETS		551,972		558,706
REPRESENTED BY:				
Unrestricted funds	14	78,842		79,296
Restricted funds	15	473,130		479,410
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS	16	551,972		558,706

Approved by the PCC on 5 May 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

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Rev Paul Millard
Rector

.....
Tom Patrickson
Trustee

The notes to the financial statements form part of these accounts.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a true and fair view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historic cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. This the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes. The purposes and uses of the designated funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Income recognition

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC. Income tax recoverable on gift aid donations is recognised when the donations are recognised. Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due. Funds raised at social and similar events are accounted for gross. Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental takes place. Interest and dividends are accounted for when receivable.

Expenditure recognition

Expenditure is recognised when it is incurred and is accounted gross. The diocesan Free Will Offer is accounted for when payable.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost (subject to a £1,000 de minimis figure) and depreciated on a straight line basis over 4-5 years with the exception of the chairs which are depreciated over 20 years.

Fixed asset investments

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash at hand, and cash held on deposit either with the bank or the CBF Church of England Funds.

Debtors

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less any provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total £
Planned giving						
Gift aided donations	90,959	1,475	92,434	84,241	3,877	88,118
Gift aid	23,331	389	23,720	23,325	1,383	24,708
Other planned giving	13,623	1,260	14,883	14,175	120	14,295
Unplanned giving	6,081	3,530	9,611	2,125	362	2,487
Collections	5,973	-	5,973	8,560	2,657	11,217
Legacies	-	-	-	6,395	-	6,395
	<u>139,967</u>	<u>6,654</u>	<u>146,621</u>	<u>138,821</u>	<u>8,399</u>	<u>147,220</u>

3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total £
Weddings/funerals	1,657	-	1,657	2,366	-	2,366
Women's ministry	-	149	149	-	96	96
Fundraising	372	52	424	201	1,139	1,340
Men's ministry	240	1,520	1,760	-	1,190	1,190
Toddlers group	1,055	-	1,055	1,265	-	1,265
Church lettings	6,388	-	6,388	1,065	-	1,065
Youth	-	2,243	2,243	-	463	463
Church weekend	-	6,929	6,929	-	6,165	6,165
Other	-	-	-	128	-	128
	<u>9,712</u>	<u>10,893</u>	<u>20,605</u>	<u>5,025</u>	<u>9,053</u>	<u>14,078</u>

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4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total £
Bank interest	4,117	-	4,117	1,291	-	1,291
Dividends	-	9,819	9,819	-	11,026	11,026
	<u>4,117</u>	<u>9,819</u>	<u>13,936</u>	<u>1,291</u>	<u>11,026</u>	<u>12,317</u>

5. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total £
St Barnabas shared expenses	4,791	-	4,791	5,138	-	5,138
Miscellaneous income	-	330	330	150	500	650
	<u>4,791</u>	<u>330</u>	<u>5,121</u>	<u>5,288</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>5,788</u>

6. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total £
Fundraising	414	-	414	34	580	614
	<u>414</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>414</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>580</u>	<u>614</u>

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7. EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total £
Free Will Offer	72,000	-	72,000	65,000	-	65,000
Staff costs	33,702	2,356	36,058	32,188	3,820	36,008
Mission giving	14,028	-	14,028	13,869	2,548	16,417
Utilities	17,593	-	17,593	18,067	-	18,067
Maintenance	4,508	-	4,508	13,240	-	13,240
Depreciation	2,044	-	2,044	2,818	-	2,818
Staff expenses	3,666	-	3,666	3,770	-	3,770
Women's ministry	-	174	174	-	105	105
Weddings/funerals	956	-	956	513	-	513
Service costs	2,087	19	2,106	3,584	40	3,624
Tech/music	1,681	-	1,681	1,990	106	2,096
Office	1,235	-	1,235	1,132	-	1,132
Communications	1,646	-	1,646	1,438	-	1,438
Men's ministry	-	1,284	1,284	-	1,464	1,464
Youth	1,041	3,033	4,074	-	1,994	1,994
Toddlers group	660	-	660	314	-	314
Coffee & Co	-	17	17	-	129	129
Church weekend	-	8,247	8,247	-	6,579	6,579
Miscellaneous expense	202	-	202	743	8	751
	<u>157,049</u>	<u>15,130</u>	<u>172,179</u>	<u>158,666</u>	<u>16,793</u>	<u>175,459</u>

8. OTHER EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total £
Congregation gifts	-	446	446	18	94	112
Miscellaneous expense	1,551	-	1,551	334	610	994
	<u>1,551</u>	<u>446</u>	<u>1,997</u>	<u>352</u>	<u>704</u>	<u>1,056</u>

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9. STAFF COSTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total £
Gross salaries	33,127	2,356	35,583	31,470	3,820	35,290
Pension contributions	575	-	575	718	-	718
	<u>33,702</u>	<u>2,356</u>	<u>36,058</u>	<u>32,188</u>	<u>3,820</u>	<u>36,008</u>

	2024	2023
Average number of employees	4.6	4.5

During 2024 the PCC employed an administrator, youth worker and vergers.
Employer's national insurance contributions were all covered by the employment allowance.

No trustees were paid any remuneration in the year (2023: none).

10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Church Equipment £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 January 2024	78,406	78,406
Additions	-	-
At 31 December 2024	<u>78,406</u>	<u>78,406</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 January 2024	52,857	52,857
Charge for the year	2,044	2,044
At 31 December 2024	<u>54,901</u>	<u>54,901</u>
Net Book Value		
At 31 December 2024	<u>23,505</u>	<u>23,505</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>25,549</u>	<u>25,549</u>

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11. INVESTMENTS

	2024 £	2023 £
Church Reordering Project		
Ruffer – Absolute Return C Inc	415,724	434,151
	<u>415,724</u>	<u>434,151</u>

Historic cost is £346,223

Movement in the year

Market value at 1 January 2024	434,151	475,982
Unrealised (losses)/gains	(18,427)	(41,831)
At 31 December 2024	<u>415,724</u>	<u>434,151</u>

12. DEBTORS

	2024 £	2023 £
Prepayments and accrued income	28,556	11,892
Other debtors	-	516
	<u>28,556</u>	<u>12,408</u>

13. CREDITORS

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals	1,583	7,454
Other creditors	14,713	14,481
	<u>16,296</u>	<u>21,935</u>

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14. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	Opening Balance £	Income £	2024 Expenditure £	Transfers £	Closing Balance £
General fund	31,525	158,587	(152,548)	(1,763)	35,801
Designated funds					
Fixed assets	25,549	-	(2,044)	-	23,505
Maintenance	19,158	-	(4,422)	4,800	19,536
Toddlers	3,064	-	-	(3,064)	-
Total unrestricted funds	79,296	158,587	(159,014)	(27)	78,842

	Opening Balance £	Income £	2023 Expenditure £	Transfers £	Closing Balance £
General fund	30,290	148,423	(130,422)	(16,766)	31,525
Designated funds					
Fixed assets	28,367	-	(2,818)	-	25,549
Maintenance	27,808	640	(11,690)	2,400	19,158
Toddlers	2,016	1,362	(314)	-	3,064
Mission giving	-	-	(13,808)	13,808	-
Total unrestricted funds	88,481	150,425	(159,052)	(558)	79,296

Fixed assets fund - Tangible fixed assets held by the PCC

Maintenance - Funds put aside each month to cover future maintenance costs, including the Quinquennial review work.

Toddlers - Funds to be used for the running of the toddlers group.

Mission giving - Funds to donate to mission partners.

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15. RESTRICTED FUNDS

			2024			
	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Investment (losses)/gains	Transfers	Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Church reordering	464,284	9,870	-	(18,427)	-	455,727
Cornerstone	6,196	450	-	-	-	6,646
Helping hands	3,323	-	-	-	-	3,323
Coffee & co	974	-	(17)	-	-	957
Environmental group	979	-	-	-	-	979
Youth work	-	4,168	(3,033)	-	-	1,135
Women's ministry	763	169	(174)	-	-	758
Men's ministry	376	1,520	(1,284)	-	-	612
Young at heart	1,100	-	-	-	-	1,100
Flowers	227	-	-	-	-	208
St Paul's school	198	-	(19)	-	-	198
Primary aged youth work	57	-	-	-	-	57
Staff	-	2,356	(2,356)	-	-	-
Congregational gifts	89	330	(446)	-	27	-
Criccieth Pathfinder Camp	774	-	-	-	-	774
Church weekend	-	8,833	(8,247)	-	-	586
Drum	70	-	-	-	-	70
Total restricted funds	479,410	27,696	(15,576)	(18,427)	27	473,130

Church reordering - For use for the new church building and refurbishment of the church premises.

Cornerstone - For use in repair or reconditioning of the fabric of St Paul's Church building.

Helping hands (Laurie Smith) - For use at the Church leadership's discretion for use as a hardship fund.

Coffee & co - For the Coffee & co group at St Paul's.

Environmental group - For the use of the Eco group initiatives.

Youth work - For the youth and children's work at St Paul's.

Women's ministry - For use for women's ministry (women's weekend, or events)

Men's ministry - For use for men's ministry (women's weekend, or events)

Young at heart - For the young at heart group at St Paul's.

Kaleidoscope (2023 only) – For the kaleidoscope service at St Paul's.

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15. RESTRICTED FUNDS (continued)

	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	2023 Investment (losses)/gains	Transfers	Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Church reordering	495,053	11,062	-	(41,831)	-	464,284
Cornerstone	5,783	413	-	-	-	6,196
Helping hands	2,723	600	-	-	-	3,323
Coffee & co	1,103	-	(129)	-	-	974
Environmental group	1,004	-	(25)	-	-	979
Youth work	931	919	(1,994)	-	144	-
Women's ministry	748	120	(105)	-	-	763
Men's ministry	650	1,190	(1,464)	-	-	376
Young at heart	600	500	-	-	-	1,100
Kaleidoscope	584	-	(584)	-	-	-
Flowers	267	-	(40)	-	-	227
St Paul's school	198	-	-	-	-	198
Technology	106	-	(106)	-	-	-
Primary aged youth work	32	25	-	-	-	57
Staff	-	3,820	(3,820)	-	-	-
Congregational gifts	-	183	(94)	-	-	89
Criccieth Pathfinder Camp	-	774	-	-	-	774
Church weekend	-	6,165	(6,579)	-	414	-
Drum	-	70	-	-	-	70
Other	-	3,137	(3,137)	-	-	-
Total restricted funds	509,782	28,978	(18,077)	(41,831)	558	479,410

Flowers – To be spent on flowers for the church.

St Paul's school – For joint projects between St Paul's school and St Paul's church.

Technology (2023 only) – For technology at St Paul's.

Primary aged youth work – To be spent supporting primary aged children's work.

Staff – To contribute towards the staff wages and salaries.

Congregational gifts – To be passed on to the members of the congregation as gifts (for example leaving gifts)

Criccieth Pathfinder Camp – Fundraising for the Criccieth Pathfinder Camp

Church weekend – Funds for the annual church weekend.

Drum – Funds for new electronic drum kit.

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16. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	2024		
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Fixed assets	23,505	415,724	439,229
Current assets	71,552	57,487	129,039
Current liabilities	(16,215)	(81)	(16,296)
	<u>78,842</u>	<u>473,130</u>	<u>551,972</u>
	2023		
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Fixed assets	25,549	434,151	459,700
Current assets	75,505	45,436	120,941
Current liabilities	(21,758)	(177)	(21,935)
	<u>79,296</u>	<u>479,410</u>	<u>558,706</u>

17. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The aggregated donations received from the trustees and their connected persons were £25,927.

There are no other related party transactions in the either year.

Accounts

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a place to belong



**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH
OF ST PAULS YORK**

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Charity registration number 1133875

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Pauls
York**

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ST PAUL'S HOLGATE PCC

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The trustees present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023. The trustees have adopted the provision of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, 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 published in October 2019.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is the executive committee of a Church of England parish and consists of clergy and churchwardens of the parish, together with representatives of the laity. Legally the PCC is responsible for the financial affairs of the church parish and the maintenance of its assets, and for promoting the mission of the church.

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in:

- The promotion of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England
- Promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, social, evangelistic and, Ecumenical
- To know Jesus better and make Him better known
- Practical support and care for people in the parish, from the youngest to the eldest, irrespective of level of need or, ability to pay

The church family welcomes visitors from within as well as outside the parish boundary. Visitors attend by personal choice, and we welcome anyone from all walks of life to take part in the life of the church.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

At the beginning of 2023 the new visionary goals were launched, and these were the basis of what was achieved in the year.

- Community
- Discipleship
- Identity in Christ
- Culture of Invitation
- Heart for Holgate

The particular focus this year was on Community and Discipleship.

Church services

Church services continued to thrive throughout the year. The Sunday 10:30 service averages over 100 adults and children with up to 200 for special services (baptisms, Advent/Easter services). These services are streamed (joint with St Barnabas) online and average 70-80 views (150 for special events). Children's groups during the service include creche, Jump (reception-year 3), Junior Youth (year 4 – year 6) and Youth.

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There is also Sunday evening Encounter services held twice a month and Thursday 12:15 services have regularly had over 20 people with up to 45 for special services linked to Coffee and Co.

Partnerships

The partnership with St Barnabas has continued to develop throughout the year with continued shared streaming and joint services. Relationships are also continuing to be built with St Paul's Primary school with collective worship and end of term services.

Other activities/groups

Numerous activities and groups run outside of our regular services. These include:

- Toddlers
- The Upper Room (20s-40s group)
- Reading the Bible Together
- Coffee & Co
- DMC (youth: year 7 – year 9)
- Open Table (youth: year 10 – year 13)
- Men's and Women's ministry

There are several regular home groups that meet on different evenings during the week. They meet to spend time supporting and encouraging each other through prayer, reading the bible, and socials.

The church also held its first weekend away since 2019 at Pocklington School in July. A prosperous time building community and discipleship and growing in faith together.

Staff team

Izzie (Youth), Louise (Admin) and Matt (Ordinand) have continued to establish themselves as key members of the church and we welcomed our new Curate Marion. We were sad to say goodbye to Debbie (Family and Children) in the year and we have yet been unable to find a replacement.

VOLUNTEERS

The PCC recognises the significant contribution made by volunteers each year and thank each and every one of those who have given their time to enable the church to carry out its work.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total income for the year amounted to £179,403 (2022: £176,137) whilst total expenditure was £177,129 (2022: £160,985). There were investment losses of £41,831 (2022: gain of £16,480) leaving an overall deficit of £39,557 (2022: £31,632 surplus). This was made up of an unrestricted deficit of £9,185 (2022: £1,161 surplus) and a restricted deficit of £30,372 (2022: £30,471 surplus).

There was little change in planned giving during the year. The reduction in unplanned giving was mitigated by an increase in plate collections and a £6k legacy this year.

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The free will offer was dropped to £65,000 this year (2022: £70,000) but the PCC have made the decision to increase this to £72k for 2024. There were increases in utilities costs this year with our contract being renewed amid the rise in costs and an increase in maintenance costs due to boilers and roof repairs this year, as well as an upgrade to the lighting.

Investment policy

The funds held within investments relate solely to the reordering restricted fund. Quarterly reports are received and reviewed. Investments are currently held with Ruffer.

Reserves policy

The current reserves policy is to maintain a balance on free reserves equivalent to two months running costs and an additional one month's salary costs. For the year ended 31 December 2023 this was £32,522 (2022: £29,659).

Free reserves currently stand at £31,525 (2022: £30,290) and therefore the year end position falls just short of the target. The PCC are constantly looking at costs to try and reduce them wherever possible as well as ways to increase income.

The PCC are in the process of reviewing the current reserves policy.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Parish of St Paul's, York is a parish within the Church of England as defined by canon law. Individual parishes within the church of England do not have a separate constitution. They work within the framework of Church of England ecclesiastical law, consisting of the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) and the Church Representation Rules. The PCC is a Registered Charity.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St Paul's the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our rector), churchwardens, the reader and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services/members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the electoral roll and stand for election to the PCC.

At April 2024 the electoral role stood at 157 people of which 57 are resident in the parish and 100 are non-resident.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. New members are given basic information and welcomed to the PCC as trustees.

The full PCC met eleven times during the year with an average level of attendance of 76%.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity name	The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Pauls York		
Working name	St Paul's Holgate PCC		
Charity number	1133875		
Address	St Paul's Church Holgate Road York YO24 4BF		
Rector	Rev Paul Millard		
Trustees (PCC members)	Rev Paul Millard	(Rector & Chair)	
	Rev Matthew Woodcock	(Pioneer Minister)	
	Rev Marion Barella	(Curate)	(Appointed July 23)
	Adrian Church	(Ex-officio Lay Reader)	
	Jayne Andrie	(Church Warden)	
	Claire Gardiner	(Church Warden)	(Appointed July 23)
	Natalie Bell		
	Will Blue	(Treasurer)	(Resigned April 23)
	Tom Hanham	(Lay Vice-chair)	
	Dr Ellie McCullough		(Resigned Feb 24)
	Mary McNiven		(Appointed April 23)
	Carole Meikle	(Deanery Synod rep)	(Resigned March 23)
	Emma Newman-Jones	(Deanery Synod rep)	(Appointed April 23)
	David Nunns	(Deanery Synod rep)	(Resigned March 23)
	Brian Patrick		
	Tom Patrickson		
	Anna Ruth Rowan		(Resigned Dec 23)
	John Tull		(Resigned March 23)
	Caroline Wilson		(Appointed April 23)
Other members	Matthew Morgan	(Ordinand)	
Secretary & electoral role officer	Janet Leigh		
Independent Examiner	M Bryan FACCA 34 Neville Street York YO31 8NP		

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

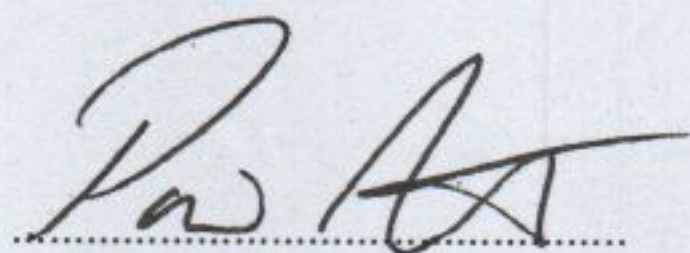
The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standard (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

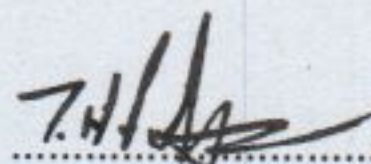
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- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting policies have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees' Report was approved by the PCC on 5 May 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Rev Paul Millard
Rector



Tom Patrickson
Trustee

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

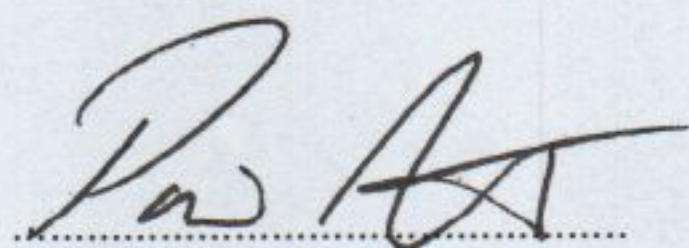
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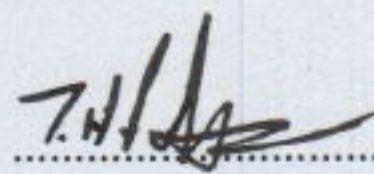
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

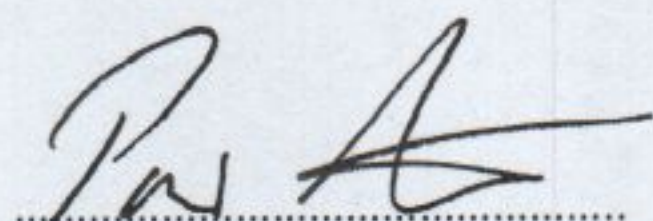
	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	2	138,821	8,399	147,220	145,340
Charitable activities	3	5,025	9,053	14,078	11,790
Investment income	4	1,291	11,026	12,317	13,836
Other income	5	5,288	500	5,788	5,171
Total income		150,425	28,978	179,403	176,137
Expenditure					
Raising funds	6	34	580	614	589
Charitable activities	7	158,666	16,793	175,459	159,064
Other expenditure	8	352	704	1,056	1,332
Total expenditure		159,052	18,077	177,129	160,985
Net income/(expenditure) before gains/(losses) on investments		(8,627)	10,901	2,274	15,152
Net gains/(losses) on investments	11	-	(41,831)	(41,831)	16,480
Net income/(expenditure) after gains on investments		(8,627)	(30,930)	(39,557)	31,632
Transfers between funds		(558)	558	-	-
Net movement in funds		(9,185)	(30,372)	(39,557)	31,632
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds b/fwd		88,481	509,782	598,263	566,631
Total funds c/fwd		79,296	479,410	558,706	598,263

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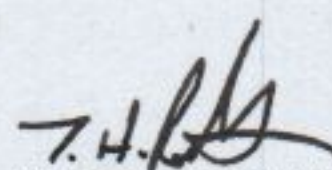
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	31 December 2023	2022
		£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	10	25,549	28,367
Investments	11	434,151	475,982
		459,700	504,349
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	12	12,408	4,328
Cash at bank and in hand		108,533	103,163
Total current assets		120,941	107,491
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13	21,935	13,577
NET CURRENT ASSETS		99,006	93,914
NET ASSETS		558,706	598,263
REPRESENTED BY:			
Unrestricted funds	14	79,296	88,481
Restricted funds	15	479,410	509,782
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS	16	558,706	598,263

Approved by the PCC on 5 May 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Rev Paul Millard
Rector



Tom Patrickson
Trustee

The notes to the financial statements form part of these accounts.

ST PAUL'S HOLGATE PCC

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a true and fair view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historic cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. This the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes. The purposes and uses of the designated funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

ST PAUL'S HOLGATE PCC

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Income recognition

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC. Income tax recoverable on gift aid donations is recognised when the donations are recognised. Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due. Funds raised at social and similar events are accounted for gross. Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental takes place. Interest and dividends are accounted for when receivable.

Expenditure recognition

Expenditure is recognised when it is incurred and is accounted gross. The diocesan Free Will Offer is accounted for when payable.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost (subject to a £1,000 de minimis figure) and depreciated on a straight line basis over 4-5 years with the exception of the chairs which are depreciated over 20 years.

Fixed asset investments

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash at hand, and cash held on deposit either with the bank or the CBF Church of England Funds.

Debtors

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less any provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.

ST PAUL'S HOLGATE PCC

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total £
Planned giving						
Gift aided donations	84,241	3,877	88,118	82,085	3,980	86,065
Gift aid	23,325	1,383	24,708	23,787	4,019	27,806
Other planned giving	14,175	120	14,295	13,305	120	13,425
Unplanned giving	2,125	362	2,487	2,254	9,609	11,863
Collections	8,560	2,657	11,217	2,555	2,782	5,337
Other donations	-	-	-	101	743	844
Legacies	6,395	-	6,395	-	-	-
	<u>138,821</u>	<u>8,399</u>	<u>147,220</u>	<u>124,087</u>	<u>21,253</u>	<u>145,340</u>

3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total £
Weddings/funerals	2,366	-	2,366	4,851	-	4,851
Women's ministry	-	96	96	-	2,705	2,705
Fundraising	201	1,139	1,340	802	544	1,346
Men's ministry	-	1,190	1,190	-	1,300	1,300
Toddlers group	1,265	-	1,265	1,267	-	1,267
Church lettings	1,065	-	1,065	225	-	225
Environmental group	-	-	-	-	96	96
Church weekend	-	6,165	6,165	-	-	-
Other	128	463	591	-	-	-
	<u>5,025</u>	<u>9,053</u>	<u>14,078</u>	<u>7,145</u>	<u>4,645</u>	<u>11,790</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total £
Bank interest	1,291	-	1,291	724	-	724
Dividends	-	11,026	11,026	-	13,112	13,112
	<u>1,291</u>	<u>11,026</u>	<u>12,317</u>	<u>724</u>	<u>13,112</u>	<u>13,836</u>

5. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total £
St Barnabas shared expenses	5,138	-	5,138	2,589	-	2,589
Grants	-	-	-	1,250	-	1,250
Miscellaneous income	150	500	650	-	1,332	1,332
	<u>5,288</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>5,788</u>	<u>3,839</u>	<u>1,332</u>	<u>5,171</u>

6. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total £
Fundraising	34	580	614	50	539	589
	<u>34</u>	<u>580</u>	<u>614</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>539</u>	<u>589</u>

ST PAUL'S HOLGATE PCC

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7. EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total £
Free Will Offer	65,000	-	65,000	70,000	-	70,000
Staff costs	32,188	3,820	36,008	-	33,940	33,940
Mission giving	13,869	2,548	16,417	12,153	8,224	20,377
Utilities	18,067	-	18,067	8,612	-	8,612
Maintenance	13,240	-	13,240	4,870	-	4,870
Depreciation	2,818	-	2,818	4,030	-	4,030
Staff expenses	3,770	-	3,770	3,055	130	3,185
Women's ministry	-	105	105	-	2,849	2,849
Weddings/funerals	513	-	513	2,292	15	2,307
Service costs	3,584	40	3,624	1,903	383	2,286
Tech/music	1,990	106	2,096	1,320	656	1,976
Office	1,132	-	1,132	1,056	-	1,056
Communications	1,438	-	1,438	1,020	-	1,020
Men's ministry	-	1,464	1,464	-	1,010	1,010
Youth	-	1,994	1,994	-	501	501
Toddlers group	314	-	314	442	-	442
Coffee & Co	-	129	129	-	60	60
Church weekend	-	6,579	6,579	-	-	-
Miscellaneous expense	743	8	751	518	25	543
	<u>158,666</u>	<u>16,793</u>	<u>175,459</u>	<u>111,271</u>	<u>47,793</u>	<u>159,064</u>

8. OTHER EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total £
Congregation gifts	18	94	112	-	1,332	1,332
Miscellaneous expense	334	610	994	-	-	-
	<u>352</u>	<u>704</u>	<u>1,056</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,332</u>	<u>1,332</u>

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9. STAFF COSTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total £
Gross salaries	31,470	3,820	35,290	-	33,108	33,108
Pension contributions	718	-	718	-	832	832
	<u>32,188</u>	<u>3,820</u>	<u>36,008</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,940</u>	<u>33,940</u>

	2023	2022
Average number of employees	4.5	4.5

During 2023 the PCC employed an administrator, youth and children's workers and vergers. Employer's national insurance contributions were all covered by the employment allowance.

No trustees were paid any remuneration in the year (2022: none).

10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Church Equipment £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 January 2023	78,406	78,406
Additions	-	-
At 31 December 2023	<u>78,406</u>	<u>78,406</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 January 2023	50,039	50,039
Charge for the year	2,818	2,818
At 31 December 2023	<u>52,857</u>	<u>52,857</u>
Net Book Value		
At 31 December 2023	<u>25,549</u>	<u>25,549</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>28,367</u>	<u>28,367</u>

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11. INVESTMENTS

	2023 £	2022 £
Church Reordering Project		
Ruffer – Absolute Return C Inc	434,151	475,982
	<u>434,151</u>	<u>475,982</u>
Historic cost is £346,223		
Movement in the year		
Market value at 1 January 2023	475,982	459,502
Unrealised (losses)/gains	(41,831)	16,480
At 31 December 2022	<u>434,151</u>	<u>475,982</u>

12. DEBTORS

	2023 £	2022 £
Prepayments and accrued income	11,892	3,992
Other debtors	516	336
	<u>12,408</u>	<u>4,328</u>

13. CREDITORS

	2023 £	2022 £
Accruals	7,454	1,181
Other creditors	14,481	12,396
	<u>21,935</u>	<u>13,577</u>

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14. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	Opening Balance £	Income £	2023 Expenditure £	Transfers £	Closing Balance £
General fund	30,290	148,423	(130,422)	(16,766)	31,525
Designated funds					
Fixed assets	28,367	-	(2,818)	-	25,549
Maintenance	27,808	640	(11,690)	2,400	19,158
Toddlers	2,016	1,362	(314)	-	3,064
Mission giving	-	-	(13,808)	13,808	-
Total unrestricted funds	88,481	150,425	(159,052)	(558)	79,296

	Opening Balance £	Income £	2022 Expenditure £	Transfers £	Closing Balance £
General fund	27,418	134,528	(90,810)	(40,846)	30,290
Designated funds					
Fixed assets	29,409	-	(4,030)	2,988	28,367
Maintenance	29,166	-	(3,758)	2,400	27,808
Toddlers	1,327	1,267	(578)	-	2,016
Mission giving	-	-	(12,145)	12,145	-
Total unrestricted funds	87,320	135,795	(111,321)	(23,313)	88,481

Fixed assets fund - Tangible fixed assets held by the PCC

Maintenance - Funds put aside each month to cover future maintenance costs, including the Quinquennial review work.

Toddlers - Funds to be used for the running of the toddlers group.

Mission giving - Funds to donate to mission partners.

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15. RESTRICTED FUNDS

				2023		
	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Investment (losses)/gains	Transfers	Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Church reordering	495,053	11,062	-	(41,831)	-	464,284
Cornerstone	5,783	413	-	-	-	6,196
Helping hands	2,723	600	-	-	-	3,323
Coffee & co	1,103	-	(129)	-	-	974
Environmental group	1,004	-	(25)	-	-	979
Youth work	931	919	(1,994)	-	144	-
Women's ministry	748	120	(105)	-	-	763
Men's ministry	650	1,190	(1,464)	-	-	376
Young at heart	600	500	-	-	-	1,100
Kaleidoscope	584	-	(584)	-	-	-
Flowers	267	-	(40)	-	-	227
St Paul's school	198	-	-	-	-	198
Technology	106	-	(106)	-	-	-
Primary aged youth work	32	25	-	-	-	57
Staff	-	3,820	(3,820)	-	-	-
Congregational gifts	-	183	(94)	-	-	89
Criccieth Pathfinder Camp	-	774	-	-	-	774
Church weekend	-	6,165	(6,579)	-	414	-
Drum	-	70	-	-	-	70
Other	-	3,137	(3,137)	-	-	-
Total restricted funds	509,782	28,978	(18,077)	(41,831)	558	479,410

Church reordering - For use for the new church building and refurbishment of the church premises.

Cornerstone - For use in repair or reconditioning of the fabric of St Paul's Church building.

Helping hands (Laurie Smith) - For use at the Church leadership's discretion for use as a hardship fund.

Coffee & co - For the Coffee & co group at St Paul's.

Environmental group - For the use of the Eco group initiatives.

Youth work - For the youth and children's work at St Paul's.

Women's ministry - For use for women's ministry (women's weekend, or events)

Men's ministry - For use for men's ministry (women's weekend, or events)

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15. RESTRICTED FUNDS (continued)

				2022		
	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Investment (losses)/gains	Transfers	Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Church reordering	465,391	13,182	-	16,480	-	495,053
Cornerstone	5,333	450	-	-	-	5,783
Helping hands	3,480	4,611	(5,368)	-	-	2,723
Coffee & co	332	831	(60)	-	-	1,103
Environmental group	864	216	(76)	-	-	1,004
Youth work	984	596	(649)	-	-	931
Women's ministry	660	2,937	(2,849)	-	-	748
Men's ministry	360	1,300	(1,010)	-	-	650
Young at heart	600	-	-	-	-	600
Kaleidoscope	584	-	-	-	-	584
Flowers	354	-	(87)	-	-	267
St Paul's school	198	-	-	-	-	198
Technology	-	3,750	(656)	-	(2,988)	106
Primary aged youth work	171	-	(139)	-	-	32
Staff	-	7,770	(34,071)	-	26,301	-
Congregational gifts	-	3,367	(3,367)	-	-	-
Other	-	1,332	(1,332)	-	-	-
Total restricted funds	479,311	40,342	(49,664)	16,480	23,313	509,782

Young at heart - For the young at heart group at St Paul's.

Kaleidoscope – For the kaleidoscope service at St Paul's.

Flowers – To be spent on flowers for the church.

St Paul's school – For joint projects between St Paul's school and St Paul's church.

Technology – For technology at St Paul's.

Primary aged youth work – To be spent supporting primary aged children's work.

Staff – To contribute towards the staff wages and salaries.

Congregational gifts – To be passed on to the members of the congregation as gifts (for example leaving gifts)

Criccieth Pathfinder Camp – Fundraising for the Criccieth Pathfinder Camp

Parish weekend – Funds for the annual church weekend.

ST PAUL'S HOLGATE PCC

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16. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds £	2023 Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Fixed assets	25,549	434,151	459,700
Current assets	75,505	45,436	120,941
Current liabilities	(21,758)	(177)	(21,935)
	<u>79,296</u>	<u>479,410</u>	<u>558,706</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	2022 Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Fixed assets	28,367	475,982	504,349
Current assets	73,011	34,480	107,491
Current liabilities	(12,897)	(680)	(13,577)
	<u>88,481</u>	<u>509,782</u>	<u>598,263</u>

17. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The aggregated donations received from the trustees and their connected persons were £30,907.

There are no other related party transactions in the either year.

ST PAUL'S HOLGATE PCC

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023 which comprises the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet and relevant notes.

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").

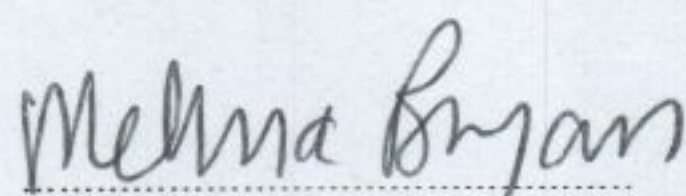
I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirement concerning the form and content of the accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulation 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.



M Bryan FACCA
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23/05/2024

Accounts



St Paul's Church, York

Charity Reg. No.1133875

Annual Report 2022

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST PAULS
YORK

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Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council

Structure and Governance

The Parish of St Paul's, York is a parish within the Church of England as defined by canon law. Individual parishes within the church of England do not have a separate constitution. They work within the framework of Church of England ecclesiastical law, consisting of the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) and the Church Representation Rules. Charitable Status was achieved in 2010.

Parish Name:	St Paul's York
Charity Name (working name):	St Paul's, Holgate PCC
Church & Office Address:	St Paul's Church, Holgate Road, York YO24 4BF
Charity Number:	1133875

Church Membership

Our Electoral roll now stands at 157 people of which 57 are resident in the parish .and 100 are non-resident.

PCC Responsibilities

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is the executive committee of a Church of England parish and consists of clergy and churchwardens of the parish, together with representatives of the laity.

Legally the PCC is responsible for the financial affairs of the church parish and the maintenance of its assets, and for promoting the mission of the church.

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in:

- The promotion of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England
- Promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, social, evangelistic and, Ecumenical
- To know Jesus better and make Him better known
- Practical support and care for people in the parish, from the youngest to the eldest, irrespective of level of need or ability to pay

The church family welcomes visitors from within as well as outside the parish boundary. Visitors attend by personal choice, and we welcome anyone from all walks of life to take part in the life of the church.

PCC Membership

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules or co-opted on for a period of one year. During the year 2022 the following served as members of the PCC.

MEMBERS

- | | |
|--------------------|----------------------------|
| • Ellie McCullough | Elected 2022 (3-yearly) |
| • Anna Ruth Rowan | Elected 2022 (3-yearly) |
| • Brian Patrick | Elected 2022 (3-yearly) |
| • Natalie Bell | Elected 2020 (3-yearly) |
| • Tom Hanham | Re-Elected 2022 (3-yearly) |
| • Tom Patrickson | Elected 2020 (3-yearly) |
| • John Tull | Elected 2020 (3-yearly) |

CHURCHWARDENS

- Jayne Andrie
- 1 vacancy

DEPUTY WARDENS (attend by invitation)

- Glenn Cockerill
- Tony Wilson

EX-OFFICIO LAY READER

- Adrian Church

DEANERY SYNOD REPRESENTATIVES

- | | |
|-----------------|----------------------------|
| • David Nunns | Re-elected 2020 (3-yearly) |
| • Carole Meikle | Re-elected 2020 (3-yearly) |
| • (1 vacancy) | |

Pioneer Minister

- Matt Woodcock

The Officers elected from April 2022

Rector	Paul Millard
Secretary	Janet Leigh (Officer to the PCC from 2021)
Treasurer	Will Blue re-elected 2020 (3-yearly)

The officers elected from April 2022 are as follows:

- | | |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| • Chair | Paul Millard |
| • Deputy Chair | Tom Hanham |

- **Treasurer** William Blue
- **Secretary** Janet Leigh
- **Electoral Roll Officer** Ian Gardiner to Sept 2022: Janet Leigh from Oct 2022

Rector's Report

It has been so nice to finally start doing more 'normal' church things this year. Though we haven't got completely back to pre-COVID for attendance, we are getting quite close now and it is lovely to see some new faces.

We've had a variety of services and events through the year which have been inspiring and uplifting. It was so wonderful to finally experience a full Carol Service this year after my first being online and the second being hit by Omicron.

Our teaching has followed the standard lectionary (Church of England reading plan), but we've also run series on: The Apostles Creed; Life in the Spirit; and a wonderful All Age Summer Series on the Armour of God. Thank you so much to all who have helped to: Lead; Preach; Run our Youth and Children's groups; Lead Worship; Do tech; Read; Intercede; Provide us with sustenance; welcomed us and guided us to our seats.

Our staff team has changed quite significantly this year, not least with the retirement of Ian Gardiner, and the arrival of Louise Amende as our Administrator. We have welcomed Debbie Long into a paid role on the staff team and were delighted to finally appoint Izzie Embleton as our new Youth Worker in December. Carol Meikle also was part of this team until ill health made it impossible and we do miss having her around, please continue to pray for her. We have welcomed Jayne Andrie as Churchwarden as well as thanking Lesley Nicholls and Tony Wilson who had done this previously. Finally, it has also been great to welcome our Ordinand Matt Morgan on to the team. I would like to express my thanks particularly to the staff team who work so hard.

Our partnership with St Barnabas has continued to flourish, not least through our Encounter service, but also with our joint services on Boxing Day, Easter Sunrise, Pentecost and for our Confirmation service in September. Louise's time is also now shared with St Barnabas. This partnership has been enhanced over the year by creating a two-parish plurality which means I am officially the Vicar of St Barnabas, rather than Priest-in-Charge. It is great to be together as partners in mission and look forward to what the future months hold.

Finally, I know there are many others involved in many different areas of church life and please accept my thanks all those involved, even in areas I may not be aware of yet!



Prayer

Philippians 4.6 says, *'Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.'*

It is so encouraging to see this happening regularly throughout the week at St Paul's. Our Wednesday (12noon - 12:30pm) ZOOM prayers have kept going and we have around 6-8 regularly praying for the world, the church, and our own needs each week. Over the year we have also been able to re-instate prayers in services and before services on Sunday morning. Chris Woodcock and the team serving to bring our churches needs before God. Our *'sayoneforme'* team have also kept busy praying for a variety of requests that are emailed through to us.

More recently we have started a monthly Praise and Prayer evening. An opportunity to worship and intercede for all that is going on in the world and in our church life.

Thanks to all those who pray in these settings, or who just continue in small groups, or on your own interceding.

Encounter

This is a joint evening service (7pm) which takes place on the first Sunday at St Barnabas and the third Sunday at St Paul's. Though numbers can fluctuate during the year, we tend to get an average of around 20 people attending. We always have an extended period of sung worship, a short reflection, and some space to be quiet with God. The team has grown this year, not least with 2 new babies! We have looked at Encounters of Jesus, encounters with the Holy Spirit, why we do certain things together as a church and the Resurrection. If you've never tried Encounter, I would encourage you to come along!

[Paul Millard]

Churchwarden's Report, Sunday and Thursday services

During 2022 there was a return to normality in more and more areas of life including church life. It has been wonderful to see St Pauls being a busy place, used again for so many purposes – for Toddlers, Coffee and co, Sunday and Thursday lunchtime services, Prayer and Praise meetings, the reestablishment of weekday groups for young people and many more. The strengthening relationship with St Pauls school has been hugely encouraging and thanks are due to Debbie Long and to St Pauls school families such as the Bells and others.

I took on the role of churchwarden from June and have been ably supported by Glenn Cockerill as Deputy Churchwarden focussing on the fabric of the building and maintenance matters. Tony Wilson has helped me to understand more of how the role of churchwarden can be fulfilled. The work of John Tull on Health and Safety issues, of Heather Robinson in safeguarding and the weekly contribution of the 'sides teams' have all played an essential part in ensuring that St Pauls is a welcoming and safe space for us to gather as a congregation and in a variety of groupings.

Our Sunday services depend on many people playing their part – from service leaders and preachers to technical support, from welcomers and refreshment providers to those who work with the children and young people, from our musicians to those who read the Scripture and lead us in prayer. We also rely on the office team to do the work behind the scenes and those who clean the church and arrange the furniture. We thank the Lord for them all.

Our weekly adult congregations are well over 100 and can be up to 150 plus for baptism services. It has been good to welcome back some familiar faces and to see new ones. Online streaming continues where services from St Pauls or St Barnabas are broadcast live and then available to view later. We are still getting around 70 to 80 views so this is reaching out to those may be unable to attend the service in person.

We are grateful too for our revitalised children and youth work led by Debbie Long, our families and children's worker, and newly appointed youth worker Izzie Embleton along with a great team of helpers. Each Sunday we now have around 25 to 30 children and young people attending on a regular basis and this rises to 50 to 60 for our school goes to church services.

The Thursday lunchtime service is a reflective gathering of mainly older members of St Pauls. It is sensitively and beautifully led with a celebration of communion every week. Thanks go to our team of ministers including Rev Chris Key of St Barnabas and Rev Derek Bailey and for the musicians and technical team.

It was in preparing the job description for our new administrator that we realised just what a range of activities Ian Gardiner – our administrator for over 9 years – had been involved in. We are thankful for all that Ian did over the years and for his work to prepare the ground for the new administrator. Louise Amende was appointed from early October and has managed admirably with the steep learning curve of getting to grips with the job just as the pace of things around the church was picking up.

Finally grateful thanks are given for the staff team, for our PCC members and the whole range of volunteers who have played their part so wonderfully in making St Pauls a place where all are drawn to meet with God, a place to belong.

'Lord help us to do great things as though they are little since we do them in Your Power; and help us to do little things as though they are great for we do them in Your Name.'

(Blaise Pascal)

[Jayne Andrie]

Music at St Pauls

It is always such a pleasure to lead the musical side of worship at St. Paul's and last year was no exception.

As the year progressed, it was lovely to spend time with other worship leaders and musicians and see their passion for worshipping God. We continued to have a variety of talented singers and musicians from across the church family, who volunteered on a regular basis. I am so thankful to these wonderful people for their dedication and determination to provide music each week. In the final few months of 2022, new band members were added to the group, and we are looking forward to more members joining our ranks in 2023.

There were many highlights throughout 2022. The band leaders, and I, have especially enjoyed leading the music during the Easter and Christmas services. As I'm sure you will agree, these services were great opportunities to worship together and thank you to Liz Blount for her brilliant choir.

The positive partnership between St. Barnabas and St. Paul's continued through 2022. Encounter evening services alternated between the two church buildings, and musicians from each church continue to worship together.

A huge thank you to the sound team, who do so much hard work to make us heard, and to the visuals team who are always one line ahead of us. Our job would also be very difficult if it was not for you, the congregation: thank you for worshipping with us and encouraging us each week.

[Richard Bunce]

Youth & Children

This report covers the time from January to December 2022, the first part of which remained a challenging time for the Youth and Children's ministry due to the ongoing ill health and absence of the Youth and Children's worker, Fiona. As always, we are very grateful to all the wonderful volunteers and the support of the Youth and Children's Steering Committee who despite this managed to provide a rich and varied ministry to our children and young people. Finally following a long period of support and advice from the Diocese the decision was made to terminate Fiona's contract in April. The previous role was then divided into two – a Children and Families Co-ordinator (20 hours), and a Youth Worker (10 hours). Extensive advertising and promotion through various recruitment sites, Church newsletters, the Diocesan website and the universities produced very little in the way of applicants. I volunteered therefore, to go through the interview process for the Children and Families co-ordinator and was appointed in August on a one-year contract. It took a little longer and further readvertisement before we appointed a Youth worker, Izzie Embleton at the end of November.

Throughout the year we have endeavoured to make up for the Covid years when we were unable to come together and have held various social events and regular joyous (!) All Age services, including

the Armour of God Summer series where the whole congregation crafted an element of the armour each week. Events include a Shrove Tuesday pancake event on the dock, an Easter Eggstravaganza day also on the dock, complete with bouncy castles, Easter egg hunts, egg decorating and bonnet competition. We have had picnics on the dock, tea parties in church, and a Light Party (alternative to Halloween) also in Church and complete with bouncy castle! We have made and crafted and listened and learned in our well attended All Age services, with the lovely Christingle service and a brand-new Crib Service lead by Rev. Matt on Christmas Eve being particular highlights.

Sunday Groups

Creche:

A parent led creche for all pre-school children operates in the café area each Sunday.

Detailed planning is provided (by me) in the Creche book for parents to follow which includes fun games, a simplified version of the passage or theme of the day – often written on ‘scrolls’ or numbered printed images which the children have to find and put in the correct order before it can be read – craft resources and prayers. Bubble prayers and playdough prayers are particular favourites and encourage even the smallest of children in praying out loud in a group. This works very well and whilst we don’t have quite enough volunteers to have one run the group, parents seem very happy to do so – thanks to Nic Bunce, Rosie and James Batey and Natalie and Jon Bell who keep the whole thing going!

Numbers vary between 5 -10.

Jump: Reception Years 1/2/3

Following what has proved to be a very successful decision last September to divide the primary school age children into two groups Jump has remained at provision for Reception Years 1/2/3

Jump is run by one leader who does the planning, and one helper. Planning is usually based on the Roots material, which in turn usually, but not always, reflects the lectionary for the week. Sometimes the subject matter might be too complex for younger ones in which case the leaders liaise with me, and we may decide to do something different. The session comprises age-appropriate input/teaching followed by lots of games, craft activities and prayers. Numbers can sometimes be as many as 12 but because the age range is smaller than previously it still means that children are able to feel confident to express their views, ask questions and pray out loud. I have run some sessions which have included a period of reflection and listening to God and the children are always very keen to tell me what God has said to them!

Junior Youth: Years 4/5/6

Junior Youth meet upstairs in the middle room, next to SPYC in the inner room. This is a lovely group, lively, yet thoughtful - the content of their sessions usually runs in line with the Roots material and lectionary, but there is still lots of scope for the leaders to follow the discussions, ideas and interests of the children, and to answer their challenging questions. Discussion, fun games, respectful listening and a period of reflection are always included, and we encourage the children to support each other and to pray for each other. We are finding that the group is a much better

preparation for the year 6's in terms of transitioning up to Youth Church, than historically when they came straight from the (very different) Jump environment.

SYPC: Years 7 upwards

We remain blessed at St Paul's to have the numbers of young people and teenagers who are still prepared to get out of bed on a Sunday morning and come to Church! A session consists of lots of lively discussion, some games and a detailed response to the weekly bible passage. Alex Wilkinson remained working with this group until the Summer when the demands of his university course took over, but thanks go to him for all his hard work until then – and especially to Dave Wooldridge for his unfailing commitment to all our young people. Following her appointment in November our new youth worker Izzie has taken over the running of this group.

St Paul's Primary

We remain committed to developing the relationship between the Church and School and feel that this has really flourished this year. Both Rev. Paul and I have become School Governors joining Jan Grey in the same role there. I deliver Collective Worship in the School every Friday and have also been joined regularly by a list of guest appearances in the form of Rev. Paul, Matt Morgan, Natalie Bell and Keith Geary. This has been invaluable in making good relationships with the staff and teachers and the Church Friday Worship is proving to be very popular – one in particular where we re-enacted David and Goliath – Rev. Paul took on the role of Goliath, shouted so loudly he lost his voice and also managed to terrify some of Reception Class who were sitting on the front row! (They loved it!) We also encourage the school into church once every half term for Collective Worship, and we have held, and contributed to, end of term services at Easter, Summer, and Christmas. All school children were invited to our Light Party in October and to our Pancake Event on Shrove Tuesday, both of which were well attended including other members (who are also parents) of the school governing body. We have also hosted Tea and Toast sessions after school, and this is something we would like to repeat in the Summer Term. We also have termly 'School Goes to Church' services where staff and children are invited to attend and take part in a regular all-age service.

Youth Groups

Night Live continued to be hosted weekly by Andy Hagon and Alex Wilkinson in the crypt for the older youth – Years 9 – 13 until June when Andy was ordained, and Alex's university commitments became too great to continue. A small discussion-based group, which also included some games and popular Pizza Nights, this group was paused for the Autumn term. With the appointment of our lovely new Youth Worker at the end of November, Izzie Embleton, her plans are to restart this older group – perhaps on a different day and format in January 2023.

DMC

DMC historically (in pre covid years) was a really fun weekly evening session for young people both from Church, and the local community to come together, play football and other games – bucket ball, the tray game, the drainpipe game, listen to some teaching, eat snacks, and do crafts. Quieter table-based games were also provided as well as a play station. This group has always been championed by Dave Wooldridge and many of the participants also attended the annual Criccieth

pathfinder camp in Wales. It has not been possible due to staffing constraints to run this group in 2022 but again with the appointment of our new Youth Worker, it is planned to relaunch in January 2023.

Thank You

Our Church community is brilliant, and we are so blessed by all our willing leaders and helpers who are the reason we are able to provide such a rich and varied ministry to our children and young people and are undoubtedly the reason that our numbers of families who regularly attend has risen. We are so grateful to all our volunteers, but to especially Dave Woodridge, Natalie Bell and Rosie Batey whose energy, gifts and commitment are second to none.

[Debbie Long]

Upper Room 20s-40s Group

It's been another colourful year in the life of Upper Room York - our 20s-40s ministry. We've welcomed some new people, said goodbye to a few others and always tried to reach out to those on the fringes of church life and faith. We try to keep it about Jesus; to seek to learn about him, become more like him and share his good news with others. This ministry is sometimes hard and frustrating work - but never dull. Thank heavens for that!

Here's some of the highlights:

Our 'going deeper' Monday night gatherings have included a series on identity and another on journey and pilgrimage. We had an after-hours spiritual tour of York Minster, a cheese and wine evening on the 'spiritual meaning of cheese', and a curry and QandA night with Bishop John Thompson.

About 20 people came to our annual winter retreat weekend to Robin Hood's Bay. Rev John Lee spoke on Identity.

Our outreach has included an allotment clear-up for a struggling member of our community; 'Carnot Street Carols' and 'Beer and Carols' in The Leemo. We also organised a stage at the Robin Hood's Bay folk festival over the summer. A few of us had the joy of serving on Criccieth Camp in August.

Future Plans:

- Our core team will be leading the group while I'm on sabbatical. We hope this will be significant.
- Serving on the CPAS Pathfinder Camp at Criccieth, North Wales, in August.
- Linking in with York Multiply groups.
- Working out and praying about the future and sustainability
- Please continue to pray for us and email me any questions at mattwoodcock630@gmail.com

[Rev Matt Woodcock]

Coffee & Co

We have enjoyed another busy year and have had no covid interruptions so have met every Thursday 10 -12 midday.

There is an average attendance of approx. 45 but if everyone who comes all came on the same day it would be nearer 70. It is a simple format of serving refreshments without charge and providing a safe, no-agenda place where new friendships are forged. Our desire is that although we don't articulate the gospel, we hope that we do demonstrate a little of the love of Jesus and that we act as a bridge into the life of the church.

We held three service and lunches last year at Easter, Harvest and Advent. These were attended by about 50 people and seemed very well received.

Of course, none of this just happens, God enables us and the team work very hard in different ways and I am very grateful for how well we 'rub' along.

So, to finish here is a quote from Lizzie Tulip who first came along in January a fresh pair of eyes ... *'Visiting Coffee and Co for the last few weeks, I've come to realise that it is more than just Coffee and Conversation. It extends into my week with grounding that there are always people to share with, people who'll listen and also people to have a smile and a laugh with. What a precious and beautiful thing. Thank you, Coffee and Co!'*

[Maureen Patrick]

Toddlers

The Toddler Group at church, continues to be a successful outreach group to our local Hogate community, and slightly wider community too, such as South Bank, Acomb and Clifton. And even further afield, with some grandparents traveling from Sheffield each week, and another from Saltburn!

As with every year; we had some families moving on, as their children are now of school age. They were soon replaced by new families who have come to give the group a try. Some we haven't seen again - (big groups aren't for everyone!) but many others now join us as regulars. I can think of at least 10 new regulars who've joined us this year.

Each week we usually have between 55-60 children attend, plus their parents, carers, childminders or grandparents - totalling over 100 people. There is often positive feedback given: *"We love coming here - everyone is so welcoming."* *"It's such a great space for the kids to be able to play in."* *"This is one of the best Christmas parties we come to!"*

The kitchen team has expanded this year too, with Gill Symington taking charge of creating a rota for Sarah Penn, Rev Matt, Jude and Brian Patrick. All of which are greatly valued; both by the toddler team and all the families.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Debbie Long and Chris Woodcock, as well as the kitchen team, for their dedication to volunteer each week.



[Sarah Graham]

Safeguarding

Safeguarding describes the actions we take as a church to promote a safer culture, with the PCC having a duty of care to ensure the protection of the vulnerable in our church community. To support this to happen we have my role as Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) but I do not work in isolation, but closely with others across the church. Over the past year some highlights have been:

- supporting new volunteers to feel confident with safeguarding issues, through completion of online and in-person trainings, understanding risk assessments used and meeting with individuals and small groups to discuss any questions
- adopting the new Parish safeguarding Dashboard, so that we can clearly see areas for development. We have progressed through the "safer foundations" and are now focussing on "safer activities".

The challenges have been keeping up to date with systems and individuals as they change. If you are new to a role, or in any way unsure what safeguarding training you may need please come and talk to me. Most training are now easy to access online. We require everyone to complete their "highest" training every three years.

Hopefully through supporting each other we can continue to make St Pauls a place where everyone feels safe and welcome.

[Heather Robinson]

Building Fabric & Furnishings

In April 2022 I accepted the invitation to be responsible for the Building Fabric maintenance works. My first task was to facilitate the Quinquennial Inspection carried out in the summer by a Specialist Conservation Architect. The subsequent report highlighted a number of areas of the church requiring attention over the following five years.

Some routine maintenance will be required to the roof, valley and eaves gutters to prevent any future water ingress, which is expected to be undertaken in the spring of 2023.

Looking further ahead it has been recommended that the stonework to the East Front requires substantial stone replacement and repointing due to severe stone and mortar decay over many years. Due to the extensive nature of these works, external funding will need to be obtained. Once the integrity of the external walls has been completed, the internal decoration and associated works can be undertaken, also requiring the need for additional funding.

During the winter, unsuccessful testing of the lightening conductor meant that maintenance work was required to pass the subsequent test.

[Glenn Cockerill]

Technology

Early in 2022 the main mixing desk for the sound at St Paul's started to develop issues, random noises began to be heard, not an ideal situation for everyone! It was decided to look for a replacement, the desk had been in use for well over a decade, however due to the ongoing effects of the pandemic there was a long lead time for the replacement. After a couple of months of swapping and borrowing desks to allow services to go on (mostly) unaffected, the new desk arrived in September. After some rewiring of the cables and giving the volunteers training in how to use the new desk, it was installed. The new digital desk allows more flexibility and control over the sound than ever before at St Paul's, also allowing small events to be run from a tablet. That was the big news in the world of technology at St Paul's, but numerous small fixes and improvements were carried out too.

[Ryan Smith]

Office Team

Last year's report was written by my predecessor, Ian Gardiner to whom I am most grateful, both for his willingness and patience during my introductory weeks as your new Administrator, and in an ongoing way for the legacy of his comprehensive notes and instructions and the obvious esteem in which he is held. My personal challenge of doing a good job for Jesus is closely followed by doing a good job for Ian; while I am not trying to 'be' Ian he has certainly set a high bar.

Having said that, I must immediately emphasise that from day to day, the brilliant support upon which Ian relied has continued; whatever is accomplished at St Paul's is not through my efforts alone

but only with thanks to the fruits of a large group of people, mainly volunteers but of course a few staff as well. One feels anxious about naming names, for fear of missing people out so I shall simply say that, from Day One, a very clear picture emerged that St Paul's was run by a huge group of angels with wings under their jumpers. Some angels come into the office or church building for a regular day each week, while others are based at home but apply their regular, sometimes daily attention to St Paul's matters and often at quite inhospitable hours deep into the evening. Apart from these disciples there are also many around the church getting on quietly with being Christlike by enriching other people's lives and living out the gospels. There are the obvious groups such as the brilliant Toddlers and Coffee and Co teams but also the less often seen, informal groups such as the gardening team and the church maintenance team. When, in the evenings, my husband often asks, 'How were the boilers today?' (Roll on summer!) I can rarely reply without mentioning which St Paul's angel has come to my rescue that day.

My first 5 months have flown by, thanks to the warm welcome and tremendous prayer-led support. Instantly, I felt at home, perhaps due partly to a strange coincidence of the East Window in St Paul's having been created by the glaziers' studio, Heaton, Butler and Byrne, that also created much of the stained glass in the Cheshire church where I was baptised and lived for 25+ years. Coincidences aside, the other key reason, and one for which words of gratitude are inadequate, has been the patient, forgiving, Christlike embrace by so many St Paul's people. Thank you everybody.

[Louise Amende]

Women In St Paul's

The women's ministry at St Paul's and St Barnabas has been flourishing during this past year. We've had bi-monthly breakfasts with a mixture of talks and reflections at both St Paul's and St Barnabas, and we organised a brunch at St Barnabas one morning last June, which was well attended by people from both churches.

The highlight of this past year was the women's weekend, will took place at the Jonas Centre in Leyburn, Wensleydale from Friday 30th September-Sunday 1st October 2022. Our speaker was the Rev'd Lucy Brencher, formerly a member of St Paul's, who spoke on being rooted and established in Christ. We had 29 guests for the full weekend with another 15 people joining us for the Saturday. We had a time of gentle reflection, and it was a great opportunity to reconnect with each other and make new friends.

We aim to continue meeting bi-monthly, with a larger social event in the summer, and we are hoping to organize a women's day in early autumn.

If you have any ideas for speakers for topics at future women's breakfasts, or if you would like to help with preparations for the women's day, please see anyone on the committee. We would welcome women from either church to join us in the planning group

[Claire, Ellie, Jan and Therese (current WISP committee)]

[Ellie McCullough]

York Deanery Synod

Following on from 2021, most of the discussion at our 3 meetings (only 1 of which was on Zoom) has been to take forward our response to the Archbishop's strategy for his York Diocese. After the initial consultation with Parishes, the Deanery leadership Team produced an outline Deanery Plan with signposts for the future. This was discussed at an open meeting in June. The results of the discussion, plus further responses from the Parishes, were collated by the Diocese and the Archbishop produced his 32-page York Diocese Strategic Plan for 2021-2031 based on Living Christ's Story Together and being more like Christ. The 7-page aspirational Deanery Plan has now been revised and updated as 'Signposts for the future', with a suggestion that each Parish produces a 'mission action plan' to take these plans forward.

The current Synod was elected late due to Covid, but still expires in April 2023.

We will therefore need at least 3 people to stand for election as our lay representatives on the next Synod. Carole Meikle resigned during the year, and I feel people under 80 are better candidates to consider the necessary action to take the Plans forward over the next 10 years. [David Nunns]

[Carole Meikle, David Nunns]

Reading the Bible together

We had 27 one-hour meetings at St Paul's Church, taking place weekly during three periods - from 15th February to 5th April, from 24th May to 19th July, and from 27th September to 29th November. On average there were about 12 of us attending. We read and explored the Gospel according to Luke.

It was a joy to be able to gather again round the table, to focus on God's word and together to learn more of the truth and beauty it holds.

[Vladimir and Jayne Andrie]

Environmental Group

"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it."

These words from Psalm 24 remind us that we are stewards of God's earth. However, for more than 250 years we have exploited and despoiled what He has created. The results of this are plain to see and can be overwhelming, but there is hope if we are prepared to change the way we live, as individuals and communities. It's almost two years since St Paul's committed to making environmental improvements and signed-up to Eco Church. Here are some examples of what has been achieved so far.

A much-used collection and disposal system for hard-to-recycle packaging was installed at the west door. Craft evenings during August and October were well attended and re-used material to sell as products at the Craft Fair in November, which raised £700 for church funds. The second Eco Fair in

September attracted more than 100 visitors. Thank you for supporting these initiatives, and to Jan Grey, Natalie Bell, Janet Leigh and Will Blue for making them happen. The communal Christmas Card attracted almost 40 individual or joint signatures and raised about £135 for two aid charities, thanks to a wall mounted display created by Debbie Long and the November all-age service.

Our worship includes prayers for environmental issues, songs and liturgy and Bishop John preached a second time during October.

The fenced garden, a wildflower area and bird feeders continue to be tended thanks to Jude Patrick and her team. Thanks also to Robin Wraight, who can be seen on Sunday mornings keeping vegetation around church under control. Three trees, two of which are fruit were planted during the spring, a vegetable bed was started on the north side of church and a small pond was installed to attract aquatic life. A compost bin was installed in the northeast corner and the PCC approved a policy to prohibit the use of harmful chemicals on church land.

Nigel Sweasey met with Ian Gardiner during August to analyse and measure the church carbon footprint, a precursor to personal measurement during 2023. Two electrical companies were consulted about replacing with LED the Nave Tungsten Halogen lighting and Compact Fluorescent lighting in the Cafe area, which could reduce electricity usage by up to seventy-five per cent. The church buys electricity from renewable sources. I discussed the procurement of environmentally friendly cleaning products with Ian G, who obtained some from online suppliers.

In December 2022, Eco Church approved our application for their Bronze award. Many thanks to everyone at St Paul's who has worked with us to become an Eco Church and helped us do our bit to protect God's world. The project has been supported by prayer, words of encouragement, offers of help and financial donations, all of which are gratefully received.



[John Tull]

Environmental Working Group coordinator

Holgate Community Gospel Choir

Holgate Community Gospel Choir is a friendly, relaxed, singing community that sits under the umbrella of St. Paul's Church.

The choir was founded by Sam Rankin in 2016 after he ran a popular gospel choir workshop at the church weekend. When Sam and Jenny left for Durham in 2019, Liz Blount took over as leader.

We meet in the church building on Wednesday evenings from 7.45-9pm.

We are welcoming and open to all, with no requirement to audition or be able to read music, and no charge to attend.

In 2022 the choir enjoyed a whole year of being able to have real life rehearsals, rather than managing on zoom as we did during lockdowns! It has been wonderful to be able to come together again in this way.

The choir continues to grow – our numbers are variable as we are relaxed about attendance, but we have around 20-25 regular members, aged from 30-80. Whilst many of the choir are St. Paul's members or family/friends, we also have members from St. Barnabas church, parents from St. Paul's school and others who have been invited along by existing choir folk.

Near the beginning of last year Jane Wigglesworth stepped down from the admin role she had undertaken since the beginning of choir. Jane had been a vital support, particularly in the transition of the choir from Sam to Liz, and during the Covid pandemic. We are very grateful for all her help and pleased she remains a member of the choir. Ali Hanham kindly agreed to take on the administrator role. Other members of the choir help with managing the WhatsApp group, opening and closing church, setting up etc.



One of the highlights of our year was singing at the wedding of one of our members, Chris Woodcock as she married Barry. We were honoured to be part of the occasion - a "Happy Day" indeed!

We were delighted to be part of a community event in December as we entertained Christmas shoppers at the Bluebird Bakery in Acomb. We sang a mixture of traditional carols and our own songs.

It was wonderful to be a part of the church's Christmas Carol service again. Singing "Glory" to a candlelit church was a very special moment.

Alongside the singing, what we value most in choir is the supportive community that it provides. Choir members know they can come and share both the good and bad that is happening in their lives, and we know that choir plays an important part in supporting our members' mental health. We have seen both Christian and non-Christian members of the choir reach out to ask for prayer and we believe we are providing a witness by showing what a loving and fun Christian community might look like.

New members are always welcome to join us!

[Liz Blount]

St Paul's Walking Group

We meet once a month between March and November to enjoy a 5-6 mile walk in Yorkshire. The walks are always on a Saturday and generally within 25 miles of York – sharing lifts is encouraged. We are also looking to include more local walks to keep travel costs down. We explore areas in the Vale of York, the Yorkshire Moors and the Wolds. Recent walks have been around Slingsby, Bolton Percy, Huggate, Terrington, Welburn/Castle Howard and Warren Percy. We aim to finish the walk in the early afternoon allowing us to visit a café and enjoy refreshments together. The walks are a great opportunity to meet with others in spectacular countryside and all are welcome.



[Julian and Catherine Davies]



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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST PAULS YORK**ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

Review of Financial Activities

2022 has been a year of many changes, not only the return to full normality of post-covid, but also for me as treasurer with the loss of Ian, and the gain of Louise as St Paul's administrator.

Ian has been fantastic, supporting me over the last few years since I took on the role of treasurer and he will be very missed, however has definitely earned his retirement by now! I want to take this opportunity to truly thank him for all his help and support over the years.

Louise has taken on the mantle at an amazing pace, unfazed with all the challenges of taking on a new job (as well as taking over the role with less hours!) She has been hugely supportive over the last few months, so thank you, and I look forward to continuing to work with her and the whole office team.

And so, onto the finances:

Overall as a year, we once again increased our total funds from (2021:£566k to 2022:£598k)

So as a headline figure, this is another huge increase of £32k and on the face of it shows that St Paul's has increased its reserves yet again.

However, as a church it's very important to note the difference between restricted funds (which can only be spent on a particular purpose) and general (unrestricted) funds, as these can tell a very different picture:

- Unrestricted funds show an increase of £1k, (2021:£87k 2022:£88k)
- Restricted funds show an increase of £31k, (2021:£479k 2022:£510k)

Restricted funds are made up of many different specific restrictions, however of the £510k, 97% (£495k) are restricted for the "Church Reordering" building project. These funds cannot be touched until we restart the project and until then are invested with Ruffer to ensure good stewardship of the money. Because of this, they gained value by nearly 30k in 2022. Explaining the majority of the overall gains in the restricted funds.

The unrestricted fund has remained almost constant across the year. Which is important as it's the main place where most normal income and spending go.

This is a fantastic turnaround from 2021 where our unrestricted funds lost value by over £11k due to spending above our income.

A big part of this was due to our unrestricted donation income (standing orders and collections) remaining steady from 2021.

This is truly an answer to prayer at a time when everyone has felt challenged with cost-of-living pressures and with uncertainty throughout the year.

However, to make the savings needed to break even, this turnaround had to come from hard decisions around our staff costs, where we had to reduce our administrator's hours (taking effect as Louise took over from Ian).

A short term unexpected financial boost also occurred as Fiona left, leaving our Youth and Childrens staff role vacant for an extended period until Debbie and Izzie took over.

To ensure that we do not repeat the same losses of 2021, and continue to at least break even (like 2022) the PCC took the tough decision for 2023 to reduce our free will offer to the diocese by £5k. However, we are hopeful that the Generous Living campaign taking place in 2023 will bless our church with increased resources that will allow us to revisit this and expand our spending in other areas.

In addition, I do want to take this opportunity to pull out a couple of key items that were notable for me:

- The "Helping Hands Fund" received so many generous donations throughout 2022 (over £4,600) to supplement the previous year's funds. This has meant that we have been able to support many people with over £5,300 of support where they would otherwise have struggled. **This fund continues to be available: So if you, or if you know someone who is struggling financially**, please get in touch with Paul or myself in strictest confidence.
- Some big one off donations from the congregation towards our "Staff", "Technology", and "General" funds. Allowing us to continue without reducing staff hours, and be able to afford a new sound desk when it broke without dipping further into our reserves!

I wish to take the opportunity to thank everyone who supports St Paul's, whether that's financially or with their time and efforts. Nothing we can do could be done without your support.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with me at Treasurer@StPaulsYork.org.uk and I'll be more than happy to discuss.

[William Blue]

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		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Income From:					
Donations and Legacies	2(a)	124,087	21,253	145,340	134,467
Charitable Activities	2(b)	7,145	4,645	11,790	5,648
Investments	2(c)	724	13,112	13,836	7,003
Other Income	2(d)	3,839	1,332	5,171	6,610
Total Income		135,795	40,342	176,137	153,728
Expenditure On:					
Charitable Activities	3(a)	111,271	47,793	159,064	155,610
Raising Funds	3(b)	50	539	589	358
Other Expenditure	3(c)	0	1,332	1,332	0
Total Expenditure		111,321	49,664	160,985	155,968
Net Gains/(Losses) on Investments	5	0	16,480	16,480	34,660
Net Income/Expenditure		24,474	7,158	31,632	32,420
Transfers Between Funds	9(a)	(23,313)	23,313	0	0
Net Movement in Funds		1,161	30,471	31,632	32,420
Total Funds Brought Forward 1 January		87,320	479,311	566,631	534,211
Total Funds Carried Forward 31 December		88,481	509,782	598,263	566,631

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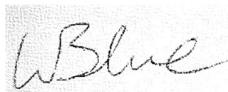
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Balance Sheet

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets:					
Tangible	6	28,367	0	28,367	29,409
Investments	5	0	475,982	475,982	459,502
Total Fixed Assets		28,367	475,982	504,349	488,911
Current Assets:					
Debtors	7	3,777	551	4,328	2,244
Cash at bank and in hand		69,234	33,929	103,163	91,091
Total Current Assets		73,011	34,480	107,491	93,335
Current Liabilities:					
Creditors	8	12,897	680	13,577	15,615
Total Liabilities		12,897	680	13,577	15,615
Net Current Assets		60,114	33,800	93,914	77,720
Net Assets		88,481	509,782	598,263	566,631

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 21st Mar 2022 and signed on its behalf by

Paul Millard
Rector

William Blue
Treasurer

The notes on pages 5 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statement

Note1 – Accounting Policies

Scope

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 owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS 102). The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention, except for investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets, and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law.

Reserves Policy

- It is the PCC policy to seek to maintain a balance on unrestricted reserves which is equivalent to two months general running costs and an additional one month's salary costs.
 - This currently equates to approx. £45,000 Reserves.
- The PCC currently hold unrestricted Net current assets (unrestricted and designated funds) of £60,114
- The PCC currently hold "Free Reserves" (unrestricted reserves, less designated funds & fixed assets) £30,290
 - While this is below our policy, the situation is expected to improve in 2023 as we continue to come out of Covid and take measures to both increase income, and reduce expenditure.

Mission Giving Policy

- It is the PCC policy to tithe our donated income to 10% of Regular giving & plate collections (plus associated gift aid).
- This is distributed by the PCC to a variety of causes split between Mission Evangelism & Social Evangelism, both in local communities and abroad.

Incoming Resources

- Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.
- Income tax recoverable on gift aid donations is recognised when the donations are recognised.
- Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due.
- Funds raised at social and similar events are accounted for gross.
- Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is due.
- Interest and dividends are accounted for when receivable.

Resources expended

- Expenditure is recognised when it is incurred and is accounted gross.
- The diocesan Free Will Offer is accounted for when payable.

Fixed assets

- Fixtures and fittings are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the expected useful life of the asset.
- Items costing less than £1,000 are not capitalised but are fully written off in the year of acquisition.
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Disposal	0	0	0	0
At 31 December	0	32,397	32,397	33,775
Depreciation:				
Charge for the year	0	4,030	4,030	4,366
Value:				
At 31 December	0	28,367	28,367	29,409

Church Equipment comprises of Chairs & Festival Technics Equipment. The purchase of a Sound Mixing Desk was made in 2022

Note7 – Debtors

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
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Debtors:				
Gift Aid Receivable	3,441	551	3,992	1,834
Misc	336	0	336	0
Energy Accounts	0	0	0	210
Deposits	0	0	0	200
Total Debtors	3,777	551	4,328	2,244

Note8 – Creditors

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
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Creditors:				
Mission Giving	12,144	0	12,144	12,671
Other	753	428	1181	423
Staff Accruals	0	252	252	349
Energy Accruals	0	0	0	2,172
Total Creditors	12,897	680	13,577	15,615

Note9(a) – Fund Movement

	Balance 1 Jan	Income	Expend- iture	Transfer	Balance 31 Dec
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds:					
General	27,418	134,528	90,810	(40,846)	30,290
Designated Funds:					
Assets	29,409	0	4,030	2,988	28,367
Maintenance	29,166	0	3,758	2,400	27,808
Toddlers	1,327	1,267	578	0	2,016
Mission Giving	0	0	12,145	12,145	0
Designated Subtotal	59,902	1,267	20,511	17,533	58,191
Restricted Funds:					
Church Reordering	465,391	29,662	0	0	495,053
Cornerstone	5,333	450	0	0	5,783
Helping Hands	3,480	4,611	5,368	0	2,723
Coffee & Co	332	831	60	0	1,103
Environmental Group	864	216	76	0	1,004
Youth Work	984	596	649	0	931
Women's Ministry	660	2,937	2,849	0	748
Men's Ministry	360	1,300	1,010	0	650
Young at Heart	600	0	0	0	600
Kaleidoscope	584	0	0	0	584
Flowers	354	0	87	0	267
St Paul's School	198	0	0	0	198
Technology	0	3,750	656	(2,988)	106
Primary Aged Youth Work	171	0	139	0	32
Staff	0	7,770	34,071	26,301	0
Other	0	3,367	3,367	0	0
Congregation Gifts	0	1,332	1,332	0	0
Restricted Subtotal	479,311	56,822	49,664	23,313	509,782
Fund Movement Totals	566,631	192,617	160,985	0	598,263

Note9(b) – Fund Definitions

- General
 - PCCs funds with no specific restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC.

Designated Funds

- Assets
 - Designated funds highlighting tangible assets that St Paul's retains.
- Maintenance
 - Designated funds put aside each month to cover future maintenance, including the Quinquennial.
- Mission Giving
 - Designated funds put aside to donate to mission partners
- Toddlers
 - Designated funds for toddlers' donations: to be used at toddlers discretion.

Restricted Funds

- Church Reordering
 - Restricted funds for use for the new church building and refurbishment of the church premises
- Coffee & Co
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- Congregation Gifts
 - Restricted fund to be passed on the members of the congregation as gifts (for example leaving presents)
- Cornerstone
 - Restricted funds for use in repair or reconditioning of the fabric of St Paul's Church building
- Environmental Fund
 - Restricted funds for the use of the Eco Group initiatives.
- Flowers
 - Restricted fund to be spent on flowers for the Church
- Helping Hands (Laurie Smith)
 - Restricted funds for the use at the Church leadership's discretion. Intended for use as a hardship fund.
- Kaleidoscope
 - Restricted funds for the Kaleidoscope service at St Paul's
- Men's Ministry
 - Restricted funds for use for Men's ministry (Men's weekend or events)
- Other
 - Restricted funds which have been donated for a specific purpose, however, do not have their own named fund.
- Primary Aged Youth Work
 - Restricted funds to be spent supporting primary aged children's work.
- St Paul's School
 - Restricted funds for joint projects between St Paul's School and St Paul's Church

- Staff
 - Restricted funds for the payment of the direct costs of the staff team at St Paul's (Wages, Tax, Pension costs, etc)
- Technology
 - Restricted funds for technology at St Paul's
- Women's Ministry
 - Restricted funds for use for women's ministry (Women's weekend or events)
- Young at Heart
 - Restricted funds for the Young at Heart group at St Paul's
- Youth Work
 - Restricted funds for the youth and children's work of St Paul's

Independent Examiners Report

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST PAULS YORK

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Parochial Church Council ("PCC") for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

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

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the PCC has prepared accounts in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the PCC as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Mrs Ruth Prins FCPFA BA(Hons)

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Date: 16th March 2023



St Paul's Church, York

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Review of Financial Activities

2022 has been a year of many changes, not only the return to full normality of post-covid, but also for me as treasurer with the loss of Ian, and the gain of Louise as St Paul's administrator.

Ian has been fantastic, supporting me over the last few years since I took on the role of treasurer and he will be very missed, however has definitely earned his retirement by now! I want to take this opportunity to truly thank him for all his help and support over the years.

Louise has taken on the mantle at an amazing pace, unfazed with all the challenges of taking on a new job (as well as taking over the role with less hours!) She has been hugely supportive over the last few months, so thank you, and I look forward to continuing to work with her and the whole office team.

And so, onto the finances:

Overall as a year, we once again increased our total funds from (2021:£566k to 2022:£598k)

So as a headline figure, this is another huge increase of £32k and on the face of it shows that St Paul's has increased its reserves yet again.

However, as a church it's very important to note the difference between restricted funds (which can only be spent on a particular purpose) and general (unrestricted) funds, as these can tell a very different picture:

- Unrestricted funds show an increase of £1k, (2021:£87k 2022:£88k)
- Restricted funds show an increase of £31k, (2021:£479k 2022:£510k)

Restricted funds are made up of many different specific restrictions, however of the £510k, 97% (£495k) are restricted for the "Church Reordering" building project. These funds cannot be touched until we restart the project and until then are invested with Ruffer to ensure good stewardship of the money. Because of this, they gained value by nearly 30k in 2022. Explaining the majority of the overall gains in the restricted funds.

The unrestricted fund has remained almost constant across the year. Which is important as it's the main place where most normal income and spending go.

This is a fantastic turnaround from 2021 where our unrestricted funds lost value by over £11k due to spending above our income.

A big part of this was due to our unrestricted donation income (standing orders and collections) remaining steady from 2021.

This is truly an answer to prayer at a time when everyone has felt challenged with cost-of-living pressures and with uncertainty throughout the year.

However, to make the savings needed to break even, this turnaround had to come from hard decisions around our staff costs, where we had to reduce our administrator's hours (taking effect as Louise took over from Ian).

A short term unexpected financial boost also occurred as Fiona left, leaving our Youth and Childrens staff role vacant for an extended period until Debbie and Izzie took over.

To ensure that we do not repeat the same losses of 2021, and continue to at least break even (like 2022) the PCC took the tough decision for 2023 to reduce our free will offer to the diocese by £5k. However, we are hopeful that the Generous Living campaign taking place in 2023 will bless our church with increased resources that will allow us to revisit this and expand our spending in other areas.

In addition, I do want to take this opportunity to pull out a couple of key items that were notable for me:

- The "Helping Hands Fund" received so many generous donations throughout 2022 (over £4,600) to supplement the previous year's funds. This has meant that we have been able to support many people with over £5,300 of support where they would otherwise have struggled. **This fund continues to be available: So if you, or if you know someone who is struggling financially, please get in touch with Paul or myself in strictest confidence.**
- Some big one off donations from the congregation towards our "Staff", "Technology", and "General" funds. Allowing us to continue without reducing staff hours, and be able to afford a new sound desk when it broke without dipping further into our reserves!

I wish to take the opportunity to thank everyone who supports St Paul's, whether that's financially or with their time and efforts. Nothing we can do could be done without your support.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with me at Treasurer@StPaulsYork.org.uk and I'll be more than happy to discuss.

[William Blue]

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST PAULS YORK**ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022****Statement of Financial Activities**

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Transfers Between Funds	9(a)	(23,313)	23,313	0	0
Net Movement in Funds		1,161	30,471	31,632	32,420
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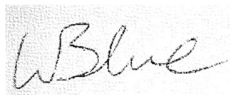
Balance Sheet

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Total Fixed Assets		28,367	475,982	504,349	488,911
Current Assets:					
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Cash at bank and in hand		69,234	33,929	103,163	91,091
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Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 21st Mar 2022 and signed on its behalf by



Paul Millard
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William Blue
Treasurer

The notes on pages 5 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statement

Note1 – Accounting Policies

Scope

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 owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

Basis of preparation

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 - This currently equates to approx. £45,000 Reserves.
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- It is the PCC policy to tithe our donated income to 10% of Regular giving & plate collections (plus associated gift aid).
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- Interest and dividends are accounted for when receivable.

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At 1 January	0	29,409	29,409	33,775
Additions	0	2,988	2,988	0
Disposal	0	0	0	0
At 31 December	0	32,397	32,397	33,775
Depreciation:				
Charge for the year	0	4,030	4,030	4,366
Value:				
At 31 December	0	28,367	28,367	29,409

Church Equipment comprises of Chairs & Festival Technics Equipment. The purchase of a Sound Mixing Desk was made in 2022

Note7 – Debtors

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
Debtors:				
Gift Aid Receivable	3,441	551	3,992	1,834
Misc	336	0	336	0
Energy Accounts	0	0	0	210
Deposits	0	0	0	200
Total Debtors	3,777	551	4,328	2,244

Note8 – Creditors

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
Creditors:				
Mission Giving	12,144	0	12,144	12,671
Other	753	428	1181	423
Staff Accruals	0	252	252	349
Energy Accruals	0	0	0	2,172
Total Creditors	12,897	680	13,577	15,615

Note9(a) – Fund Movement

	Balance 1 Jan	Income	Expend- iture	Transfer	Balance 31 Dec
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds:					
General	27,418	134,528	90,810	(40,846)	30,290
Designated Funds:					
Assets	29,409	0	4,030	2,988	28,367
Maintenance	29,166	0	3,758	2,400	27,808
Toddlers	1,327	1,267	578	0	2,016
Mission Giving	0	0	12,145	12,145	0
Designated Subtotal	59,902	1,267	20,511	17,533	58,191
Restricted Funds:					
Church Reordering	465,391	29,662	0	0	495,053
Cornerstone	5,333	450	0	0	5,783
Helping Hands	3,480	4,611	5,368	0	2,723
Coffee & Co	332	831	60	0	1,103
Environmental Group	864	216	76	0	1,004
Youth Work	984	596	649	0	931
Women's Ministry	660	2,937	2,849	0	748
Men's Ministry	360	1,300	1,010	0	650
Young at Heart	600	0	0	0	600
Kaleidoscope	584	0	0	0	584
Flowers	354	0	87	0	267
St Paul's School	198	0	0	0	198
Technology	0	3,750	656	(2,988)	106
Primary Aged Youth Work	171	0	139	0	32
Staff	0	7,770	34,071	26,301	0
Other	0	3,367	3,367	0	0
Congregation Gifts	0	1,332	1,332	0	0
Restricted Subtotal	479,311	56,822	49,664	23,313	509,782
Fund Movement Totals	566,631	192,617	160,985	0	598,263

Note9(b) – Fund Definitions

- General
 - PCCs funds with no specific restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC.

Designated Funds

- Assets
 - Designated funds highlighting tangible assets that St Paul's retains.
- Maintenance
 - Designated funds put aside each month to cover future maintenance, including the Quinquennial.
- Mission Giving
 - Designated funds put aside to donate to mission partners
- Toddlers
 - Designated funds for toddlers' donations: to be used at toddlers discretion.

Restricted Funds

- Church Reordering
 - Restricted funds for use for the new church building and refurbishment of the church premises
- Coffee & Co
 - Restricted funds for the Coffee and Co group at St Paul's
- Congregation Gifts
 - Restricted fund to be passed on the members of the congregation as gifts (for example leaving presents)
- Cornerstone
 - Restricted funds for use in repair or reconditioning of the fabric of St Paul's Church building
- Environmental Fund
 - Restricted funds for the use of the Eco Group initiatives.
- Flowers
 - Restricted fund to be spent on flowers for the Church
- Helping Hands (Laurie Smith)
 - Restricted funds for the use at the Church leadership's discretion. Intended for use as a hardship fund.
- Kaleidoscope
 - Restricted funds for the Kaleidoscope service at St Paul's
- Men's Ministry
 - Restricted funds for use for Men's ministry (Men's weekend or events)
- Other
 - Restricted funds which have been donated for a specific purpose, however, do not have their own named fund.
- Primary Aged Youth Work
 - Restricted funds to be spent supporting primary aged children's work.
- St Paul's School
 - Restricted funds for joint projects between St Paul's School and St Paul's Church

- Staff
 - Restricted funds for the payment of the direct costs of the staff team at St Paul's (Wages, Tax, Pension costs, etc)
- Technology
 - Restricted funds for technology at St Paul's
- Women's Ministry
 - Restricted funds for use for women's ministry (Women's weekend or events)
- Young at Heart
 - Restricted funds for the Young at Heart group at St Paul's
- Youth Work
 - Restricted funds for the youth and children's work of St Paul's

Independent Examiners Report

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST PAULS YORK

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Parochial Church Council ("PCC") for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

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

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the PCC has prepared accounts in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the PCC as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Mrs Ruth Prins FCPFA BA(Hons)

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Date: 16th March 2023

Accounts



St Paul's Church, York

Charity Reg. No.1133875

Annual Report & Financial Statement 2021

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST PAULS YORK

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ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council

Structure & Governance

The Parish of St Paul's, York is a parish within the Church of England as defined by canon law. Individual parishes within the church of England do not have a separate constitution. They work within the framework of Church of England ecclesiastical law, consisting of the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) and the Church Representation Rules. Charitable Status was achieved in 2010

Parish Name:	St Paul's York
Charity Name (working name):	St Paul's, Holgate PCC
Church & Office Address:	St Paul's Church, Holgate Road, York YO24 4BF
Charity Number:	1133875

Church Membership

Our Electoral roll now stands at 151 people of which 57 are resident and 94 are non-resident

PCC Responsibilities

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is the executive committee of a Church of England parish and consists of clergy and churchwardens of the parish, together with representatives of the laity.

Legally the PCC is responsible for the financial affairs of the church parish and the maintenance of its assets, and for promoting the mission of the church.

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in -

- The promotion of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England Promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, social, evangelistic and, Ecumenical
- To know Jesus better and make Him better known
- Practical support and care for people in the parish, from the youngest to the eldest, irrespective of level of need or, ability to pay
- The church family welcomes visitors from within as well as outside the parish boundary. Visitors attend by personal choice and we welcome anyone from all walks of life to take part in the life of the church.

PCC Membership

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules or co-opted on for a period of one year. During the year 2021 the following served as members of the PCC.

MEMBERS

• Rose Batey	January to December
• William Blue	January to December
• Tom Hanham	January to December
• Paul Millard	January to December
• Natalie Bell	January to December
• Tom Patrickson	January to December
• John Tull	January to December
• Van Wilson	January to April

CHURCHWARDENS

• Lesley Nichols	January to December
• Tony Wilson	January to December

DEANERY SYNOD REPRESENTATIVES

• Carole Meikle	January to December
• David Nunns	January to December

ST PAUL'S READER

• Adrian Church	January to December
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The officers elected from October 2020 are as follows -

• Chair	Paul Millard	
• Treasurer	William Blue	
• Secretary	Van Wilson	January to April
	Janet Leigh	April to December
• Electoral Roll Officer	Ian Gardiner	

Rector's Report

As I look back at my report from last year, it seems quite strange and frustrating that in so many ways we have had another year like the last. COVID has kept its grasp on us with phases of restrictions. At our last Annual meeting I suggested that over the coming 12 months we focus on: **Reacquainting** ourselves as a congregation; **Re-establishing** connections with our wider networks; and **ReVisioning** for the future. And though the pandemic being prolonged has not helped, in many ways we have seen these things happen.

Reacquainting

As we held our 'Welcome Back Weekend' in September and had a preaching series from Nehemiah on Rebuilding the Walls, all seemed to be heading in the right direction for reacquainting. We also held some church picnics to help reconnect with one another. September, in this regard, was a launchpad and it did encourage a return to our 'in person' services. As Tony's report informs us, we have had reasonable numbers returning all things considered, though we hope to see more as we begin to learn what living with COVID really means for us a worshipping community. Alongside this, we have also maintained a strong online presence, even as I write this getting over 70 views of our services each week. And we have seen people begin to engage through these which is really encouraging.

Even with the challenges we faced as Fiona had to stop work through ill health, our fabulous team of volunteers helped to rebuild the work with our Youth and Children which has been such a blessing - big thank you to Debbie; Rose; Dave; and Andy Hagon in particular for this. Though Christmas was slightly lessened with the increase in Omicron cases it was still wonderful to see more people worshipping and celebrating the birth of Jesus together.

Through this time, it has certainly allowed me to get to know more people and deepen relationships already established.

Re-establishing

It was lovely when we were able to begin re-establishing with the Coffee and Co community. Recognizing that some of this community are medically more vulnerable meant a sensible timing of this decision needed to take place. It is so lovely to see the cafe thriving again and a good number coming to the 12:15pm service too. We have also been able to restart our special seasonal 12:15 services with one for Harvest, Christmas 2021 and Easter 2022. These are particularly popular maybe because they are followed by a tasty lunch.

Through the harsher lockdown of 2020 Fiona was doing a great job of sending in weekly assemblies to the school which were greatly appreciated. Sadly, once she went off ill this stopped, however, since September we have been able to have the school in to church again, and have recently provided some videoed assemblies too. On Pancake Day (Shrove Tuesday!) We had a Flip on the Dock event, where we had between 40-50 children and parents come for pancakes, drinks and pancake flipping races. Chris Woodcock, in a moment of divine inspiration, setup a place in church for those wanting to pray for Ukraine which was well used and appreciated by children and parents alike.

Though Christmas was struck with the onslaught of Omicron we were still able to run many of our usual activities albeit with noticeably lower numbers: The Carol Service; Carol Singing round the pubs; Midnight Communion; and the newly established Carols from the church steps - hopefully blessing and connecting with the wider community.

We were also able to hold our first Eco Fayre before Christmas, as we journey together as an EcoChurch. It was very well organised with external speakers and plenty to do, see and learn.

Re-visioning

We haven't got quite as far as we might have liked with this as COVID lasted a bit longer than I had hoped! However, we did send surveys out to both St Paul's and St Barnabas with the help of Sammie Tooze from the Diocese and Andy Hagon

who has been volunteering for us since September 2021. We got some helpful feedback and this fed into a meeting on 19 Feb. Here both PCCs met together to discuss how we develop a vision that harnesses both churches in partnership, yet also keeps them unique to their own settings. By the time we have our annual meetings we should have had a congregational meeting to further develop our thinking on vision with the hope that by the early Autumn we will have something more definitive to launch to both churches. Please do continue to pray for God's wisdom and guidance through this process.

Thank you to all those who have been involved in any way through this last 12 months, but in particular the staff team and PCC. It has been challenging, yet God has been faithful and will continue to be as we seek to be His Church in Holgate.

[Paul Millard]

Churchwardens Report and Sunday Service

As coronavirus restrictions have been lifted across the country, there has been a gradual sense of a returning normality to our Sunday morning services. To demonstrate a 'duty of care' to each other, we have retained some of the precautions necessary to avoid the spread of this dreadful virus, including mask wearing, hand sanitiser and rows of seats that require social distancing to be observed.

Nevertheless, we are opening up, meeting together in greater numbers, singing the praises of our Lord, praying together in person rather than on Zoom and more generally supporting each other in our faith through more personal contact. Praise the Lord!

The preaching team, led by Paul, has worked hard to provide a programme of teaching that has been both challenging and enriching. In particular, 'The Church is.....' series, focussing on the role of the church in the eyes of God and the 'Rebuilding the Walls' series, based on the book of Nehemiah, have engaged us to think about who we are and how we move forward after the shock of the pandemic. Well done to all our preachers and teachers who have given us so much to think and pray about over the year.

Our musicians and worship leaders continue to provide skillfully arranged music that has really enabled the congregation to worship God. We are so blessed to have so many gifted people who can invite the Holy Spirit, provide a focal point for communing with Jesus and be in the vanguard of our worship.

Our Youth Worker, Fiona, took seriously ill this year and has been unable to lead our young people as she would have liked during the Sunday morning services. We pray that Fiona makes a full recovery. Over the last six months a Youth Steering Group has been established and the young people's work on Sunday morning has been maintained and strengthened by the effort of volunteers from within the congregation and the addition of Alex Wilkinson as a paid worker. The young people's groups currently being run on Sunday morning include Creche (0 to 2yrs), Scramblers (3 to 5yrs), Jump (school years 1 to 5) and St Paul's Youth Church (SYPC) (school years 6 to 9).

Our adult numbers attending services were between approximately 100 to 140 from October 2021 to March 2022, which is greatly up on the average number of attendees seen during the height of the restrictions last year (38 over 19 services). Children attending services were from 15 to 30 over the same period. It has been fantastic to see people return to church, meet each other, offer support and prayer and worship Our Lord together. We hope, as the restrictions are lifted completely, that we can continue to build our suite of opportunities to meet and hopefully, sing out our love for our Lord Jesus Christ with unrestrained gusto!

Christmas was a real highlight with Services throughout the Advent period that built up beautifully to the big day. We were able to reflect on our Lord's birth and the events that led up to it through the teaching of Paul, Matt and others. Christmas itself was particularly busy with more services than usual with St Stephen's Day (Boxing Day) falling on a Sunday, but everyone who helped organise and take part in the Christmas services threw themselves into it, which made for such a lovely blessed time.

One of the positive outcomes of the pandemic – no joke, I think there is one – is that the staff team have worked hard to increase our on-line presence, particularly through our live streamed services. This is where services are 'broadcast' live via our YouTube channel. We are aware that most of those participating in the Sunday morning services in this way are members of St. Paul's, but I believe we have been able to reach out beyond our congregation, which is such a positive thing.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the services over the year. We have had very particular challenges to deal with, but the staff team, PCC and our fabulous volunteers have worked so hard and done so well in providing a space to meet with God and a place to belong.

[Tony Wilson]

Encounter

Encounter was birthed during the pandemic with the purpose of the service being to provide a space for people to encounter God's presence through sung worship, a short reflection and a "holy silence". I remember vividly the first service at St Barnabas as we launched and was delighted at the beautiful atmosphere even though people weren't able to sing. We are now able to sing which is a great blessing and though numbers have ebbed a flowed a little, we seem to have settled around the mid-twenties most weeks. It is lovely worshipping together and feeling God's presence very tangibly as we do so.

There is a great team in place to whom I am really thankful, as without them, we would not be able to have the service. It is encouraging that this is a partnership team drawn together from St Paul's and St Barnabas.

[Paul Millard]

Youth and Children's

This report covers the time from January to December 2021, which has been a time of huge challenge for us all both as a Church and community as it includes the third national lockdown period from January to March, followed by a phased return to 'normality' from March – July 2021. It has also been a difficult time for our Youth and Children's Worker Fiona who after struggling with her health had to take an extended period of sick leave from June to November, and then sadly was only able to manage a return to work for a few hours for a few weeks before needing to take leave again. A Youth and Children's Steering Committee was established in September led by Paul Millard to support Fiona in her absence and to ensure continuity in our ministry to our children and young people. The committee members are Debbie Long, Rose Batey, Dave Wooldridge and Andy Hagon. It has proved to be a successful group and an effective way of prayerfully evaluating ministry and actioning any changes felt necessary in a supportive environment. The year has certainly been extremely challenging but we have endeavoured throughout to provide a rich and varied ministry to our children and young people, which has only been possible by the commitment and resourcefulness of our leaders and volunteers who have worked very hard to make this happen.

Children's work and family worship

During the lockdown period a small but dedicated team – Fiona Peck, Rose Batey, Deborah Blue and Di Savkovic alternated to deliver fabulous Family Worship which was streamed on Facebook on Sunday mornings. These creative, lively sessions were really well received and a wonderful way to maintain connection with our younger children and their families. Following lockdown the popular (socially distanced) Family Faith and Fun Sunday afternoon service lead by Fiona and Rose, was relaunched with an interactive Palm Sunday service (complete with palm branches!) and this monthly service ran for several more sessions until the introduction of a hybrid Sunday morning service in July. This hybrid service ran across the summer months and included a first half family friendly session, with picnic blankets at the front of the church, followed by a break for coffee and a more 'formal' style service following coffee. Once restrictions were eased we were able to enjoy some really memorable all age services – in particular at Christmas with the 'everyone takes part' Nativity, and the lovely Christingle with music provided by our Youth band. Another memorable event was the well attended 'Light Party' jointly hosted with St Barnabas and held there.

Children's Sunday groups for all ages including SYPC were brought back during the Sunday service once the schools restarted in September.

Sunday Groups

Creche:

A parent led creche for all pre-school children operates in the café area each Sunday. Detailed planning is written out in a book for parents to follow based on the Roots material for very young children, with crafts, activities, games and prayers. A large craft box with craft materials – paper, card, paint, pens, playdough and decorating items is provided. It is a happy surprise to see what the children create each week! – they always seem very excited and engaged which is wonderful. Although this does work well a planned improvement for the future would be for a volunteer/s to lead this session (similar to our Scramblers group in the past) which would mean parents would have the option to stay in the service more often (not including parents with babies!).

Jump

Our new style Jump group takes place in the freshly renovated crypt, which is now a lovely environment to be in. Historically Jump has been for the full range of primary school children (5-11) which meant that the group was very large (up to 20) and was often difficult for the leader and helper to manage a session. The steering committee decided it was in the children's best interest to divide the group into two and create a new Jump for ages Reception up to year 3, and a brand new Junior Youth group for years 4, 5 and 6.

As with all the groups it is run by one leader who does the planning based on the Roots material and one helper. The Roots material usually (but not always) links in with the focus in the main service. An age appropriate input/teaching is followed by lots of games and craft activities (and prayers!) in response to the passage of the week, and again a large box of craft resources is provided for leaders and children to use. The smaller numbers (it varies from week to week but averages at about 7) means that all children have the opportunity to express their feelings and views and benefits particularly the quieter members who may have struggled in a larger, noisier group.

Junior Youth

Junior Youth (years 4, 5 and 6) meets upstairs in the middle room, next to SPYC in the inner room. The establishing of this group has proved to be a great success. Numbers are always high around 9 with a core of 5 who come every week. This means that the children are able to build excellent relationships with the leaders and also with each other and has led to friendships also being developed outside church.

Themes are usually in line with the Roots material although there is lots of scope for leaders to follow the discussions, ideas and interests of the children. There is usually some form of craft or games but the main focus of the group is around discussion and encouraging respectful listening, which is a good preparation for the transition into SPYC in year 7. The young people really appreciate having their own space and time to express themselves and we have had some very thought provoking discussions. A prayer session is always included with them making their own contributions as we are really encouraging group prayer in the older age groups. Sometimes this is done with a ball of string where a 'prayer web' is created, or in the form of notes where prayer requests are made and then prayed for by each other. I often lead this group and it has been an absolute pleasure and privilege to be part of it.

SPYC

We are blessed at St Paul's to have the numbers of young people and teenagers who are still committed to attending church when there are so many other distractions in their lives and demands on their time. Numbers can fluctuate with an average of probably 9 but we have had numbers of up to 12 or 13 on some weeks, there have been some recent new additions to the group and it has been really encouraging to see how well they have been welcomed and integrated into the group. A session consists of lots of (lively) discussion, some games, and a detailed response to the weekly bible passage. The group know each other well and are very supportive of each other and their individual views. They have also benefitted enormously from the enthusiastic input from Alex Wilkinson, a young student who was employed on a short term contract to help specifically with our Youth. A highlight of the year has been the youth band playing so brilliantly for the packed Christingle service in December, it would be wonderful to provide them with more opportunities and to see them up at the front more often – it is such a blessing for the whole Church family.

St Paul's Primary

We are committed to developing good relationships with the school and the pupils and to making connections with families through various church linked events. Regular worship videos have been made initially by Fiona and then later by Paul and myself for the school to use in their collective worship sessions. The intention is to return to delivering weekly assemblies in school once they are happy to have these running again. The church office communicates with the school to invite families to events such as our Welcome back weekend and Eco weekend. Other events held this year include the annual Scarecrow Trail with refreshments being provided in Church, and a well attended Pancake/Shrove Tuesday event with free pancakes and races on the dock. This also led to the church being opened for prayer in response to a request from one of the attending parents. Huge thanks to Chris Woodcock for the immediate and beautiful way she made this happen with candles and printed prayers – all within about ten minutes! Now that all restrictions are lifted we hope to also return to our regular 'School goes to Church' services.

DMC

DMC is a group of young people in Years 6, 7 and 8, some of whom come to Church – although most don't, so it has historically been a real provision for the community as well as an outreach opportunity.

During lockdown and beyond Fiona managed to keep a small group of our DMC members connected via Zoom and had regular meetings with them for virtual games and chats. Once lockdown was eased a few sessions were held outside on the dock and in the garden at St Barnabas. To date we have not been able (due to staffing) to meet with DMC in person although there are plans for it to restart in May 2022. Dave Wooldridge has been a long serving leader of this group and is keen for it to relaunch and to give the children who attend the opportunity to attend the Criccieth festival which is beginning in 2022 after several years of (covid) postponement.

Sunday Night Live

Sunday Night Live is a group aimed at our older youth in years 9 through to 13. Topics and themes are very much centred around ideas gained from the young people themselves, and follow their interests. These have included: mental health, faith, how to explain God to your non-Christian friends, power and social media. A session would usually involve some games, (including the ever-popular tray game!) snacks, chat, worship and prayer. During lockdown the group met regularly on Zoom and were able to begin to meet again in a socially distanced way from April until June. The group paused whilst Fiona was absent and relaunched in November as a new midweek Youth group (midweek having been requested by the young people) led initially by Fiona and then subsequently by Andy Hagon and Alex Wilkinson. It has been a tremendously difficult year especially for young people and we are very conscious of the need to continue to offer them the space and time to come together and benefit from connection and fellowship.

THANK YOU

Our Church community is brilliant. We are so blessed by all our willing helpers and leaders and I am so grateful to everyone who does volunteer to help in any way with our fabulous children and young people. Their willingness to invest their time and effort into this ministry is fantastic and gratefully received. A request for new helpers in October resulted in 6 new volunteers and two others who returned to volunteering or offered to help out more. (Anne Horner is a superstar!) The support we have had from Andy Hagon and Alex Wilkinson has been invaluable.

Particular thanks though need to go to the absolute backbone of all that we do – Rosie Batey, Dave Wooldridge, Natalie Bell, are all amazing and we are blessed by their energy, gifts and commitment.

Thank you all so much.

[Debbie Long]

Eco Crafts



Christingle 2021



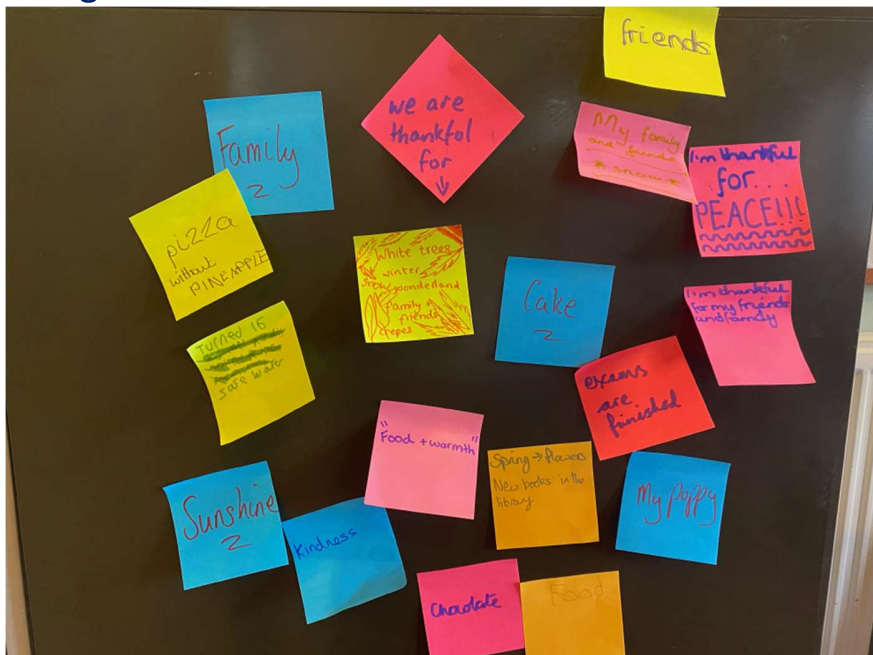
Light Party at St Barnabas, Including a dancing Vicar!



Prayer Web in Junior Youth



Things we are thankful for in SPYC



Jump having fun in the crypt!



Music at St Paul's

After services returned to the church building in the final months of 2020, services also continued online. The new year brought a new third lockdown, and leaders were added to two rotas: one in church and one online. This was a tricky time for leaders, balancing recording videos midweek and organising live music on Sundays.

As we moved into spring, efforts were made to restore a full band rota to include previous band members and to encourage other musicians to join. The response to this was good and it was lovely to see people's willingness to volunteer.

During this time, leading the music in church was a little strange as there was, understandably, limited interaction between the congregation and musicians. The congregation were not allowed to sing along with the music, though I know a few people illegally hummed!

Summer saw a move away from separate online services to church services which were streamed live on St. Paul's YouTube channel. This continued for the rest of the year and into 2022, to enable more opportunities for to reach those unable to attend.

The summer services were divided into two sections and the band leaders were asked to organise two times of music for each service. These times included more child-friendly song choices and were well received, even though the band members did have to brush up on their 'Great Big God' actions!

The positive partnership between St. Barnabas and St. Paul's continued through 2021. Encounter evening services alternated between the two church buildings and musicians from each church worshiped together.

Once autumn arrived, services took on a more normal feel with the congregation allowed to sing, although still wearing masks. Unfortunately, these months saw band members become ill and therefore were unable to play. Thank you to the number of other musicians and leaders who were able to fill in at late notice.

A huge thanks to the technical team, who have made the online services and in church worship possible. This was especially evident as Christmas services ran smoothly. And a huge thank you to the congregations of both churches for continuing to sing loudly even when masked and encouraging us through these complicated times.

[Richard Bunce]

Upper Room 20s-40s Group

Despite all the challenges of Covid, it has been a fairly fruitful year for Upper Room York. Our rhythm of worship and community life has become more firmly established and it's starting to look and feel like we might actually know what we're doing and where we're going a bit more! We've developed a mission action plan that builds on our original vision to be 'deep-spirited friends'. We like to think of our community as encompassing four 'Fs' - Faith, Fun, Friendship and Fullness. We have adopted a 'stepping stones' model to our approach. This means at whatever stage of faith someone joins us or dips their toe in, we should have made it easy for them to get forward momentum in their faith journey. We seek to be a fully inclusive community, open and accessible to all. Monday nights are the real foundation stone of Upper Room. I'm thrilled to say that numbers have grown at these sessions and we nearly always fill the room. The frustrating part is not knowing when and if people will show up! We are up to about 25-30 Monday 'regulars' - but rarely does everyone come all at once. The sessions include laughs, Bible, prayer, fellowship and discussion.

At other times in the week we offer exploring faith sessions (usually Tuesdays); social nights (usually Wednesdays) Wednesdays (whenever possible). Weekends are taken up with Sunday church services, family-friendly gatherings, serving/outreach

Key 2022 Highlights:

A charity football match and a partnership formed with a 20s-40s community in Salford.

Large summer weekend family-friendly gatherings on Acomb Green; pizza nights, volleyball, ten-pin bowling, walks, a men's health evening and a Christmas social. A winter retreat weekend; St Barnabas school-run cafe; Two Start Courses; Core team training at Wydale; A curry night and Q and A with the Archbishop of York.

Challenges:

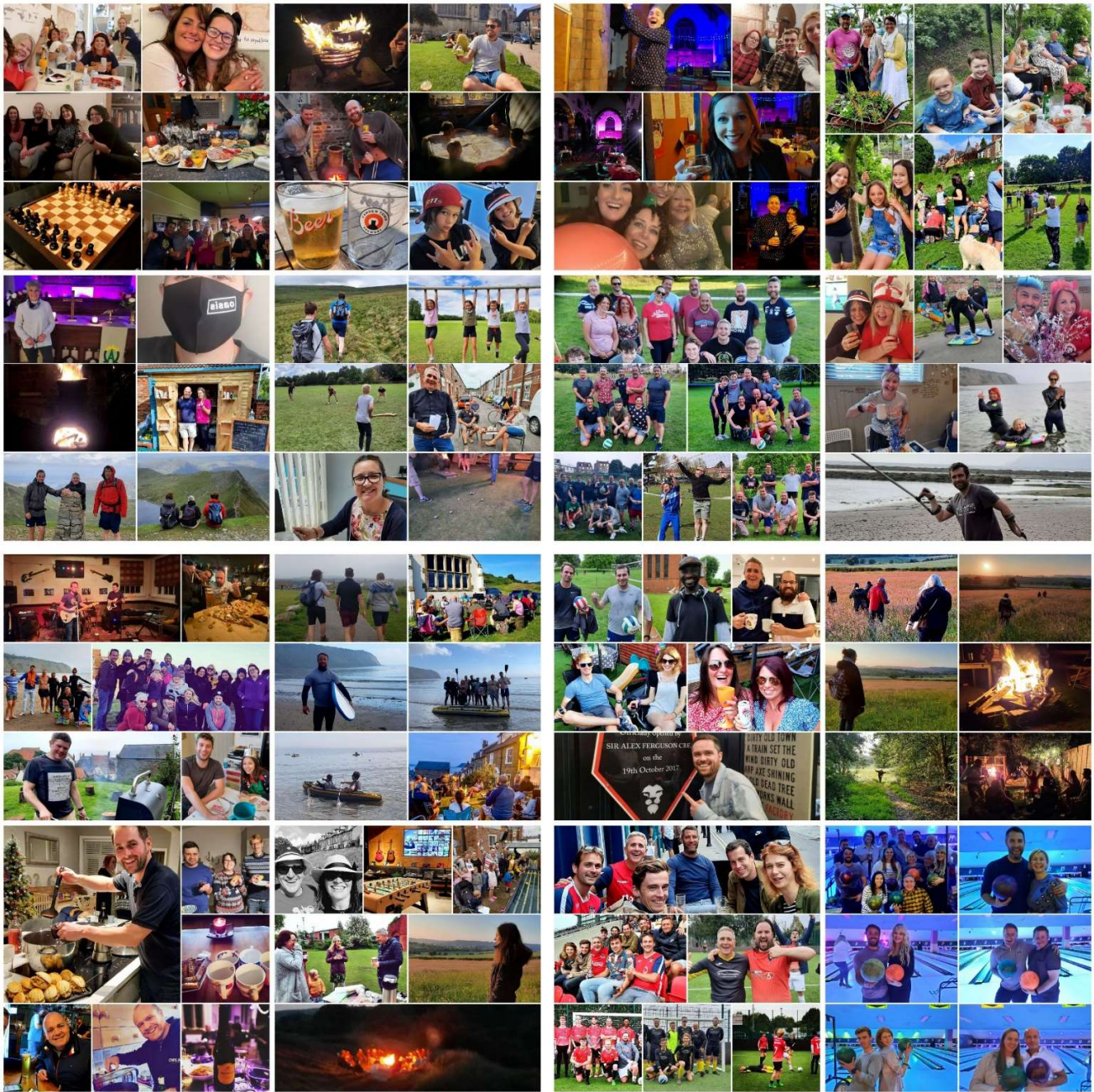
It has been a difficult year personally for some key Upper Room people. This has been hard but also shown the strength of the relationships we've formed and the joy of having a strong and prayerful community.

Future plans:

- Summer weekend at Robin Hood's Bay. We've partnered with Old School House to put on events for the folk festival and will be putting on a Sunday outreach service with the local churches.
- A Holy Spirit series on Mondays.
- Serving on the CPAS Pathfinder Camp at Criccieth, North Wales, in August.
- Seek to get more happening with other potential York Multiply Groups.
- Baptisms and Conformations.
- Get involved with the LLF process.
- Be part of the St Bs and St Ps vision process. Work out what the future looks like. Is the idea to become autonomous or continue as an offshoot community continuing to mix in with StBs and StPs?
- Matt hoping to take extended study leave next year.

Please continue to pray for us!

[Rev Matt Woodcock]



Toddlers

Toddler Group had to close in March 2020, due to Covid restrictions, for what seemed like an eternity! We were finally able to start back up in May 2021. However, this was with very limited numbers; maximum 15 adult attendees (children were not included in the numbers). We used Eventbrite as a way for people to book a slot, but the take up wasn't as well received as we'd have liked it to be.

We had a break for the summer holiday, then we were finally able to get back to 'normal' in September - No booking needed or limitations of numbers!

The numbers were fairly low to begin with - most of which were returning families.

Numbers gradually increased, and we were able to have our annual Christmas party, which was very well received, by 67 children and 51 adults.

Fast forward to January - word has spread and the group is booming again. Each week there is someone new; we've had over 50 new families since September, coming and trying out the group - about 30 of those I'd class as regular attenders now.

[Sarah Graham]

Safeguarding

At St Paul's we put safeguarding at the heart of our church life, a way to show we care. To support this many people have undertaken online modules in safeguarding training. The pathway for training was updated this year to streamline where needed, and new modules in domestic abuse added. In the Autumn we brought safeguarding into our Sunday service, considering how we want to be a church where you can bring your whole-self and be welcomed. This was part of a diocese-wide safeguarding week which provided many Zoom sessions covering topics such as online safety, supporting people who have suffered abuse and mental well-being. If you are new to any roles, or have any safeguarding questions do not hesitate to contact me for support safeguarding.stpaulsyork@gmail.com

Parish Safeguarding Officer

[Heather Robinson]

Technology

At the beginning of 2021 we were still pre-recording services to stream on YouTube while services were held in person from St Paul's, this changed just after Easter. Services from St Paul's (and St Barnabas) began streaming live from the building, enabling everyone to join together in the same service, whether remotely or in person. The investment in a permanent camera/streaming system has also enabled us to stream other services and events, including funerals and school events.

Viewership online has dropped off since services began back in the building, but this was to be expected as more and more people felt comfortable rejoining the live congregations, but we still get between 50 and 100 views on streamed services.

Towards the end of 2021 we started to look into revamping how we as a church organise the various rotas that are needed to ensure each Sunday is well supported. Many online systems were investigated, and ChurchSuite was chosen.

New volunteers came forward to learn how to operate the PA system at St Paul's and have been learning the ropes, both for in person services, and services that are streamed. Having to balance the audio for both services, each requiring a different mix, is not an easy task, and we are grateful for the effort and time all the volunteers have put into learning this.

[Ryan Smith]

PBsCC (St Paul's and Barnabas Cycling Club)

We formed this club in Spring 2021 and though it consists mainly of St Paul's members, we do have a regular from St Barnabas too and others who may join at another point. We managed to get out for several rides in 2021 and these were generally in a Saturday morning. The most we had was 6 people at any one ride and would ride up to 45miles with the odd coffee/or pub stop! We average between 13-14mph so a steady pace. If you are interested then please get in touch with Paul Millard and he'll get you in the WhatsApp group.

[Paul Millard]



Fabric and Furnishings Report

St Paul's is a well-maintained church that undertakes regular Quinquennial Inspections (QI) and acts on the recommendations. The last QI was undertaken by Graham Saxton in April 2017. As QIs are carried out every five years, we are, therefore, due one this year and the Architect, Chris Cotton has been approached to carry it out.

Works carried out since the last Quinquennial Inspection

Some minor works and improvements have been carried out since the last QI, including:

- Crypt refurbishment and flooring
- Boiler maintenance
- Replacement of downlights in the nave and light fittings in the café area
- Extractor fan replaced in café area
- Mortice lock fitted to Crypt outer door
- Flush and basin repaired in Crypt disabled toilet
- General maintenance works to the roofs, copings, gutter and flashings
- Emergency lighting tested and certificate issued in February 2020
- New car park security lighting timer installed
- Fire exit bars fitted to South door
- Boiler and gas service certificate issued in November 2021
- Extinguisher testing certificate issued in October 2021
- Replacement of high-level lights

We need to keep in mind that major works, which include the repointing of stonework and masonry, as well as guttering repairs are yet to be complete. This is understandable given the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic; however, these works have now become more urgent and it is unlikely that this will go unnoticed during our next QI.

Works Required by our Risk Assessments

A number of improvements have been made to comply with the requirements of our risk assessments. These include:

- Smoke and heat alarms fitted in the required places in the church
- The internal glass door fitted with new barrel
- Fire exit signs fitted
- The top of the external steps painted white
- No park hatching painted on car park – this needs to be re-done
- Vegetation cleared from North / Vestry exit
- Quick release bars fitted on South door exit
- Finger guard fitted on kitchen door

We have developed a thorough action plan of works based on our risk assessment will continue to carry out the works necessary to make St Paul's a safe place to be.

Grounds, Fittings and Furnishings

The Church grounds have been well maintained by Robin and occasional gangs of volunteers from the congregation.

There has been no material change, apart from those stated above, to the general furnishings and fittings over the last year, although some of the décor is beginning to look a little tired.

A big thank you to Ian for keeping an accurate record of repairs with a Maintenance Logbook and for arranging, supervising and carrying out many of the works.

[Tony Wilson]

Prayer Ministry and Say One For Me

Chris Woodcock and her team have been able to restart Prayer Ministry for our monthly Holy Communion services which has been really encouraging and I hope might continue to grow to be something we do more than once a month over time.

The Thursday morning prayer team continued to meet at 8.00am for 30min via WhatsApp call. Prayer requests can be submitted via the sayoneforme@stpaulsyork.org email address, we also pick up prayer topics in church. It's a continuing privilege to pray for our community and beyond, and it's especially good to get feedback on situations we have prayed for. We don't have any plans to go back to meeting in church, partly because one of our members splits her time between York and Sussex! Newcomers welcome.

We also have a longstanding and committed group of prayer warriors also meet to pray on Fridays. Thanks to all those who pray in these groups and who pray outside them too.

[Paul Millard]

[Rowena Stephenson]

Young At Heart

This was not held in 2021 due to Covid-19 restrictions.

[Debbie Long]

Holgate Community Gospel Choir

Holgate Community Gospel Choir continued to meet via zoom during the pandemic, and even gained some brave new members! The online meetings and the WhatsApp group provided a great connection for many of us during the various lockdowns, however we have loved being able to get back to singing together in real life, first in gardens, and now regularly meeting in St. Paul's. We were delighted to finally be able to perform our "welcome" song for Rev Paul, a mere 18 months after he arrived! We currently have nearly 30 singers on our books, a mix of church members and those from the wider community, and we are enjoying learning some new material as well as refreshing our knowledge of favourite arrangements from previous years. For our next performance, we are looking forward to performing at the wedding of one of our choir members in the summer. New members are always welcome!

[Liz Blount]

Coffee & Co

Coffee n Co is still thriving and seems to meet a need. We closed for approximately 6 weeks from mid-December to the beginning of February due to Covid. Our numbers are slightly down averaging 35-40 weekly as there are many folks struggling with illness, old age problems and don't make it as often as they would like to. In amongst this we are still aiming to have 3 services + lunch in the year. I wish to thank the team for their dedication and commitment, unsung heroes serving their Lord who sustains us in it all.

[Maureen Patrick]

Men's Fellowship

2021 was, again, a disrupted year for St Paul's Men's fellowship, albeit less so than 2020. Some activities were cancelled but we managed a good selection of social and worship or study-based events.

As in previous years, we managed a weekend away at our usual haunt of Barmoor, an old shooting lodge in Hutton-le-Hole. We were pleased to welcome Allen Dixon, a long-standing member of St Michael-le-Belfrey church, who led our study sessions on 'When God seems far away.' We even had the Rector leading worship on his guitar for the first time! The weather was unkind and sent an Atlantic storm. Nonetheless, we still undertook our customary walk to Lastingham, with some retiring to the pub in Hutton. The walk back to Barmoor, about a mile, was uphill, in hurricane force winds, a vertical blast of ice in our faces and torrents of water coursing down the hill. The SAS are now contemplating adding the weekend into their training!

During the rest of the year we organised a number of men's evenings, usually involving food. We visited Poppleton Social for pizza and beer and The Indian Ocean at Acomb Green for a well-attended curry night. Whenever restrictions permitted, we gathered on a Tuesday night at The Sun Inn, also at Acomb Green, for our habitual Tuesday night pint and chin wag.

We managed a visit to the Banff Film Festival at The Barbican, which entertained us with films about extreme type sports, something we aspire to, but probably wouldn't dare attempt. However, some of the more active of us have taken part in regular cycling, the occasional run up hills and dales, and even the odd yachting trip in The Lakes.

As ever, we are always keen to welcome new men into the fellowship as an additional means of joining the fellowship. If you would like to hear about activities, the best way is to join our Whatsapp thread. To do so, please speak to one of the following.

[Mark Robinson, Kevin Blount, Nigel Sweasey, Steve Crowther]

St Paul's Walking Group

The group have been meeting once a month between February and November to enjoy a 5-6 mile walk in Yorkshire. The walks are always on a Saturday and generally within 25 miles of York – sharing lifts is encouraged. The group has explored areas around York including the Yorkshire Moors and the Wolds. Recent walks have been around Huggate, Terrington, Welburn/Castle Howard, Ampleforth and Settrington. The walks finish in time for us to visit a local café and enjoy refreshments together.

The walks are a great opportunity to meet with others, chat to new people and all in spectacular countryside. We typically get between 15 and 26 people on the walk. Last November, after a 2 year break, we managed to get everyone together for a short walk followed by a pub lunch.

If you like walking why not come along!

[Julian and Catherine Davies]

Women In St Paul's Ministry

We are pleased to report that women's breakfasts resumed last July with a breakfast in the lawn of St Barnabas on a hot Saturday morning. It was attended by around 20 people from both churches and was a great opportunity to meet people whom we'd only seen via Zoom during lockdown. Since then, we've met at St Paul's in the autumn and had a reflection led by Chris Woodcock, and again in January with a talk on the global refugee crisis by a retired World Vision aid worker, Peggy Tai. Both events were well attended (by 20-25 people), and the next women's breakfast will be at St Barnabas on Saturday 12th March at 9.30 am, with a reflection led by Phyllis Smith. After that, we hope to continue to hold them bi-monthly, alternating between the two churches.

As well as women's breakfasts, we organised a women's day at Thicket Priory in September, in lieu of a weekend which had to be postponed due to Covid restrictions. It was attended by 35 people from both churches and Hannah Madin, our ex-curate, led the teaching sessions. It was also a time for reconnecting with each other, as well as for worship, reflection and prayer.

The next women's weekend will take place at the Jonas Centre in Leyburn, Wensleydale from Friday 30th September-Sunday 1st October. Our speaker will be the Rev'd Lucy Brencher, formerly a member of St Paul's. You can reserve a place by completing a booking form via the church office or at the next women's breakfast.

If you have any ideas for speakers for topics for future women's breakfasts, or if you would like to help with preparations for the women's weekend, please see anyone in the committee.

Therese Barton, Claire Gardiner, Jan Grey, Ellie McCullough (St Paul's)
Mary Key, Sannah Walker (St Barnabas)

York Deanery Synod

The new Synod was elected for 3 years in May, with David Nunns & Carole Meikle filling 2 of our 3 lay representative posts, with no one else willing to stand for our third post.

Most of the discussion at our 4 meetings (3 of which were on Zoom) has been to consider our new Archbishop's strategy document for his York Diocese based on the national 5 marks of Mission, which he is calling 'Living Christ's Story'. Having received feedback from Parishes the Deanery hope to start looking into detailed planning in the latter half of 2022.

At our only live meeting there was a discussion considering the Climate Emergency, ways to move towards net-zero carbon and Eco Churches. It was envisaged there would be a Green Champion in each Deanery. It was interesting to hear the views of other churches, as we have started out on our Eco Church initiatives.

[Carole Meikle, David Nunns]

Reading the Bible Together

Back in 2020 we were joyously working our way through John's gospel - until March, when the pandemic lockdown interrupted us at chapter 8 verse 11. We resumed at the next verse (after Vladimir's summary of all of the preceding text) on 20th July 2021. It was good to be back round that table, without masks or social distancing, enjoying the refreshment that only a close attention to the Scriptures can bring. We carried on meeting pretty much every week until 16th November 2021, when our exploration of John's gospel was concluded. The average attendance at our meetings was similar to the previous seasons - about 12-14.

The programme for 2022 is Luke's gospel. As always, everyone is invited to join us, whether or not a member of St Paul's or St Barnabas, and regardless of how much previous experience you have in exploration of the Bible.

[Vladimir and Jayne Andrie]

The Office

My last report from the office seemed to be one of beginnings. Beginning of Covid, beginning of lockdown, beginning of working from home and the beginning of Paul's Rectorship.

This report seems to be one of endings. Ending of Covid restrictions, ending of working from home, ending of booking your seat in church. Thankfully it hasn't signalled the end of Paul's Rectorship.

The consequence of all these endings was that church was open again and all the various groups were able to start up again.

The office continues to be the hub of St Paul's Church, emails, phone calls, meetings, compiling rotas, the mundane but vital tasks that helps St Paul's function. The new Church Suite software I'm sure in time will be a big help in the organisation of some office functions.

Sadly, for me, it was also the end of Truda and Jane's time in the office and I want to thank them both for all the help they gave me, and the hard work they put into working with me, over the years. However, you never really leave working in the office and they both are still on the end of a phone for me for any help needed. To quote The Eagles from Hotel California "You can check-out any time you like, but you can never leave!"

My thanks also go to Therese and Janet who haven't left (yet?) and big thanks to Jenny Wan who has joined the office team to take over from Jane.

Whilst I'm in thanking mode I want to thank Ryan for his tech and other support. Toby, who joined when Chris cut his hours, for his cleaning and Verging duties. Chris for his continued faithfulness to the cleaning of St Paul's and to Will Blue for his unswerving commitment to the stewardship of St Paul's finances. Perhaps my biggest thanks go to all those volunteers who took up where they left off once we opened again, to make the Sunday Services work.

Further to the theme of endings, this will be my last report from the office as I am retiring in the Autumn after nine and a half years as Administrator. I've thoroughly enjoyed my time in post and have seen a lot of people pass through the Staff Team in that time. It's been a privilege to work with them all, however the biggest privilege has been serving the congregation of St Paul's Church. Thank you for allowing me to.

[Ian Gardiner]

Environmental Group

St Paul's PCC committed to becoming an Eco Church in March 2021. Since then, a number of environmental improvements have taken place in each of the five key areas, as follows:

Worship & teaching (Paul Millard)

A special service with Bishop John during September, preaching during August, prayers for the environment in October and the 2022 lent course.

Management of church land (Jude Patrick)

Restoration of the fenced garden including installation of bird box, bird feeders, bug hotel, pond, pollinating plants and composting.

Community & global engagement (Natalie Bell)

A Green Fair with craft corner and cafe which attracted more than 100 visitors, showcased local green enterprises and included a Q & A session with local councillors

Lifestyle (Jan Grey)

An Environmental working group (EWG) was formed to champion the cause of our church and a proportion of our funds were ethically invested.

Management of buildings (Nigel Sweasey)

Ongoing analysis of data to enable measurement of our carbon footprint, continued use of renewable energy following a change of suppliers, and replacement of some lighting with LED.

Selected objectives for 2022

To:

- Install LED lighting in the nave, subject to cost and practicability
- Use environmentally friendly cleaning products
- Plant trees & grow vegetables
- Encourage members to:
- Undertake a personal carbon footprint audit, reduce, reuse & recycle
- Volunteer for local conservation work
- Engage with our local council on environmental matter

If you would like to know more, please talk to an EWG member, look at the church website: <http://stpaulsyork.org.uk/caring-for-creation> or email ewg@stpaulsyork.org.uk.

Finally, many thanks if you have made a donation to the Environmental fund which currently stands at £864.

[John Tull]

Financial Statement

Review of Financial Activities

2021 has been another strange year, with reopening and learning to live with new patterns and ways of doing things in St Paul's Church. Reopening and choices around services, gatherings, masks, and community naturally have changed the status quo in more than just our interactions, but also have affected the finances in many ways.

In a year of uncertainty, we've been encouraged by the generosity of everyone who has continued to donate to St Paul's. Some people moving from occasional donations to committing to a standing order, others that despite the huge financial pressures at home have continued to donate what they can. However, as you can see from the accounts, we've seen a huge reduction of plate giving (£5,500:2019 to £2,000:2021) in and unplanned donations (£31,000:2019 to £6,000:2021) in the last 2 years. However, this has reduced our overall donations in the region of £35,000 lower than pre-pandemic levels (£170,000:2019 to £135,000:2021)

In 2021 the accounts show us making a healthy surplus of £32,420 over the year bringing our total funds up to £566,631. However, this doesn't show the whole picture, as this figure contains both restricted funds (which are only allowed to be spent for their originally donated purpose) and unrestricted funds (the general funds that can be spent by the PCC as required)

Our restricted funds increased by nearly £44,000, mostly due to a £35,000 gain in the value of the investments we hold for the Reordering project: This brought our restricted fund up to a total of nearly £480,000, of which 97% is held for the reordering project, and the remaining split across a variety of other funds as detailed in the table in the below accounts.

However, the flipside is our unrestricted funds decreased by over £11,006, (from £99k to £87k)

In addition, it is worth bearing in mind that these unrestricted funds are not all available as cash we can spend.

- £29k is held as fixed assets. This means that the value is held as physical items rather than money, and unless we wish to sell these items (such as the chairs we sit on) this value is not available for the PCC to spend.

Of our £58k of liquid funds:

- £29k the PCC has earmarked towards our expected maintenance costs, the majority being the issues that were picked up during the Quinquennial survey. These are expected to be spent in the very near future.

We aim to hold reserves (as per PCC policy) of £45,000, which we technically meet with £58k of liquid funds.

However, once we are required to spend money to fix the quinquennial issues, we expect to drop below our reserves to around £28,000 Therefore we need to be aiming to build up our unrestricted funds and plug this deficit.

Unfortunately, our budget for 2022, shows that if we take no corrective action, we'll be on track for a further £15k deficit in 2022. Therefore, the PCC have difficult choices to make to improve our financial situation: which sadly boil down to:

- 1) Increase Income
- 2) Reduce Expenditure.

The PCC are reviewing how we as a Church can do this, by engaging with the congregation and Diocese "generous giving team", as well as reviewing our Vision as a congregation and a community for where God wants us and our focus to be in the future. Please pray for guidance for the PCC through these hard choices and decisions.

I wish to take the opportunity to thank everyone who supports St Paul's, whether that's financially or with their time and efforts. Nothing we can do could be done without your support.

I'd also like to remind everyone of the "Laurie Smith Helping Hands Fund" with which we are able to support those struggling financially. So if you, or if you know someone who is struggling financially, please get in touch with Paul or myself in strictest confidence.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with me at Treasurer@StPaulsYork.org.uk and I'll be more than happy to discuss.
[William Blue]

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST PAULS YORK**ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021****Statement of Financial Activities**

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Income From:					
Donations and Legacies	2(a)	123,286	11,181	134,467	141,096
Charitable Activities	2(b)	4,132	1,516	5,648	1,532
Investments	2(c)	43	6,960	7,003	3,429
Other Income	2(d)	6,610	0	6,610	7,382
Total Income		134,071	19,657	153,728	153,441
Expenditure On:					
Charitable Activities	3(a)	107,917	47,693	155,610	154,723
Raising Funds	3(b)	358	0	358	0
Other Expenditure	3(c)	0	0	0	735
Total Expenditure		108,275	47,693	155,968	155,458
Net Gains/(Losses) on Investments	5	0	34,660	34,660	33,580
Net Income/Expenditure		25,796	6,624	32,420	31,562
Transfers Between Funds	9(a)	(37,168)	37,168	0	0
Net Movement in Funds		(11,372)	43,792	32,420	31,562
Total Funds Brought Forward 1 January		98,692	435,519	534,211	502,647
Total Funds Carried Forward 31 December		87,320	479,311	566,631	534,210

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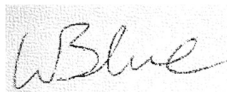
Balance Sheet

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets:					
Tangible	6	29,409	0	29,409	33,775
Investments	5	0	459,502	459,502	424,842
Total Fixed Assets		29,409	459,502	488,911	458,617
Current Assets:					
Debtors	7	1,899	345	2,244	2,575
Cash at bank and in hand		70,855	20,236	91,091	82,429
Total Current Assets		72,754	20,581	93,335	85,004
Current Liabilities:					
Creditors	8	14,843	772	15,615	9,411
Total Liabilities		14,843	772	15,615	9,411
Net Current Assets		57,911	19,809	77,720	75,593
Net Assets		87,320	479,311	566,631	534,210

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 26th Apr 2022 and signed on its behalf by



Paul Millard
Rector



William Blue
Treasurer

The notes on pages 29 to 39 form part of these financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statement

Note1 – Accounting Policies

Scope

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 owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS 102). The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention, except for investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets, and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law.

Reserves Policy

- It is the PCC policy to seek to maintain a balance on unrestricted reserves which is equivalent to two months general running costs and an additional one month's salary costs.
 - This currently equates to approx. £45,000 Reserves.
- The PCC currently hold unrestricted Net current assets (reserves) of £64,916 meeting our policy.

Mission Giving Policy

- It is the PCC policy to tithe our donated income to 10% of Regular giving & plate collections (plus associated gift aid).
- This is distributed by the PCC to a variety of causes split between Mission Evangelism & Social Evangelism, both in local communities and abroad.

Incoming Resources

- Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.
- Income tax recoverable on gift aid donations is recognised when the donations are recognised.
- Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due.
- Funds raised at social and similar events are accounted for gross.
- Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is due.
- Interest and dividends are accounted for when receivable.

Resources expended

- Expenditure is recognised when it is incurred and is accounted gross.
- The diocesan Free Will Offer is accounted for when payable.

Fixed assets

- Fixtures and fittings are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the expected useful life of the asset.
- Items costing less than £1,000 are not capitalised but are fully written off in the year of acquisition.
- All expenditure incurred during the year on the church building, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the SOFA.

Debtors

- Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.
- Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, and cash held on deposit either with the bank or the CBF Church of England Funds.

Risk Management

- Financial Risk is managed through regular reporting of the management of the accounts to the PCC.

Note2(a) – Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£	£
Donations and legacies				
Planned - Gift Aided	80,040	4,600	84,640	84,072
Gift Aid	20,767	1,931	22,698	21,898
Planned – Other	16,630	690	17,320	19,775
Unplanned giving	3,030	2,864	5,894	9,057
Legacies	2,000	0	2,000	5,000
Collections	819	1,016	1,835	1,022
Other Donations	0	80	80	270
Total	123,286	11,181	134,467	141,096

Note2(b) – Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£	£
Charitable Activities				
Weddings/Funerals	3,187	0	3,187	970
Men's Ministry	0	1,030	1,030	23
Church Lettings	515	0	515	0
Toddlers Group	415	0	415	297
Other	15	158	173	0
Reordering Fundraising	0	168	168	241
Women's Ministry	0	160	160	0
Total	4,132	1,516	5648	1,532

Note2(c) – Income from investments

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£	£
Investments				
Interest & Dividends	43	6,960	7,003	3,429
Total	43	6,960	7,003	3,429

Note2(d) – Income from other income

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£	£
Other Income				
Grants	4,568	0	4,568	3,927
St Barnabas Shared Expenses	1860	0	1860	2,418
Misc Income	182	0	182	350
Congregation Gifts	0	0	0	685
Office Reimbursement	0	0	0	0
Total	6,610	0	6,610	7,382

Note3(a) – Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£	£
Charitable Activities:				
Free Will Offer	70,000	0	70,000	70,000
Staff (note 4)	0	42,891	42,891	47,778
Mission Giving	12,725	1,237	13,962	13,455
Utility Bills	7,982	0	7,982	8,337
Maintenance	4,415	0	4,415	1,291
Depreciation of assets	4,366	0	4,366	5,345
Tech/Music	1,418	1,908	3,326	2,081
Staff Expenses	2,405	127	2,532	2,058
Weddings/Funerals	1930	0	1,930	474
Men's Ministry	0	1,079	1,079	0
Service costs	852	41	893	381
Office	838	0	838	896
Communications	466	0	466	409
Women's Ministry	0	218	218	628
Toddlers Group	159	0	159	89
Youth	0	133	133	277
Coffee & Co	0	54	54	0
Misc	361	5	366	1,224
Total Expenditure	107,917	47,693	155,610	154,723

Note3(b) – Expenditure on Raising Funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£	£
Raising Funds:				
Other	358	0	358	0
Total Expenditure	358	0	358	0

Note3(c) – Expenditure on Other

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£	£
Other Expenditure:				
Congregation Gifts	0	0	0	735
Total Expenditure	0	0	0	735

Note4 – Staff Costs

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£	£
Staff Costs:				
Gross Salaries	0	41,749	41,749	46,650
Workplace Pension	0	1,142	1,142	1,128
Employer National Insurance	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditure	0	42,891	42,891	47,778

During the year the PCC employed the following staff:

- Administrator,
- Youth & Children's worker,
- Parish Vergers,
- Technical Contractor,

This is the equivalent of 3 full time staff.

No member of the PCC was paid a fee during 2021 except for reimbursement of expenses.

There were no fees paid to the independent examiner in the year 2021

Note5 – Investments

	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
	£	£
Investments:		
Market value at 1 January	424,842	391,262
Additions at cost	0	0
Revaluation	34,660	33,580
Market Value at 31 December	459,502	424,842

During the year an investment has been held, for the restricted fund “Church Reordering Project”, by Ruffer LLP in their “Absolute Return C Inc”

The holding at 31 December 2021 was 229,843.155 shares and the value per share was 199.92p

Note6 – Tangible Assets

	Land & Buildings	Church Equipment	Total 2021	Total 2020
			£	£
Cost of Valuation:				
At 1 January	0	33,775	33,775	39,120
Additions	0	0	0	0
Disposal	0	0	0	0
At 31 December	0	33,775	33,775	39,120
Depreciation:				
Charge for the year	0	4,366	4,366	5,345
Value:				
At 31 December	0	29,409	29,409	33,775

Church Equipment comprises of Chairs, Festival Technics Equipment, Keyboard & Stand, and Glass Washer.

Note7 – Debtors

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£	£
Debtors:				
Gift Aid Receivable	1,689	145	1834	1,791
Energy Accounts	210	0	210	593
Deposits	0	200	200	0
Misc	0	0	0	190
Total Debtors	1,899	345	2,244	2,575

Note8 – Creditors

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£	£
Creditors:				
Mission Giving	12,671	0	12,671	9,411
Energy Accruals	2,172	0	2,172	0
Other	0	423	423	0
Staff Accruals	0	349	349	0
Total Expenditure	14,843	772	15,615	9,411

Note9(a) – Fund Movement

	Balance 1 Jan	Income	Expend- iture	Transfer	Balance 31 Dec
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds:					
General	(12,335)	133,656	86,664	(7,239)	27,418
Designated Funds:					
Assets	33,775	0	4,366	0	29,409
Maintenance	31,181	0	4,415	2,400	29,166
Toddlers	1,071	415	159	0	1,327
Mission Giving	0	0	12,671	12,671	0
Reserve	45,000	0	0	(45,000)	0
Dedicated Subtotal	111,027	415	21,611	(29,929)	59,902
Restricted Funds:					
Church Reordering	423,603	41,787	0	1	465,391
Cornerstone	4,883	450	0	0	5,333
Helping Hands	2,848	663	31	0	3,480
Youth Work	1,019	0	35	0	984
Environmental Group	0	865	1	0	864
Women's Ministry	617	261	218	0	660
Young at Heart	600	0	0	0	600
Kaleidoscope	584	0	0	0	584
Men's Ministry	409	1,030	1,079	0	360
Flowers	300	95	41	0	354
Coffee & Co	386	0	54	0	332
St Paul's School	0	198	0	0	198
Primary Aged Youth Work	270	0	99	0	171
Staff	0	5,990	43,018	37,028	0
Technology	0	1,772	1,908	136	0
Other	0	1,206	1,209	3	0
Congregation Gifts	0	0	0	0	0
Restricted Subtotal	435,519	54,317	47,693	37,168	479,311
Fund Movement Totals	534,211	188,388	155,968	0	566,631

Note9(b) – Fund Definitions

- General
 - PCCs funds with no specific restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC.

Designated Funds

- Assets
 - Designated funds highlighting tangible assets that St Paul's retains.
- Maintenance
 - Designated funds put aside each month to cover future maintenance, including the Quinquennial.
- Mission Giving
 - Designated funds put aside to donate to mission partners
- Toddlers
 - Designated funds for toddlers' donations: to be used at toddlers discretion.
- Reserve
 - Designated funds to represent our reserves policy separate from the general fund
 - For clarity this fund has now been closed and reserves are now included in the General fund.

Restricted Funds

- Church Reordering
 - Restricted funds for use for the new church building and refurbishment of the church premises
- Coffee & Co
 - Restricted funds for the Coffee and Co group at St Paul's
- Congregation Gifts
 - Restricted fund to be passed on the members of the congregation as gifts (for example leaving presents)
- Cornerstone
 - Restricted funds for use in repair or reconditioning of the fabric of St Paul's Church building
- Environmental Fund
 - Restricted funds for the use of the Eco Group initiatives.
- Flowers
 - Restricted fund to be spent on flowers for the Church
- Helping Hands (Laurie Smith)
 - Restricted funds for the use at the Church leadership's discretion. Intended for use as a hardship fund.
- Kaleidoscope
 - Restricted funds for the Kaleidoscope service at St Paul's
- Men's Ministry
 - Restricted funds for use for Men's ministry (Men's weekend or events)
- Other
 - Restricted funds which have been donated for a specific purpose, however, do not have their own named fund.
- Primary Aged Youth Work
 - Restricted funds to be spent supporting primary aged children's work.
- St Paul's School
 - Restricted funds for joint projects between St Paul's School and St Paul's Church

- Staff
 - Restricted funds for the payment of the direct costs of the staff team at St Paul's (Wages, Tax, Pension costs, etc)
- Technology
 - Restricted funds for technology at St Paul's
- Women's Ministry
 - Restricted funds for use for women's ministry (Women's weekend or events)
- Young at Heart
 - Restricted funds for the Young at Heart group at St Paul's
- Youth Work
 - Restricted funds for the youth and children's work of St Paul's

Independent Examiners Report

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST PAULS YORK

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Parochial Church Council ("PCC") for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

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

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the PCC has prepared accounts in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the PCC as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Mrs Ruth Prins FCPFA BA(Hons)

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Date: 12th April 2022

Accounts



St Paul's Church, York

Charity Reg. No.1133875

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ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

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Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council

Structure & Governance

The Parish of St Paul's, York is a parish within the Church of England as defined by canon law. Individual parishes within the church of England do not have a separate constitution. They work within the framework of Church of England ecclesiastical law, consisting of the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure (1956) and the Church Representation Rules. Charitable Status was achieved in 2010

Parish Name:	St Paul's York
Charity Name (working name):	St Paul's, Holgate PCC
Church & Office Address:	St Paul's Church, Holgate Road, York YO24 4BF
Charity Number:	1133875

Church Membership

Our Electoral roll now stands at 144 people of which 58 are resident and 86 are non-resident

PCC Responsibilities

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is the executive committee of a Church of England parish and consists of clergy and churchwardens of the parish, together with representatives of the laity.

Legally the PCC is responsible for the financial affairs of the church parish and the maintenance of its assets, and for promoting the mission of the church.

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in -

- The promotion of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England Promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, social, evangelistic and, Ecumenical
- To know Jesus better and make Him better known
- Practical support and care for people in the parish, from the youngest to the eldest, irrespective of level of need or, ability to pay
- The church family welcomes visitors from within as well as outside the parish boundary. Visitors attend by personal choice and we welcome anyone from all walks of life to take part in the life of the church.

PCC Membership

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules or co-opted on for a period of one year. During the year 2020 the following served as members of the PCC.

MEMBERS

- | | |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| • Deborah Blue | January to March |
| • Eleanor McCullough | January to March |
| • Stephen Crowther | January to July |
| • Maureen Patrick | January to October |
| • Mark Robinson | January to October |
| • Jenny Threlfall | January to October |
| • Tom Wooldridge | January to October |
| | |
| • Rose Batey | January to December |
| • William Blue | January to December |
| • Tom Hanham | January to December |
| • Van Wilson | January to December |
| | |
| • Paul Millard | April to December |
| • Natalie Bell | October to December |
| • Tom Patrickson | October to December |
| • John Tull | October to December |

CHURCHWARDENS

- | | |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| • Lesley Nichols | January to December |
| • Rowena Stephenson | January to October |
| • Tony Wilson | October to December |

DEANERY SYNOD REPRESENTATIVES

- | | |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| • Carole Meikle | January to December |
| • David Nunns | January to December |
| • Van Wilson | January to October |

ST PAUL'S READER

- | | |
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| • Adrian Church | January to December |
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The officers elected from October 2020 are as follows -

- | | |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| • Chair | Paul Millard |
| • Treasurer | William Blue |
| • Secretary | Van Wilson |
| • Electoral Roll Officer | Truda Counsell |

Rectors Report

What a year! When I was appointed as Rector at the end of January 2020 little did I expect to arrive in a pandemic. I began working in April, but we couldn't move to the Rectory until June which presented its own problems, though at least with the joy of technology and the fact my previous parish was next door things were made much easier.

As a family though it has been hard to get to know the wider church, we are thankful for those who have popped round to say a socially distanced hello, and those who brought us gifts as we arrived too. And we are hopeful that we will be able to meet more of you in person, rather than just seeing one another on screen, in the not too distant future.

Although it has not been an ideal start to a new ministry in other ways it has been a great blessing and even though I still have many people still to meet, through the ZOOM "Meet the Vicar" sessions; through calls and through various online and In-person services, I feel like I have got to know a good number of people now.

It has been a joy getting to know the staff team, Wardens and PCC in particular and I have appreciated their support as I have tried to help lead us in these strange times. It is also so encouraging to see how proactive and willing they are to get onboard with different things that have cropped up through the year.

I believe these coming months are going to be very significant as we reacquaint ourselves with one another, but also as we seek God's will for how he is leading us forward as a church. The PCC has started conversations about this and things are beginning to bubble up which is great - please do pray for us as this continues.

I do so look forward to when I can see St Paul's in its fullness and vibrancy and meet you all properly, and maybe have a big party!

[Paul Millard]

Churchwardens Report

Lesley and Rowena continued into October 2020 when we had our belated APCM and Rowena stood down for a well-earned break and Tony accepted the call to be church warden. I would like to thank both Rowena and Tony for all their hard work this year, a very eventful and different year.

For Rowena it was a very difficult decision only taken after a lot of prayer, with the conclusion she was being guided to the need of a break. I miss her and her enthusiasm.

Lesley and Tony have been working together now for the last 4 months and in this time we are finding our gifts complement each other's. Our trust in God leading us to take on these challenges shows He has the power to turn our doubts and weaknesses into strengths and positivity this is very evident in how much Tony has done getting involved with the Health and Safety. I am so pleased to be doing this work alongside Tony.

Low Points

The only real low point this year is Covid 19 pandemic as this has had such a massive impact on the life of the church and of all those who are part of our family. The main effect is not being able to see each other due to being locked down and therefore not able to socialise and support each other. This includes our small groups who would usually meet in homes to help our growth in understanding of our life in Jesus.

Our young people are not having the opportunities to meet and share in their usual activities.

We have not been able to share our services with school since March.

Positives

The biggest positive has been Reverend Paul Millard joining us in April. It was great that the Bishops worked out a way to go ahead with Paul's licensing and we look forward to a celebration later this year. His gifts are helping us to manage and grow throughout this time and we are enjoying working with him.

Again, most of the positives have come with Covid 19. The pandemic has caused us to look at church differently. We now show services online with the ability to reach more people including those later in the week and some further afield.

Talking with wardens Roy and Dan it has been great to have pooled our resources with St Barnabas and our links and friendships have grown. We have regular meetings and discussions with the wardens working together to benefit both churches.

It has been great to see different and familiar faces on our screen.

We saw our leader dressed as Chris Tingle!! And Matt in the bath having fun in our services. We have had little peeks into the homes of those who have done recordings at home, some lovely décor.

Our teams have worked hard and with huge enthusiasm together to maintain as much continuity as possible throughout this extended strange time. I think in light of all that has happened this year we have learned a lot and we are looking at how all these new ways of doing church can be helpful and integrated into future church life.

None of these wonderful things can happen without all those who work hard behind and in front of the scenes too many of you to mention individually. We thank you all enormously, you do so much to help us as wardens, especially PCC, the staff team and Ian, doing a fantastic job in administration having to adapt to working from home. Ryan too, who continues to help us by putting our service parts together to go online.

We thank you all and look forward to the year ahead, its challenges and possibilities and to our continued work together in His service for the best for St Paul's and its communities.

[Lesley Nicholls & Tony Wilson]

Sunday Service

Sunday services have been very different this year. Just before the pandemic struck and the country went into lockdown our services were being led well by our team of worship groups, speakers and leaders. Our young people were being taught and blessed by their group leaders and Fiona was encouraging them to being more involved in our services. We also managed to have a great service, as part of the Come and See weekend, with the school involved. However, all services stopped the week we would have had our Mothering Sunday service, 22nd March and so Matt and Lesley, socially distanced, went into church to pray. Our first online service was the 29th March and we have done nearly 50 online as this report is written. As and when we have felt able, 6th September, we opened up church for services to happen on a booking system. The feedback has been that these have been very welcome if a little strange with the regulations for wearing masks and social distancing in place. However, we have had two more lock downs since then and this has stopped 'In person' services.

Our adult numbers attending services were averaging 113 January 5th to March 15th and our average numbers attending the services during the restrictions, when church introduced a booking system were 38 over 19 services. It was great to have family groups in on Christmas day with a total of 50 adults and 20 young people.

The regulations lifted for a few weeks over Christmas and this allowed us to meet in church under the strict regulations. They were such uplifting services to celebrate our Lord's birth.

We thank everyone who has been a part of any of the services we have had over this extraordinary year, no matter how small you may think your part is. All these small parts make a huge difference, to our service together, online in person and in all that is done to show God's love for everyone. Thank you.

We are looking forward to the future as and when we can resume services in church fully and to getting to know Paul better as he leads us on. We know he is looking forward to getting to know the church family better.

[Lesley Nicholls]

Sunday Streaming Service

For those of you who have prepared videos for leading, preaching, praying, reading, family time, 2min testimony, or anything else - THANK YOU! Having recorded many myself, I know how challenging this can be, not least when you get close to the end and a member of your household wanders in to your video, or someone shouts in the background..."start again!" I also recognise that these services are not fully accessible to all people, not least to our children, but I am thankful that we have been able to offer other online worship opportunities for them - big thanks too for all those involved in the Facebook Children's worship which has plenty of engagement across that medium.

Amidst the challenges we have also seen great blessing and opened our eyes to new levels of creativity. We have seen this particularly in how St Paul's and St Barnabas have had the opportunity to meet each other and work together through these services. We have also experienced great blessing through enabling an open door for people to take a look through safely, to see what "church" is about. And this has led, for both Matt and I, to having engagement in conversations about faith with those who are seeking and had seen our services.

Though viewing numbers have gone up and down through the various lockdowns there has been a consistent core watching live (averaging around 62 devices), but also many more watching later including some gigantic spikes - 15 November was our peak at 725 views! The plan going forward is to continue with some form of virtual service even when we can meet in our fullness. So watch this space...

[Paul Millard]

Thursday Service

The Thursday 12.15 pm service, following on from Coffee and Co has been a real blessing to those who have enjoyed being in fellowship with others. Those who have attended have spoken of the blessing the teaching, praise and worship has been to them and they felt refreshed and at peace with a real sense of community together.

We recognise and thank all those who have shared and been involved in putting these services together and for finding those who have come as guests to speak.

Unfortunately, this service was suspended due to the pandemic and as it has some of the more vulnerable members of our community attending, it has not resumed as yet. When the risk has passed, we will be looking into how we can offer a service/fellowship for our community who benefit from something mid-week.

[Lesley Nicholls]

Encounter

Amidst a pandemic meaning our usual worship has become somewhat...unusual, it has been wonderful that we have still managed to birth a new service, Encounter. Prior to my arrival I was conscious that the space on Sunday Evenings was still empty and there was a desire to have something put there. Following conversations with a variety of people early on in my time here, it became clear that Encounter was the service to fill this space.

The purpose of the service is to provide a space for people to encounter God's presence through sung worship, a short reflection and "holy silence". I remember vividly the first service at St Barnabas as we launched and was delighted at the beautiful atmosphere even though people weren't able to sing.

At the end of the year when we went back into lockdown we started streaming the service live. There were some technical issues to work out, but overall we still managed to achieve a sense of purpose, and more importantly God's presence.

There is a great team in place to whom I am really thankful, as without them, we would not be able to have the service. It is encouraging that this is a partnership team drawn together from St Paul's and St Barnabas. I look forward to how things develop in the future as we encounter God together.

[Paul Millard]

Music at St Paul's

It has been quite a different 12 months than we were all expecting. After well-attended Christmas services, and a positive start to the new year, the music at St. Paul's moved online, once the first lockdown began. The first online service between St. Paul's and St. Barnabas began on 29th March 2020.

As the lockdown continued, it was wonderful to see leaders becoming more adventurous and encouraging family members to join them on camera. It has also been lovely to share the leading between St. Barnabas and St. Paul's. A song list was discussed mid-year between both churches so that the online songs chosen would be mostly well-known to both congregations.

After a communion service in August, 'live' in-church services re-started in September; these services included songs lead by a worship leader, though sadly, the congregation were not able to sing along. The services continued through September and October, though stopped when the second lockdown began in November.

There have been positives throughout this tricky year, and one has been the new service, 'Encounter'. This evening service continued the theme of working together with St. Barnabas alternating musical worship leading every other week between the two churches. Currently, the online services and online worship continue, with the hope that 'live' services will recommence in the coming weeks.

A huge thanks to Ryan Smith and the technical team, who have made the online services and online worship possible.

[Richard Bunce]

Youth & Children

The last report I gave covered the time up until April 2020 (as I had only been in post for 8 months!) so I will mostly focus on the months May-December 2020 in this report. Please do have a look at last year's report for any additional details for the year!

It has certainly been a strange time, with all kinds of unexpected challenges. I have felt thankful for the community that has endured within the youth groups and the family worship during this time, though I am aware of the limitations on what we've been able to do and that there has been a sense of being 'out of things' to varying extents for many people (including me!)

Children's work and family worship

From the summer term onwards, some of the children's team and myself have been creating children's worship to be streamed on Sunday mornings. Highlights of this have been more people getting involved and bringing lots of creative, engaging ideas and a different feel to it each week! Also, hearing from some of our families about how their children have been engaging in the videos and seeing some of their responses in art, craft or note form.

In October, we launched Faith, Family and Fun @Four- a socially distanced family service on Sunday afternoon. We only managed one service in 2020, because of the second lockdown, which was disappointing. However, highlights of the one service we had were the joy of seeing families together in church again and the enthusiasm of the children joining in with actions, games and the story.

In December, what would have been an in-person Christingle FF&F became an online livestream, accompanied by Christingle making packs being delivered to families and a zoom chat for them to see one another during the service. It was a special moment to see the Christingles lit together on Zoom, despite still being apart. It was also a joy to have some young people playing in the worship band and, of course, who could forget Paul's role as Revd. Chris Tingle the giant orange.

In person Faith, Family and Fun is planned for 2021... and I'm really looking forward to being able to be together again. I would also like to say a huge thank you to Carole and everyone who contributed for putting together a wonderful nativity story featuring lots of families and others from church!

And on that note, I would really like to thank the volunteers for everything they have been doing over this period- the effort that goes in to making regular videos and the challenge of doing things differently, and not least their commitment to nurturing and praying for the children, and pointing them to Jesus.



Some of the whimsical characters that have been helping us tell Jesus' story in our Children's Worship!

Youth work

Youth work over 2020 has mostly been on Zoom! Sunday Night Youth and DMC have both been continuing with games, worship and discussion over Zoom on Sunday and Thursday nights. Highlights of this have been young people's input in sharing games and discussion topics and the sense of community that is so evident within the groups. It is great to see the young people support and encourage one another, even whilst apart.

Sunday Night Youth was able to meet in person, socially distanced, for some of the autumn term, and it was really wonderful to be able to meet together again. We looked at some videos on big questions about life and faith, and of course have collectively been honing our skills at socially distant games! I'm looking forward to hopefully being able to start meeting in person again in the summer term 2021.

DMC was a little harder to get started again in person, given the nature of the group- normally more focussed around games and practical activities, and aiming to be a space where the young people could blow off some steam. However, we managed an afternoon outdoor session with lots of (socially distant!) games, an outdoor craft and a bit of chat time. I look forward to hopefully being able to have DMC back together in person in the summer term also.

A big challenge has been involving all of the young people who previously came to DMC, especially those who don't come to St Paul's church. I have kept in touch via weekly emails, but Zoom can be really challenging for young people, especially of that age.

Coming into the new year, I have also started a small Bible study group for some of the oldest youth, which has been a joy. It's been great to talk about big, challenging questions with all of the groups- we all have so many questions, especially at this time.

Another huge thank you to the youth volunteers for all their work, preparing activities within limitations, faithfully coming to sessions whether on Zoom or in person, and persevering with doing things so differently to how youth work normally looks! I am so grateful to you all and your investment in the young people is incredibly valued.

School work

Since September 2020, I have been working with St Paul's Primary to provide weekly worship videos in place of me leading an assembly a week. This has continued through lockdown also. While it has been strange not to see the children in person, it has been good to contribute to their worship.

Thank you to Paul for also providing a harvest video for the school!

Our Christingle service was also shared with the school and they reported back that they had enjoyed the service and making their Christingles in their classrooms.

Work with YOYO is currently on hold, as they are navigating the challenges of how they work with schools during the pandemic, and I am doing the same with my work! I hope that I'll be able to partner with them again soon.

[Fiona Peck]

Upper Room 20s-40s Group

What a frustrating year!

I won't go into all the things we had to cancel. All the false dawns and disappointments. Yet despite the challenges, this year of Covid has given us the chance to really take stock about who we are, where we are and where we feel God might be leading us. We've planned, prayed, and laid some stronger foundations.

On a positive note, our 20s/40s community - which we call The Upper Room - has become more defined. Pete and Rhiannon Hale are now firmly established as lay co-leaders in the group. They are part of a core team of six. They will receive some ministerial training from the diocese's Multiply team and be formally commissioned at some point when we can.

We have welcomed some new members this year despite the restrictions. One guy just walked in off the street and is now a committed part of what we do. Inevitably some folk have also drifted away this year. Our weekly pattern this year (when possible!!) has been to gather in St Barnabas on Monday nights for discussion, teaching, music, games and laughs. During the lockdowns etc we've met over Zoom. We've also held several 'rule of six' firepits in various gardens. Many of the group have met each other for one-to-one walks etc. Pete has begun to establish an Upper Room band which will be crucial to our work.



Our values - who we are and want to be - have been greatly influenced by this wonderful scripture from Philippians 2:1-2 (Message version): 'If you've gotten anything at all out of following Christ, if his love has made any difference in your life, if being in a community of the Spirit means anything to you, if you have a heart, if you care — then do me a favor: Agree with each other, love each other, be deep-spirited friends.' We'd love The Upper Room to be a community of 'deep-spirited friends' of all shapes and sizes, personalities and backgrounds.

Future plans:

We have a summer weekend away planned to Robin Hood's Bay which we hope will go ahead.

Monday night gatherings to go deeper with Christ and each other. We plan to invite a range of special guests to speak, and tackle a range subjects to appeal to a wide range of 20s/40s. This will sometimes link in with other York Multiply groups like at Holy Redeemer.

Wednesday night socials. We'll be organising weekly volleyball followed by an open mic night. We're in discussion about us hosting one at a nearby pub. Monthly curry night.

Saturday drop-in. On the third Saturday of the month - in collaboration with our local councillors - we'll be hosting a drop-in and community gathering for Leeman Road at St Bs. There will be opportunities to talk, get help etc. Live music. Stuff for kids and families. Opportunities for local charities to share what they do. We'll finish by cooking a simple community lunch for anyone who wants it.

We'll be relaunching the 'school run cafe' for parents outside St Bs one morning a week. It would be great if this could be done outside St Ps.

Exploring faith: We plan to run a 20s/40s Start Course when allowed in one of our homes.

Men/Women Groups - There will be occasional just blokes and just women gatherings.

Please continue to pray for us!

[Rev Matt Woodcock]

Coffee & Co

Coffee n co. has met every week since September 2004 but sadly even Coffee n co had to give way to covid 19.

So from January -March we were open each Thursday morning and approx. 40 people would come in and enjoy coffee, tea, cake etc . but more importantly have company, a safe place and make new friends .

This is open to all and our hope is that in a small way we demonstrate the love of Jesus, as that too is open to all!!

We look forward to opening the doors and welcoming folk in as soon as restrictions allow.

[Maureen Patrick]

Little Stars

Little Stars had a good start to 2020. Our playgroup for 0-3's with Additional Needs and their families was a joyful place for music, sensory play and exploration for the children and a supportive community for the grown ups with ever essential tea and biscuits! It was a small group which worked well with the needs of the children, but we were always ready to welcome newcomers.

Sadly with the arrival of Covid we could no longer meet. This decision was made quickly due to the vulnerable nature of the children. In the first few months of lockdown we attempted some online music sessions but found these didn't really work for the children or adults. We kept in touch with a WhatsApp group although the length of the lockdown has meant this is now rarely used. The cohort we had will be nursery age by the time we would be allowed to meet again so we will reassess and see if there is still the same need for the group to open in the same way.

I would like to thank Beryl for all her support and brilliant engagement with the children and their families. And Brian for tea support!

[Rose Batey]

Toddlers

As with the rest of the world, Toddler Group, meeting in person, has been put on hold since March.

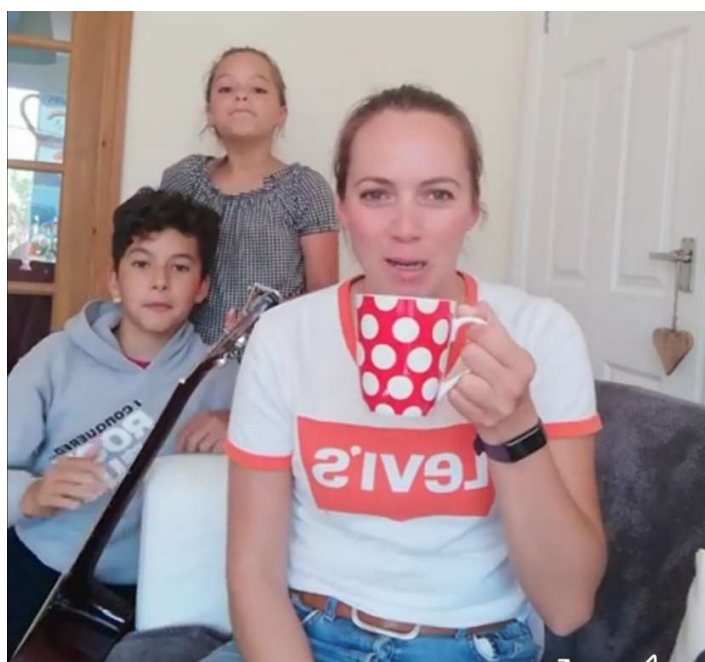
The first couple of months of the year were as busy as usual, with approximately 100 people attending each week (both adults and children).

There are a great group of volunteers helping in the kitchen; preparing a much needed coffee and biscuit for the adults and snack for the children. Debbie Long, Chris Woodcock and myself (Sarah Graham) were available as support for the families within the session, which was greatly appreciated by all.

Since the end of March, Toddler Group has moved to being online. Every Monday, a short session of a story and singing, is broadcast live via our Facebook page. The number of 'live views' vary each week, as do the number of 'seen views'. In the early days these were much higher; live views were over 15, and seen views were well over 50. In more recent times, these have decreased to approximately 2 live views and nearer to 20 seen views.

It was great to get an award on York Mumbler, during the first lockdown, for the ongoing virtual sessions - which raised awareness for the group.

The online sessions will continue until it's safe to meet back in church.



[Sarah Graham]

Kaleidoscope

As you may know Kaleidoscope is a service run 4 times a year for people with Special needs, however anyone is welcome. By now we should be reporting on 4 services in April, June, September and December however due to covid this couldn't take place. Instead, we have a Facebook page and we did put some verses, links and resources on there to replace some of the services.

For the September service a message was sent, and a link posted for 'My lighthouse' to send the message that amidst covid, God is there to comfort and support.



In December we were able to send out several links to songs with sign language and also a complete nativity. These were excellently produced and hopefully were seen by some of our usual attendees.

<https://youtu.be/pqZaT4DI4Fk>



As we look to the future we hope to be able to start to hold services again soon and I'm sure our first one will be a celebration of coming together again.

[Sue Langan]

Safeguarding

This year has seen many regular church activities on-hold or running in new ways, which has required new skills from the leaders. For us, this started with moving our regular safeguarding meetings onto zoom, but they continue as a vital opportunity to catch-up and keep safeguarding at the heart of all we do in church.

Other areas we have tried to develop over the past year are:

- Training, ensuring everyone involved in church activities knows the safeguarding training required for their roles and can access it.
- Displays in church and on website to explain what safeguarding is and where to get help if needed
- Annual audit of safeguarding, which is then used to plan future developments
- Supporting risk assessments for activities as they re-start or run in new ways, especially concerning ratios of leaders to members and training
- Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks initiated for those in new roles

As always, we are happy to answer questions and help everyone access the training they need (safeguarding.stpaulsyork@gmail.com).

We appreciate the support of the diocese safeguarding team, and the whole church in making safeguarding part of the way we do things at St Pauls.

Parish Safeguarding Officers
[Heather Robinson and Steph Monk]



Let's Talk

So Let's Talk has been a little different since March last year but it has been a source of support via WhatsApp.

Particularly at the beginning the first six weeks of unknown this group was supportive and comforting as we all missed our weekly chats and navigated the unknown. As a group we send each other messages of support, funny pictures (normally involving our children!) and generally keep in touch. It has seen the arrival of two new babies, a house move and lots of shared moments. It is the feeling of letting someone know that you are thinking of them, that this situation has not meant you are forgotten and that ultimately you are cared for.

Chris has continued to share phrases or images of inspiration and comfort. This is an engaged group and we are looking forward to having a biscuit, cuppa and laughing ridiculously together again.

[Natalie Bell]

Technology

2020 started out with some training for new volunteers on the Sound rota at St Paul's, a couple of sessions were carried out early in the year, with the plan to continue this training to the end of April. However as with everything else in 2020 things took a different turn when restrictions on 'in person services' were brought in due to the pandemic. St Paul's and St Barnabas quickly decide to put out pre-recorded services on YouTube to allow us to continue to engage with both of our congregations and split the work load between the two churches. Leaders and congregation members soon adapted to a new way of working and leading worship, allowing us to continue to provide weekly Sunday services, along with some extra Easter services. This continued throughout the remainder of the year, this has allowed both churches to see and hear from the other church's members, hopefully strengthening the partnership we had begun just before.

Alongside the regular Sunday services, we have also been running regular morning prayers on our Facebook page, allowing people to share their prayer requests and share in some worship time on a regular basis.

As has been the norm at St Paul's over the past few years, our Christmas Carol service was a focal point of our Christmas celebrations, and we decided that it would be good to have a full band and use the skills of Ryan to produce a high quality video for it. This was a lot more work than our 'normal' Sunday services during the past year, but the extra effort was deemed a success.

We have started to experiment with live streaming services at both St Paul's and St Barnabas, and these continue to improve in quality as the volunteers get to grips with the equipment and technology required. This will be an area of growth during the next year as we look at how best we can engage with a wider community, and not just the congregation inside the building as restrictions relax over the coming months.

[Ryan Smith]

Office Team

Well, this year has been a strange, challenging year hasn't it? Not least that for the first time in its history (I believe), St Paul's Church was shut to the public!! Possibly, apart from the time when I was bought some aftershave having sported a beard for at least 5 years, 2020 saw the worst birthday present possible, lockdown announced the day after. This year's present will be of lockdown starting to end (yay!) and the inevitable lockdown weight gain (boo!).

In April 2020, the office was moved to the dining room table at 24 Windmill Rise, where it's been ever since. Not an ideal dinner companion where it sits like a sullen, brooding teenager however, we've got used to the silent member of the family. I think I may miss it when it's all over.

Was church going to be open? Will church be shut? When will it open again? Questions I've been asked on a weekly basis with, apart from a short spell at the end of 2020, the same answer - I have no idea! Although at time of writing my answer is yes, with restrictions (it's a start)

Some tasks stayed the same, email reading and writing. Lots of email reading and writing!! More phone calls than ever before too. Helping to run the weekly services, mainly online but also in church for a while. Getting Banns read in short periods of time. Paying bills and continuing to be the hub in the wheel that is life at St Paul's church.

Some tasks were new, laying out socially distanced chairs (how many people can we seat in St Paul's, socially distanced? 76 in turns out!) Setting up socially distanced worship bands, making everything in church either socially distanced or Covid safe, gel and masks with everything! Taking bookings for the 10:30 service. Knowing where the Zoom mute button is, an essential office tool these days and possibly forever, and making sure the camera doesn't enable everybody to see right up my nose. After years of (old man) defiance, I finally learned how to YouTube and Facebook. I drew the line at Twitter! WeTransfer and Google Docs became good friends too.

At this point I want to say thank you to Ryan for all his technical work enabling me to work from home, guiding me through some of the new software and applications. Mainly though for his skill in making sure the weekly online services, and others, happened enabling those near and far to stay in touch and join in with worship on YouTube.

The biggest change was inevitably, people, or lack of. No Toddlers, no Let's Talk, no Coffee and Co, no callers at the door, no Reading the Bible together, no school, so no need to work from church. No Janet, Truda, Therese and Jane, the 4 people who keep me sane in the office and who I share laughs, tears and opinions with the most. No Chris, who was furloughed, and Staff Meetings by Zoom. When your job is working with and for people, it's been different.

In amongst all the bad stuff though were two rays of light. The first one was, welcoming Rev Paul Millard and family, eventually licensed in November 2020, although he'd been with us since April. What a time to become a Rector of your first church. Inevitably, as always when there's a change of leadership, there's always that time of adjustment however, he's managed it very well (ha!). Early signs are very promising and I believe he'll be a successful leader of both St Paul's and St Barnabas for years to come. Which leads to me to the second ray of light, our partnership with St Barnabas. I honestly believe that our working together would not have gone as well or as smoothly had Covid not been with us.

So as lockdown tentatively begins to ends and more and more are vaccinated, there is hope that by summer most things will back to some kind of normality. The church office back up and running, seeing people again, weekly events starting up again. Will it be the end of some of my newly learned skills? hopefully, because that will mean we no longer need them. Although I'm not giving up my Zoom skills just yet.

[Ian Gardiner]

Prayer Ministry

Though we haven't been able to have prayer ministry in our services because of restrictions in place there has still been prayer going on regularly. There is a small and committed group who using WhatsApp meet on Thursday mornings to intercede for points of need. We have relaunched the "sayoneforme@stpaulsyork.org.uk" email address so that people can send private prayer requests which feed into this small group and a small number of other trusted prayer's.

At the start of the first lockdown I began leading Morning Prayer on Facebook. Initially this was 6 days a week though has varied through each phase of the pandemic. This has been hosted on the St Paul's Facebook page and regularly has in excess of 30 people viewing either live or through the day. It has been a real blessing to pray together and I believe has helped many people engage with God through their day.

We also held a Dawn till Dusk prayer meeting on 23 May for Thy Kingdom Come. It was encouraging to see a variety of faces leading and praying together in different ways, and equally good to share this with St Barnabas.

I believe that praying together is really important as a church, but it takes time and effort, I hope we will keep pushing on with this particularly as we look to what God is calling us to as we begin to meet properly again.

[Paul Millard]

Say One For Me

For a number of years a group has been meeting in church at 8am on Thursday morning to pray for specific prayer requests. When "normal" activities were happening prayer requests were written down and placed in the prayer box in church. Following lockdown in March we've gone "virtual", some prayer requests are still being received into the external post box at church, most come through the "sayoneforme@stpaulsyork.org.uk" email address.

We meet at eight with a group call to check we have all the requests and any updates. We then break off to pray individually, meeting up again on another group call at 8.30 to say the grace. It's an honour to pray confidentially for the different needs within our church family, and meeting virtually has kept our group together even though we are not all in York due to lockdowns etc.

Please consider this if you have any prayers and if you would like to join us contact the office.

[Rowena Stephenson]

Young At Heart

Young at Heart is a long standing lunch club for seniors in the Holgate Ward, held at The Ainsty pub on Boroughbridge Road, and was originally set up in 2012. Run by Debbie Long and Hannah Titmas, it aims to bring together older people, not just from St Pauls, who make up approximately 30% of attendees, but also from the wider community and to provide an opportunity to meet and socialise in an informal setting. A hot meal is provided for a nominal cost (£5) which the attendees pay themselves. There is a quiz and a free raffle. Entertainment usually in the form of a singer/s or musician/s is also provided the cost of which has in recent years been covered by a grant from York City Council. A report has to be submitted to the Council for the grant and a request made each year and so is judged on a year-on-year basis. The grant is £600 and musicians receive £40 per session plus drinks and occasionally lunch. The remaining money goes towards raffle prizes, as well as cards and sometimes a small gift for the attendees at Christmas or Easter, which is always much appreciated. Some months it isn't necessary to pay for an entertainer – sometimes we have musical bingo for example, or at Christmas Acomb Primary School Choir sang for us and in February, we were treated to the Rev. Matt Woodcock and Pete Haile on guitar and vocals! In this case the money saved on entertainment is then kept in reserve.



The restrictions on gatherings and the closure of public houses due to the Covid pandemic has obviously meant that Young at Heart has had to sadly close and hasn't run since last March. Setting up any kind of online meeting would have been too problematic for most of the attendees as access to and knowledge of technology is difficult. As it is a 'drop in' type club we do not hold contact details on everyone apart from a core group of about 15 regular attendees, these were all contacted to make sure that they had family or organisational support (either from the Council or Age UK) for essential food shopping and in case they became sick. All said that they were well cared for.



[Debbie Long]

Men's Fellowship

As a result of multiple lockdowns, 2020 was a disrupted year for St Paul's Men's Fellowship. Many of our planned activities were cancelled and some curtailed to accommodate lockdown rules and guidance. Nonetheless, there are plenty of positives to take from the year.

2019 ended with a very enjoyable Men's weekend at Barmoor, our customary retreat in Hutton-le-Hole on the North York Moors. We were pleased to welcome Dave Shore, Senior Pastor of Global Church in York, who led the devotional aspects of the weekend. Dave's topic was "Implementing the Great Commission" – with particular focus on engaging men in their 'normal environment' – at work, socially and so on.

We enjoyed Bible study and fellowship with each other, walked to Lastingham, visited the pub, went for early morning runs (the hardier of us!) and enjoyed great food organised and / or cooked by Mark Robinson, Nigel Sweasey, Kevin Blount and Steve Savkovic. We all brought our favourite tipple and there were even rumours of slivovitz (strong plum brandy) having been supplied to everyone from Serbia – but the organisers deny this, absolutely!

We managed a visit to the Banff Film Festival at Leeds Town Hall, one Saturday morning Men's breakfast with the usual 'full English' and a couple of visits to The Sun pub on Tuesdays, before lockdown claimed us. Nonetheless, as we drifted in and out of varying levels of lockdown with ever changing rules and guidance, we kept meeting periodically. We managed a 'meet the new Rector' pizza to welcome Paul in April and several of us met at lunch times at Poppleton Social for coffee and a chat. Our attempts to organise other more ambitious events, such as clay pigeon shooting, were – well - shot down by lockdown.

We have maintained social contact and fellowship support during trying times. A Whatsapp group was set up to allow daily contact and many of us have been encouraged by a word of scripture or other helpful thought on a regular basis. Some of us have also kept in touch via 'Zoom pub' on alternate Tuesday nights, in lieu of going to The Sun. We thank the Lord for electronic communications which have made these things possible.

We really look forward to exiting lockdown and renewing face to face fellowship with the whole church during 2021.

Mark Robinson, Kevin Blount, Nigel Sweasey and Steve Crowther.

[Steve Crowther]

Women In St Paul's

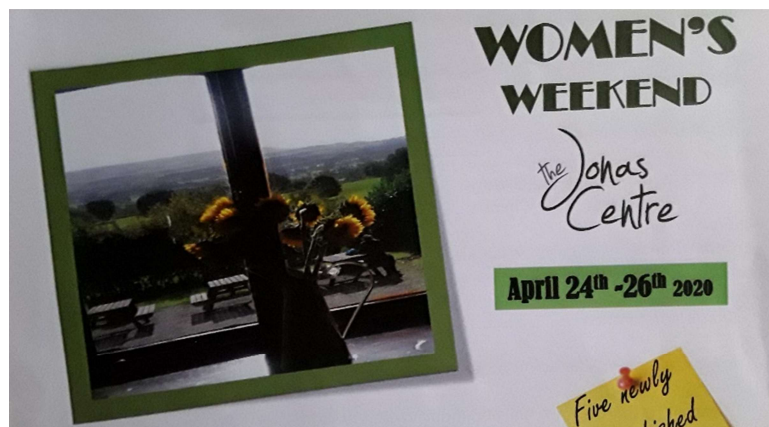
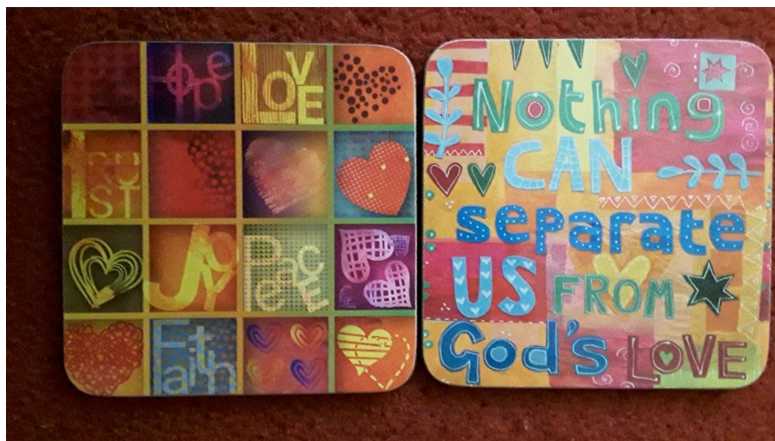
Despite the restrictions since last March, WISP has continued to be active. We've had two Zoom breakfasts, in September and early December 2020, and are planning another one during Lent. We had booked a women's weekend for April 2020 at the Jonas Centre, but have now postponed the event until 1st – 3rd October 2021 in the hope that this will go ahead as planned. On behalf of WISP, we sent a £100-donation to the Jonas Centre to support them in their ministry of housing some homeless people during the first lockdown. When the second lockdown hit us in November, we wanted to do a little something for the women in St Paul's to assure them of our continued prayers and encouragement, so we sent them a letter and coaster. We were touched by the many encouraging responses we received, for example;

"Thank you for putting so much thought and time into delivering encouragement to our doors! I love the coaster and have it next to the bed for when I snuggle up with a bed time drink to remind me of the verse".

"Thank you so much for the kind note and gift that I found in my post box at the weekend. It is lovely to know that you are being thought of at any time but now in particular."

"I would just like to say thank you so much for the coaster, and more importantly the message. Just knowing you are there as a supportive group is enough...this made a difference".

We hope that we can resume breakfasts and other WISP events in person soon, and ideas are welcome.
Claire, Ellie, Jan and Therese (current WISP committee).



[Ellie McCullough]

York Deanery Synod

Each church belongs to a deanery - a local group of churches working together to encourage each other and ours is York Deanery with around 20 churches in and around the immediate city of York.

Our primary task as a Synod (a meeting place) is to be involved in the creation of the Deanery's Mission and Ministry Plan and to work for the fulfilling of the vision of deaneries being a 'local network of churches inspiring, influencing and leading mission and ministry'. Last year the only event organised by the Deanery before COVID came along was the Come & See event in March which we mentioned in last year's Wardens Report. (pics attached)

So who is part of this? Paul and Matt are invited as clergy and we have three lay representatives who give feedback to and from the PCC and the church. There are big plans afoot this coming year and the synod is involved as well as every member of every church. We have belatedly just started a three-year cycle - but still room for one more person to join the team.



[Carole Meikle, David Nunns]

Reading the Bible together

From 14 January to 10 March, we had nine one-hour sessions, with an average attendance of 14 people, including the two of us. In those sessions, we read and explored the Gospel of John from the beginning to chapter 8 v.11. Then the lockdown.

The nature of this ministry is not compatible with taking place online or in meetings under social-distancing measures. Some of the regulars are not online, some need to use large-print bibles, and we need to be without masks and in close proximity without background noise to hear one another. We are intending to resume as soon as possible. If there is a transitional period in which people would be allowed to meet in church but advised to keep physical distance, we will consider offering two meetings each week, each to be attended by about six people.

The regular attenders have kept in touch and supported one another throughout the year, but there will be much rejoicing and thanksgiving when we can be together round our table in church again.

[Vladimir and Jayne Andrie]

Financial Statement

Review of Financial Activities

2020 has been a challenging year, with unprecedented strains on not only the team, (staff and volunteers alike) but also on our finances. Usual income streams that could be relied upon were no longer guaranteed, and costs not always foreseeable. The activities of St Paul's Church are funded almost entirely through the generosity of the congregation, and without these acts of sacrifice, we could not continue to serve Christ and our community throughout the year.

However, in a difficult year we've been heartened by not only those who have been able to continue giving, but those who were able to answer our call for setting up or increasing their donations, offsetting our ongoing deficit in the general fund. This was on top of donations to a restricted fund, the "Laurie Smith Helping Hands Fund" with which we are able to support those struggling during the pandemic, and is already being used for support and continues to be available.

In 2020 the accounts show us making a healthy surplus of £31,562 over the year bringing our total funds up to £534,210. However, this doesn't show the whole picture, as this figure contains both restricted funds (which are only allowed to be spent for their originally donated purpose) and unrestricted funds (the general funds that can be spent by the PCC as required)

Our restricted funds increased by £37,569, mostly due to a £33,580 gain in the value of the investments we hold for the Reordering project: This brought our restricted fund up to a total of £435,519, of which 97% (£423,602) is held for the reordering project, and the remaining split across a variety of other funds as detailed in the table in the below accounts.

However, the flipside is our unrestricted funds decreased by £6,006, (from £104,697 to £98,691)
It is worth bearing in mind that these unrestricted funds are not all available as cash we can spend.

- £33,775 is held as fixed assets. This means that the value is held as physical items rather than money, and unless we wish to sell these items (such as the chairs we sit on) this value is not available for the PCC to spend.

Of our £64,916 of liquid funds:

- £31,181 the PCC has earmarked towards our expected maintenance costs, the majority being the issues that were picked up during the Quinquennial survey. These are expected to be spent in the very near future.
- £1,071 is held as designated for the toddlers group.

We aim to hold reserves (as per PCC policy) of £45,000, which we technically meet with £64,916 of liquid funds.

However, once we are required to spend money to fix the quinquennial issues, we expect to drop below our reserves by £12,335 (down to £32,665 reserves) Therefore we need to be aiming to build up our unrestricted funds and plugging this deficit.

However, despite this, it is worth pointing out the turnaround from last year's report is significant.

In 2019, we had a deficit of over 20k in our unrestricted reserves. Through the difficult decisions that were made early in 2020 (reduction in the free will offer, removal of the part time youth & children's role, reduction in tech contractor hours) we have reduced this down to 6k through the year (in a year with huge challenges already!)

In addition, our financial appeal in the autumn increased our standing orders by just over 5% (£550) which should make a significant difference to 2021's totals.

The PCC are aware that careful monitoring of our financial situation in 2021, and careful balance of our income and expenditure is needed going forward.

I wish to take the opportunity to thank everyone who supports St Paul's, whether that's financially or with their time and efforts. Nothing we can do could be done without your support.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with me at Treasurer@StPaulsYork.org.uk and I'll be more than happy to discuss.

[William Blue]

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST PAULS YORK**ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020****Statement of Financial Activities**

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2020	Total Funds 2019
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Income From:					
Donations and Legacies	2(a)	126,599	14,496	141,096	171,601
Charitable Activities	2(b)	1,267	265	1,532	17,704
Investments	2(c)	177	3,252	3,429	6,896
Other Income	2(d)	4,291	3,090	7,382	3,792
Total Income		132,336	21,105	153,441	199,994
Expenditure On:					
Charitable Activities	3(a)	105,099	49,624	154,723	202,396
Raising Funds	3(b)	0	0	0	399
Other Expenditure	3(c)	50	685	735	19,820
Total Expenditure		105,149	50,309	155,458	222,616
Net Gains/(Losses) on Investments	5	0	33,580	33,580	24,225
Net Income/Expenditure		27,186	4,376	31,562	1,603
Transfers Between Funds	9(a)	(33,193)	33,193	0	0
Net Movement in Funds		(6,006)	37,569	31,562	1,603
Total Funds Brought Forward 1 January 2020		104,697	397,949	502,647	501,044
Total Funds Carried Forward 31 December 2020		98,691	435,519	534,210	502,647

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST PAULS YORK

ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

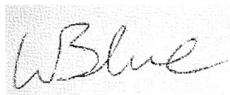
Balance Sheet

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2020	Total Funds 2019
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets:					
Tangible	6	33,775	0	33,775	39,120
Investments	5	0	424,842	424,842	391,262
Total Fixed Assets		33,775	424,842	458,617	430,382
Current Assets:					
Debtors	7	2,475	100	2,575	31,579
Cash at bank and in hand		71,852	10,577	82,429	53,945
Total Current Assets		74,327	10,677	85,004	85,522
Current Liabilities:					
Creditors	8	9,411	0	9,411	13,259
Total Liabilities		9,411	0	9,411	13,259
Net Current Assets		64,916	10,677	75,593	72,263
Net Assets		98,691	435,519	534,210	502,647

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 16th Mar 2021 and signed on its behalf by



Paul Millard
Rector



William Blue
Treasurer

The notes on pages 31 to 41 form part of these financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statement

Note1 – Accounting Policies

Scope

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 owe their main affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS 102). The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention, except for investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets, and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law.

Reserves Policy

- It is the PCC policy to seek to maintain a balance on unrestricted reserves which is equivalent to two months general running costs and an additional one month's salary costs.
 - This currently equates to approx. £45,000 Reserves.
- The PCC currently hold unrestricted Net current assets (reserves) of £64,916 meeting our policy.

Mission Giving Policy

- It is the PCC policy to tithe our donated income to 10% of Regular giving & plate collections (plus associated gift aid).
- This is distributed by the PCC to a variety of causes split between Mission Evangelism & Social Evangelism, both in local communities and abroad.

Incoming Resources

- Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC.
- Income tax recoverable on gift aid donations is recognised when the donations are recognised.
- Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due.
- Funds raised at social and similar events are accounted for gross.
- Rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the rental is due.
- Interest and dividends are accounted for when receivable.

Resources expended

- Expenditure is recognised when it is incurred and is accounted gross.
- The diocesan Free Will Offer is accounted for when payable.

Fixed assets

- Fixtures and fittings are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the expected useful life of the asset.
- Items costing less than £1,000 are not capitalised but are fully written off in the year of acquisition.
- All expenditure incurred during the year on the church building, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure in the SOFA.

Debtors

- Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectable.
- Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, and cash held on deposit either with the bank or the CBF Church of England Funds.

Risk Management

- Financial Risk is managed through regular reporting of the management of the accounts to the PCC.

Note2(a) – Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2020	Total Funds 2019
	£	£	£	£
Donations and legacies				
Planned - Gift Aided	78,162	5,910	84,072	89,526
Gift Aid	19,981	1,917	21,898	33,702
Planned – Other	17,665	2,110	19,775	11,360
Unplanned giving	5,868	3,189	9,057	31,186
Legacies	3,750	1,250	5,000	0
Collections	1,022	0	1,022	5,450
Other Donations	150	120	270	371
Total	126,599	14,496	141,096	171,601

Note2(b) – Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2020	Total Funds 2019
	£	£	£	£
Charitable Activities				
Weddings/Funerals	970	0	970	2,087
Toddlers Group	297	0	297	1,220
Reordering Fundraising	0	241	241	3,387
Men's Ministry	0	23	23	1,409
Parish Weekend	0	0	0	8,694
Women's Ministry	0	0	0	488
Church Lettings	0	0	0	415
Total	1,267	265	1,532	17,704

Note2(c) – Income from investments

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2020	Total Funds 2019
	£	£	£	£
Investments				
Interest & Dividends	177	3,252	3,429	6,896
Total	177	3,252	3,429	6,896

Note2(d) – Income from other income

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2020	Total Funds 2019
	£	£	£	£
Other Income				
Grants	1,692	2,234	3,927	600
St Barnabas Shared Expenses	2,418	0	2,418	587
Congregation Gifts	0	685	685	1,669
Misc Income	179	170	350	832
Office Reimbursement	0	0	0	103
Total	4,291	3,090	7,382	3,792

Note3(a) – Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2020	Total Funds 2019
	£	£	£	£
Charitable Activities:				
Free Will Offer	70,000	0	70,000	96,690
Staff (note 4)	0	47,778	47,778	53,628
Mission Giving	12,692	763	13,455	13,667
Utility Bills	8,337	0	8,337	9,184
Depreciation of assets	5,345	0	5,345	5,346
Tech/Music	2,081	0	2,081	1,761
Staff Expenses	2,058	0	2,058	513
Maintenance	1,291	0	1,291	2,126
Office	896	0	896	923
Women's Ministry	0	628	628	382
Weddings/Funerals	474	0	474	1,360
Communications	409	0	409	411
Service costs	381	0	381	1,975
Youth	0	277	277	270
Toddlers Group	89	0	89	357
Men's Ministry	0	0	0	1,023
Parish Weekend	0	0	0	9,970
YAH Group	0	0	0	323
Misc	1,046	178	1,224	2,487
Total Expenditure	105,099	49,624	154,723	202,396

Note3(b) – Expenditure on Raising Funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2020	Total Funds 2019
	£	£	£	£
Raising Funds:				
Reordering Fundraising	0	0	0	399
Total Expenditure	0	0	0	399

Note3(c) – Expenditure on Other

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2020	Total Funds 2019
	£	£	£	£
Other Expenditure:				
Church Reordering	0	0	0	17,439
Congregation Gifts	50	685	735	2,381
Total Expenditure	50	685	735	19,820

Note4 – Staff Costs

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2020	Total Funds 2019
	£	£	£	£
Staff Costs:				
Gross Salaries	0	46,650	46,650	52,449
Workplace Pension	0	1,128	1,128	1,179
Employer National Insurance	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditure	0	47,778	47,778	53,628

During the year the PCC employed the following staff:

- Administrator,
- Youth & Children's worker,
- Parish Verger,
- Technical Contractor,

This is the equivalent of 3 full time staff.

No member of the PCC was paid a fee during 2020 except for reimbursement of expenses.

There were no fees paid to the independent examiner in the year 2020

Note5 – Investments

			Total Funds 2020	Total Funds 2019
			£	£
Investments:				
Market value at 1 January			391,262	367,037
Additions at cost			0	0
Revaluation			33,580	24,225
Market Value at 31 December			424,842	391,262

During the year an investment has been held, for the restricted fund “Church Reordering Project”, by Ruffer LLP in their “Absolute Return C Inc”

The holding at 31 December 2020 was 229,843.155 shares and the value per share was 184.84p

Note6 – Tangible Assets

	Land & Buildings	Church Equipment	Total 2020	Total 2019
			£	£
Cost of Valuation:				
At 1 January	0	39,120	39,120	44,467
Additions	0	0	0	0
Disposal	0	0	0	0
At 31 December	0	39,120	39,120	44,467
Depreciation:				
Charge for the year	0	5,345	5,345	5,346
Value:				
At 31 December	0	33,775	33,775	39,120

Church Equipment comprises of Chairs, Defibrillator, projectors, Festival Technics Equipment, Keyboard & Stand, and Glass Washer.

Note7 – Debtors

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2020	Total Funds 2019
	£	£	£	£
Debtors:				
Gift Aid Receivable	1,691	100	1,791	30,947
Energy Accounts	593	0	593	0
Deposits	0	0	0	632
Misc	190	0	190	0
Total Debtors	2,475	100	2,575	31,579

Note8 – Creditors

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2020	Total Funds 2019
	£	£	£	£
Creditors:				
Mission Giving	9,411	0	9,411	13,259
Total Expenditure	9,411	0	9,411	13,259

Note9(a) – Fund Movement

	Balance 1 Jan	Income	Expend- iture	Transfer	Balance 31 Dec
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds:					
General	64,441	132,038	85,811	(123,004)	(12,335)
Designated Funds:					
Reserve	0	0	0	45,000	45,000
Assets	39,120	0	5,345	0	33,775
Maintenance	273	0	1,292	32,200	31,181
Toddlers	862	297	89	0	1,071
Mission Giving	0	0	12,611	12,611	0
Dedicated Subtotal	40,255	297	19,338	89,811	111,026
Restricted Funds:					
Church Reordering	386,425	37,177	0	0	423,602
Cornerstone	3,740	1,142	0	0	4,883
Helping Hands	160	2,837	150	0	2,847
Youth Work	967	300	248	0	1,019
Women's Ministry	1,325	20	728	0	617
Young at Heart	600	0	0	0	600
Kaleidoscope	583	0	0	0	583
Coffee & Co	386	0	0	0	386
Men's Ministry	386	23	0	0	409
Flowers	0	300	0	0	300
Primary Aged Youth Work	322	0	52	0	269
Staff	3,051	11,537	47,782	33,193	0
Other	0	662	662	0	0
Congregation Gifts	0	685	685	0	0
Restricted Subtotal	397,948	54,686	50,309	33,193	435,519
Fund Movement Totals	502,647	187,021	155,458	0	534,210

Note9(b) – Fund Definitions

- General
 - PCCs funds with no specific restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC.

Designated Funds

- Assets
 - Designated funds highlighting tangible assets that St Paul's retains.
- Maintenance
 - Designated funds put aside each month to cover future maintenance, including the Quinquennial.
- Mission Giving
 - Designated funds put aside to donate to mission partners
- Toddlers
 - Designated funds for toddlers' donations: to be used at toddlers discretion.
- Reserve
 - Designated funds to represent our reserves policy separate from the general fund

Restricted Funds

- Church Reordering
 - Restricted funds for use for the new church building and refurbishment of the church premises
- Coffee & Co
 - Restricted funds for the Coffee and Co group at St Paul's
- Congregation Gifts
 - Restricted fund to be passed on the members of the congregation as gifts (for example leaving presents)
- Cornerstone
 - Restricted funds for use in repair or reconditioning of the fabric of St Paul's Church building
- Flowers
 - Restricted fund to be spent on flowers for the Church
- Helping Hands (Laurie Smith)
 - Restricted funds for the use at the Church leadership's discretion. Intended for use as a hardship fund.
- Kaleidoscope
 - Restricted funds for the Kaleidoscope service at St Paul's
- Men's Ministry
 - Restricted funds for use for Men's ministry (Men's weekend or events)
- Other
 - Restricted funds which have been donated for a specific purpose, however, do not have their own named fund.
- Primary Aged Youth Work
 - Restricted funds to be spent supporting primary aged children's work.
- Staff
 - Restricted funds for the payment of the direct costs of the staff team at St Paul's (Wages, Tax, Pension costs, etc)
- Women's Ministry
 - Restricted funds for use for women's ministry (Women's weekend or events)
- Young at Heart
 - Restricted funds for the Young at Heart group at St Paul's
- Youth Work
 - Restricted funds for the youth and children's work of St Paul's

Independent Examiners Report

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST PAULS YORK

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Parochial Church Council ("PCC") for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

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

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the PCC has prepared accounts in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

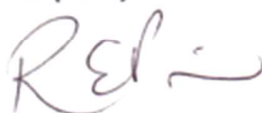
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the PCC as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

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Date: 8th March 2021