



St James' & St Luke's
Church Glossop

Report to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting for the year ended 31 December 2022

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A Glimpse of 2022 in pictures



Churchwarden's Report

Sandie Mann & Martin Galvin

We served together as Wardens for an unusually short time following Toby's unexpected resignation. We were appointed as Wardens at the APCM held on 8th May 2022 followed by the formality of a Visitation Service at St John's Buxton on 25th June 2022. Three days later Toby resigned. This threw us both into a time of personal reflection about our continuing roles in the new circumstances. After a great deal of prayer we both came to the conclusion, at different times, that we could not do justice to the roles, given the extra responsibilities.

Following Toby's resignation, there were a number of meetings to discuss arrangements going forward. We met several times with Toby to discuss the service arrangements in the immediate months following his departure. We also had meetings with Bishops Libby Derby and Malcolm Repton and Archdeacon Carol Coslett in which we able to express our views on the leadership of the Parish during the inevitable vacancy. We found these meetings to be useful and constructive, and we were listened to with sympathy and understanding.

Church life carried on of course during this time and we had the joy of three members of our congregation at St James receiving full immersion baptism on 4th September. This was a special day in two other respects. Prior to the service, a special meeting was held to vote for a Churchwarden to replace Martin and Hilary was appointed, whom we are most thankful for. We were also introduced to David Bracewell on that day, and we continue to be blessed by his wise counsel and inspired teaching.

During September we were sad to say goodbye to our youth leader, Sam Klemperer, who felt it was time to broaden his horizons. On 25th September we had our final service with Toby and we made a presentation to Toby and Helen after the service and wished them well. We also had to say "goodbye" to Chris Nowak who could no longer continue in her curacy in Whitfield Parish due to the absence of a vicar, and a place was found for Chris at All Saints Church, in Old Glossop. We also made a presentation to Chris.

We thank God for the ministries of Toby, Helen, Chris and Sam and pray that He will bless each of them mightily and enable them to continue to serve Him faithfully. We also thank God for the ministry of Rhiannon Singleton who was ordained deacon in July 2022 and had served our congregations until that point. She transferred to Dinting Parish to serve her curacy, we pray that God would bless her and her ministry there.

We also thank God that as we face uncertainty over the future of the Parish, we know he hears our prayers and as we are faithful to Him he will be faithful to us.

Ephesians 3:20-21 "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work in us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations for ever and ever! Amen"

Churchwarden's Report

Hilary Collard

Following Martin's resignation and an extra meeting of parishioners on 4 September, I was elected to join Sandie as Churchwarden. Having been encouraged by many in the church, the support I have received since then has been invaluable; especially when the Archdeacon decided there was not to be a second meeting of parishioners after Sandie also decided to resign within a month. With the prospect of being solely responsible for six months I found it necessary to co-opt Sheila Humphrey onto the PCC as Deputy Warden at St Luke's and appoint Elaine Richardson as Lay Chair of the PCC. For their part the Diocese put in place measures to help when Bishop Malcolm Repton was given responsibility for Whitfield Parish, The Ven. Bob Jackson was asked to support the PCC, Rev David Mundy has been conducting Baptisms and Wednesday Holy Communion services and, of course, Rev David Bracewell has blessed us most Sundays with his teaching and much more besides. What a tonic he has been to the parish!

A Finance Committee was reformed almost immediately, out of necessity, when St James' boilers failed in October and the money had to be found to replace them. Andy Hackett, Elaine Richardson, Ann Williams and Martin Galvin have worked tirelessly since then in an effort to find ways of cutting our costs; and the recent Gift Day went some way towards addressing the deficit budgeted for 2023 and 2024 (more details can be found in the Finance Report). I can't thank them enough, together with the legally constituted Standing Committee [Clergy/Lay Chair, Churchwarden(s), Treasurer and Deputy Wardens], for the time they have given to meeting with me, and the wisdom they have brought to the PCC as together we are endeavouring to discern God's will and guide Whitfield Parish into the future.

In November, with the Suspension of Presentation for Whitfield Parish (which means that any new priest is likely to be licensed as a Priest in Charge, operating under a Bishop's Licence, rather than being incumbent of the benefice), the PCC appointed a team who, with Bob Jackson's guidance, have made an excellent start in the process of developing our Mission Action Plan.

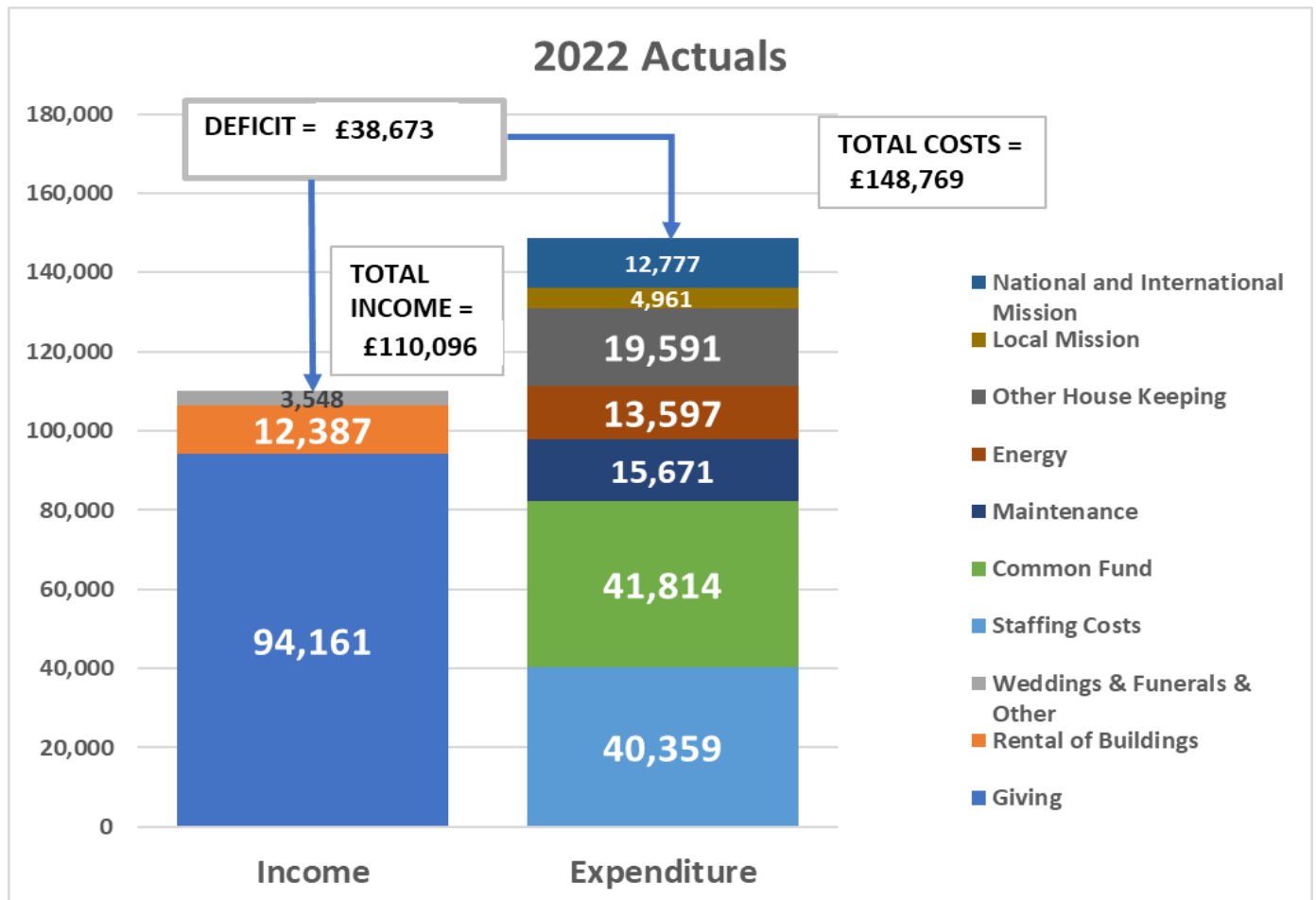
The end of the year was memorable because of the opportunities we had to look beyond our parish to develop relationships during the Christmas period: with other churches in the town when we sang carols together in Norfolk Square; with our church schools who came to us for their carol services; and with Dark Peak Music Foundation and Peak Choir who used St James' for Christmas concerts. I believe God will provide more opportunities for us to engage with community groups and work with other Christians to share his love and, as we trust him when we venture out in mission, the 'in-house' practical issues will fall into place.

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Treasurer's Report

Andy Hackett

2022 Financials



Figures per Management Accounts

In 2022, we were blessed with congregational giving (including gift aid tax relief) of £94,161. Together with rental and other income, we had a total income of £110,096. Our total expenditure was £148,769 as detailed above. This meant we had a deficit of £38,673 for the full year ending 31st December 2022.

As a result of this deficit, our general (unrestricted) cash reserves at the end of 2022 reduced from £114,412 to £75,739. The Charity Commission recommends holding 3 months of expenditure in general reserves. This equates to £34,000.

More detailed figures relating to 2022 can be found in the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2022 within this overall report.

Treasurer's Report

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Looking forward to 2023 and 2024

We spoke to our congregations about our financial outlook for 2023 and 2024 in December 2022, and in particular, that our predicted income based on the existing giving was due to fall a further £20,000 versus 2022. We held a Pledge Day on Sunday 15th January 2023. The response was overwhelmingly generous and we saw a significant increase in pledged giving. The PCC thank you for your quick response and generosity to our finances. There were several one-offs pledged for 2023 which really help our reserves position. These are not currently forecasted to be repeated for 2024, and hence, there is currently a forecasted reduction in giving for 2024.

We have also worked hard on our costs, although there is more to do. Some paid members of staff have volunteered to reduce their hours and increase their volunteer hours. We have reduced or eliminated costs on broadband, bank charges, Microsoft and Zoom licences. We are planning on carrying out more maintenance activities on a DIY basis to keep costs down. In 2023, energy costs are significant and forecasted to roughly double year on year based on the fixed energy prices we have until October 2023. Hopefully, these will reduce in 2024, although unlikely to get back to 2022 levels. We have reduced the amount of common fund that we will pay to Derby Diocese by £12,000 to get closer to a break-even level overall.

Overall, for 2023, we are currently forecasting a deficit of £7,000 and for 2024 a deficit of £22,000 (with energy costs forecasted at the same as 2023 given no better information). On these current forecasts, our reserves will reduce to £47,000 at the end of 2024.

This is a significant improvement from where we were at our Pledge Day where we were at risk of having no reserves at the end of 2024. The PCC thank everyone for their generosity, help and support in getting us to this improved position.

	2022 Actuals	2023 Latest Forecast	2024 Latest Forecast
Giving Income	£ 94k	£114k	£102k
Other Income	£ 16k	£ 15k	£ 15k
Total Income	£ 110k	£129k	£117k
Total Costs	£149k	£136k	£139k
Deficit	(£ 39k)	(£ 7k)	(£ 22k)
Reserves	£76k	£69k	£47k

Figures per Management Accounts

Treasurer's Report

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Notes to Finance Headings

Income

Giving – the largest portion of our income continues to come from what each of us gives to our churches. This includes claiming of tax relief known as gift aid. The PCC thank you for your continued generosity.

Rental of Buildings – Just over half is from the rental of Church House. The rest is from renting rooms in the Vineyard or one of the churches for concerts, etc.

Weddings & Funerals/Other – Virtually all of this is generated from fees charged for and donations from weddings and funerals, including costs such as energy and cleaning.

Expenditure

Staffing costs – with Youth Work being led by Nick Gurney and a number of volunteers, these costs are for our Parish Administrator, our Children and Families' Leader and our cleaning staff, all on part-time basis to support and lead us in the mission of the parish.

Common Fund – This contributes towards our clergy and the running of the Diocese and the Church of England. This value is half of the suggested amount for our parish.

Energy Costs – We are forecasting a dramatic increase in costs – triple the costs from 2022!

Maintenance/Other Church Running Costs – These are the costs of running St James', St Luke's and The Vineyard to be used for the glory of God, and include maintenance, insurance, admin, etc.

Local Mission – Our local outreach in the form of Youth, Children's and Schools work, Alpha, Messy Church, Whitfield Café and services/baptisms

Grants

In 2022, £6,400 was raised in grants. These funds are restricted solely for the usage they were given. Knowing church funds are increasingly tight and seeing that funding was still available for community work, the grant applications secured enable Grace Kitchen (grants of £6,150) and Whitfield Community Café (grants of £350) to be sustainable into the future and enable this ministry to grow and expand further to help those who are struggling in our community.

Below is a table showing the source of grants received, the amount and for which area of mission:

Source of Grant	Amount	Mission Area
Derbyshire Community Foundation	£4,000	Grace Kitchen
Derbyshire County Council	£2,000	Grace Kitchen
High Peak CVS	£ 50	Grace Kitchen
The Co-operative Group	£ 150	Whitfield Community Café
Councillor Jean Wharmby	£ 100	Whitfield Community Café
Other	£ 100	Whitfield Community Café

PCC Report

Suzanne Gregory

PCC-Following APCM April 2022

Post	Name	Term Length
Incumbent	Toby May (Chair) (SC)	Ex-Officio
Curate	Chris Nowak (SC)	Ex-Officio
Warden	Sandra Mann	2022-2023
Warden	Martin Galvin (Vice Chair & SC)	2022-2023
Deanery Synod	Michelle Howard	2020-2023
Deanery Synod	Hilary Collard	2022-2023
Deanery Synod	Mat Gregory	2022-2023
Deanery Synod	Elaine Richardson	2022-2023
Deanery Synod	Debbie Seel	2020-2023
PCC	Kate Cahill	2022-2025
PCC	Andy Hackett	2022-2025
PCC	Samuel Klemperer	2022-2025
PCC	Mari Brown	2021-2024
PCC	Tracey Fellows	2021-2024
PCC	Jean Burston	2022-2024
PCC	Duncan Edge	2020-2023
PCC	Jan Edkins	2020-2023
PCC	Heather Kindleysides	2022-2023
PCC (co-opted)	Ann Williams (Treasurer)	2022-2023
Secretary	Suzanne Gregory	2022-2023

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC continues to identify, evaluate and monitor risks facing the Council's operations.

Whitfield PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the Churches of St James the Great, Hollincross Lane and of St Luke's, Fauvel Road; Church House, Fauvel Road and The Vineyard, 18-20 Charlestown Road, Glossop.

Day to day management is delegated to the incumbent, however during vacancy this is transferred to the Churchwardens. In addition, stipendiary members of staff take responsibility for church administration and children and families work. All other members of the leadership team are volunteers.

As the PCC has ultimate responsibility for a wide range of matters affecting the parish, individuals with expertise relating to compliance with health and safety, child protection and other legislation are consulted whenever necessary.

The PCC generally meets every two months. The appointment of PCC members is governed by and set out in the Church Representation Rules. Members are either ex-officio or elected at the AGM. This table shows the PCC as it stood following the APCM in April 2022.

*SC—Standing Committee

PCC Members who finished their terms and/or stepped down

The following PCC members stepped down between April 2022—2023: Samuel Klemperer, Toby May, Chris Nowak, Martin Galvin, Sandie Mann and Ann Williams.

The following PCC members have finished their term: Michelle Howard, Hilary Collard, Mat Gregory, Elaine Richardson, Debbie Seel, Duncan Edge, Jan Edkins, Heather Kindleysides, Sheila Humphrey, Charlie Bishop and Suzanne Gregory.

We would like to express our thanks to the Church Wardens and everyone that has served on the PCC this year.

PCC Report

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Current PCC

Post	Name	Term Length
Incumbent	Vacant	Ex-Officio
Curate	Vacant	Ex-Officio
Warden	Hilary Collard (Vice Chair, Deanery Synod & SC)	2022-2023
Warden	Vacant	2022-2023
Deanery Synod	Michelle Howard	2020-2023
Deanery Synod	Mat Gregory	2020-2023
Deanery Synod	Elaine Richardson (Chair & SC)	2020-2023
Deanery Synod	Debbie Seel	2020-2023
PCC	Kate Cahill	2022-2025
PCC	Andy Hackett (Treasurer & SC)	2022-2025
PCC	Vacant	2022-2025
PCC	Mari Brown	2021-2024
PCC	Tracey Fellows	2021-2024
PCC	Jean Burston	2022-2024
PCC	Duncan Edge	2020-2023
PCC	Jan Edkins	2020-2023
PCC	Heather Kindleysides	2022-2023
PCC (co-opted)	Sheila Humphrey	2022-2023
PCC (co-opted)	Charlie Bishop	2022-2023
Secretary	Suzanne Gregory	2022-2023

Main items discussed in PCC during 2022:

- The Bishop's review—how the process would take place and how results would be communicated.
- Energy prices—how to address the potential increases.
- Staffing—contracts for the Youth Worker (Samuel Klemperer finished August 2022) and Children and Families Leader.
- Safeguarding—approving and adopting policies and guidelines.
- Interregnum—timeline, support from the Diocese (Reverend Toby May finished September 2022).
- MAP—Development of the Mission Action Plan (including forming a team to undertake this task)
- Finances—ongoing discussion on cost saving initiatives (including parish share) and ways to increase giving and income.

Safeguarding Report

Tracey Fellows—*Parish Safeguarding Officer*

Justin Welby - Archbishop of Canterbury stated 'The Church will take appropriate steps to maintain a safer environment for all. In order to do this we must be obedient to Christ who placed a child in the midst of his disciples and encourages us all to be childlike in our faith (see Matthew 18.1-5). So we must practise fully and positively a ministry to all children, young people and adults, and respond sensitively and compassionately to their needs in order to help keep them safe from harm' (taken from the Parish Safeguarding Handbook 2018).

'Safeguarding is part of our core faith and an integral feature of Christian life in our parish churches. The welfare of the child, young person and vulnerable adult is at all times paramount, and takes precedence over all other considerations.' (2018 taken from the Parish Safeguarding Handbook). During 2022, the PCC adopted and had due regard to The House of Bishops' guidance in relation to safeguarding by adopting the House of Bishop's Safeguarding Policy known as 'Promoting a Safer Church'. All policies recommended by the Parish Safeguarding Handbook have been adopted and reviewed annually as recommended and our parish safeguarding action plan agreed.

Failure to have due regard to the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance may have direct consequences for the validity of church insurance. This includes ensuring that all volunteers who require DBS checks and / or in date safeguarding training meet the requirements sets out by the Church of England and Derby Diocese. To this end I have provided several face to face training sessions for those who felt more comfortable with that style of learning as opposed to online training which is available via the Church of England website. A new requirement from May 2022 is that all PCC members and those volunteering with children and youth groups are also required to have completed training "Responding well to Domestic Abuse". I am very thankful to all who have committed their time to ensuring that training has been undertaken and DBS checks applied for. Work is ongoing to have a system in place to provide reminders via the churchsuite email system so that email reminders are sent 6 months before training and / or DBS checks are due to be renewed. Thank you to Sheila Humphrey and Suzanne Gregory for your assistance with this.

Since the departure in Sept 2022 of our previous incumbent Toby May, the responsibility for safeguarding currently lies with the church warden, the safeguarding posters have been updated to reflect this change. The Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) takes on the day to day organisation and implementation of aspects of safeguarding within the parish and reports to the PCC at meetings where safeguarding is a regular item on the agenda.

In November I had the privilege of leading a 'Safeguarding Sunday' service. A service encouraged by the Diocese of Derby and supported by 31:8 a safeguarding charity used by the diocese. Thank you to Rev David Mundy (priest in charge at Old Glossop Parish Church) who encouraged and supported me to do this at both St Luke's and St James' churches.

Safeguarding Report

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The Diocesan Safeguarding Team have continued to be a source of support and information with various queries through the year and I have been able to disseminate relevant information to teams affected eg: referrals that can be made for those experiencing winter pressures – the teams and PCC are now aware how to respond in these circumstances. I am happy to advise in any situation where there is a concern.

As ever my grateful thanks to all those who demonstrate a sincere and committed approach to safeguarding – let us all remember that safeguarding is not a 'tick box' exercise but a way of ensuring we continue to demonstrate the love of Jesus by looking out for the young and the vulnerable in our church communities.

Deanery Synod

Michelle Howard

The Deanery Synod cautiously continued its journey, 'returning to normal' during this period. Four new representatives joined the 'team' from Whitfield Parish, reflecting the changes in the makeup of the parish.

There were also significant changes to the structure in the Deanery, reflecting Bishop Libby's vision for the Diocese overall. We have moved from two to three archdeacons in our Deanery and as part of this restructuring there have been various new appointments including new archdeacons to each of the new archdeaconries.

At our June Synod meeting +Libby renewed her commitment to supporting parish financial sustainability and resilience and considering transformational ways to release and invest resources for mission.

The Deanery continues to emphasise the importance of safeguarding and actively supports our PSO and encourages all synod representatives to actively support and promote the role of safeguarding in all congregations and users of our spaces and services, as a vital part of everything we do and not a tick box exercise.

The return to more normal ways of working also allowed for a wonderful visit to the bishop's house for fellowship, worship, and time to explore the Gospel of Luke through various media. We had a wonderful afternoon and were blessed with excellent weather.

Fabric Report

Charlie Bishop, Duncan Edge & Sheila Humphrey

In essence, 2022 was a catch-up year with all the necessary maintenance jobs being completed by the usual range of external contractors.

No external Quinquennial work was required, as all the identified immediate and short-term repairs of significance, had already been undertaken. The one exception was repairs/re-slating the Vestry and Organ roof at St Luke's, which due to the estimated cost of £66k was considered unaffordable and not urgent.

Some internal repairs and repainting remain to be done at St Luke's and some minor jobs and tidying up are outstanding at St James'.

One-off expensive jobs included:

- ECIR electrical reports £1,200 for each church (due every 5 years)
- Church House Boiler £1,217 (this is the PCC share of the total cost)
- 2 new boilers for St James' at £3,744 (this was considerably cheaper than at one point was feared, as existing pipework didn't need replacing)
- Emergency high level gutter repairs on the road facing end, at St Luke's £960

The main outstanding actions and emphasis for the coming year will be:

- Focus on heating options as a consequence of the dramatic increase in energy costs
- Health & Safety review/ risk assessment of the 3 buildings
- Low-cost DIY repairs & refurbishing

Children and Families

Heather Kindleysides

Has it really been a year since I took on the baton passed to me by Chris Ellison? Well, yes, it is, and what a year it has been!

With the legacy of Covid subsiding we felt a little more freedom in what we could offer. This year has seen more volunteers joining our children's teams overall and an increase in my leadership responsibilities from Summer 2022.

I have chosen to divide my report into two parts: work with our church families (Kingdom Kids) and outreach.

Kingdom Kids, our work with the children of church families has sadly seen a drop in attendance as families have begun to worship in our sister churches across Glossopdale. Having said that, the strong team of volunteers has grown in number and using Roots on the Web and the Blackburn Diocese resources we have been able to provide a rich, and diverse programme to grow the children's knowledge and understanding of following Jesus and have a lot of fun on the way. **Kingdom Kiddies** (in St James Church) is now informal with families encouraged to access the Baby Zone. Activity sheets and bible story books are available at both sites.

Outreach activities have been a real joy, and includes **Newbies**, our group for carers and children from zero to three years (including a few babies no more than a couple of days old!) This informal, bright, safe space provides toys (sometimes themed) craft activities, snacks, and songs and most recently a time of prayer. With many connections being made and invitations to one off events being offered.

6:30 Kids continues to be a VERY lively, and busy session which has recently gained volunteers from the local community, so demonstrating our inclusive nature. Conversations with families at pick-up and drop-off and through WhatsApp communications has strengthened the perception of church as a caring, supportive community.

Work with our **Church Schools** began with both schools preferring Collective Worship online until after Easter 2022 but now Rev David Mundy and I are enthusiastically welcomed into the schools for both worship and conversation. Both schools came into the churches for their Easter, Harvest and Christmas services for concerts and as part of the RE curriculum. Sadly, due to the logistics involved we have not been able to re-start the lunchtime clubs at St James or Simmondley, but I live in hope. Last year Whitfield Parish provided several local schools with the 'It's Your Move' booklet which focuses on transition from primary to secondary education.

Messy Church continued with people responding to invitations offered through all the above activities. But, as 2022 drew to a close, having noticed a drop in numbers, and the toll on volunteers the decision was taken to review this provision in consultation with all the Glossopdale churches. We currently encourage families to attend Messy Church at Holy Trinity, Dinting.

Big One Off events require the support of a high proportion of volunteers in order to deliver them well, and with reduced numbers in the congregation's volunteers were at a premium. Despite this the **Family Easter Peg/Egg Hunt** in Howard Park was a huge success which saw over 100 children queuing up to collect their Easter goody bags. In the summer we ran a few events: **Newbies** + inviting older siblings to come along, **Family Picnic** in Whitfield (the Rec.) Park, **Family Games Night** and 'Who Let the Dads Out' taster session. Unfortunately, apart from Newbies + and the picnic these events were not well attended so we will be thinking again about our summer programme. And so, the year ended with joy and hope for the future.

Children and Families

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The **Family Nativity** at Christmas was very well attended with a simple retelling of the Christmas story around the manger with Angels, Shepherds (and Shepherdesses), Sheep (I think we may also have had a hungry caterpillar) and Wise People all in attendance (dressed to the nines) it was a peaceful start to the Christmas celebrations.

I want to extend a huge thank you to our team of volunteers, we really could not do this without you.

And so, the year ended with joy and hope for the future.

Youth Work

Sandie Mann and Youth Team

Samuel Klemperer served as Youth worker until the end of the summer 2022, when he completed his degree. During this time he planned and organised a range of activities for both the Sunday Morning Youth and the Roots group on Sunday evenings. Samuel also worked as part of the team meeting with students at Glossopdale School, helped with leading TNT (Tea and Toast) - a drop in group for young people at Dinting Parish church (along with two other volunteers from Whitfield Parish) and mentored young people from our own churches.

The youth have enjoyed being able to meet back together, especially after being separated due to Covid. They were all sad to see Sam leave.

This autumn term, the Reverend Nick Gurney, a pioneer Vicar in Glossopdale (and Priest in Charge of Holy Trinity, Dinting) began to work with the youth leaders team. He has had oversight of planning and has met with the leaders on a regular basis. He has also helped to lead Sunday Morning Youth and Roots. The youth team: Duncan Edge, Steve Fellows... have continued to show absolute commitment to the young people of this parish and Glossopdale and we are very grateful for all that they do.

Please do pray for:

- New team members to join the Youth Leaders team
- The mixed youth groups within Glossopdale
- Good cohesion between the churches working together for youth provision

***'So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous hand.'* Isaiah 40:10**

Missional Giving

David Woodward

The purpose of the Mission Team is to promote prayerful interest in the people and work of our mission partners.

At the start of 2022 our five main mission partners were: Jericho Café, The Message Trust, Open Doors, Tear Fund and Dave Maguire in Romania.

For the year 2023, the PCC accepted our recommendation that Embassy should become a main mission partner and the Message Trust change to be one of the mini partners. Other mini partners were Stephen Bell, Street Pastors and the Bishop's Harvest Fund.

At the end of 2022 Jericho Café had to be closed due to a decline in its financial position. So, the PCC decided that in 2023 we would continue with just the four remaining main mission partners.

The Mission Team has met three times a year to pray for our mission partners and discuss recommendations to the PCC for the allocation of the parish mission tithe. 70% is allocated to our main mission partners, 20% to our mini partners and 10% allocated via discretionary grants. It has been suggested to the PCC, that from 2023, recommendations to the PCC on the allocation of discretionary grants will be dealt with by the Finance Team.

News and prayer requests from our main mission partners were forwarded to Growth Group leaders, to encourage prayer and special interest in one or two of the partners.

In 2022 we were encouraged by a visit from Stephen Bell to preach and talk about his work in Croatia at both St James and St Luke's, followed by a well-attended lunch at St Luke's for interested supporters.

The work of Tear Fund and Open Doors was highlighted in short videos shown in the services. Also in 2022 we were blessed by a visit of Sid Williams to preach at both church services and tell us about the progress in setting up the Embassy Village in Manchester.

Growth Groups

Suzanne Gregory

Growth Groups remain a key part of our church and everyone is encouraged to be part of one. The aim is that through Growth Groups we become:

- Closer to God – through prayer, exploring the Bible and sharing experiences of God in our day-to-day lives
- Closer to one another – having fun, being friends, eating meals, sharing problems and caring for one another.
- Closer to others – praying for our community, inviting friends or getting involved other outreach events.

Our Growth Groups are all led by members of the congregation and we are very thankful for their time and commitment. During 2022 we had eight groups meeting regularly. Each group meets weekly or every other week, some in person and some online via Teams. For the most part of 2022, the groups used questions provided by preachers each week to help them to dig deeper into the sermon series. In November, our Growth Group leaders met together for the first time, along with David Bracewell to share about what was going well and ideas to grow and develop moving forward. We met again in December, and agreed that as we prepared for 2023, David would share study notes and questions to accompany the sermon series on Philippians for the new year. It was wonderful to meet together to encourage and pray for one another and the groups.

As we move into 2023, we would encourage you to join a growth group. You will find information in both churches about the groups that meet –you will always find a warm welcome! Our groups really are safe places to ask those difficult questions and walk together on our faith journeys.

In our Community

Grace Kitchen— *Sandie Mann, John & Ann Midwood*

Grace kitchen cafe has thrived in the last 12 months. We were very sad when Helen our Team Leader left in late September 2022, but we were all determined to carry on with the good work she started. We would like to express our thanks to the 2022 volunteer team:

Sandie Mann (Team Leader)
Jo Galvin (Cook)
Judith & David Woodward
Mari Brown
Kate Cahill
John & Ann Midwood
Liz Strek
David Leigh
Ian McClure

Each Wednesday we bag up fruit & vegetables, bread and bakery goods supplied by several local supermarkets. In addition we have a variety tinned & dried food (cereals, pasta etc), which supplement the fresh food each week. This stock was bought via a grant from The Derbyshire Foundation, arranged by Helen.

There are also food donations from members of the Church Families of St Luke's & St James each week, for which we are very grateful.

We now distribute around 40 grocery bags which help support 15 families. Ongoing we feel it is likely that the number of families will increase due to the current economic circumstances.

We serve a lunch of soup with bread, a dessert and tea/coffee water or juice, which has helped to build a real sense of community when people come to collect their food package.

Thanks to the generosity of the congregations of St Luke's & St James we were able to make up Christmas Hampers for our families and for two ladies who had sadly been bereaved in 2022. We received heartfelt thanks from these ladies. In addition a Festive Roast Chicken lunch was provided for our Grace Kitchen group, which was a great success.

Over time we've had some really positive comments from our clients, saying how much they enjoy coming to Grace Kitchen as it feels like a "real Cafe" and how delicious the soup is each week. There is a good atmosphere and it's been great to see companionship and friendships thrive. You can hear the buzz of conversations. We are now also a Warm Space and provide hot soup and drinks to anyone who joins us.

The gardening group (made up of members of Grace Kitchen) run by Mat from The Bureau, has been very successful and all those who take part seem very keen to help out at the allotments and in the area at the back of The Vineyard.

We applied for a grant for heating and food from the Hans Rausing Trust, but unfortunately on this occasion, we were unsuccessful.

Hebrews 13 v 15-16

So through Jesus let us always offer to God our sacrifice of praise coming from our lips. Do not forget to do good to others, and share with them, because such sacrifices please God.

In our Community

Whitfield Community Cafe—Jo Galvin

2022 was a brilliant year for Whitfield community café. Attendance has continued to grow, averaging approximately 28 people per week. We held 3 celebrations, an Easter cream tea, attended by 32 people, celebration of the Queen's jubilee with 37 people plus 22 guests from the Fab Choir and our annual Christmas party attended by 55 people plus 6 in the singing group.

External funding toward the events came from:

- Grant from The Co-Op Group £150.00
- Grant councillor Jean Wharmby £100.00

Whitfield Community Café provides a safe space where everyone is welcome, our service is free to all. There is a strong sense of community where people look out for each other over a cross section of age groups. If someone is missing it is usually noticed and enquiries are made about the missing individual. We continue with the weekly quizzes, and celebrations of special birthdays, all accompanied by biscuits and cakes, washed down with endless cups of tea and coffee.

In March Joyce Philips had a collection in the café on behalf of the Ukraine and sent a donation via the British Red Cross of £75.00.

I have a wonderful supportive team who make every effort to ensure new guests feel welcome, included and comfortable. They really do preach the gospel by their actions. They are: John Butterworth, Marilyn Butterworth, Ruth Bennett, Ellie Moore (new team member), Judith Moore, Ashley Oldham, Bee Oliver (new team member), Joyce Philips and Julie Philips.

Coffee Pot —Gill Booth and Cynthia Jones

Coffee Pot is still going strong after 20 years! Numbers vary from week to week, but some have been coming from when John and Jacky Rosedale started all those years ago. In the last 12 months we have donated £100 to St Luke's towards the heating costs, £150 to Ukrainian Refugees, £50 to Sam for New Wine, £30 towards flowers, £100 to Stephen Bell's family, and £100 to Sid for Embassy.

In 2023 we will start opening 12 - 3 pm (following on from Coffee Pot) as a "Warm Space" for people to spend the afternoon. Soup & roll or cake will be available if they wish.

Thank you to all who come along!

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WHITFIELD PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31 December 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Funds 2021 £
INCOME						
Voluntary Income	2a	92,552	-	6,400	98,952	126,036
Activities for generating funds	2b	6,375	-	5,921	12,296	12,185
Income from investments	2c	376	196	676	1,248	46
Church activities	2d	9,284	-	-	9,284	8,124
Total income		108,587	196	12,997	121,780	146,391
EXPENDITURE						
Church activities	3a	146,744	-	12,225	158,969	150,013
Raising funds	3b	2,138	-	2,226	4,364	445
Total expenditure		148,882	-	14,451	163,333	150,458
Net income/expenditure before						
Investment gains		(40,295)	196	(1,454)	(41,553)	(4,067)
Net gains on investments	4b	(13)	-	-	(13)	32
Net income (EXPENDITURE)		(40,308)	196	(1,454)	(41,566)	(4,035)
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(40,308)	196	(1,454)	(41,566)	(4,035)
Total funds brought forward	8b	119,249	14,905	195,006	329,160	333,195
Total carried forward		78,941	15,101	193,552	287,594	329,160

BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 December 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	4a	125,684	125,684
Investments	4b	201	214
		125,885	125,898
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	5	3,228	4,723
Short term deposits	6a	96,102	94,854
Cash at bank and in hand	6b	63,021	103,805
		162,351	203,382
LIABILITIES			
Amounts falling due within one year	7	642	120
NET CURRENT ASSETS		161,709	203,262
NET ASSETS		287,594	329,160
FUNDS			
Unrestricted	8b	78,941	119,249
Designated	8b	15,101	14,905
Restricted	8b	193,552	195,006
		287,594	329,160

The attached notes numbered 1 to 8 form part of these financial statements

Approved by the PCC on 27th March 2023 and signed on their behalf by

 E Richardson PCC Chairperson

 AR Hackett PCC Treasurer

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 31 December 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations "true and fair view" provisions. They have also been prepared under FRS 102 (2016) as the applicable accounting standards and the 2016 version of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP) (FRS102).

Assets

Consecrated and benefits property

In so far as consecrated and benefice property of any kind is excluded from the statutory definition of "charity" by Section 10(2) (a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011 such assets are not capitalised in the financial statements.

Moveable church furnishings and tangible fixed assets

Items costing in excess of £1,000 with a useful economic life in excess of a year are capitalised and depreciated over that useful economic life.

Depreciation is calculated to write off the capitalised cost of fixed assets, less their anticipated residual value over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Land and buildings	Nil
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	4 Years

Depreciation is not provided on land and buildings as the currently estimated value of the property is not less than the carrying value and the remaining useful life currently exceeds 50 years, so that any depreciation charges would be immaterial.

Investments

Investments are valued at market value at the year end.

Short term deposits

These are monies held on deposit with CCLA.

2. INCOME

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Funds
	Funds	Funds	Funds	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£	£
2a. Voluntary income					
Planned giving	75,614	-	-	75,614	104,150
Tax recovered	15,047	-	-	15,047	21,137
Collections – open plate	1,841	-	-	1,841	349
Grants	-	-	6,400	6,400	-
Sundry donations and legacies	50	-	-	50	400
	<u>92,552</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,400</u>	<u>98,952</u>	<u>126,036</u>
2b. Activities for generating funds					
Donations for specific purposes (including tax)	-	-	1,462	1,462	2,511
Rent from Church House	6,375	-	4,459	10,834	9,674
	<u>6,375</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,921</u>	<u>12,296</u>	<u>12,185</u>
2c. Income from Investments					
Dividends on CCLA Investment Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Net gains on CCLA Investment Fund	(13)	-	-	(13)	-
Interest on CCLA Deposit Fund	376	196	676	1,248	46
	<u>363</u>	<u>196</u>	<u>676</u>	<u>1,235</u>	<u>46</u>
2d. Income from church activities					
Fees for weddings and funerals	2,128	-	-	2,128	3,539
Room hire and other activities	7,156	-	-	7,156	4,585
	<u>9,284</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,284</u>	<u>8,124</u>
Total income	<u>108,574</u>	<u>196</u>	<u>12,997</u>	<u>121,767</u>	<u>146,391</u>

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3. EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Funds 2021 £
3a. Church activities					
Missionary and charitable giving:					
Church overseas	3,344	-	-	3,344	4,132
Relief and development agencies	4,278	-	-	4,278	5,805
Personal missionaries	1,789	-	-	1,789	2,896
Home missions and other church societies	2,927	-	-	2,927	3,633
Secular	639	-	-	639	650
	<u>12,977</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,977</u>	<u>17,116</u>
Diocesan parish share	41,814	-	-	41,814	41,739
Clergy and staffing costs	40,359	-	-	40,359	41,148
Church running and maintenance	39,931	-	-	39,931	33,587
Upkeep of churchyard	2,515	-	-	2,515	2,160
Depreciation of equipment	-	-	-	-	536
Ministry costs	4,941	-	12,225	17,166	8,633
Training and conferences	-	-	-	-	12
Publicity costs	118	-	-	118	370
Office expenses and other costs	4,089	-	-	4,089	4,712
	<u>146,744</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,225</u>	<u>158,969</u>	<u>150,013</u>
3b. Raising funds					
Church House maintenance and other costs	2,138	-	2,226	4,364	445
	<u>148,882</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,451</u>	<u>163,333</u>	<u>150,458</u>

3c. Analysis of expenditure

	2022 £	2021 £
The following amounts were included in expenditure:		
Independent examiner's fees	120	120
Wages and salaries (including pension contributions)	37,845	36,611

4. FIXED ASSETS

	Church House £	Church Equipment £	Total £
4a. Tangible fixed assets			
Cost			
At 1 January 2022	125,684	19,856	145,540
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31 December 2022	<u>125,684</u>	<u>19,856</u>	<u>145,540</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2022	-	19,856	19,856
Charge for the year	-	-	-
Eliminated on disposals	-	-	-
At 31 December 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>19,856</u>	<u>19,856</u>
Net book value			
At 1 January 2022	125,684	-	125,684
At 31 December 2022	<u>125,684</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>125,684</u>

Church House is stated at cost and has not been revaluated. The freehold title of the property is held by an independent trust and the PCC has no power of sale. The costs arising on the property are met out of the rental income received and 4/7ths of any net income arising is wholly for the benefit of the PCC. The remaining 3/7ths is held in trust to be used for the benefit of St Luke's Church.

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4b. Investments

	2022	2021
	£	£
Market value at 1 January 2022	214	182
Re-invested dividends	-	-
Unrealised net gains/losses on investment	(13)	32
Market value at 31 December 2022	201	214

5. DEBTORS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Income tax recoverable	3,228	4,723

6. SHORT TERM DEPOSITS, BANK AND CASH BALANCES

	2022	2021
	£	£
Short term deposits	96,102	94,854
Cash at bank and in hand	63,021	103,805
	159,123	198,659

6a. Short term deposits comprise:

	2022	2021
	£	£
CCLA deposits	96,102	94,854

6b. Cash at bank and in hand comprises:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Bank current accounts		
National Westminster Bank PLC	39,011	55,653
Barclays Bank PLC	24,004	48,132
	63,015	103,785
Petty cash	6	20
	63,021	103,805

7. LIABILITIES

	2022	2021
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Funds held on behalf of third parties	522	-
Accrued expenses	120	120
	642	120

8. FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
8a. Summary of assets by fund					
Fixed assets	-	-	125,684	125,684	125,684
Investments	201	-	-	201	214
Current assets	79,382	15,101	67,868	162,351	203,382
Current liabilities	(642)	-	-	(642)	(120)
	78,941	15,101	193,552	287,594	329,160

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8. FUNDS (continued)**8.b Summary of fund movements**

	1 January 2022	Income	Expenditure	Net gains on investments	Transfer between Funds	31 December 2022
Unrestricted funds						
Parish general funds	119,249	108,587	(148,882)	(13)	-	78,941
Designated funds						
St Luke's Church building funds	14,905	196	-	-	-	15,101
Restricted funds						
Church House fund	125,684	-	-	-	-	125,684
St Luke's Church building funds	45,613	600	-	-	-	46,213
Church House maintenance fund	5,812	76	-	-	-	5,888
Church House Trustees Account	8,619	4,459	(2,226)	-	-	10,852
Whitfield Mat Grant fund	680	350	(560)	-	-	470
Grace Kitchen fund	7,260	6,218	(9,821)	-	-	3,657
Senior's fund	1,338	1,294	(1,844)	-	-	788
	195,006	12,997	(14,451)	-	-	193,552
Total movements	329,160	121,780	(163,333)	(13)	-	287,594

Unrestricted funds are available for spending on the general purposes of the PCC. We aim to carry at least 3 months of expenditure in unrestricted reserves as recommended by the Charity Commission.

Designated funds are funds that have been set aside out of general unrestricted funds by the PCC for particular purposes and can be undesignated or re-designated. Together with unrestricted funds, these form part of free reserves.

Restricted funds can be used in furtherance of the objectives of the PCC but can only be used for specific purposes set by either the PCC itself or external donors. As such they do not form part of free reserves. The St Luke's Church building fund is under review as how best to use this as the previous project was unable to move ahead due to a lack of funds. Where necessary the donors of this fund will be consulted.

Church House is held by an independent trust and the PCC has no power of sale. The costs arising on the property are met out of the rental income received and 4/7ths of any net income arising is wholly for the benefit of the PCC. The remaining 3/7ths is held in the Church House Trustees Account as a restricted fund. The Trustees of Church House decide how these monies are used, but they must be used for the benefit of St Luke's Church.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF WHITFIELD PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022 which are set out on the previous five pages.

Respective responsibilities of the members of the PCC and examiner

Members of the PCC are charity trustees for the parish and are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records and for the preparation of accounts. The members of the PCC consider that an audit is not required this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts under section 145 of 2011 Act.

Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act, and

State whether particular matters come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiners statement

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

Independent Examiners statement

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

- 1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and

to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been or
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Adrian P Brooks FCCA

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29th March 2023